

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#79-65 Building Date: 1922

Building Name: McCormick House

Location: 14001 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The McCormick House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of Foursquare plan. The main block of the house is two bays by two, with entrance in the first bay of the principal north facade. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three Tuscan columns and plain balustrade railing. The house is sided with rectangular shingles painted white. Windows are generally 2/1 double hung sash. Windows have plain board surrounds and no shutters. All trim is white. The pyramidal roof is covered with dark gray asbestos shingle. A prominent hip dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof; it encloses a six-pane square window which lights the loft level. A central brick chimney rises from the peak of the pyramidal roof. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation.

Significance:

The McCormick House was built in 1922, on one of six building lots platted on a 5 1/2-acre parcel of land just outside the northwestern boundary of the Town of Upper Marlboro. This land had been subdivided by owners Samuel A. Wyvill, publisher of the Prince George's Enquirer, and John A. Coale, who ran a general store in the Marlboro area. Wyvill and Coale had houses erected on the lots, probably built by Joseph V. Wyvill, Jr., younger brother of the publisher, and third generation carpenter/builder of the family. The lots were sold and the houses occupied between 1922 and 1925. The subject house was built on Lot 1, the westernmost of the six lots. The house and the 1.707-acre lot was sold in 1922 to William F. McCormick. The house is a good example of the compact Foursquare plan dwelling which was popular early in this century. It is a contributing element in a group of houses at the northwestern gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and is a noticeable visual feature of its neighborhood.

Acreage: 1.816 acres

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. PG#79-65

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McCormick House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14001 Old Marlboro Pike not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's County

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 Wieslaw Bergandy

street & number 14001 Old Marlboro Pike 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 Court House liber 8004

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 368

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

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 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 McCormick House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of Foursquare plan. It stands among a group of similar houses of the same type and period, just outside of the northwesternmost section of the Town of Upper Marlboro.

The main block of the house is two bays by two, with entrance in the first bay of the principal north facade. The second (westernmost) bay of this facade is filled with a three-part window: a central picture window flanked by two 6/1 double-hung-sash windows. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three Tuscan columns and plain balustrade railing.

The house is sided with rectangular shingles painted white. Windows are generally 2/1 double hung sash, except for the first bay (first story) of the west elevation which has a three-part window of the same type as that in the second bay, first story, of the main north facade. Windows have plain board surrounds and no shutters. All trim is white.

The pyramidal roof is covered with dark gray asbestos shingle. A prominent hip dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof; it encloses a six-pane square window which lights the loft level. A central brick chimney rises from the peak of the pyramidal roof.

The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. There is a shallow one-story shed-roof wing extending to the (south) rear. An unpaved drive runs along the west side of the house to the rear (south) yard, in which there are several dog kennels.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input checked="" 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/ |
| <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 1922 **Builder/Architect** Joseph V. Wyvill

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 McCormick House is a good representative of the pyramidal-roof Foursquare house form which was popular early in this century. It is one of a group of houses built in the 1920s at the northwest edge of Upper Marlboro. This group of houses forms the northern gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and the subject House is a contributing feature in the group.

At the end of the nineteenth century, much of the land immediately northwest of Upper Marlboro belonged to the Merrick family. The Merrick dwelling stood on the north side of the Washington and Marlborough Turnpike, fronting on that important thoroughfare. After the death of George C. Merrick in 1915, the property was gradually sold off. In 1921, one of George Merrick's heirs, Katherine T. Merrick of the District of Columbia, sold a small parcel of land on the south side of the Turnpike to two local men, Samuel A. Wyvill and John A. Coale. Samuel A. Wyvill, publisher of the Prince George's Enquirer which was printed weekly in Upper Marlboro, was a member of a family of carpenter/builders; his grandfather, father, and uncles had left a legacy of fine domestic buildings in the Upper Marlboro area. John A. Coale ran a general store on the east side of Upper Marlboro in the neighborhood of the Wyvill home. The 5 1/2-acre parcel of land which Wyvill and Coale purchased out of the Merrick estate lay just outside of the Town boundaries at its northwest entrance; at that time this was the principal gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, carrying traffic between the County Seat and the nation's capital.¹

¹ Prince George's County Deed #164:428; G. M. Hopkins Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D. C., 1894; unidentified map of the area circa 1910.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Item 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.816 acres

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

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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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| state | code | county | code |
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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.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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In 1922, the 5 1/2-acre parcel of land was surveyed by Millard Thorne, and six building lots were formed, ranging in size from just under 6/10 acre to 1.7 acres. Wyvill and Coale had houses erected on the lots, probably built by Joseph V. Wyvill, Jr., younger brother of Samuel Wyvill, and third generation carpenter/builder of the family. The lots were sold and the houses occupied between 1922 and 1925. News of local real estate sales and new construction appeared regularly in the Prince George's Enquirer. For example, the following notice appeared in the 24 March 1922 issue: "County agent W. B. Posey has moved into his new home which he purchased from John A. Coale and Samuel A. Wyvill. The house contains six rooms and bath room." (This was Lot 3, .61 acre.)²

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² Prince George's Enquirer, 24 March 1922; Prince George's County Deeds #191:176, 436; #217:117; #219:463; #224:409. See also Prince George's County Plat #91:64.

