

1. Name: **Cooke house**
2. Planning Area/Site Number: **26/15** 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: **Map 15**
Lincoln Park HD **Coordinate H-11**
4. Address: **302 Lincoln Avenue**
Rockville, Md.
5. Classification Summary
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| Category <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording <u>MNCPPC</u> |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites Inventory</u> |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> | <u>1976</u> |
| Status <u>occupied</u> | |
| Accessible <u>no</u> | Federal <u> </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u> </u> |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> | |

6. Date: **1894-5** 7. Original Owner: **George W. Cooke**

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. unaltered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by two bay, two story house faces south. Built on fieldstone foundations, this stretcher bonded brick structure is painted light pink; its east and west elevations are stuccoed. There is a poured concrete slab across the south elevation. The south door is glass and wooden paneled.

There are one-over-one double-hung windows. On the south elevation these windows are set into segmental arches of decorative bricks with raised ball design. The house has a shed roof with tin and tar covering. There is a corbelled cornice line on the south elevation. There is an interior end chimney on the north elevation.

10. Significance: This house is interesting as a "grand" brick townhouse in an area of less pretentious, predominantly frame dwellings. It is situated in Lincoln Park, an area subdivided in 1890 by William Wallace Welsh. Welsh sold $\frac{1}{4}$ acre lots for \$80 each to blacks who came to Rockville during the town's prosperous period from 1891 to 1919.

Welsh sold a lot to George W. Cooke in 1894, and the townhouse was built almost immediately thereafter. His heirs sold to Harry and Minnie Waters in 1929, and the present owner purchased it in 1949. Lincoln Park officially became a part of the City of Rockville in the 1950s.

Candy Reed/Architectural Description

1. Researcher and date researched: **Eileen McGuckian** **Nov. 1978**
12. Compiler: **Eileen McGuckian** 13. Date Compiled: **2/79** 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: **8,817 square feet**

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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 Part of Lincoln Park
 Historic District
 MAGI# 1651395604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Cooke House

AND/OR COMMON
 Cooke House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 302 Lincoln Avenue

CITY, TOWN Rockville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Percie Brown Telephone #: 340-0364

STREET & NUMBER 302 Lincoln Avenue

CITY, TOWN Rockville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1231
 Folio #: 463

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) (Black History)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1894-5

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Wallace Welsh moved his residence from Hyattstown to Rockville after the Civil War, working in a local general store. He married the boss' daughter, and after a few years opened his own business adjacent to the railroad tracks, across the street from the newly-opened passenger station. Welsh and his partner sold implements, grains, fuel and provisions from their frame building and large warehouse.¹ When these buildings were destroyed by fire about 1895, a modern brick cast-iron front building was erected farther south on the same lot.

Welsh also invested in farmland east of the railroad tracks, and in 1890 subdivided it into "Lincoln Park".² He sold quarter-acre lots for \$80 each to blacks who were attracted to Rockville during the town's prosperous period from 1891 to 1919. Welsh died in the flu epidemic which swept Montgomery County at the close of World War I.

In 1894, Welsh sold a lot in his "First Addition to Lincoln Park" to George W. Cooke.³ Cooke built his grand brick townhouse almost immediately.

George Cooke died in 1913, and his wife Fannie died in 1927; they both died intestate, and their house was sold by the heirs to Harry and Minnie Waters in 1929.⁵ Harry Waters sold the property to the present owner in 1949.⁶

The Lincoln Park community is unique in Rockville, not officially becoming a part of that City until the 1950's. Before that decade, Lincoln Park residents were quite isolated from much of the rest of Rockville. Their children attended schools built for the black population. Electricity, running water, and paved roads came late to Lincoln Park.⁷

The Cooke house, too, is unique in Rockville and in Lincoln Park, as a "grand" brick townhouse in an area of less pretentious, predominantly frame dwellings.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Ledger belonging to Billy Wire, Wire Hardware Co., Rockville.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., Plat Book, Plat 13.
3. Ibid., JA 46/294.
4. Tax Assessment Records, Fourth Collection District, Montgomery County, 1876-1896; 1896-98.
5. Land Records, op. cit., 492/110.
6. Ibid., 1231/463
7. "Mrs. Mabel Hill Talks About Lincoln Park", Oral History by Bridget Bolcik, April 5, 1976.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8,817 square feet

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 19, Block 1, "First Addition to Lincoln Park"; Plat recorded JA33/266.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian

Candy Reed/Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

November 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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