

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.#70-26 Building date: 1893

Building Name: Van Horn House

Location: 10911 Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Van Horn house is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house, ca. 25' by 35'. The principal facade faces north; the north gable end has a projecting semi-octagonal three-window bay on the first story. Entrance is in the first bay of the west leg, in the corner of the ell; in the second bay of this west leg is a set of 4/4 double windows. This side is sheltered by a one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts. The west gable end, like the north, has a projecting semi-octagonal bay. Window lintels have cyma reversa moldings. All gable ends have boxed returned cornices. The foundations are brick, and the siding is German. Interior plan consists of central stairhall, with large parlor on the east and small parlor on the west. To the south (rear) is a third parlor which leads into a small (12' by 12') kitchen, which rests on foundations of local iron-bearing stone.

Significance:

The Van Horn house is the single surviving Victorian residential building in the community of Glenn Dale. It was built ca. 1893 for Dianthia and Newell Stevens in the Glenn Dale subdivision which had developed around the station on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. In 1920 this house was purchased by the Van Horn family, and was the home until his death in 1972 of Judge R. Lee Van Horn, two-term member of the Maryland Legislature and Master for Juvenile Cases of the Prince George's County Court. Although the Van Horns undertook several alterations in the house during their long residence, the house still retains its Victorian appearance, and is a visible reminder of the early days of the Glenn Dale community.

Acreage: 2.73 acres.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stevens house

and/or common Van Horn house

2. Location

street & number 10911 Prospect Hill Road not for publication

city, town Glenn Dale vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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"/> 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 Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Cunningham

street & number 10911 Prospect Hill Road telephone no.: 262-7638

city, town Glenn Dale state and zip code MD 20769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4377

street & number Main Street folio 219

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

pository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Maryland

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Van Horn house is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable house, ca. 25' by 35'. The principal facade faces north: the north gable end has a projecting semi-octagonal three-window bay on the first story, with double 4/4 windows at second story, and a 4-section lunette window at loft level above. Entrance is in the first bay of the west leg, in the corner of the ell; in the second bay is another set of double 4/4 windows. Both are sheltered by a one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts. This north door has two-pane transom and single-pane sidelights; above it there was once another door,¹ the lower part of which has been blocked, leaving a 6-pane window to light the upstairs hall. The west gable end (like the north) has a projecting semi-octagonal bay, with double window above it at second story level. Gable ends have boxed returned cornices. Window lintels have cyma reversa moldings. There are no shutters.

The foundations are of brick, the siding is German in styli, painted white, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle.

The interior plan consists of a central stair hall, with large parlor on the east, and a smaller parlor on the west. Each parlor has an interior fireplace backing onto the central hall; these fireplaces are served by two asymmetrically located corbelled chimneys - the westerly at the ridge, and the easterly on the north slope of the roof. The west parlor mantel is of multi-banded marble; the larger east parlor mantel is of ornately carved wood. Door and window surrounds feature four-band ovolo moldings separated by wide fasciae; there are no corner blocks. The central stairhall leads to a third parlor (dining room) on the south which was heated by a stove. Both this south parlor and the large east parlor led out to a two-story south-east porch which is now enclosed. Directly south of the rear (dining room) parlor is a small kitchen which rests on foundations of local iron-bearing stone.

Notes

1. Photograph of house, ca. 1912, shows door over north porch, and jig-sawn balustrade. Early paint color was mustard yellow, with dark green shutters and trim.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

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 support.

The Van Horn house is the single surviving Victorian residential building in the community of Glenn Dale. It was built ca. 1893 for Dianthia and Newell Stevens on two adjoining lots in the new subdivision of Glenn Dale. This community was planned and laid out by Edmund B. DuVal of Marietta, among others, in the early 1870's after the lateral line (to Washington) of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was built. Glenn Dale became a desirable residential community with church (St. George's Chapel was built in 1873), school, station, stores and post office within easy reach of the city of Washington.¹ In 1892 Dianthia Stevens purchased from Gabriel DuVal, son and executor of E.B. DuVal lots 3 and 4 in Block 6 on the south side of the railroad tracks, and within year had constructed a handsome frame dwelling (assessed at \$2000, substantial for that period), probably incorporating (for the kitchen) the stone foundations of one of E.B. DuVal's former functional buildings.²