³ Prince George's County Deed #191:436; Federal census for Prince George's County, Marlboro District, 1920.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Modern Period - 1930 to present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/Single Dwelling

Design Source: Carpenter Joseph V. Wyvill

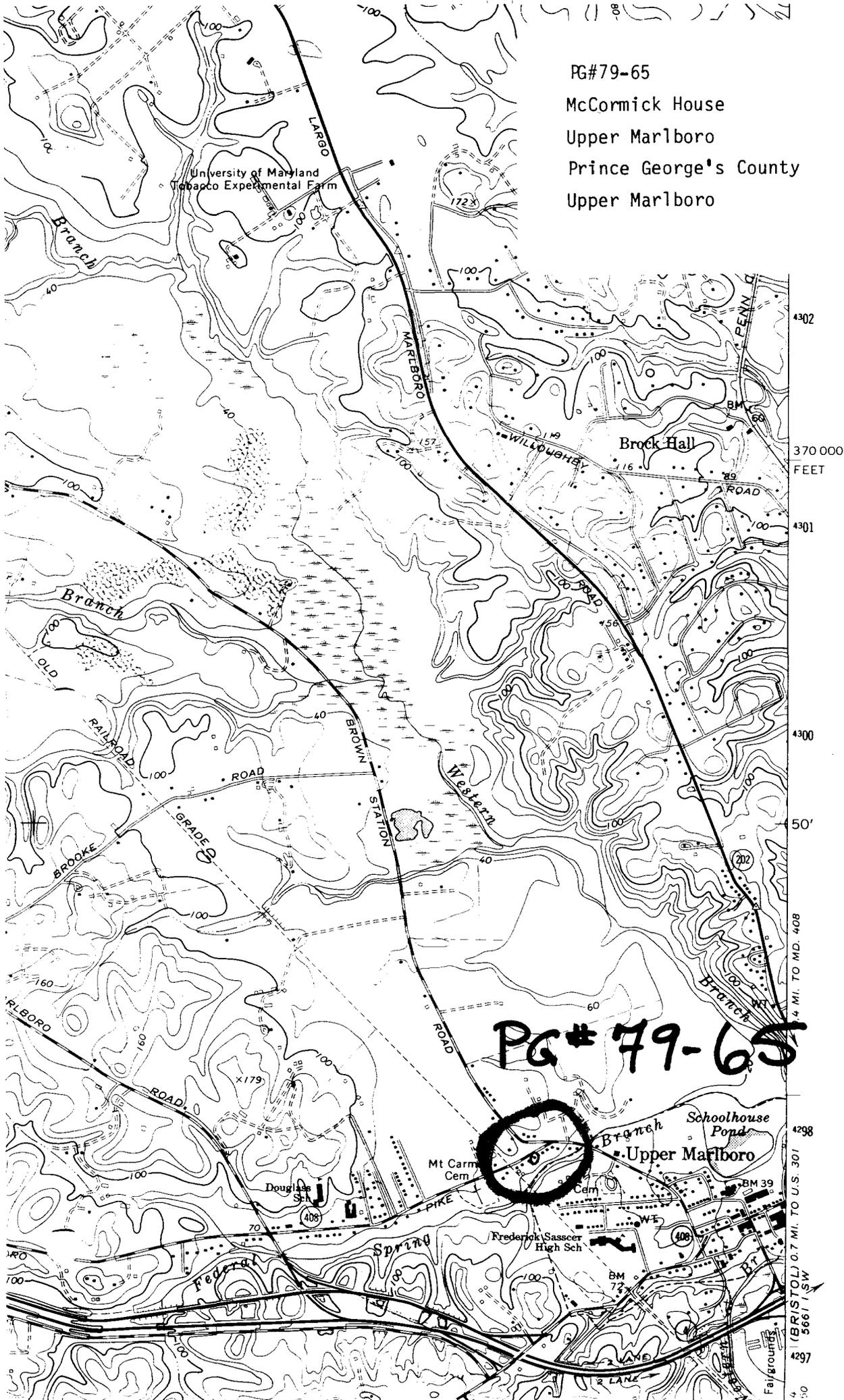
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4298
0.7 MI. TO U.S. 301
4297
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Prince George's Co., MD
Susan G. Pearl
February 1993
Northwest
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