

CAPSULE SUMMARY

F-1-207  
Lamar-Collins House  
Tuscarora vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1890

The Lamar-Collins House is a fair example of a vernacular gable and side wing dwelling of the Victorian period, a type which was popular during the period about 1870-1910. The house has a projecting gable with a perpendicular side wing in which the entrance is sheltered by a one-story porch with scroll-sawn brackets. The exterior retains its original german siding. The house has three diamond-shaped windows as decorative features in the gables and a rear elevation addition. The additions on the west side of the house link originally free-standing outbuildings, one a two-story smokehouse, with the main house. The form and exterior details of the original structure remain mostly intact. A small frame English type barn and a chicken house built about the same time as the house are also on the property. The house was probably built about 1890 by John C. Lamar, the postmaster and proprietor of the general store in Licksville (later Tuscarora) who acquired a total of 300 acres adjoining his village residence in the 1880's. The actual resident may have been Clarence C. Lamar, his son and partner in the store. The Lamars sold the property in 1951, and the house was referred to as "the Collins house", possibly using the name of a recent tenant.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and  
Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn/chicken coop

Know Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lamar--Collins House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 746 Chick Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Tuscarora  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

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

name Dr. Waldemar & Frances J. Dreessen

street & number 746 Chick Road telephone no.:

city, town Tuscarora state and zip code MD 21790

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 529

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 355

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

### SECTION 7: Description:

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The Lamar-Collins House is a two-story frame gable front and wing dwelling built about 1890 on the west side of Chick Road about 1/4 mile southwest of Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation of the house faces east and has a one-story porch with scroll-sawn brackets in the angle between the gable and wing. A frame barn of the English type and a frame chicken house are also on the property, located northwest of the house. A non-contributing garage is also located near the southwest corner of the house. The property was originally an agricultural complex, but is currently principally a private residence. The date of the building was estimated through architectural details and land records.

The house has a two-story rear wing extending from the southwest corner and numerous one and two-story additions on both the north and south sides of the wing which give it a rambling appearance from the west. Some of these additions probably took place after 1954, the date of the present owners' purchase of the property. The roof is covered with composition shingles and the exterior siding is german. The gable section of the east elevation has two window bays with 6/6 sash and louvred shutters. Centered in the gable above the second story windows is a diamond-shaped window with four lights. The wing section has three bays with the entrance in the inner bay nearest the angle of the walls. The door is a 5-panel type. The north elevation of the wing section has a single centered window bay with the same 6/6 sash and louvred shutters as on the east elevation. A second diamond window is also in the gable. On the north side of the wing, a one-story section adjoining the wing is visible, resembling an originally free-standing outbuilding with 6/6 windows and shutters that was joined by extending the wing. There is, however, no visible evidence on the siding or roof which indicates that this took place. Above the one-story projection is a small shed protrusion off the second story which may be a bathroom added in the 20th century. It has a third diamond-shaped window on the north side. On the south elevation, an open second-story corner porch is located at the southwest corner above an enclosed first story porch with multiple-light windows on all sides. A rear door enters the porch from the south. Canvas awnings currently shade the windows. The west elevation of the rear wing is linked by a screened one-story section to a two-story smokehouse with board and batten siding. The smokehouse has perforated vents in the gable end and a corrugated metal roof. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Barn and chicken house: The outbuildings are located northwest of the house and a concrete path leads from the house toward a fence separating the barn from the lawn surrounding the house. The chicken house is located on the west side of the fence just south of the barn. The barn is an English type, without a banked lower level, facing east.

# 8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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		

**Specific dates** c.1890                      **Builder/Architect** Architecture

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.

**SECTION 8: Significance:**

The Lamar-Collins House is a fair example of the gable and wing type of vernacular dwelling of the late Victorian period, about 1870-1910. Although many additions to the rear wing have taken place in the 20th century, linking at least one and possibly two formerly free-standing outbuildings to the main structure, the general outline of the plan and most of its exterior materials remain intact. The house was probably built by John C. Lamar, the general store owner and postmaster of Licksville (Tuscarora from about the 1890's to the present) as part of a 300-acre farm he purchased in the 1880's adjoining his store and residence in Licksville (F-1-214). It is not clear whether this house was the main residence on the farm; it may have been built for Lamar's son Clarence H. Lamar, who was also part owner of the store. The Lamars held the property until 1951. In a deed of that year and in the most current deed dated 1954, the house is referred to as "the Collins house", possibly the name of a recent tenant in the house.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-207

Land Records of Frederick County.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 3 acres  
Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Maryland-Virginia

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
Zone Easting Northing

B          
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 109, Parcel 20.

