

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-25 Building Date: 1914

Building Name: Littlepage Farm House

Location: 8306 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Littlepage Farmhouse is a large, square frame house which incorporates elements of the bungalow style. It consists of a two-and-one-half-story main block with a two-story kitchen wing extending to the north. The house stands with several outbuildings on wooded land which slopes steeply to the Horsepen Branch near Bowie. The main block is three-by-three-bays, with gable roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the main south facade. Sheltering this south facade, and wrapping part way around the east and west gable ends, is a one-story glass-enclosed porch with Tuscan columns which support an entablature with plain frieze. The siding of the building is narrow horizontal board, painted white. There are two small shed dormers symmetrically positioned in the south (front) plane of the roof; one broad shed-roof dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof. There is a tall double-corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at the west gable end. Centered on the north facade of the main block, with its ridge perpendicular to that of the main block, is a two-story two-bay-by-one-bay gable-roof kitchen wing. A small shed-roof porch has been enclosed to form a one-story entry vestibule for the kitchen.

Significance

The Littlepage House is a large and handsome early twentieth century dwelling which combines elements of the four-square "Classic Box" and bungalow style of architecture. The property on which the house stands is part of the tract known as Strife, the home in the late nineteenth century of Augustus Lloyd. Augustus Lloyd died in 1914, and his son, Daniel B. Lloyd, owner of the farm, sold the property to Ella Littlepage, who began construction of the subject house in the same year. The house, located partway down the slope and southeast of the old Lloyd dwelling, was a transitional building; it combined elements of the foursquare Colonial Revival (e.g., wrap-around Tuscan porch, and symmetric square plan) with those of the bungalow style (e.g. shed dormers and exposed rafter ends). There have been several alterations to the house have been undertaken, e.g., the glass enclosure of the Tuscan verandah, replacement of second story windows in the kitchen wing, and enclosure of the kitchen entry. A concrete block garage has been constructed north of the two small outbuildings. The grounds have been carefully maintained, preserving the rural, historical setting of this early twentieth century farm dwelling.

Acreage: 16.05 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Littlepage Farm House

and/or common Lancaster House

## 2. Location

street & number 8306 Laurel-Bowie Road (Now Normal School Road)  not for publicationcity, town Bowie  vicinity of  congressional district 5state Md.  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 checked="" 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 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 Carlyle Lancaster

street &amp; number 8306 Laurel-Bowie Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code Md. 20715

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #1598

street &amp; number Main Street folio 98

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG#71A-25

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Littlepage Farmhouse is a large, square frame house which incorporates elements of the bungalow style. It consists of a two-and-one-half-story main block with a two-story kitchen wing extending to the north. The house stands with several outbuildings on wooded land which slopes steeply to the Horsepen Branch near Bowie.

The main block is three bays by three bays, with gable roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the main south facade. Sheltering this south facade, and wrapping part way around the east and west gable ends, is a one-story hip-roof porch which rests on concrete piers with lattice infill. The Tuscan columns of the porch have molded capitals and bases, and support an entablature with plain frieze; the entire porch has been enclosed with glass.

The siding of the building is narrow horizontal board, painted white. Windows are 6/1 double hung sash, and have plain board surrounds with outer bead, and no shutters. The roof is covered with slate and has overhanging eaves. There are two small shed dormers symmetrically positioned in the south (front) plane of the roof; one broad shed-roof dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof. The south dormers each contain a single sash window, while the larger north dormer contains two single sash windows. All dormers are sheathed with slate, and their eaves are punctuated by exposed rafter ends.

There is a tall double-corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at the west gable end. It serves a fireplace in the large west parlor. Interior plan of the house is central stairhall with a large parlor on each side.

