

Site M:26/16/2

Old Carroll House

206 Martin's Lane

Private

Built: 1887

The Old Carroll house is one of the last of the houses built by the former slaves and black servants of the Beall family on land purchased from the Beall estate after the Civil War. J. Wesley Carroll built this tall, square $2\frac{1}{2}$ story gable roofed house. Although it is plain, it is dignified by small areas of turned and jigsawed woodwork on doors, under-eaves and at gable apexes. It has been in the Carroll family for three generations, but is now vacant and in danger from vandalism and decay.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M: 26/10/2

Magi No. 1651445604

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Carroll House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 206 Martin's Lane not for publication

city, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 James Carroll

street & number 204 Martin's Lane telephone no.: 424-5695

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber TD16

street & number Montgomery County Courthouse folio 164

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC

date 1976 ___ federal state county ___ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Derwood state Maryland 20855

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

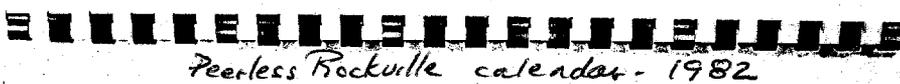
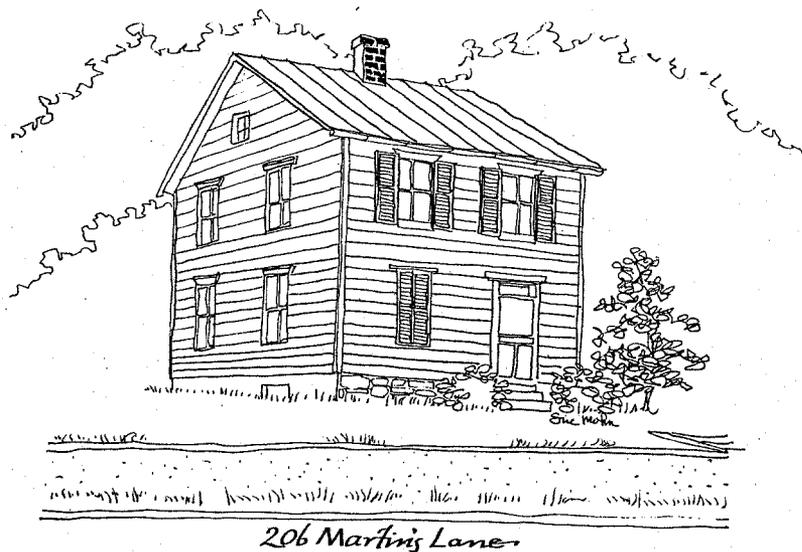
This two bay by two bay small square frame 2½ story house faces north onto Martin's Lane. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the German-sided house is set on brick piers. The off-center brick chimney has some corbelling.

The north (front) facade has simple decorative brackets under the eaves. Two steps lead to the entrance door, which is located at the west bay of this facade. The four-paneled door features tiny bull's-eyes in the four corners of each panel. The wooden screen door has small spindles at mid-height, and there is a transom above.

The east facade has two windows on each of the first two levels, and a small square attic window above. The west facade is blank, except for the square attic window at the gable. There is a small pendant at the apex of each gable. The south (rear) facade is similar to the north, but there is no window above the door.

Windows throughout the house are two over two double-hung sash; many are flanked or covered by loeuvred shutters. Lintels and mouldings are simple.

The Carroll house sits in a dignified manner near the crest of a small rise close to the road. A narrow gravel and rock driveway leads from the west side of the house to the rear of the lot, which is heavily wooded. There is a small board and batten shed behind the house. The Carroll house has been vacant for about ten years and does not have sewer.



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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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1887 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Carroll house is significant as an early representative of the houses constructed in Haiti, a post-Civil War black settlement north of Rockville. The house has been owned continuously by one family since its construction in the mid-1880s, and appears to be in near original condition.

The road now known as Martins Lane was the dividing line between the lands of Samuel Martin and the Beall family. Samuel Martin, a free black, owned 8½ acres of "Exchange and New Exchange" near the northern town limits of Rockville, in 1827. Adjoining Martin's property to the south were the Beall family holdings, on which tenant houses for her servants and slaves were located. After the Civil War, the Beall sisters began to sell off small parcels of the north end of their property (south side of Martins Lane) to families of former slaves and servants -- Ross, Wood, Smith, Herbert, Powell, Carroll.¹

The 1860 Census of Free Inhabitants lists a 19-year-old mulatto farmhand named "Wesley Carroll" in the household of the Beall sisters. In 1885 Margaret, the only surviving sister, sold ¾ acre of her land to J. Wesley Carroll for \$145. Two years later, Carroll and his wife, Margaret, borrowed \$500 from Miss Beall, secured by a mortgage on the land and improvements.² It is assumed that the \$500 was borrowed to build the house.

The Carroll house, like the other houses erected in the Haiti area around Martins Lane, was a neatly kept family home, surrounded by gardens and fruit trees. The black community was close-knit; it had its own park and burying grounds. In 1900 Louis Carroll purchased 206 Martins Lane from his father for \$50.³ In the 1910 Tax Assessments, the house is valued at \$500. Another quarter acre was added to the property in 1919 from the lands of next door neighbor, Henry Herbert.

The Louis Carrolls lived there until his death and Mrs. Carroll's removal to a nursing home in the 1970s. Today, the house is vacant, owned by James "Buddy" Carroll, the grandson of the first Carrolls, who lives next door at 204 Martins Lane.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Further discussion of Martins Lane development is contained in Survey Form for 22 Martins Lane, Site 26/16/1.
2. Land Records, EBP 35/411 (1885) and JA 7/247 (1887).
3. Ibid., TD 16/164 (1900).

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