

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-11 Building Date: 1840's, 1870's
Building Name: McLeod-Forrester House
Location: 11034 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Accessible

Description:

The McLeod-Forrester House is a two-and-one-half-story frame house which stands on a large, landscaped lot in a densely populated residential area of Beltsville. It consists of a side-gabled main block with two gable-roofed wings extending to the rear. The main block is five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay east facade. Entrance is through a door with transom and sidelights. Above the entrance is a central cross-gable highlighted by a central bullseye window. Across the east facade is a one-story porch with chamfered posts and balustrade railing. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, one on each side of the central stairhall. The cornice is boxed with crown molding, and is returned at the north and south gable ends. Within each of these returned cornices is a central bullseye window. Interior plan of the main block is that of a standard I-house. Extending west from the main block, flush with the north gable end is a gable-roofed ell kitchen wing, one bay deep and two bays wide. The building rests on brick foundations; it is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the roof with asphalt shingle. Filling the southwest corner between the main block and the ell is a two-story gable-roofed one-room section which is the oldest part of the house.

Significance:

The McLeod-Forrester House is a multi-period dwelling which is a good example of residential expansion. The first dwelling was built before the Civil War, and survives as the southwest wing, but it has been rebuilt to the extent that the original structural materials are not easily visible. In 1858, George McLeod, a Scottish immigrant, purchased 20 acres near Beltsville; he worked as a florist, and was gardener at the White House during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln. In the 1870's the house was expanded by the construction of what is now the main block. This new construction followed the standard I-house plan, but included some features not commonly found in houses of its type in Prince George's County; it was distinguished on the exterior by bulls-eye windows in the entrance cross-gable and gable ends, and on the interior by handsome moldings and stair treatment. This dwelling was the home of the McLeod family until 1912. Today it stands in a residential neighborhood among modern dwellings, a distinctive landmark in the Beltsville area.

Acreage: .9507 acre

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McLeod Houseand/or common Forrester House

2. Location

street & number 11034 Montgomery Road not for publicationcity, town Beltsville vicinity of 5 congressional districtstate Maryland county Prince George's

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 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 Curtis Forresterstreet & number 11034 Montgomery Road telephone no.:city, town Beltsville state and zip code Md. 20705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2873street & number Main Street folio 403city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sitesdate 1974 federal state county localdepository for survey records History Division MNCPPCcity, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 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 McLeod-Forrester House is a two-and-one-half-story frame house which stands on a large, landscaped lot in a densely populated residential area of Beltsville. It is set back from Montgomery Road, and shares a driveway with the house immediately to the north. It consists of a side-gabled main block with two gable-roofed wings extending to the rear at right angles. The main block is five bays by one bay, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay (main) east facade. Entrance is through a door with two-pane transom and two-pane sidelights. Above the entrance is a central cross-gable highlighted by a central bullseye window. Across the east facade is a one-story porch which rests on concrete piers. Porch posts are chamfered and have upper molding and frieze; there is a plain balustrade railing. There are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge, one on each side of the central stairhall; these chimneys serve the interior fireplaces in each of the two side parlors. The cornice is boxed with crown molding, and is returned at the north and south gable ends. Within each of these returned cornices is a central bullseye window identical to that in the central cross gable. Interior plan of the main block is that of a standard I-house, i.e., central stairhall with a parlor on each side. The handsome staircase has turned newel and balusters. Door and window surrounds have multi-band ovolo moldings.

Extending west from the north section of the main block (and flush with the north gable end) is a gable roofed ell (kitchen) wing, one bay deep and two bays wide. Rear entrance to the kitchen is in the second bay of its west gable end; both bays are sheltered by a shed roof porch. The cornice is returned at this west gable end; there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge.

Windows in the main block and ell wing are 2/2 double hung sash, and have plain board surround with crown molding at the top of the lintel. Most windows have black louvered shutters. The building rests on brick foundations. The building is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle.

Filling the (southwest) corner between the main block and the ell is a two-story gable-roofed one-room section which is the oldest part of the house. Its roof ridge runs parallel to that of the ell. The south plane of its gable roof extends to fill the southwest corner with a two-story "sleeping porch". The second floor of the porch has been removed in recent years; all that remains is a small railed balcony in front of the second-story door in the third bay. Tall turned posts now support the full

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1840's, 1870's **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 McLeod-Forrester House is a multi-period dwelling which is a good example of residential expansion. The first dwelling was small and simple, probably just one room, which was built before the Civil War. This simple dwelling survives as the southwest wing, but it has been rebuilt to the extent that the original structural materials are not easily visible.¹

In 1858, George McLeod, a Scottish immigrant, purchased 20 acres near Beltsville on "the road leading from Shaw's Meeting House to the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike".² McLeod worked as a florist, and was gardener at the White House during the presidency of Abraham Lincoln.³ In the 1870's, at approximately the time of the marriage of McLeod's daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, to Michael Smith, the house was expanded by the construction of what is now the main block. This new construction followed the standard I-house plan (two-and-one-half-story, central stairhall with a parlor on each side), but included some features not commonly found in houses of its type in Prince George's County; it was distinguished on the exterior by bulls-eye windows in the entrance cross-gable and gable ends, and on the interior by handsome moldings and stair treatment.

