

Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. PG:68-10-79

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John J. Mohler House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number: 5103 42nd ~~Street~~ Avenue not for publication

city, town Hyattsville vicinity of congressional district 5

state 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 James C. Carrey

street & number 5103 42nd Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville state and zip code Maryland 20781

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. PG County Admin. Building liber 6508

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive folio 200

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title
 e federal state county local

depository for survey records

. 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.

This structure is a two-story, three bay frame building, most notable for its two and one half story three-bay tower with a hexagonal pyramid roof located on the southern half of the facade. The house itself is rectangular and has a slightly pitched side gable roof, while the portion of the house that the tower is attached to has a low-pitched pyramidal roof. A four bay porch, retaining its original railing, spans the eastern facade of the house, visually pulling the asymmetrical elements of the house together.

The porch does not have carved brackets as found in neighboring houses, but an arched fascia board with a trefoil design carved into each end next to the post. The balusters on the porch are flat on the side facing the house, and bow out in a slight "s" form on the opposite side, giving the appearance as if the weight of the top railing was causing the balusters to bend under its weight. The porch rests on cement covered brick pilasters and white latticework spans the openings.

The main facade is dominated by the tower, having six tall thin one over one windows. Additional openings on the facade are the front door with a side light on its right side, two additional doors on either side of the porch and a square window on the far right of the facade.

The doors and extra window were added after 1933 and resulted in the side edges of the porch being filled in. The illustration of the house in Sanborn maps does not indicate that the porch has been filled in, and assuming the reliability of the Sanborns, it can be assumed that the alterations occurred sometime after the last map.

The rear of the house has suffered the most alterations. A large, blocky addition was added by the present owner, but it is not seen from the front, and is only noticeable from the back alley.

Significance

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Period Areas of Significance-Check and justify below

<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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 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 1904

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:
and/or

A B C D

Applicable Exception:

A B C D E F G

Level of Significance:

national state local

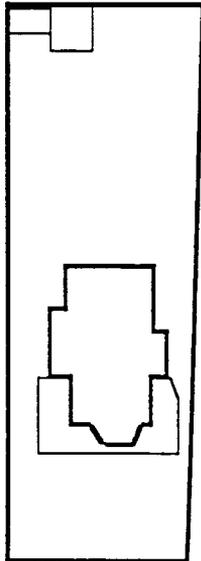
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Mohler house is located on one of the original Wine and Johnston subdivisions of Hyattsville on 42nd Avenue, the major residential north/south road in the town. The location and uniqueness of the architecture makes this dwelling easily distinguishable and important to the integrity of the block.

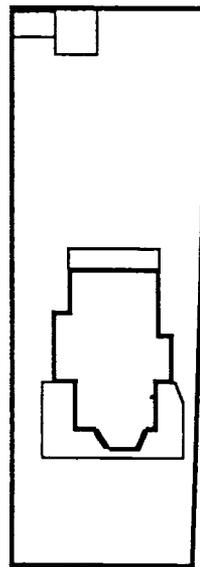
This house, along with its neighbors, contributes to the integrity of the block of 42nd Avenue between Farragut and Gallatin Street. This block is comprised entirely of large, turn of the century houses with shallow setbacks and relatively little space between the houses. All lots on this block back up to a service alley, making driveways alongside the houses unnecessary and allowing for the density of the large houses.

This house is located on all four of the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Hyattsville, as well as the Franklin Atlas for Prince George's County, and illustrates various outbuildings associated with the house, none of which exist to this day.

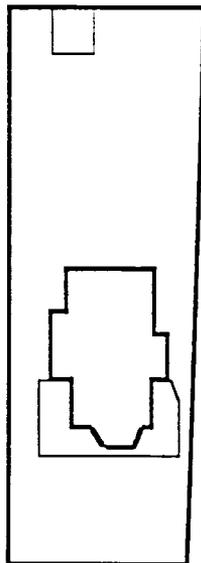
Surveyed property, including dwelling, outbuilding and land.
Taken from Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps from noted dates.
Scale: 1': 100 feet



