

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mobley House

and/or common Howard House

2. Location

street & number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Road not for publicationcity, town Damascus vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

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 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 E. Brooke Lee 3rd & A.B. Lee

street & number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Road telephone no.:

city, town Damascus state and zip code Maryland, 20760

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4921

street & number folio 885

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

DESCRIPTION

M: 14-13

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Significance

Survey No.

M: 14-13

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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**Builder/Architect**Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/orApplicable Exception: A B C D E F GLevel of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and report.

The Mobley House is a late nineteenth century rural dwelling. The present house has a somewhat unusual look in that it seems to combine Classical Revival and late Victorian styling. This may be the result of twentieth century remodeling; giving what was probably a Victorian influenced structure a revival look with changes to the facade, including the present molded architrave entry with pediment. Victorian influence is seen in the treatment of the front and rear corners of the south elevation where they have been cut and windows are located. To the rear of the house is a two story section.

The house is believed to have been built in 1893 by William B. Mobley.¹ Mobley purchased the property along with his wife's uncle, Samuel Riggs in May of 1889. The property then consisted of 176 acres of the "Resurvey on Griffithsburg" tract and was improved by a comfortable frame dwelling, barn and other outbuildings.² Riggs later conveyed the property in full to Mobley in 1897. William and his wife, Louisa H. Mobley built their own dwelling in March of 1893.³ They farmed the land until March of 1900 when they sold the property to John A. & Cora S. Howard.⁴ The Howards lived in the house for many years, running a farm on their 110 acres. The Howards more than likely had the rear section built about 1909.⁵ In July of 1937, John (by then a widower) sold the farm to Lance Tompkins and his wife, Hazel.⁶ The property was then described as 110 acres in a good state of cultivation, improved by a seven room dwelling house in good condition.⁷ The Tompkins later sold the farm to E. Brooke Lee & Silver Spring Properties, Inc.⁸ The house, still in the Lee family, now rests on a 6.3806 acre lot.

See Attachment Sheet for footnotes

Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:14-13

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Judgement Records
Sentinel, March 17, 1893

0. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 6.38

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing

B Zone	B Easting	B Northing
D Zone	D Easting	D Northing
F Zone	F Easting	F Northing
H Zone	H Easting	H Northing

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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1. Form Prepared By

name/title	Catherine Crawford		
organization	Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.	date	1/84
street & number		telephone	
city or town	Rockville	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.

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Howard House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hawkins Creamery Road (at bend in road)

CITY, TOWN

Damascus

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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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"/> ECONCMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Donald Warfield, this was the old Howard place, that was bought and remodeled by the E. Brooke Lee family during the 20th Century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

M: 1413

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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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/22/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME (LEE) ^{HOWARD} HOUSE M. # 14-13

LOCATION BEND IN HAWKINS CREAMERY Rd DAMASCUS, Md

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