

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-5 Building Date: ca. 1890, 1920's

Building Name: Larcombe House

Location: 9110 4th Street, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Larcombe House is situated on a town lot in Hynesboro; it is a two-story frame gable-roofed house; the three-bay south (main) facade is highlighted by a projecting porch tower in the central bay. The cross-gable of the tower is decorated with two courses of saw-tooth shingles. Entrance is into the projecting tower, through a fifteen-pane door with single-pane transom. Across the south facade is a one-story pedimented porch resting on brick piers; like the cross gable of the porch tower, the pediment of the central entrance porch is decorated with saw-tooth shingles. The porch is supported by a series of square posts, the central of which have jig-sawn brackets. The house is covered with German siding painted light brown. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and have plain white board lintels. At the rear of the house is a one-story addition.

Significance

The Larcombe House is an example of a simple vernacular house form with late Victorian and Classical Revival decorative elements. It was built as a summer cottage, circa 1890, by Benjamin Larcombe, a plasterer and builder who in 1885 purchased several lots in the newly platted resort suburb of Hynesboro Park. He constructed a dwelling which was distinguished by the central projecting tower and porch, and by the Victorian shingle detail and jig-sawn brackets. The Larcombes called their summer residence Oak Villa. In the next generation, John W. Larcombe, who had followed his father in the building trade, converted the summer residence into a year-round home. The principal remodeling consisted of the building in the living room of a large floor-to-ceiling fireplace, composed of selected pieces of local iron-bearing stone. Oak Villa was sold out of the Larcombe family in 1955. Since then a residential community of single-family dwellings has grown up around it. Standing on its oak-shaded lot, it is one of only a few visible reminders of old Hynesboro Park.

Acreage: 7,500 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Larcombe House (Oak Villa)

and/or common (indicated on 1974 survey as Hynes House)

2. Location

street & number 9110 4th Street ___ not for publication

city, town Lanham ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. 20769 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 Walter Foltz Jr.

street & number 9110 4th Street telephone no.: 577-6264

city, town Lanham state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4276

street & number Main Street folio 889

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

repository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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 Larcombe House is situated in a town lot in Hynesboro (now Seabrook), fronting on 4th Street (old Seabrook Road). It is a two-story frame gable-roofed house; the three-bay south (main) facade is highlighted by a projecting porch tower (projecting bay under a cross-gable) in the central bay. The cross-gable of the tower is decorated with two courses of saw-tooth shingles. Entrance is into the projecting tower, through a fifteen-pane door with single-pane transom.

Across the south facade is a one-story pedimented porch resting on brick piers; like the cross gable of the porch tower, the pediment of the central entrance porch is decorated with saw-tooth shingles. The porch is supported by a series of square posts, following the outlines of the projecting tower; the two posts which frame the central entrance have jig-sawn brackets. The house is covered with German siding painted light brown. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and are surmounted by plain white board lintels; they have black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black synthetic shingles; there is an interior stove chimney near the east end of the ridge.

At the rear of the house is a one-story addition with one tall brick chimney.

The Larcombe House fronts directly on 4th Street, a narrow side street; there are several large old trees in the yard. It is closely adjoined on west and north by other small lots with modern dwellings; adjoining on the east is the old Hynesboro Chapel, now converted into a small residence.

8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1890, 1920's **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 Larcombe House is an example of a simple vernacular house form with late Victorian and Classical Revival decorative elements. It was built as a summer cottage, circa 1890, by Benjamin Larcombe, a plasterer and builder who resided in the District of Columbia.¹ Larcombe purchased in 1885 several lots in the newly platted resort suburb of Hynesboro Park,² and constructed a dwelling which essentially followed the I-house plan, but was distinguished by the central projecting tower and porch, and by the Victorian shingle detail and jig-sawn brackets. The house was built fronting on old Seabrook Road, which ran north of and nearly parallel to the railroad line into Washington. The lot included also a stable building, and was planted with oak trees. The Larcombes called their summer residence Oak Villa. Adjoining Oak Villa on the east was the small Hynesboro Chapel (later converted into a residence); a block farther east stood the larger Victorian home place of the Hynes family who had developed the resort community of Hynesboro Park, and for whom it was named.³

After the deaths of Benjamin and Margaret Larcombe, the house and adjoining lots were (in the 1920's) allotted to their son; John W. Larcombe, who had followed his father in the building trade, converted the summer residence into a year-round home. The principal remodeling consisted of the building in the living room of a large floor-to-ceiling fireplace, composed of selected pieces of local iron-bearing stone.⁴

Oak Villa remained the home of John Larcombe, and later of his widow, until it was sold out of her estate in 1955.⁵ Since then a residential community of single-family dwellings has grown up around the Larcombe House. Standing on its oak-shaded lot, it is one of only a few visible reminders of old Hynesboro Park.

