

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic West House

and/or common Oaklyn Rd. Houses

2. Location

street & number 9400 Falls Rd. not for publication

city, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 10th

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 Carlton & Shelley North

street & number 9400 Falls Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Potomac state and zip code Md., 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4794

street & number folio 482

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

7 DESCRIPTION

M:29-22-2

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are several small, turn-of-the-century houses at this location and further east along Oaklyn Drive. All are two-story, frame dwellings. The one house that is located west of Falls Road has a two-bay front, with a pedimented gable facade. It features a Victorian porch, with turned posts and elaborate brackets.

Across the street is an older house of traditional local style, with a three-bay main (west) facade, center gable and central doorway. It has a returned cornice, and two smaller wings that telescope from the rear of the main house. Farther east along Oaklyn Drive are several plain houses that remain from the old Negro settlement here. Near these is the old Ingalls home, where Mr. Edgar Ingalls lived and ran the Gold Mine Museum until recently. His relatives, the Collins family, had farmed here for generations, and Mr. Ingalls worked in the nearby Gold Mines. These houses may represent settlement that resulted from the "gold fever" era that ran from the 1870's to 1920's. More likely, however, several were built as a result of the trolley line that operated here from 1913-1921. This line was built by a real estate venture that hoped (and generally failed) to attract commuters from Washington.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. Significance

Survey No.

M: 29-22.2

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 circa. 1906 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 West House is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the Mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Charles E. West about 1906.¹ Charles built his house on three acres of a tract of land referred to as "Clear Spring Level" which he purchased in October of 1905 from Sarah and Margaret Harrison (the heirs of William and Catherine Harrison who owned 225 acres with a house on it).² Charles later purchased an additional 3 acres from the Harrisons in 1908.³

Charles and his wife, Bessie, sold the house in January of 1925 to Frederick and Isabel Doering.⁴ The Doerings owned the house for many years, selling it in 1963 to William and Theresa Saunders.⁵ In June of 1976 the house was purchased by the present owners, Carlton and Shelley North.⁶ Shortly after purchasing the house, the Norths remodeled it, building on a porch and an addition.⁷

¹The date given is based on the date that the land was purchased, the date that it first appears on the tax records with improvements listed and the fact that it appears on the 1918 map but not on the map of 1894.

²Deed 184/213, Mont. Co. land Records.

³Deed 200/138, " "

⁴Deed 368/14, " "

⁵Deed 3145/390, " "

⁶Deed 4794/482, " "

⁷Conversation with Mr. North, 12/82.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.237 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

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.

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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