### 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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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August, 1993

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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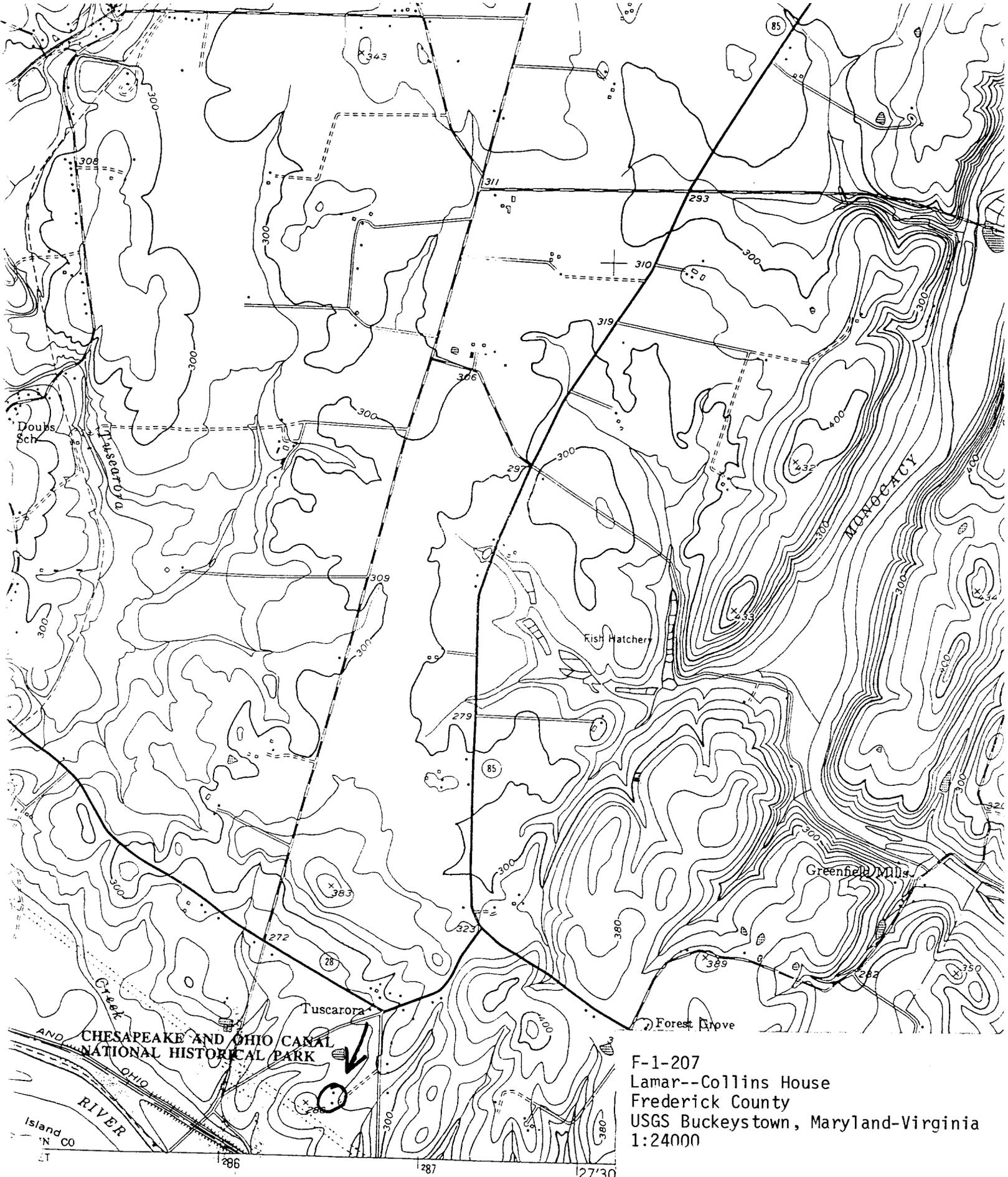
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7.1 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Sliding doors are on the east side and a corrugated metal roof covers the building. The exterior is covered with vertical siding. The chicken house also has vertical siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. Both outbuildings appear to date from about 1890.

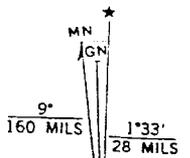
Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
529/355 12 Apr 54	Maldemar C. & Frances J. Dressen	Howell C. & Marjorie Matt Happ	P. 1: 380., 1R., 364sq. p. P. 2: "Collins House" 1A., 3R., 3p.		
491/153 14 Mar 51	Howell C. Happ et ux	Viola R. Lamar widow, & Charles E. Lamar, divorced	P. 1 & 2 as above		
380/27 11 June 31	Clarence H. & Viola Lamar & Chas E. Lamar (son of Clarence & Viola)	Gerald H. Ramsburg			
<del>333/431</del> <del>1 Dec 20</del>					
380/26 11 June 31	Gerald H. Ramsburg	Clarence H. & Viola Lamar			
333/431 1 Dec 20	Clarence H. Lamar	John C. Lamar, widower			
WIP 9/114 14 Feb 1889	John C. Lamar	Florence V. Moffett	218 a., 1R., 39 sq. p.	\$10,500	
WIP 1/521 1 Sept 1886	Florence V. Moffett	Jacob J. Moffett et al	distributed several farms to heirs of Benjamin Moffett	\$13,000	



CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL  
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

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USGS Buckeystown, Maryland-Virginia  
1:24000

of Engineers, U. S. Army  
ted by the Geological Survey  
NOAA, and Maryland Geodetic Survey  
ymmetric methods from aerial photographs  
by the Geological Survey 1952  
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland





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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

East elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO. Crooksville, Md.

North elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Southeast corner view

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Barn, east elevation

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