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-1910; conversation with Larcombe family member, August 1985.

2 Prince George's County Land Records JWB #10:51; cf. plat A-99, JWB #4:562.

3 Lanham Souvenir Book, 1972, Larcombe photographs; conversation with Jean Larcombe White, August 1985.

4 Prince George's County Land Records #206:23; Equity #5792; conversation with Jean Larcombe White, August 1985.

5 Prince George's County Land Records #1893:1.

7. 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"/> Destroyed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a central projecting bay. A one story porch runs across the main (south) facade.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Check One or More as Appropriate

- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th 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

[Empty area for Statement of Significance]

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Historical Site

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REPORTS

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:

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

Chain of Title

Larcombe House
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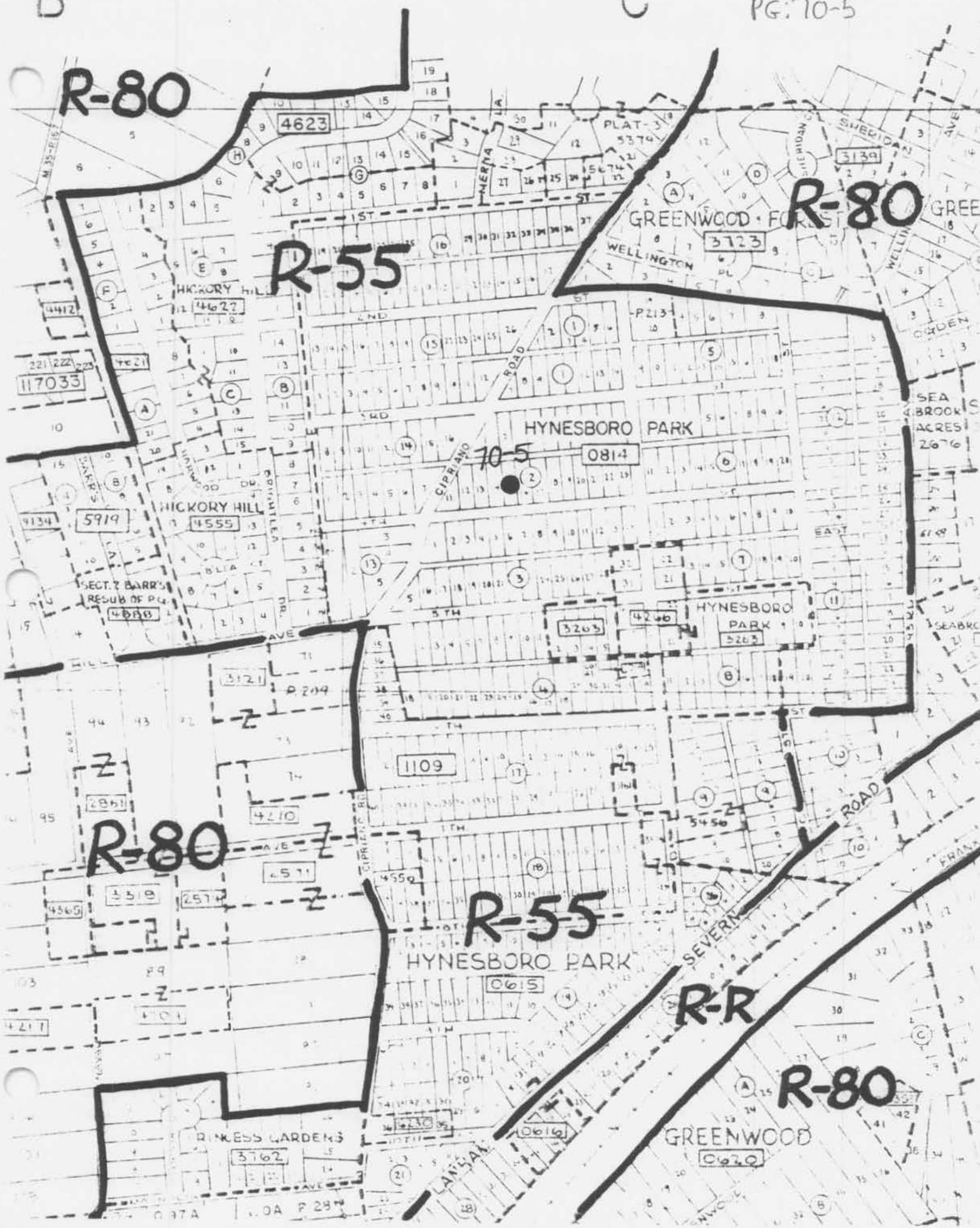
- #4276:889 Donald E. and Nancy Christy to Walter L. and Jane M. Foltz;
10 Sept. 1973 Lot #15, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park as per Plat Book A:99,
Deed same which grantors acquired by #3265:187.
- #3265:187 John H. and Margaret C. Hughes to Donald E. and Nancy C.
10 Jan. 1966 Christy; Lot #15; Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same which
Deed grantors acquired by #3086:209.
- #3086:209 John Hass and John H. Hughes to John H. and Margaret C.
22 Dec. 1964 Hughes, tenants by the entirety; Lot #15, Block #2 in
Deed Hynesboro Park; same as described in #2973:141.
- #2973:141 Nicolas A. and Simone Cipriano to John Hass and John H.
15 April 1964 Hughes, joint tenants; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16,
Deed Block #2 in Hynesboro Park, formerly called Addition to
Bacon Hall; plat recorded in JWB #4:562.
- #2406:27 Octavia M. Kagle, widow of John C. Kagle who died 15 March
3 Dec. 1959 1958, to Nicolas A. and Simone Cipriano; Lots #11, 12, 13,
Deed 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same which
grantor acquired by #1893:5.
- (There are no admin. papers for John C. Kagle.)
- #1893:5 Robert B. Mathias and Lester D. Reber, trustees, to John C.
15 July 1955 and Octavia M. Kagle; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16,
Deed Block #2, in Hynesboro Park; same grantors acquired from
the estate of Mabel T. Larcombe.
- #1893:1 Minnie F. Thompson et al, heirs-at-law of Mabel T.
28 June 1955 Larcombe, deceased, to Robert B. Mathias and Lester D.
Deed Reber, attorneys for the purpose of selling and distribut-
ing the deceased's estate; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16,
Block #2 in Hynesboro Park.
- #207:238 Henry C. and Olive E. Larcombe to John W. and Mabel T.
2 Feb. 1924 Larcombe, as tenants by the Entireties; Lots #11, 12, 13,
Deed 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park.
- #207:238 John W. and Mabel T. Larcombe to Henry C. Larcombe; Lots
2 Feb. 1924 #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park;
Deed same which grantors acquired by deed dated 29 Oct. 1923 and
same as shown on plat recorded JWB #4:562.