The house changed hands several times in the early twentieth century, but in 1920 was purchased by Annie and Robert Van Horn, and remained in the possession of their family for more than 50 years. It became the home of their son, Judge R. Lee Van Horn, two-term member of the Maryland Legislature and Master for Juvenile Cases of the Prince George's County Court.³

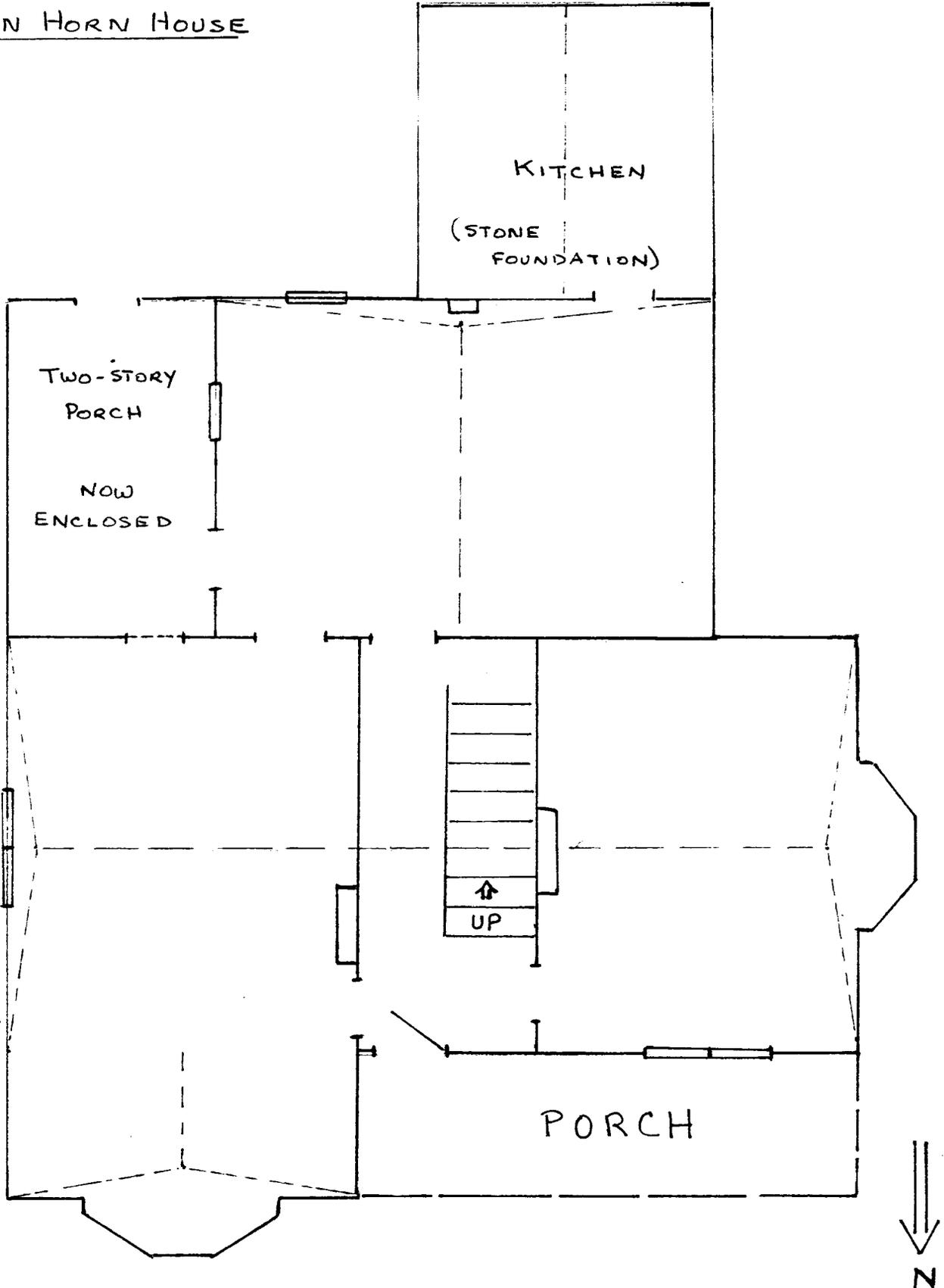
Although the Van Horns undertook several alterations in the house during their long residence (e.g., enclosing the southeast porch, blocking the second story north door, etc.), the house still retains its Victorian appearance, and is a visible reminder of the early days of the Glenn Dale community.