Centered on the north facade of the main block, with its ridge perpendicular to that of the main block, is a two-story two-bay-by-one-bay gable-roof kitchen wing. A narrow stove chimney rises from the (northwest) juncture of main block and wing. The second story fenestration of the kitchen wing has been altered; the replacements are horizontal sliding sashes. Entrance to the kitchen wing is in the second bay of its north gable end; a small shed-roof porch has been enclosed to form a one-story entry vestibule for the kitchen.

To the north of the house are two small outbuildings. To the west is a square gable-roof ice-house; it is covered with German siding painted white, has asphalt shingle roof, and rests on a poured concrete foundation. Next to the ice house, to the east, is a one-and-one-half-story gable-roof garage, converted to a small dwelling. It is sided with plain horizontal board painted white, has asphalt shingle roof, and rests on a poured

# 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 checked="" 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 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** 1914 **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.

#8.

The Littlepage House is a large and handsome early twentieth century dwelling which combines elements of the four-square "Classic Box" and bungalow style of architecture. It stands in a secluded and forested setting on the north slope of the Horsepen Branch valley.

The property on which the house stands is part of the tract known as Strife, the home in the late nineteenth century of Augustus Lloyd. The 137 acre farm was bounded on the southeast by the Washington Baltimore and Annapolis electric railway (1908), and the station at that point was known as Lloyd's after its nearest neighbor.<sup>1</sup> Augustus Lloyd died in 1914, and his son, Daniel B. Lloyd, owner of the farm, sold the property to Ella Littlepage, who began construction of the subject house in the same year. The house, located partway down the slope and southeast of the old Lloyd dwelling, was a transitional building; it combined elements of the foursquare Colonial Revival (e.g., wrap-around Tuscan porch, and symmetric square plan) with those of the bungalow style (e.g. shed dormers and exposed rafter ends). Functional buildings were also constructed to complete the farmstead: ice house, garage, and stable.<sup>2</sup>

In 1943, the Littlepage family sold the farm to Julius and Birdie Lulley, who operated a restaurant in the District of Columbia. Ten years later, a 16-acre portion of the farm, including the dwelling and outbuildings, was sold to Carlyle Lancaster, a native of the nearby town of Bowie (cf. #71B-2-3 and #71B-13). The Lancaster family has occupied the property since that time.<sup>3</sup> Several alterations to the house have been undertaken, e.g., the glass enclosure of the Tuscan verandah, replacement of second story windows in the kitchen wing, and enclosure of the kitchen entry. A concrete block garage has been constructed north of the two small outbuildings.<sup>4</sup> The grounds have been carefully maintained, preserving the rural, historical setting of this early twentieth century farm dwelling.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG#71A-25

Cf. notes, item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 16.05 acres  
Quadrangle name Laurel, Section I

Tax Map #29, parcel 139  
Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	August 1986
street & number	c/o County Planning, MNCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

Survey No. PG#71A-25

Description (continued)

Section 7 Page 2

---

concrete foundation. Entrance is the first bay of its south gable end, through a door which is sheltered by a small pedimented canopy. Immediately north of the two small outbuildings is a modern concrete block garage. There is a stable on the hill to the west below the house; the doors in the stable were removed from older stable buildings at the nearby Belair Stud Farm, and incorporated into this stable building.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

Survey No. PG#1A-25

Section 8 Page 2

---

Notes

1 G. M. Hopkins Map of Vicinity of Washington, D.C. 1894; Lloyd, Daniel B., The Lloyds of Southern Maryland, pp. 168-171; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1912-1920.

2 Prince George's County Deed #91:43; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1912-15, 1916-19.

3 Prince George's County Deeds #721:229; #1598:98.

4 Interview with owners, January 1986.





PG#71A-25

Littlepage Farmhouse  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
Southwest 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



PG#71A-25

Littlepage Farmhouse  
Prince George's County, Md.  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
Northeast 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



PG#71A-25

Littlepage Farmhouse  
Prince George's County, Md.  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
Northwest 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



PG#71A-25

Littlepage Farmhouse  
Prince George's County, Md.  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1986  
Outbuildings, view to north  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.