

WI-457
Lida V. Powell House
Powellville
Private

c. 1911

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

The Lida V. Powell house is located at 35565 Mt. Herman Road in Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. Situated on a small knoll, the two-story, two-bay by two-bay, frame dwelling faces northeast with the hip roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story gable-roofed outbuilding that combines a privy with a storage shed.

Dating around 1911, the two-story, side hall/double-pile frame house is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad uniformly with asbestos shingles. Covering the rectangular frame structure is a steeply pitched hip roof of asphalt shingles. Extending from the back of the main block is a single-story shed roofed wing, and an early twentieth-century Tuscan columned porch wraps around the northeast and southeast sides. The main block is served by a centrally positioned single flue brick stove chimney.

The northeast (main) facade is two-bay facade with a side entrance and a flanking single-pane sash window. The entrance is fitted with a partially glazed early twentieth-century door. Sheltering the first floor is the Tuscan columned porch, which is fitted with screens behind the Tuscan columns. The second floor is lighted by a pair of single-pane sash windows. Trimming the base of the hip roof is a boxed cornice accented with bed and crown moldings.

The southeast side elevation is a longer facade in dimension than the front. The east side is pierced by a side entrance and a single-pane sash window on the first floor, and a pair of single-pane sash windows on the second floor. The entire side is sheltered by the Tuscan columned porch. The northwest side is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration of single-pane sash windows.

The southwest (rear) wall is partially covered on the first floor by the single-story shed roofed pantry extension to the kitchen. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows.

The house is divided into three principal rooms with a side stair hall and parlor in front, and a combination kitchen/dining room in back. The house is trimmed with Victorian woodwork included bulls-eye block surrounds that frame four-panel doors.

Standing behind the house is a single-story, gable roofed frame outbuilding that combines a privy with a small storage shed. Supported on a minimal masonry foundation, the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The privy is located on the southern bay of the three-door outbuilding. The interior of the privy retains its plaster walls and seats.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

x Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 74/365, 28 April 1911.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 112/275, 11 March 1919.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area
Acreage surveyed
Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
organization	Private Consultant
street & number	P. O. Box 5
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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35565 Mt. Herman Road
Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

JWTS 617/259

Robert W. Kelley

to

8/23/1965

Robert Henry Kelley
Mildred Alta Johnson Kelley
Item One

JWTS 497/225

Kathryn J. Corddry

to

5/18/1960

Edna Elizabeth Kelley
Robert W. Kelley

JWTS 497/223

Edna Elizabeth Kelley
(formerly Edna Elizabeth Collins)
Robert W. Kelley

to

5/18/1960

Kathy J. Corddry, widow

JWTS 448/25

John White King
Annie M. King

to

4/26/1958

Mary Emily Collins
Edna Elizabeth Collins (now Edna Elizabeth Kelley)

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IDT 199/58

Curtis W. Long, attorney

to

8/26/1936

Sadie Wide Collins (died 9/9/1957)
Public sale made 7/18/1936, contained in a mortgage from
Olivia A. Dennis to Margaret Laws Walker, dated
4/16/1930, IDT 163/311

IDT 161/479

F. Leonard Wailes, trustee of A. Percy White, bankrupt

to

4/16/1930

Olevia A. Dennis
\$2,900 sold at public auction in front of O. B. Holland's
store, 4/14/1929

JCK 112/275

Paul C. Powell, et al.

to

3/11/1919

A. Percy White

Whereas Paul B. Powell, Mary E. Powell, and John L.
Powell conveyed unto Lida V. Powell, 4/28/1911,
EAT 74/365, and whereas the said deed is deemed
defective in law and that the said property is now
described therein with sufficient definiteness and
certainty, and whereas the said Lida V. Powell has since
sold the said property to A. Percy White for \$1,700

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EAT 74/365

Paul C. Powell
Mary E. Powell
John C. Powell

to

4/28/1911

Lida V. Powell
\$228.75



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Wango, MD Quadrangle 1982

(NINEPIN BRANCH)
5986 IV SE

4240

4241

4242

4243

4244

20'



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LIDA V. POULSEN

POWELL CO., WISCONSIN

MORTGAGE

10/99, POULSEN TRUST, POWELL CO., WIS.

NEW YORK STATE

10/99



Bl. 457

Leon V. Powers House

Powdermill, Hancock County, Me.

10/99, 10/99, 10/99, 10/99

10/99, 10/99, 10/99, 10/99

11/00, 11/00, 11/00, 11/00

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