

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-31 Building Date: ca. 1908

Building Name: R. Lee Mullikin House

Location: 12902 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The R. Lee Mullikin House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross gable house, a standard I-house with a rear kitchen wing. The house consists of a three-by-one-bay main block and wing which makes the building T-shaped. Entrance is in the central bay of the three bay west facade; the door has been enclosed in a projecting three-face bay. Across this west facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with standing seam roof. The Tuscan columns which supported this porch have been removed. The porch wraps around part of the south facade until it meets a one-story addition on the south. The west facade is highlighted by a central cross-gable at third level, with returned cornices. Cornices are boxed with crown molding, and returned at the gable ends. The original German siding is covered by white asbestos shingle. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise at the ridge, one on each side of the central bay. A two-and-one-half-story kitchen wing extends to the east at right angles to the main block. There is a one-story addition on the south side of the rear wing and a two-story addition on the north.

Significance:

The R. Lee Mullikin House is an example of an early twentieth century vernacular dwelling, a standard I-house with rear kitchen wing forming a T. The house has been significantly altered by additions on each side of the kitchen wing, and by the application of asbestos shingle over the German siding. The house was constructed circa 1908 by R. Lee Mullikin, and was for many years the home of his family. The grounds of the house were beautifully landscaped, and it served as a social gathering place for landowners in the northern part of the County. The Mullikin House exemplifies a house type which was popular at the turn of this century. It was a handsome building in a beautiful setting, a modest but substantial example of rural domestic vernacular architecture.

Acreage: 50.79 acres

The R. Lee Mullikin House (PG#71A-31) was destroyed by fire in September 1986. Preliminary grading, etc., is beginning in preparation for the development of the new "Red Willow" subdivision.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic R. Lee Mullikin House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12902 Annapolis Road (Maryland Route 450) ___ 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Hannah Storch

street & number 9458 Lanham Severn Road telephone no.:

city, town Seabrook state and zip code Md. 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #6241

street & number Main Street folio 218

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

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" 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 R. Lee Mullikin House is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross gable house, a standard I-house with a rear kitchen wing. It stands on the north side of Annapolis Road a short distance west of Holy Trinity Church, accessible by an unpaved lane which curves around in front (west) of the house. It stands on a knoll, surrounded by large trees and flower borders.

The house faces west, and consists of a three-bay-by-one-bay main block and wing which makes the building T-shaped. Entrance is in the central bay of the three bay west facade; the door has been enclosed in a projecting three-face bay. Across this west facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with standing seam roof. The Tuscan columns which supported this porch have been removed. The porch wraps around part of the south facade until it meets a one-story addition on the south. The west facade is highlighted by a central cross-gable at third level, with returned cornices which enclose a 6/6 window. Cornices are boxed with crown molding, and returned at the gable ends. The original German siding is covered by white asbestos shingle. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds, and have no shutters. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise at the ridge, one on each side of the central bay.

A two-and-one-half-story kitchen wing extends to the east at right angles to the main block. The wing is two bays by two bays, and has siding, fenestration, cornices and roof similar to the main block. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at its east gable end. The main block and wing rest on a foundation of local iron bearing stone which encloses a basement.

There is an addition on each side of the rear wing. On the south, a one-story addition wraps around the south gable end of the main block, and abuts the wing; this addition has a concrete foundation. A two-story addition extends the kitchen one more bay to the north; this addition has a shallow pitched roof, from which rises a stove chimney.

Interior plan of the main block consists of a central stairhall with a parlor on each side. The stair rises along the south wall of the stairhall. By May 1986, much of the stairway material had been removed; there were no newels, and only a few turned balusters. Door and window surrounds have multi-band molding with no corner blocks.

There are four small gable-roof sheds northeast of the house. All have vertical board siding and standing seam metal roofs.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates ca. 1908 **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 R. Lee Mullikin House is an example of an early twentieth century vernacular dwelling, a standard I-house with rear kitchen wing forming a T. The house has been significantly altered by additions on each side of the kitchen wing, and by the application of asbestos shingle over the German siding. It is in ruinous condition, and will soon be demolished for the development of a new subdivision.

The house was constructed circa 1908 by R. Lee Mullikin, and was for many years the home of his family.¹ The grounds of the house were beautifully landscaped, and the house served as a social gathering place for landowners in the northern part of the County.

In 1962 the property was sold to a real estate company, and has since that time been tenant-occupied. A plat for subdivision of the property was submitted early in 1985, which will necessitate the demolition of the house and outbuildings.²

The Mullikin House exemplifies a house type which was popular at the turn of this century. It was a handsome building in a beautiful setting, a modest but substantial example of rural domestic vernacular architecture.

Notes

¹ Prince George's County Deed #43:105; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1900-1910.

² Prince George's County Deed #2643:1; Preliminary plan for Subdivision #4-85059.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 50.79 acres Tax map 46, parcel 98

Quadrangle name Lanham, section C

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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|-----------------|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| name/title | <u>Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian</u> | | |
| organization | <u>P.G. Historic Preservation Commission</u> | date | <u>September 1986</u> |
| street & number | <u>c/o County Planning, M-NCPPC</u> | telephone | <u>952-3521</u> |
| city or town | <u>Upper Marlboro</u> | state | <u>MD</u> |

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.

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R. Lee Mullikin House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
May 1986
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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R. Lee Mullikin House
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May 1986
Northwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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R. Lee Mullikin House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
May 1986
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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R. Lee Mullikin House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
May 1986
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD