

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #77-13 Building Date: ca. 1980's

Building Name: Leapley-Teslik House

Location: 9410 Victoria Drive, Clinton, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Leapley-Teslik House is a five-by-three-bay, gable roof, two-story frame dwelling with an ell-shaped plan, located on a small wooded lot, surrounded by subdivision housing of recent construction. The five-bay east facade has central entrance in a projecting, two-story semi-octagonal bay surmounted by a gable roof. Entrance is flanked by sidelights and chamfered pilasters. There is a transom with small sidelights, above a transom bar. Windows are 2/2 double-hung-sash with narrow surrounds and wood sills. A hipped roof three-bay porch shelters the entrance. The posts are chamfered, with jigsaw brackets. Fishscale shingles and a centered round-arch window decorate the attic level of the center projecting bay. The house is covered with horizontal wood siding above the brick foundation. Two corbelled brick stove chimneys flank the facade center, at the gable ridge. The crown molded cornice is returned in the gable ends. The interior of the house has been modernized, but retains the original floor plan. It has a center stairhall with two flanking parlors in the main block. The rear ell contains a dining room and the kitchen. The door and window surrounds are banded wood molding with corner blocks with a raised flower at the center. The stair has turned and chamfered balusters and a large square newell post with carved floral designs, surmounted by a vase-like knob.

Significance:

The Leapley-Teslik House was built shortly after 1891 for George R. and Nellie Leapley. Leapley, a farmer, had acquired 505 acres of Darnell's Delight or Magnolia Hall, in 1883, and the property was assessed for a new improvement after 1891. The Leapleys held the property through 1935. The former Leapley farm was platted in 1957 as the Sherwood Forest residential subdivision and developed shortly thereafter. The house was renovated in 1984. It is an excellent example of a late nineteenth century house-type popular in the County. This house type (for other examples see 70-24, Augusta Duvall House, 79-50, Wyville House and 85-22, Metcalfe House) is characterized by a gable roof and a "T" or ell-shaped plan with a projecting center entrance bay by surmounted by a cross gable.

Acreage: 1 acre

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Leapley - Teslik House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9410 Victoria Drive not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district

state 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 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 Kennan Teslik

street & number 9410 Victoria Drive telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code MD 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5923

street & number Main Street folio 245

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division - MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The Leapley-Teslik House is a five-by-three-bay, gable roof, two-story frame dwelling with an ell-shaped plan, located on a small wooded lot. It is surrounded by subdivision housing of recent construction.

The five-bay east (main) facade has central entrance in a projecting, two-story semi-octagonal bay surmounted by a gable roof. Entrance is through a four-panel door flanked by sidelights and chamfered pilasters. There is a transom with small sidelights, above a transom bar. Windows on the facade are 2/2 double-hung-sash with narrow surrounds and wood sills. A hipped roof three-bay porch shelters the entrance. The porch has new wood flooring resting on brick piers. The posts are chamfered, with jig-sawn brackets. Fishscale shingles and a centered round-arch window decorate the attic level of the center projecting bay.

The house is covered with horizontal wood siding with corner boards and a wide wood band covering the sill, above the brick foundation. Two corbelled brick stove chimneys flank the facade center, at the gable ridge. The crown molded cornice is returned in the gable ends.

The three-bay north facade has the first bay beneath the gable end of the main block. There is a square two-light window centered in the upper gable. The second and third bay are in the rear "ell" wing. There is a brick stove chimney projecting from the gable ridge of the "ell".

The west (rear) facade is one-bay, beneath a gable, as is the south facade. Infilling the ell, on the southwest side of the building, is a two-story shed-roof enclosed porch. The porch was rebuilt recently, because the original was badly deteriorated. There is a mix of original and new windows on the reconstruction. It is four-by-one-bays. The first bay entrance leads to the kitchen. A third bay entrance leads to the small, brick-lined basement. The basement formerly was reached by a trap door through the enclosed porch floor.

The interior of the Leapley-Teslik House has been modernized, but retains the original floor plan. It has a center stairhall with two flanking parlors in the main block. The rear ell contains a dining room and the kitchen. The door and window surrounds were retained, and reproduced where the original ones were too badly deteriorated. The surrounds are banded wood molding with corner blocks with a raised flower at the center. The wall surface is new drywall and the lower portion of the stove chimneys were rebuilt. The stair has turned and chamfered balusters and a large square newell post with carved floral designs, surmounted by a vase-like knob. The semi-octagonal entrance bay has the angles reproduced on the interior, on the first and second story.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1890'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 Leapley-Teslik House was built shortly after 1891 for George R. and Nellie Leapley.¹ Leapley, a farmer, had acquired 505 acres of Darnell's Delight or Magnolia Hall, in 1883,² and the property was assessed for a new improvement after 1891.³ The Leapleys held the property through 1935. The house, on one acre of property, was separated from its surrounding acreage and sold in 1959.⁴ The former Leapley farm was platted in 1957 as the Sherwood Forest residential subdivision and developed shortly thereafter.⁵

The Leapley-Teslik house was extensively renovated by its present owners in 1984. It is an excellent example of a late nineteenth century house-type popular in the County. This house type (for other examples see 70-24, Augusta Duvall House, 79-50, Wyville House and 85-22, Metcalfe House) is characterized by a gable roof and a "T" or ell-shaped plan with a projecting center entrance bay by surmounted by a cross gable.