This handsome dwelling was the home of the McLeods and Smiths until 1912 when it was sold to the Armiger family, who made it their home for fifty years. The present owners have resided there since 1963.⁴ Today the house stands in a residential neighborhood among modern dwellings, a distinctive landmark in the Beltsville area.

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second-story roof. Windows in the west gable end of this section are 2/2 double hung sash; altered windows on its south side are 6/6. There is a basement under this section, from which the first floor structure is not readily visible; foundations are of brick, reinforced with concrete block. Door and window surrounds are of plain board, with plain corner blocks.

Immediately behind the house to the west is a concrete block garage, and a short distance farther west is a small frame gable-roofed shed/barn.

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Notes

1 The present owners have spoken to a member of the Smith family who was born in this house circa 1885; Mr. Smith had been told that the first dwelling was built in the 1840's.

2 Prince George's County Land Records CSM #2:495.

3 Prince George's County Census; interviews with owners, April 1985, cf. note #1.

4 Prince George's County Land Records #80:78; #2873:403.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Forrester House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 11034 Montgomery Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville					
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Curtis B. Forrester					
STREET AND NUMBER: 11034 Montgomery Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Beltsville			STATE: Md.		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Md.		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story frame farmhouse with a shed-roof porch across the east facade. There is a gable as tall as the roof ridge above the center bay. There is a round window in the center gable as well as in the end gables. The two chimneys are on either side of the central gable at the ridge of the roof. The entrance has side and transom lights. The square porch posts have a molding separating the frieze from the shaft.

A two story wing extends westward.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 1/26/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Md.

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

McLeod-Forrester House P.G. #61-11

2873:403 26 July 1963 Deed	Walter and Gladys Armiger to Curtis and Sylvia Forrester, .9507 acres of land lying on Montgomery Road near Beltsville. Armiger obtained this parcel by 2773:444.
2773:444 14 Dec. 1962 Deed	W. Carrol Beatty and Thema Beatty to Walter and Gladys Armiger; 2.61 acres of land lying on Montgomery Road near Beltsville.
2773:442 14 Dec. 1962 Deed	Rose M. Armiger, widow, and Walter Armiger to W. Carrol Beatty; 2.61 acres of land lying on the western side of Montgomery Road near Beltsville.
GS0#1 July 1949 Will	W. Carrol Beatty was named Administrator of the estate of John W. Armiger who died intestate. Beatty was to settle all claims towards John W. Armiger and then turn over the remaining estate to Rose Armiger, widow, and Walter Armiger. John W. Armiger's estate included 3.49 acres of land near Beltsville with improvements.
80:78 2 Dec. 1912 Deed	Lucy E. Smith to John Armiger; four tracts of land with one containing 19.9 acres of land that Smith inherited from her father, George McLeod. This land lies on the westerly side of the road leading from Shaws Meeting House to the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike.
#1598 1896 Estate File	George McLeod died intestate, 1896. Michael Smith, son-in-law, appointed administrator of estate.
CSM#2:495 20 Nov. 1858 Deed	George and Sophia Sibel to George McLeod; 19.9 acres of land along the road leading from Shaws Meeting House to the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike.

HOME ACRES

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2685

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5752

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0294

2155

HOME ACRES

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HOME ACRES

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HOME ACRES

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HOME ACRES

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LOT 1

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MONTGOMERY ESTATES

2844

3192

FRAPS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
5305 / 818

R-R

OBOA P119

095A P15

5202

STJOSEPH'S CHURCH

9.87 A.

5922

STOCONGA DRIVE

ELEVEN CEDARS

4399

STERLING WALLACE
521-77
5.25A.
P128

6336

3089

14061

LEWIS HILLS

1169

SECT I ADD
TO ELEVEN
CEDARS

5501

0.91A
P113

RCWIGAND
3264/210
2.55A
P38

3014

3014

SELLMAN ROAD

RICHARD C
STELLO
200A
P 50

6288

BOARD OF EDUCATION

DG MCCOLLOUGH
5714/156
3.73A.
P 51

736

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R-R

107062

CHESTNUT HILLS

1196

R-18

MONT-
PHASE

PELIER

107041

VILLAGE
PHASE 2
CONDO

107048

5026

LITTLE FAINT BRANCH RD

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McLeod House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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McLeod House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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McLeod House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.