Notes

1. P.G. Co. Deed HB#6:72; P.G.Co. Plat JWB#6:209; Hopkins map,1894.
2. P.G.Co. Deed JWB#22:643; P.G.Co. Tax Assessments,1890's. Hopkins map,1894.
3. P.G.Co. Deed #148:475; R. Lee Van Horn, Out of the Past, 1976.

P.G. # 70-26

VAN HORN HOUSE



1" = 6' (Not exactly to scale)

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Chain of Title

Van Horn House
P.G. #70-26

- #4377:219
11 June 1974
Deed
Elizabeth P. Van Horn (by Parker Van Horn, attorney), survivor of R. Lee Van Horn (deceased, 18 Dec. 1972) to Fred and Trudy Cunningham; residue of Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, same property which grantors acquired by #623:401, 2.726 acres.
- #623:401
19 Dec 1940
Deed
Hervey Machen to R. Lee and Elizabeth Van Horn; same property described in #623:398, which Annie Van Horn acquired by #148:475: (1) tract known as "Recovery," 4.8 acres; (2) lots 3 and 4, 5 and 11 of Block 6, as shown on Martenet plat, JWB #6:209.
- #623:398
23 Nov 1940
Deed
R. Lee and Elizabeth Van Horn, Edna V. and William T. Perkins, Marie V. and Walter Rau, and Grace V. and Herb Gardner, to Hervey Machen; all property which Annie Van Horn acquired by #148:475; Annie Van Horn died 30 October 1935 leaving children R. Lee, Edna, Marie and Grace.
- #148:475
21 Feb 1920
Deed
A. Gilmer Swanson to Annie J. Van Horn, "Recovery" .4.8 acres; Block 6, Lots 4, 5, etc., Glenn Dale.
- #124:483
30 June 1917
Deed
Nancy K. Hunter of St. John's Co., Florida, to A. Gilmer Swanson; same land (including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale) which grantor acquired by preceding deed.
- #124:482
30 June 1917
Deed
Katherine Swanson et vir to Nancy K. Hunter; same property (including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale) which grantors acquired by #80:589.

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- #80:589
31 Dec 1913
Deed
Maud and Philip Warren to Katherine Swanson, same property which grantors acquired by #84:72, including Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Glenn Dale.
- #84:72
20 Sept 1912
Deed
Charles A. and Ada Rhodes to Maud Warren; same property including Lots 3 and 4 Block 6, Glenn Dale, which Dianthia Stevens acquired from DuVal.
- #79:228
1 May 1912
Deed
William and Rebecca Moses to Charles A. Rhodes; "Recovery" and Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale, which grantors acquired by #55:310.
- #55:310
27 Nov 1909
Deed
S. Edgar Mahan et ux Florence, trustees under will of Sarah Mahan, deceased, to William Moses; same land, including Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6, Glenn Dale, which Sarah Mahan acquired by JWB #2:306, (incorrect - should be JB #2:306).
- JB #2:306
1 Apr 1898
Deed
Dianthia K. and Newell H. Stevens to Sarah Mahan, wife of James B. Mahan of D.C.; "Recovery" 4.8 acres, and Lots 3 and 4 of Block 6 in Glenn Dale, for \$1,900.00 which Dianthia Stevens acquired from Gabriel DuVal by JWB #22;643.
- JWB #22:643
31 Aug 1892
Deed
Gabriel DuVal of Baltimore, executor of Caroline L. DuVal, deceased, to Dianthia K. Stevens for \$350 at public sale, (passed by Orphans Court, 16 Aug. 1892, and confirmed), Block 6, Lots 3 and 4, Glenn Dale, as per plat JWB #6:209.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Van Horne House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10911 Prospect Hill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Glenn Dale				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	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
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		ACCESSION TO THE FUND: Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both			
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> ...		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. Lee Van Horne, Estate of				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10911 Prospect Hill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Glenn Dale			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATIVES OF EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unrepaired (Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

The house is a two story, frame structure of L-plan with a one story porch between the legs of the L. On the north and west gable ends are one story bay windows; the north gable has a fan-light. A broad fascia forms a frieze band below the boxed cornice, which returns into the gable ends.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> 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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

[Empty space for major bibliographical references]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				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
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

[Empty space for acreage justification]

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 15 Nov 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