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- #206:23
29 Oct. 1923
Deed
John U. Gardiner and T. Howard Duckett, trustees appointed in Equity #5792, to John W. Larcombe; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same property conveyed by #52:33 and JB #11:194.
- Equity
#5792
28 Sept. 1923
Suit and cross suit by heirs of Margaret E. Larcombe who died 18 Nov. 1910. By her will (Admin. #17,660 in Washington, D.C.) she devised a life estate in Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Block #2 in Hynesboro Park to her husband, Benjamin F. Larcombe. He having also died, by her will the property descended equally to her children, Margaret Lowe, Mary Crandell, Henry and John Larcombe. Plaintiff's petition for sale of property; defendant, John W. Larcombe, in cross suit claimed the other heirs had agreed orally to convey their quarter shares to him for \$300 each, that Henry had already conveyed his portion. He petitioned for an order to his sisters to convey their shares. Decree 28 Sept. 1923 ordered plaintiffs to execute deeds; if they did not do so in 20 days, John U. Gardiner and T. Howard Duckett, as trustees, were authorized to make conveyance.
- #164:252
5 March 1921
Deed
For \$1,200, Margaret E. and Millard Lowe, Mary A. and H. Noble Crandall and Henry C. and Olive E. Larcombe, heirs of Margaret E. Larcombe, to John W. Larcombe; all their interest in Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro Park; same property conveyed by JB #11:194.
- JB #11:194
9 May 1900
Deed
Deed of gift from Henry C. Larcombe to his mother, Margaret E. Larcombe; Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro.
- JB #11:192
9 May 1900
Deed
For \$100, Benjamin F. and Margaret E. Larcombe to Henry C. Larcombe; Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro; same grantors acquired by deeds dated 11 Sept. 1885 and 13 Sept. 1887.
- JWB #10:51
11 Sept. 1885
Deed
For \$20, Marion Duckett, attorney for Thomas and Jessie P. Hynes, to Benjamin F. Larcombe; Lots 14 and 15, Block #2, Hynesboro.

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Larcombe House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-5

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South elevation

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NAME HYNES HOUSE

LOCATION 9110 4TH AVE SEABROOK, Md (HYNESBORO)

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PHOTO TAKEN 11/15/73 MOWYER