

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-5 Building Date: ca. 1890, 1920's

Building Name: Larcombe House

Location: 9110 4th Street, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Larcombe House is situated on a town lot in Hynesboro; it is a two-story frame gable-roofed house; the three-bay south (main) facade is highlighted by a projecting porch tower in the central bay. The cross-gable of the tower is decorated with two courses of saw-tooth shingles. Entrance is into the projecting tower, through a fifteen-pane door with single-pane transom. Across the south facade is a one-story pedimented porch resting on brick piers; like the cross gable of the porch tower, the pediment of the central entrance porch is decorated with saw-tooth shingles. The porch is supported by a series of square posts, the central of which have jig-sawn brackets. The house is covered with German siding painted light brown. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and have plain white board lintels. At the rear of the house is a one-story addition.

Significance

The Larcombe House is an example of a simple vernacular house form with late Victorian and Classical Revival decorative elements. It was built as a summer cottage, circa 1890, by Benjamin Larcombe, a plasterer and builder who in 1885 purchased several lots in the newly platted resort suburb of Hynesboro Park. He constructed a dwelling which was distinguished by the central projecting tower and porch, and by the Victorian shingle detail and jig-sawn brackets. The Larcombes called their summer residence Oak Villa. In the next generation, John W. Larcombe, who had followed his father in the building trade, converted the summer residence into a year-round home. The principal remodeling consisted of the building in the living room of a large floor-to-ceiling fireplace, composed of selected pieces of local iron-bearing stone. Oak Villa was sold out of the Larcombe family in 1955. Since then a residential community of single-family dwellings has grown up around it. Standing on its oak-shaded lot, it is one of only a few visible reminders of old Hynesboro Park.

Acreage: 7,500 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. P.G. #70-5

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Larcombe House (Oak Villa)

and/or common (indicated on 1974 survey as Hynes House)

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 9110 4th Street

 not for publication

city, town Lanham

 vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Md. 20769

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Walter Foltz Jr.

street &amp; number 9110 4th Street

telephone no.: 577-6264

city, town Lanham

state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

liber 4276

street &amp; number Main Street

folio 889

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974

 federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records

History Division

MNCPPC

city, town

Riverdale

state

Md.

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Larcombe House is situated in a town lot in Hynesboro (now Seabrook), fronting on 4th Street (old Seabrook Road). It is a two-story frame gable-roofed house; the three-bay south (main) facade is highlighted by a projecting porch tower (projecting bay under a cross-gable) in the central bay. The cross-gable of the tower is decorated with two courses of saw-tooth shingles. Entrance is into the projecting tower, through a fifteen-pane door with single-pane transom.

Across the south facade is a one-story pedimented porch resting on brick piers; like the cross gable of the porch tower, the pediment of the central entrance porch is decorated with saw-tooth shingles. The porch is supported by a series of square posts, following the outlines of the projecting tower; the two posts which frame the central entrance have jig-sawn brackets. The house is covered with German siding painted light brown. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and are surmounted by plain white board lintels; they have black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black synthetic shingles; there is an interior stove chimney near the east end of the ridge.

At the rear of the house is a one-story addition with one tall brick chimney.

The Larcombe House fronts directly on 4th Street, a narrow side street; there are several large old trees in the yard. It is closely adjoined on west and north by other small lots with modern dwellings; adjoining on the east is the old Hynesboro Chapel, now converted into a small residence.

# 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 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** ca. 1890, 1920'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 Larcombe House is an example of a simple vernacular house form with late Victorian and Classical Revival decorative elements. It was built as a summer cottage, circa 1890, by Benjamin Larcombe, a plasterer and builder who resided in the District of Columbia.<sup>1</sup> Larcombe purchased in 1885 several lots in the newly platted resort suburb of Hynesboro Park,<sup>2</sup> and constructed a dwelling which essentially followed the I-house plan, but was distinguished by the central projecting tower and porch, and by the Victorian shingle detail and jig-sawn brackets. The house was built fronting on old Seabrook Road, which ran north of and nearly parallel to the railroad line into Washington. The lot included also a stable building, and was planted with oak trees. The Larcombes called their summer residence Oak Villa. Adjoining Oak Villa on the east was the small Hynesboro Chapel (later converted into a residence); a block farther east stood the larger Victorian home place of the Hynes family who had developed the resort community of Hynesboro Park, and for whom it was named.<sup>3</sup>

After the deaths of Benjamin and Margaret Larcombe, the house and adjoining lots were (in the 1920's) allotted to their son; John W. Larcombe, who had followed his father in the building trade, converted the summer residence into a year-round home. The principal remodeling consisted of the building in the living room of a large floor-to-ceiling fireplace, composed of selected pieces of local iron-bearing stone.<sup>4</sup>

Oak Villa remained the home of John Larcombe, and later of his widow, until it was sold out of her estate in 1955.<sup>5</sup> Since then a residential community of single-family dwellings has grown up around the Larcombe House. Standing on its oak-shaded lot, it is one of only a few visible reminders of old Hynesboro Park.



## #8. Continued

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-1910; conversation with Larcombe family member, August 1985.
- 2 Prince George's County Land Records JWB #10:51; cf. plat A-99, JWB #4:562.
- 3 Lanham Souvenir Book, 1972, Larcombe photographs; conversation with Jean Larcombe White, August 1985.
- 4 Prince George's County Land Records #206:23; Equity #5792; conversation with Jean Larcombe White, August 1985.
- 5 Prince George's County Land Records #1893:1.



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"/> Unrepaired
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a central projecting bay. A one story porch runs across the main (south) facade.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Check One or More as Appropriate

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

State of New York  
Department of State

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			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
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "
NE	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "
SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for 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: MNCPPC DATE: 15 Nov 73

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Larcombe House  
P.G. #70-5

- #4276:889  
10 Sept. 1973  
Deed Donald E. and Nancy Christy to Walter L. and Jane M. Foltz; Lot #15, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park as per Plat Book A:99, same which grantors acquired by #3265:187.
- #3265:187  
10 Jan. 1966  
Deed John H. and Margaret C. Hughes to Donald E. and Nancy C. Christy; Lot #15; Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same which grantors acquired by #3086:209.
- #3086:209  
22 Dec. 1964  
Deed John Hass and John H. Hughes to John H. and Margaret C. Hughes, tenants by the entirety; Lot #15, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same as described in #2973:141.
- #2973:141  
15 April 1964  
Deed Nicolas A. and Simone Cipriano to John Hass and John H. Hughes, joint tenants; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park, formerly called Addition to Bacon Hall; plat recorded in JWB #4:562.
- #2406:27  
3 Dec. 1959  
Deed Octavia M. Kagle, widow of John C. Kagle who died 15 March 1958, to Nicolas A. and Simone Cipriano; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same which grantor acquired by #1893:5.
- (There are no admin. papers for John C. Kagle.)
- #1893:5  
15 July 1955  
Deed Robert B. Mathias and Lester D. Reber, trustees, to John C. and Octavia M. Kagle; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, in Hynesboro Park; same grantors acquired from the estate of Mabel T. Larcombe.
- #1893:1  
28 June 1955  
Deed Minnie F. Thompson et al, heirs-at-law of Mabel T. Larcombe, deceased, to Robert B. Mathias and Lester D. Reber, attorneys for the purpose of selling and distributing the deceased's estate; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park.
- #207:238  
2 Feb. 1924  
Deed Henry C. and Olive E. Larcombe to John W. and Mabel T. Larcombe, as tenants by the Entireties; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park.
- #207:238  
2 Feb. 1924  
Deed John W. and Mabel T. Larcombe to Henry C. Larcombe; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same which grantors acquired by deed dated 29 Oct. 1923 and same as shown on plat recorded JWB #4:562.

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- #206:23  
29 Oct. 1923  
Deed
- John U. Gardiner and T. Howard Duckett, trustees appointed in Equity #5792, to John W. Larcombe; Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2 in Hynesboro Park; same property conveyed by #52:33 and JB #11:194.
- Equity  
#5792  
28 Sept. 1923
- Suit and cross suit by heirs of Margaret E. Larcombe who died 18 Nov. 1910. By her will (Admin. #17,660 in Washington, D.C.) she devised a life estate in Lots #11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Block #2 in Hynesboro Park to her husband, Benjamin F. Larcombe. He having also died, by her will the property descended equally to her children, Margaret Lowe, Mary Crandell, Henry and John Larcombe. Plaintiff's petition for sale of property; defendant, John W. Larcombe, in cross suit claimed the other heirs had agreed orally to convey their quarter shares to him for \$300 each, that Henry had already conveyed his portion. He petitioned for an order to his sisters to convey their shares. Decree 28 Sept. 1923 ordered plaintiffs to execute deeds; if they did not do so in 20 days, John U. Gardiner and T. Howard Duckett, as trustees, were authorized to make conveyance.
- #164:252  
5 March 1921  
Deed
- For \$1,200, Margaret E. and Millard Lowe, Mary A. and H. Noble Crandall and Henry C. and Olive E. Larcombe, heirs of Margaret E. Larcombe, to John W. Larcombe; all their interest in Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro Park; same property conveyed by JB #11:194.
- JB #11:194  
9 May 1900  
Deed
- Deed of gift from Henry C. Larcombe to his mother, Margaret E. Larcombe; Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro.
- JB #11:192  
9 May 1900  
Deed
- For \$100, Benjamin F. and Margaret E. Larcombe to Henry C. Larcombe; Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block #2, Hynesboro; same grantors acquired by deeds dated 11 Sept. 1885 and 13 Sept. 1887.
- JWB #10:51  
11 Sept. 1885  
Deed
- For \$20, Marion Duckett, attorney for Thomas and Jessie P. Hynes, to Benjamin F. Larcombe; Lots 14 and 15, Block #2, Hynesboro.





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Larcombe House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1985  
Southeast 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-5

Larcombe House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

South elevation

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



NAME HYNES HOUSE

LOCATION 9110 4TH AVE SEABROOK, MD (HYNESBORO)

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PHOTO TAKEN 11/15/73 MOWYER