

Site: M:26/10/55

The Conklin House

411 West Montgomery Avenue

Built: 1924

Private

The Conklin House is an example of early 20th century infill on lots in the late 19th century "West End Park" subdivision. It was constructed in 1924 for a member of the England family which owned the Victorian residence next door. The original owners still reside here.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historicand/or common The Conklin House

2. Location

street & number 411 West Montgomery Avenue not for publicationcity, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

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

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

name Lucille E. Conklinstreet & number 411 West Montgomery Avenue telephone no.: 762-3348city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 574street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 173city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register of Historic Places 1974date City of Rockville Historic District 1974 federal state county localrepository for survey records City of Rockvillecity, town Rockville state Maryland

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 Conklin house faces south toward the intersection of West Montgomery Avenue and Thomas Street. Large, towering hardwood trees and dense shrubbery surround the house virtually hiding it from the street. Its long, narrow lot stretches to a rear alley. This house is closely connected to its neighbor 409 West Montgomery Avenue and shares rear parking and outbuildings with it. The immediate backyard is fenced.

This 2-and-1/2-story frame house sits on a cement foundation. It has a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles, wide eaves, and a front, hipped dormer. The square shape of the house is altered at the rear where a number of additions have been made. Most of the windows are six-over-one double-hung sash. The house is now covered in a textured stucco. There is one interior chimney.

Although associated with its highly decorative neighbor, this house is a sharp contrast with its plain, unadorned facade. The house shares a basic form with other houses of the 1920s and is sometimes called an American Foursquare.

The front facade is asymmetrically arranged, with paired windows on each corner on both stories. A central exterior door containing a large window and having flanking sidelights serves as the principal entryway. Paired windows also are located in the dormer. An uncovered porch with cement foundation and capped cement piers connected with an iron balustrade stretches across the full facade.

The three-bay west facade has an even fenestration, with the center bay of the first story containing a smaller six-over-six window.

The north (rear) facade has a number of additions that create an asymmetrical massing. A two-story addition extends across the full facade with large plate-glass windows enclosing the second story. The first story has further additions that include a screened, shed roofed porch at the northeast corner and another gable roofed room at the northwest corner. These additions have different siding and multi-light windows.

The east facade has single windows in the first bay on both stories. A small projecting second-story porch with hipped roof covers an exterior door on the second story. This also covers a cement porch on the first story which has another exterior door. Wooden steps with railing lead down from the second story toward the south. Additional windows are irregularly set in the facade at the northeast corner. The windows in the east side of the rear additions also are irregularly placed.



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