

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-3 Building Date: ca. 1880's to 1897

Building Name: Ingersoll House

Location: 9006 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Ingersoll house is a two-and-one-half-story frame house with central tower and considerable fine Victorian detail. The house can be described from west to east in four basic sections. In the west there is a one-story hip-roofed kitchen, ca. 12-1/2 feet wide. Adjoining it is a two-story gable-roofed section, ca. 15 feet wide, which consists of two adjoining parlors; a large south dormer in this section forms a second-story porch with flat jig-sawn balusters and fan-bracketed posts, and fish-scale shingles in the gable above. Adjoining next is a one-bay stairhall section, ca. 10 feet wide, surmounted by a three-story tower with pyramidal roof. On the east is a two-story cross-gabled section, ca. 21 feet wide, which consists of two parlors; around the south and east facades of this section is a one-story porch with flat jig-sawn balusters and fan-bracketed posts. The gables on east and south are decorated with fish-scale shingles. Thick stone foundations form a basement under the two easterly sections. To the west of the house is a frame summer kitchen, ca. 24 by 12 feet, now connected to the house by an enclosed breezeway.

Significance:

The Ingersoll house is one of the best surviving examples of late Victorian residential architecture in northern Prince George's County. It incorporates several elements of Queen Anne style: multi-gabled roof, upper-story gable with recessed porch, fish-scale shingles, tower, and shingle siding. In 1883, Swedish-born Emma Ingersoll purchased 13-1/2 acres of farmland on the northern edge of the growing railroad-junction town of Bowie. Beginning with a modest farmhouse (the present two easterly sections), the Ingersolls expanded the structure, adding decorative elements, so that by 1897 the spacious structure was completed. It was the home for 44 years in this century of the Thornton family, and was purchased by the Mullers, the present owners, in 1963. With its prominent size and Victorian details, the Ingersoll house is a visible landmark along the road north of Bowie.

Acreage: 3.4 acres

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ingersoll House

and/or common Muller House

2. Location

street & number 9006 Laurel-Bowie Road (Now Old Laurel Bowie Road) not for publication

city, town Bowie 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 Gerald E. Muller

street & number 9006 Laurel-Bowie Road telephone no.: 262-2753

city, town Bowie state and zip code Md. 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber #2893

street & number Main Street folio 268

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md. 20772

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, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

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 Ingersoll house is a two-and-one-half-story frame house with central tower and considerable fine Victorian detail. Viewed from the south, the house can be described in four basic sections: on the west, A) a one-story hip-roofed kitchen, ca. 12½ feet wide; then B) a two-story gable-roofed section, ca. 15 feet wide; then C) a one-bay gable-roofed section, ca. 10 feet wide; and finally D) (eastmost) a two-story cross-gabled section ca. 21 feet wide.

Section A consists of a large kitchen, formerly two rooms - a kitchen with pantry adjoining to the rear. Built into the north end of this kitchen is a rain barrel which collected water by downspouts from the roof. All molding in the present kitchen is plain board.

Section B consists of two adjoining parlors front and back. There is a chimney just south of the ridge which served a fireplace in the south parlor. Door and window surrounds have four-band molding without corner blocks. A large south-facing dormer in this section forms a second-story porch with flat jig-sawn balusters and fan-bracketed posts; the gable surmounting this porch is decorated with fish-scale shingles.

Section C consists of a north-south stairhall. Its three-story tower has a pyramidal roof and encloses an attic chamber. The principal entrance to the house is from the east at the south end of the stairhall. Door and window surrounds in this section have bulls-eye corner block moldings.

Section D consists of two parlors which open onto the stairhall. There is a one-story porch along the south and east facades of this cross-gabled section; the porch has flat jig-sawn balusters and fan-bracketed posts. There is an east entrance from this porch into the northerly parlor. The gables on east and south are decorated with fish-scale shingles. Door and window surrounds throughout section D have bulls-eye corner block moldings.

Windows of the house are 2/2 in sections C and D, and 4/4 in section B. A thick stone foundation forms a cellar under the southerly part of sections C and D, and is extended by brick foundations under the northerly part of these sections. There is no cellar under sections A or B. The siding of the house is brown wood shingle. The roof has, since the 1970's, been covered with (pseudo-wood) aluminum shingles.

A short distance to the west of the house is a frame summer kitchen, ca. 24 by 12 feet. It has a hip roof (tin) and German siding, and rests on stone foundations. A lattice vestibule at the south end of this summer kitchen encloses the still functional well and pump. The brick-floored passage between the house and the summer kitchen has been roofed over, making an enclosed breezeway.

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 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local history

Specific dates 1880's to 1897 **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 Ingersoll House is one of the best surviving examples of late Victorian residential architecture in northern Prince George's County. It incorporates several elements of Queen Anne style: multi-gabled roof, upper-story gable with recessed porch, fish-scale shingle, tower, and shingle siding.

The town of Huntington (now Bowie) was established around the Washington-Baltimore railroad junction in the early 1870's. In 1883, Swedish-born Emma Ingersoll (wife of government clerk, Joseph Ingersoll) purchased 13½ acres of James Carrick's farmland on the northern outskirts of the growing town. Beginning with a modest farm-house (the present easterly section, C and D), the Ingersolls gradually expanded the structure, adding decorative elements, so that by 1897, the spacious house, summer kitchen and barn were completed.¹ The Ingersolls (with their seven children, and several boarders) lived in the house until shortly before 1910, when they sold the house and 13½ acres to R. Paul Watts, who ran a grocery and hardware in the town of Bowie. Three years later, Watts sold the property to William Neff, and Watts held the mortgage. Neff defaulted in payment, and the Prince George's County Court of Equity ordered foreclosure and sale of the property. At the public sale in May 1917, the 13½ acre property was described as follows: "This property is beautifully located and is improved by a fine and commodious dwelling house in good repair, and necessary outbuildings, orchard and shade trees. The house has modern improvements, and is an ideal place for a summer residence. It is convenient to schools, churches, and railroads, affording ample accommodation for transportation to either Washington or Baltimore many times a day."²

After one short-term owner, the property was purchased in 1919 by J.S. and Mildred Thornton, who lived there for the larger part of the life of the house. J.S. Thornton built a greenhouse on the property; there was also a small lake to the

1 P.G. Co. Deeds: JWB#2:99; JWB#35:696; P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1888-1900

2 P.G. County Census 1900, 1910; Deeds #59:546; #96:314; #94:355; Equity #4873.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

west of the house. In 1963 Mrs. Thornton, by then a widow, sold the house and 3.4 acres to Gerald and Nancy Muller, the present owners.³

With its prominent size and Victorial detail, the Ingersoll-Muller house is a visible landmark on the edge of Bowie, and is one of the best surviving examples of its genre in this part of the county.

³ P.G. Co. Deeds #124:346; #128:276; #148:207; #2893:268.
Interview with owner, and with relative of former owner, June 1984.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

AG: 1701185604

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Gerald F. Muller House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
9006 Laurel-Bowie Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Bowie

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

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) _____ _____ _____
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Gerald F. Muller

STREET AND NUMBER:
9006 Laurel-Bowie Road

CITY OR TOWN: Bowie 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. 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:

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"/> Unexposed
	(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 2½ story, shingled Victorian structure, with a tower and a projecting porch wing on the main (south) facade. A one story, shed-roof porch extends along the east and part of the south facades. There is a small gable above each second floor window as well as a main gable on each facade.

The present tan paint does not show the elaborate shingle and wood patterns to their best effect.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. 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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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: M-NCPPC DATE: 2/15/73

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

Ingersoll House
P.G. #71A-3

2893:268 1 Nov 1963 Deed	Mildred Thornton, widow, to Gerald and Nancy Muller; 3.4 acres, part of land conveyed to Thorntons by #148:207.
148:207 29 Nov 1919 Deed	Edith Copeland to J.S. and Mildred Thornton; 13-1/2 acres, same land conveyed to Copeland by #128:276.
128:276 23 May 1918 Deed	John C. Jones to Edith Copeland; 13-1/2 acres, same land conveyed to Jones by #124:346, by virtue of Equity #4873.
124:346 13 Jun 1917 Deed	M. H. Magruder to John C. Jones, by public sale 23 March 1917 as decreed by court of Equity (#4873), 13-1/2 acres, same land which William Neff mortgaged to R. P. Watts (#94:355); because Neff defaulted on mortgage.
#4873 1917 Equity	Decree of Court of Equity - sale of property of William Neff, because of default in mortgage; M. H. Magruder assignee of mortgage for purpose of foreclosure; Magruder ordered to sell at public sale, 23 March 1917.
94:357 9 Oct 1913 Assgnt.	R. Paul Watts, mortgagee to M. H. Magruder, assignee; mortgage on 13-1/2 acres mortgaged by Neff to Watts by #94:355.
94:355 13 Sept 1913 Mtg.	William Neff to R. Paul Watts, 13-1/2 acres, which Neff acquired by #96:314, because Neff is indebted to Watts.
96:314 13 Sept 1913 Deed	R. Paul Watts to William Neff, 13-1/2 acres, part of Richard's Forest and Moore's Industry, same which Watts acquired by #59:546.

59:546
7 May 1910
Deed

Emma and Joseph Ingersoll to R. Paul Watts, 13-1/2
acres, same which Ingersolls acquired by #JWB #35:696.

JWB #35:696
27 Apr 1896
Deed

James M. Carrick to Emma Ingersoll, 13-1/2 acres which
Carrick acquired by JWB #35:62.

JWB #35:62
21 Oct 1895
Deed

Emma and Joseph Ingersoll to James M. Carrick, 13-1/2
acres which Ingersolls acquired by JWB #2:99.

JWB #2:99
16 Jun 1883
Deed

James M. and Mary Carrick to Emma Ingersoll, wife of
Joseph Ingersoll, 13-1/2 acres, part of Richard's
Forest and Moore's Industry in Bowie District (part of
estate of Henry Carrick).

PG. #71A-3

INGERSOLL HOUSE



----- RIDGE

1" = 6'
(Not exactly to scale)

Rain barrel
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Passageway to
Summer Kitchen

Fire place

Fire-
Place

3
story
tower

PORCH

PORCH

PORCH

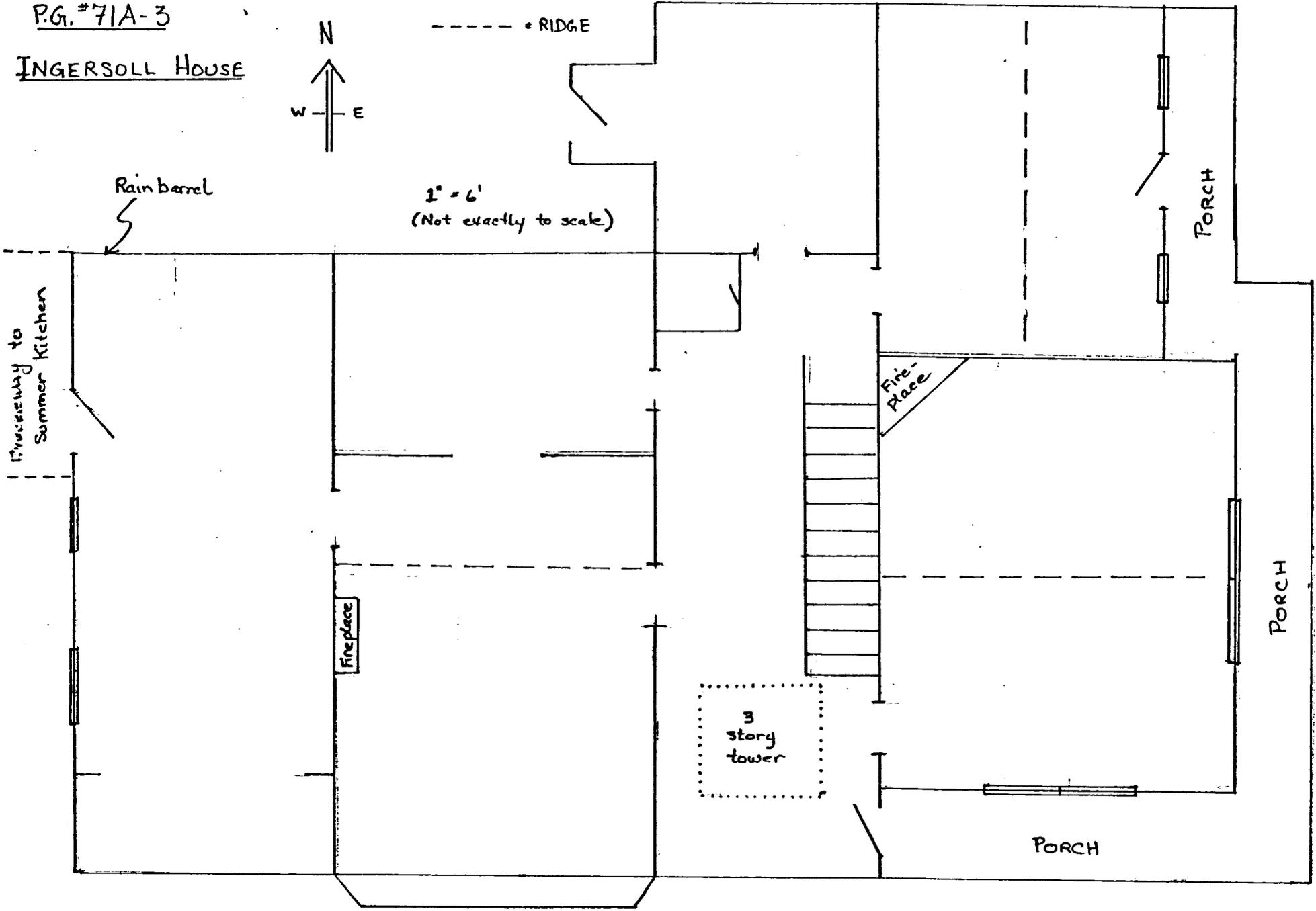
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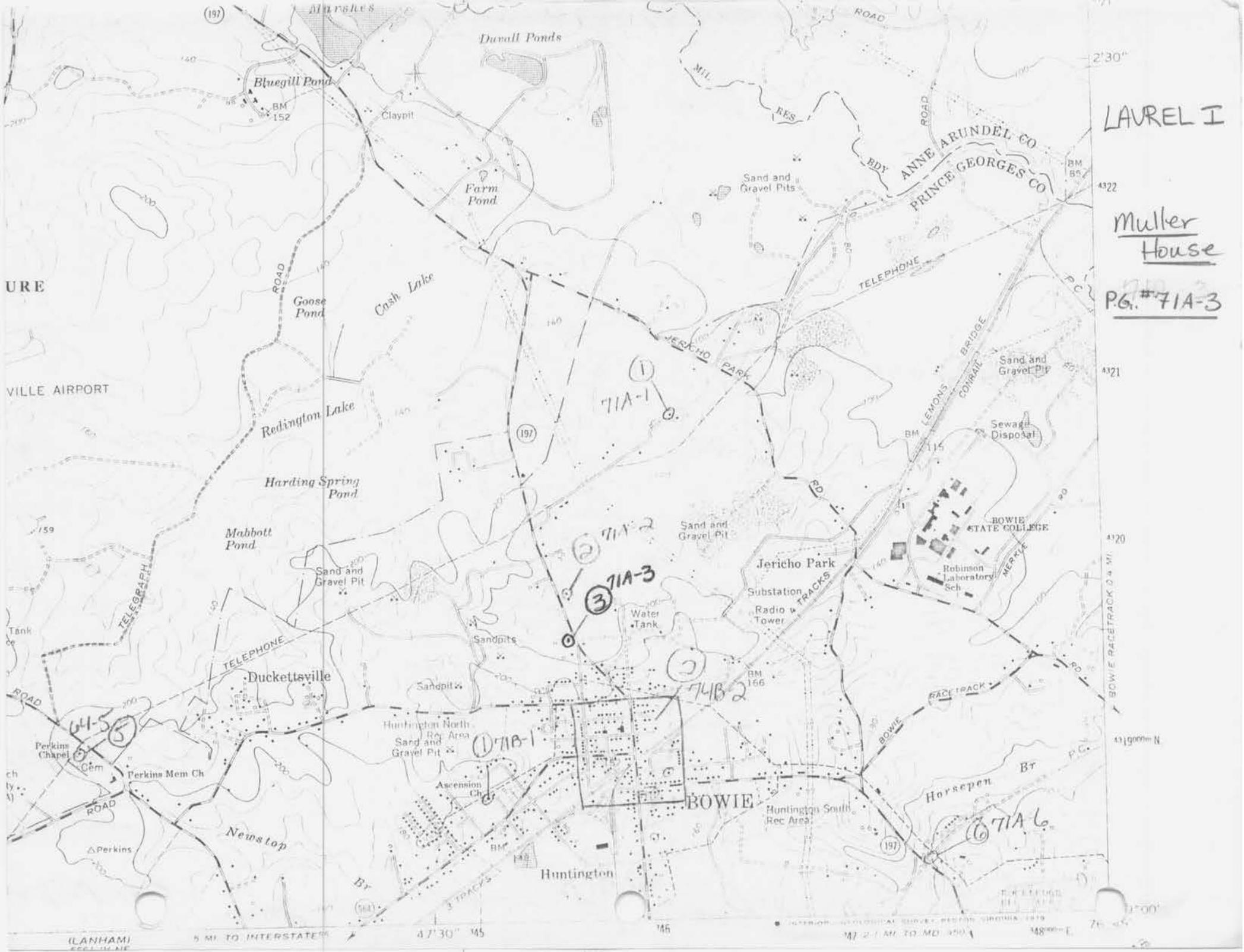
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Floor





LAUREL I

Muller
House

PG. #71A-3

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② 71A-2
③ 71A-3

④ 71B-1
⑤ 74B-2

⑥ 71A-6



71A-3
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P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

June 1984

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

June 1984

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1984

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



71A-3
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P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

June 1984

Summer kitchen & house, West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1984
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



71A-3
SW

P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

June 1984

Summer kitchen, southwest elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



71A-3
SF

P.G. #71A-3

Ingersoll-Muller house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

June 1984

Tower and porch detail, Southeast

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME GERALD MULLER HOUSE

LOCATION 9006 Rt. 197 BOWIE, Md

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