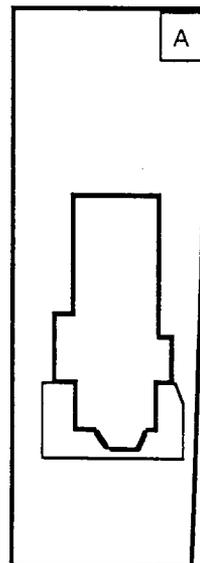
5103 42nd Avenue
c. 1906
two outbuildings not identified



5103 42nd Avenue
c. 1911
back porch added



5103 42nd Avenue
c. 1922
smaller outbuilding destroyed



5103 42nd Avenue
c. 1933
larger outbuilding destroyed; garage
built in right rear corner; addition onto
rear of house

5103 42nd Street

Lot 4, Block A, Wine and Johnson's 2nd addition to Hyattsville; JWB #2 plat 618

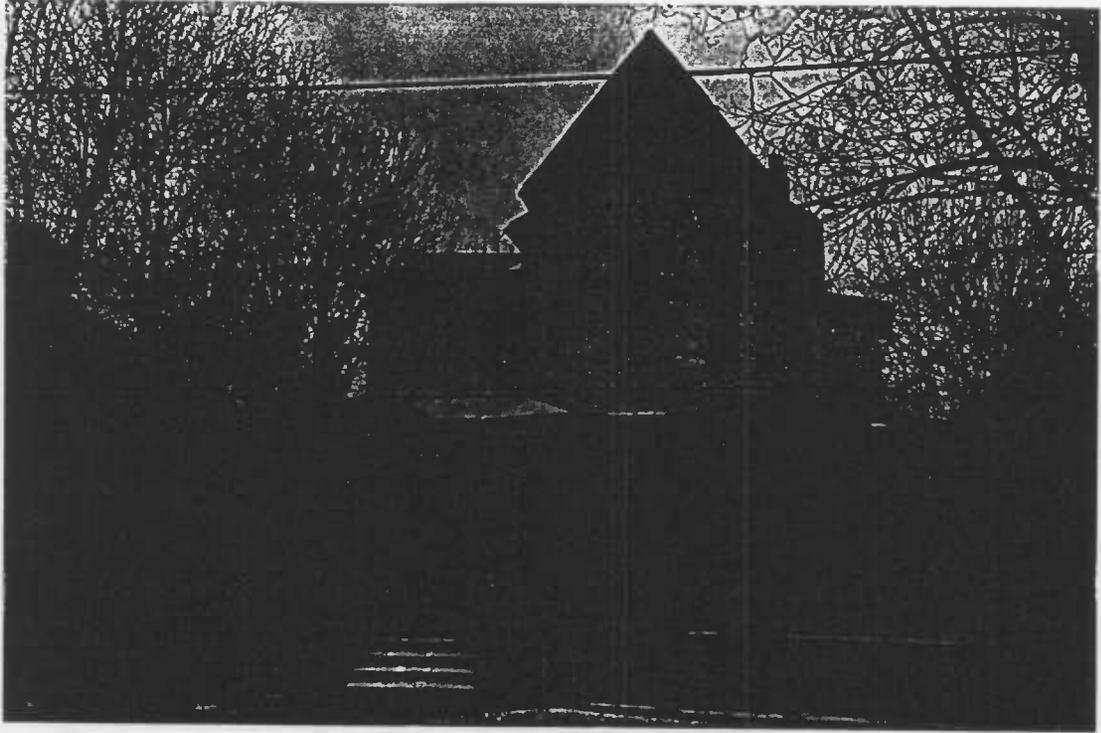
1	<u>James C. Carrey</u> 19 December 1989	6508.200
2	<u>S. Florey & Nettie Diehl</u> 19 June 1984	5923.158
3	<u>L. Michael Durkenbrod</u> 29 Feb 1980	5233.633
4	<u>John A. and Barbara D. Ries</u> 29 June 1978	4954.783
5	<u>Allan F. Mulligan</u> 11 Sept 1975	4530.235
6	<u>Leonard Askin & Hilds Askin and Bradley Moore and Marian Moore</u> 23 November 1971	4016.41
7	<u>Audrey Boyd, Trustee</u>	

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5103 42ND AVENUE



5103 42nd Avenue
Prince George's County
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West Facade