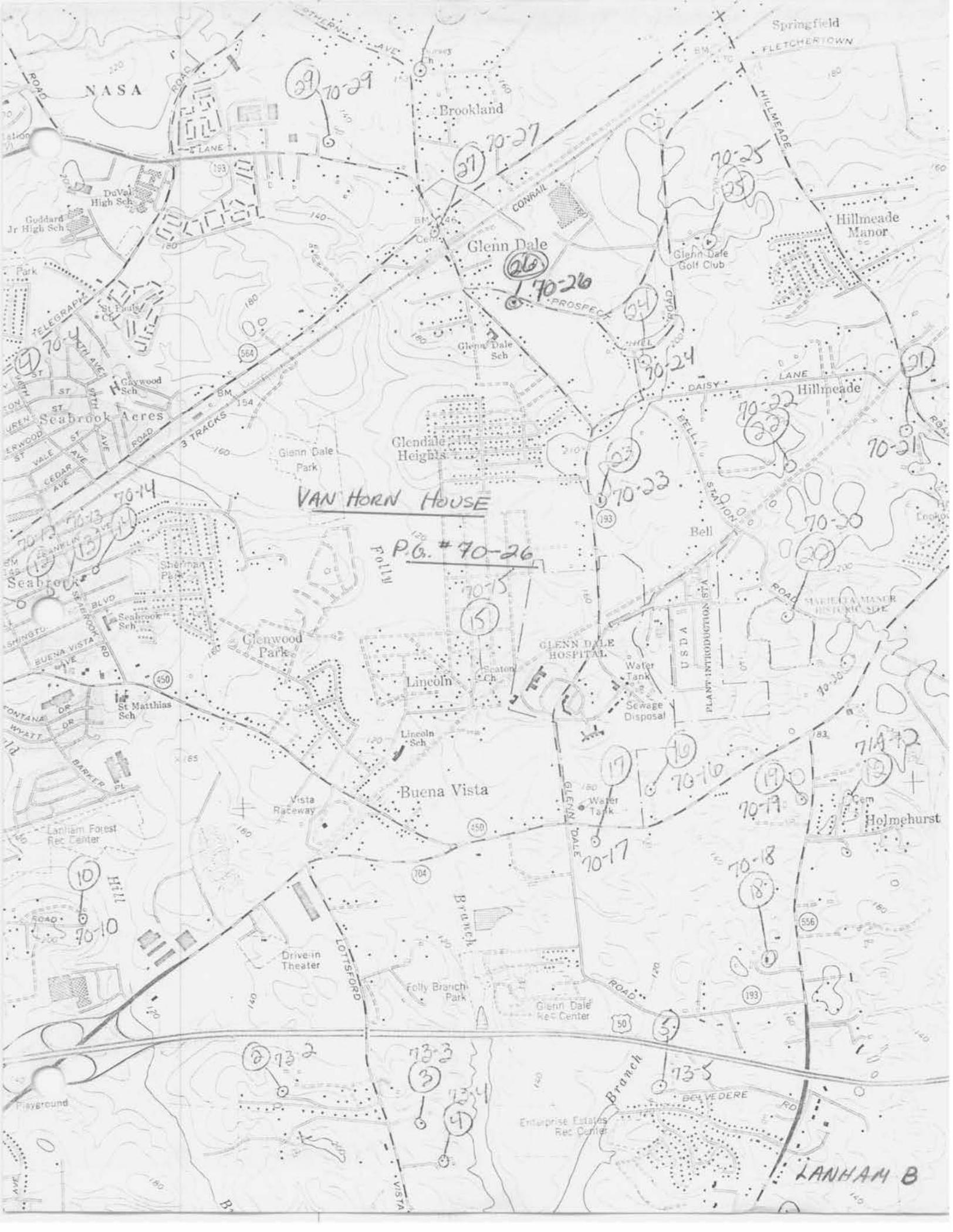
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NASA

Brookland

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Glenn Dale

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Hillmeade Manor

Glendale Heights

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GLENN DALE HOSPITAL

Lincoln

Lincoln Sch

Buena Vista

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NAME VAN HORNE HOUSE

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LOCATION 10911 PROSPECT HILL Rd GLENN DALE, Md

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Van Horn house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Van Horn house

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September 1984

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Southwest 3/4 elevation

NEG: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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West foundation, kitchen wing

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD