

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic C.T. Leaman House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 17600 Riffle Ford Rd.  not for publication

city, town Germantown  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles E. and Mary Ann Carlson

street & number 17600 Riffle Ford Rd. telephone no.: 428-3401

city, town Germantown, Md. state and zip code 20874

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4230

street & number Rockville folio 53

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unclered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure built in three sections. The west end is the oldest part, with the east end added later. Extending to the south is another, still later, wing.</p> <p>The main facade is four bays with the entrance in the second bay from the east. It has transom and sidelighted door. The entrance bay has a central gable breaking the roofline. A porch runs across the entire facade. The siding is tongue and groove. There is an external chimney at the west end and a chimney between the first and second bays from the west end.</p> <p>North of the house is a frame barn.</p>	

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# Significance

Survey No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Period	Area of Significance—Check and justify below					
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and report.

The C. T. Leaman house is a nicely maintained and attractively detailed vernacular dwelling. The main block of the house dates from the late nineteenth century. However, the original two story, four room section to the west is reportedly much older. The basic style of the house is commonly found throughout the county but perhaps not as refined in rural areas as in the case of this house, and not as well maintained.

In May of 1867, Christian Leaman purchased from Martin and Lucinda Thompson 65 7/8 acres of the "Friend in Need" tract for \$1,750.<sup>2</sup> He probably then built the early section of the house. Sometime around 1895, he added what is now the main block of the house.

In March of 1896, Christian, a highly respected farmer, died leaving a widow, Martha, and their two children, John Upton Leaman and Alcie E. Corbett. Because the property was not susceptible to division between the three heirs, it was decided by the court that it be offered for sale.<sup>3</sup> The property was then described as 66 5/8 acres, a small portion of which was in woodland with the majority in arable land presently under cultivation. The farm was improved by a "comfortable" two story frame house, "nearly new," a new barn and other outbuildings.<sup>4</sup>

The property was purchased by Martha Leaman for \$2,658.66.<sup>5</sup> Then in May of 1899, Martha conveyed the farm to her son, John Upton Leaman.<sup>6</sup> John added on the kitchen, probably during the 1920's.<sup>7</sup> In 1930, John sold the farm. It was purchased in 1936 by Col. Kenneth Wright and his wife, Virginia, a lawyer.<sup>8</sup> The Wrights added on the back living room some time during the 1940's or 1950's.<sup>9</sup> The house remained in the family until 1972 when Virginia's son, Thomas Brown, sold the house to the present owners, Charles and Mary Ann Carlson.<sup>10</sup>

See Attachment Sheet A for Footnotes

- <sup>1</sup>Conversation With Mary Ann Carlson, 7/83.
- <sup>2</sup>Deed EBP 4/270, Montgomery County Land Records.
- <sup>3</sup>Equity #1389, JA 13/193, Montgomery County Judgement Records.
- <sup>4</sup>Sentinel, July 31, 1896.
- <sup>5</sup>Deed JA 55/383, Montgomery County Land Records.
- <sup>6</sup>Deed TD 8/265, " "
- <sup>7</sup>Mary Ann Carlson.
- <sup>8</sup>Deed 3001/696, Montgomery County Land Records.
- <sup>9</sup>Mary Ann Carlson.
- <sup>10</sup>Deed 4230/53, Montgomery County Land Records.



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
C. T. Leaman House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
17600 Riffle Ford Road  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Germantown  
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Charles Carlson  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
17600 Riffle Ford Road  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Germantown STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Rockville STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION	
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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |   |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Empty text area for the Statement of Significance.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 22 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



NAME <sup>M:</sup> #19-26 C.T. LEAMAN HOUSE

LOCATION RIFFLE FORD Rd GERMANTOWN, Md

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