Notes

¹ Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 9th Election District, 1888, 1890, 1891 and 1900.

² U.S. Census, Prince George's County, 1900, #114; and Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB 2:418.

³ Tax Assessments, 1900.

⁴ Land Records, 2338:146.

⁵ Land Records, Plat WW 30-91.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

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Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro G

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1986

street & number 1474 1/2 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr. telephone 952-3520

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.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Chain of Title

Leapley-Teslik House
P.G. #77-13

5923:245 28 June 1984 Deed	Shirley A. Murphy to Kennan L. and Sarah A. B. Teslik. For \$80,000 grantor conveys that parcel of 1 acre, 9410 Victoria Drive. Same recorded 2412:542.
2412:542 6 Jan 1960 Deed	Fannie O. Tucker to Gordon V. and Shirley Murphy. For \$10 grantors convey that parcel in Surrats District, contains 1 acre. Same recorded 2338:146.
2338:146 5 June 1959 Deed	Joseph G. and Beryl D. Jerome to Fannie O. Tucker. For \$10.00 grantors convey that parcel of 1 acre, a part of that recorded 1137:170.
2037:414 2 Oct 1956 Deed	Beryl D. and Joseph G. Jerome to John and Venona I. Marion and Victor T. and Marie Sponsler. For \$10 grantors convey a parcel in Surrat's districts, a part of land conveyed to grantor by Rudolf and L. Alberta Stier, July 6, 1949, 1137:170, 30 acres.
1137:170 6 July 1949 Deed	W. Rudolph and L. Alberta Stier to Beryl and Joseph Jerome. For \$10.00 grantors convey that parcel obtained from Charles and Anne E. Harper, 3/6/41, 605:383. Part of tract called Darnall's Delight or Magnolia Springs. 130.71 acres. Sold with farm implements and livestock.
605:383 3 June 1941 Deed	Charles F. and Anna E. Harper to W. Rudolf and L. Alberta Stier. For \$10.00 grantors convey that tract containing 130.71 acres.
423:267 9 Aug 1935 Deed	Nellie E. Leapley, widow, to Charles F. and Anna E. Harper. For \$10.00 grantors convey Darnall's Delight or Magnolia Springs. Begins SW corner of Meloy Farm - 130.71 acres. For \$5,500.
JWB 25:71 14 Feb 1893 Deed	George R. Leapley to Nellie Leapley, his wife. For \$1,000 grantor conveys his title to 505 acres excepting 180 sold to Frederick Binger, 24 Aug. 1887, JWB 9:85. Tracts known as Darnell's Delight, Darnell's Last Addition, Part of Buckville resurveyed, and Out Set. Same conveyed by Peter Bradstreet to George R. Leapley, 24 Sept. 1883, JWB 2:418. Property subject to mortgage held by Bradstreet.

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JWB 2:418
24 Sept 1883
Mortgage

George R. and Nellie Leapley mortgage to Peter G. Bradstreet above property for debt of \$7,000. Farm of 505 acres on which William S. Grant has lived for some time. Also that farm where George R. Leapley now resides, contains 108 acres, same conveyed by Joseph K. Roberts to Leapley, November 23, 1877, HB 13:6.

JWB 2:418
24 Sept 1883
Deed

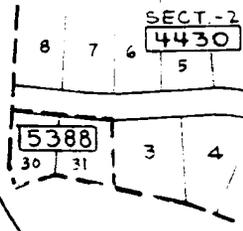
Peter G. Bradstreet of Maine to George R. Leapley of Prince George's County. For \$7,000 grantor conveys 505 acres, those tracts called Darnell's Delight and etc. Same conveyed to Charles H. Partridge by deed 23 Oct. 1879, WAJ 1:66.

H.B. 13:6
23 Nov 1877
Deed

Joseph K. Roberts to George R. Leapley. By decree of Equity Court, May 26, 1874. Sold to Leapley that tract the late James Pamphrey died possessed of, on turnpike from Upper Marlboro to Washington, called Maiden's Dowry or Forest Grove. 108 acres, for \$2,173.00.

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Leapley-Teslik House
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Marina King
February 1986
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Leapley-Teslik House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
West elevation
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Leapley-Teslik House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
South elevation
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