

F-7-116
Leona Pollack House
Urbana
Private

Circa 1790

Access #6057

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Leona Pollack House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of Route 80 and Thurston Road

CITY, TOWN

Urbana

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Leona Pollack

Telephone #: 323-4744

STREET & NUMBER

32 Olmstead Green

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21210

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 472

Folio #: 475

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>1948</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Leona Pollack House is a two story saltbox roofed frame over log house which faces south from the southwest side of Thurston Road near Urbana. The building was moved by the present owner approximately one quarter mile in 1948 to facilitate the building of Interstate 270. The building faces approximately the same direction as it did prior to its move.

The principal facade is five bays wide. An impressive main entrance is located in the third bay. The door is the original uneven eight panel door with six square upper panels and two lower larger rectangular panels. Each panel on the door is raised. The upper six square panels are raised in a pyramidal shape. Flanking the door are full round columns set into square bases supporting a molded cornice. An eight light transom is situated over the cornice with three side lights and recessed underpaneling on either side of the door. The entire door is surrounded by plain wood trim.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are original pegged 6/6 windows, several of which contained original window lights which may have been blown at the nearby Amelung Glass Factory. Each window is flanked by replaced louvered shutters.

A frame standing seam tin roof porch, added after the house move, supported by six round columns with tongue and groove floor extends across the entire first level of the house.

The main block of the house extends two bays deep. The north and south sides mirror each other almost exactly. Windows located in the southeast and southwest first level corners of the building appear to have been changed probably in the first quarter of the nineteenth century to a larger double hung window. An original double hung 6/6 window is located in the second level, northeast and northwest corners of the house. A small four pane window has been added on the east gable end to accommodate a modern bathroom.

The rear of the building extends five bays wide but is only one story high. An original rear six panel door with original look is located in the third bay. Occupying the first, second and fourth bays are original double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters. A rear entrance porch, added after 1848, extends three bays wide between the second and third bays to the west side of the fifth bay. The frame porch is one story high with standing seam tin shed roof and tongue and groove floor supported by two modern turned columns. The fifth bay has been enclosed with German siding to provide a storage area. A four panel door enters this room from the rear. A modern storm cellar entrance is located in the fourth bay.

The entire structure has been placed on a replaced low stretcher brick and cinder block foundation which originally would have been random stone. Although the original supporting floor beams of the building have remained intact, they have been undergirded by two steel beams which run the width of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Upon the death of Roger Johnson in 1831, the land and house was designated as part of the northern division of his estates to be divided by commissioners appointed by the courts.¹ The land was acquired by James Johnson, son of Roger Johnson, who must have tenanted the house and surrounding farm to Singleton King as indicated by the 1858 Bond Map of the area.

In 1865 James and Emily Johnson sold the property to Singleton King for \$774.37 $\frac{1}{2}$.² King held the property until his death after 1873 when his wife, Mary King, sold the house to William F. Lewis.³

Subsequently the house was owned by the Price's, Geisler's and Ewell's selling the house to the Pollack's the year it was moved.

¹Frederick County Probate Records, Liber GME 1; Folio 212.

²Frederick County Land Records, Liber JWLC 2; Folio 478.

³Ibid., Liber SPT 2; Folio 389.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alexander, John Henry, Report on the Manufacture of Iron. By order of the Maryland Legislature, 1840.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

clh

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

8/11/80

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

7. DESCRIPTION

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The log house is covered on the north and south sides with replaced German siding. The east and west gable ends are covered with eight inch wide hand split clapboarding.

The house is covered by a flank gable roof with extending rear slope forming a saltbox roof. The roof is covered by replaced standing seam tin with cast iron snowbirds. The plain boxed cornice has been replaced. Four brick chimneys, only one of which has been entirely replaced, rise symmetrically from the east and west gable ends of the building and northeast and northwest corners.

A late nineteenth century vertical plank bank barn is located several hundred feet northeast of the house

The interior of the house has remained relatively unchanged in floor plan and detailing. The principal changes occurred in the basement, which is now pour concrete and cinderblock, the addition of a modern kitchen on the first floor northwest rear, closet and bathroom space on the second floor rear, and alteration of the northwest front fireplace and mantelpiece in the first part of the twentieth century.

The house is a two room flanker central hall floor plan. An impressive open well staircase bordered by a beaded baseboard rises to the attic level from the entrance hall. The open string stair is decorated by ornamental brackets with plain newel post and handrail and simple square balustrades.

Each door frame is accentuated by half round molding with original bull's-eye corner blocks in each corner. Doors throughout the house are flat four recessed panel doors. Door and window molding on the second level although original is plain trim.

The mantels located in each room on the first level east side are simple mantelpieces supported by plain pilasters with plain paneled tablet, mantel shelf and rectangular opening. The mantels on the second level are plain with a rectangular opening, mantel shelf and two rows of square inset molding. Except for the rear entrance, hardware throughout the house has been replaced.

The architectural integrity of the building has remained intact and is most significant to an understanding of building styles extant in Frederick County.



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BUCKEYSTOWN

20' 45" 45'



F-7-116 Leona Pollack House
Int THURSTON ROAD - Rt 180

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CRW 6/80

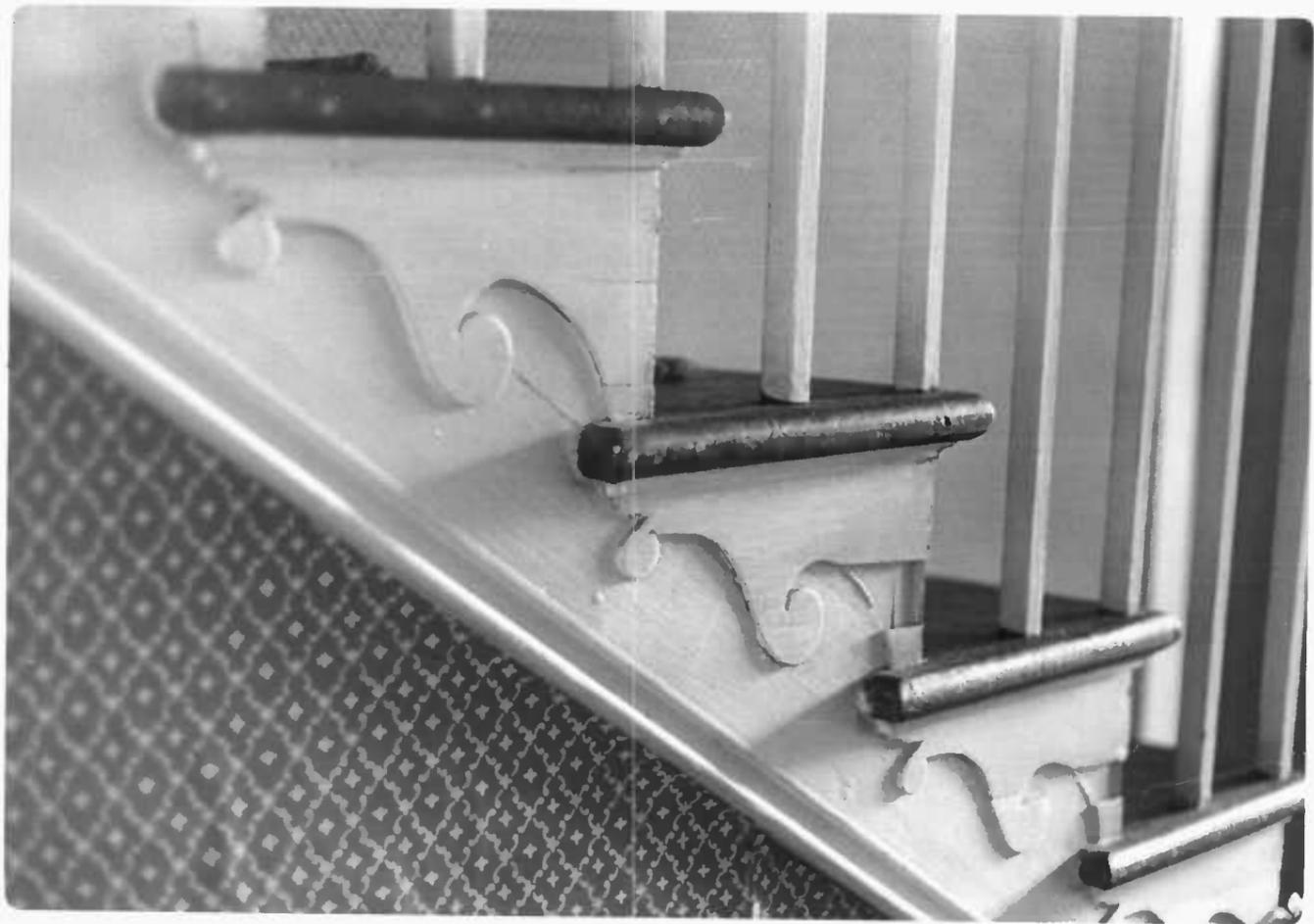
SOUTH FEURUSION



F-7-116 Leona Pollack HSE
Int. Thurston RD + Bte 180
Ulana

Ch 6/80

North elevation



F-7-116 heara Pollack HSE
Int Houston RD + Rte 180

Urbona

CRW 6/30

Intena Stewcase



F-7-116 heora Pollack
House

Just THURSTON Rd +
Rte 180

Uelona

CREW 6/80

FRONT DOOR DETAIL



F-7-116 heena Pollack HSE

Int Thurston Rd + Rte 180

Urline

ORW 6/80

BEST ELEVATION