

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-13 Building Date: mid. 19th c., 1920's

Building Name: Gallant House

Location: 3124 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20705

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Gallant house is a multi-section, frame gable-roof house which stands on the west side of Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, in a wooded area overlooking the entrance to Paint Branch Valley Park. The main block of the house is roughly square, an irregular three bays by three bays, two-and-one-half-stories high. Entrance is in the first bay of the north gable end through a one-story addition which is an enclosed porch; this addition wraps around part of the east facade. There is a three-window shed-roof dormer centered in each plane of the gable roof. There are two fieldstone chimneys. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and has a deep overhang, highlighted by exposed rafter ends. The building is covered with cedar shingle painted white, and rests on a fieldstone foundation. There is evidence that the main entrance was originally in the third bay of the east facade, leading into a side stair-hall on the north. The remainder of the main block is one large parlor on the south, with a smaller room extending across the west side. Extending north from the north gable end is a two-story, two-bay-by-one-bay, gable-roofed kitchen wing, with entrance in its north gable end. There is one-story, gable-roofed wing attached to the south gable end of the main block; a wide twelve-pane window fills its south gable end. Attached at right angles is an enclosed gable-roofed sunporch.

Significance:

The Gallant house is a much-altered frame dwelling house which probably incorporates as its nucleus the mid-nineteenth century dwelling of Owen Carroll. The house was substantially rebuilt in the 1920's, incorporating features of the then-popular "craftsman" (bungalow) style, so that it is scarcely recognizable as an older building. There was from the first half of the nineteenth century a woolen mill on this property, situated on the south side of the Little Paint Branch. It was operated by Owen Carroll, who in 1869 conveyed all of his holdings to his son-in-law, Peter Gallant. Gallant's property was acquired after his death by his widow, Mary, and the subject house, a square side-hall-and-parlor dwelling, became her home. She sold it at the end of the nineteenth century. In 1926 the house was sold to Clarence Howland, who undertook significant alterations to the building: enclosing the wrap-around porch and changing the entrance from the east facade to the north, siding the house with cedar shingle, and rebuilding the upper structure, i.e., redesigning the roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends (following the "craftsman" style of the day), and adding the shed dormer on each plane of the roof. The result is a charming and livable house in an historic and attractive park setting, but one which gives no outward suggestion of its long history.

Acreage: .553 acre

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gallant House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3124 Powder Mill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Adelphi ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	☒ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
☒ building(s)	☒ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	☒ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	☒ not applicable	☒ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. & Mrs. William Uber

street & number 3124 Powder Mill Rd., telephone no.: 937-6379

city, town Adelphi state and zip code 20705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2704

street & number Main Street folio 1

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

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #61-13

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Gallant house is a multi-section, frame gable-roof house which stands on the west side of Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, only a few yards from the edge of the road. It is built along the slope of the road in a wooded area overlooking the entrance to Paint Branch Valley Park. The main block of the house is roughly square, an irregular three bays by three bays, two-and-one-half-stories high. Entrance is in the first bay of the north gable end through a one-story addition which is an enclosed porch; this addition wraps around part of the east facade. Windows in the main block are 6/6 double hung sash; they have plain board surrounds and no shutters. There is a three-window shed roof dormer centered in each plane of the gable roof. There are two fieldstone chimneys; one heavy exterior chimney at the south gable end pierces the overhang of the gable roof, and a slimmer interior chimney rises from the west plane of the roof near the south gable end. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and has a deep overhang, highlighted by exposed rafter ends. The building is covered with cedar shingle painted white, and rests on a fieldstone foundation. There is evidence that the main entrance was originally in the third bay of the east facade, leading into a side stairhall on the north. The remainder of the main block is one large parlor on the south, with a smaller room extending across the west side.

Extending north from the north gable end, and covering its third bay, is a two-story, two-bay-by-one-bay, gable-roofed kitchen wing. There is an entrance in its north gable end, covered by a small canopy enclosure. At approximately the point where this wing joins the main block on its west facade is a tall (new) exterior brick chimney which pierces the overhang of the roof. The north wing rests on brick foundations.

There is one-story, gable-roofed wing attached to the south gable end of the main block; a wide twelve-pane window fills its south gable end. Attached at right angles to this south wing is an enclosed gable-roofed sunporch. It has windows around its north, west, and south facades, and an entrance centered in its west gable end. Both these south additions, like the main block, rest on fieldstone foundations.

North of the house is a frame, gable-roofed garage structure.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #61-13

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☒ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☒ other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates mid 19th c., 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.

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There was from the first half of the nineteenth century a woolen mill on this property, situated on the south side of the Little Paint Branch. It was operated by Owen Carroll, who in 1869 conveyed all of his holdings to his son-in-law, Peter Gallant. Gallant, however, died in the same year, and the Prince George's County Court of Equity divided and sold the property; Mary Gallant, widow of Peter Gallant, purchased 92-1/2 acres which included the miller's house south of the mill, the old mill itself, and the subject farmhouse on the north bank of the Branch.¹ Local tradition indicates that the latter, a simple square side-hall-and-parlor dwelling, was the home of Mary Gallant and her children. By the end of the nineteenth century, the old mill had gone out of use and was destroyed, some of its stone used by a neighboring farmer as building material.² Mary Gallant sold her house and farm, and her sons built a cross-gabled frame Victorian vernacular house at the top of the hill to the north (still standing in altered form).³

The old Gallant house was sold in 1926 to Clarence Howland, who is reported to have accomplished the significant alterations to the building.⁴ This included: enclosing the wrap-around porch and changing the entrance from the east facade to the north, siding the house with cedar shingle, and rebuilding the upper structure, i.e., redesigning the roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends (following the "craftsman" style of the day), and adding the shed dormer on each plane of the roof. Most of the substructure was also rebuilt; old materials are not visible from the small cellar space.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Chain of Title

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .553 acre

TM #18, parcel 21

Quadrangle name Beltsville, Section H

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A									
	Zone	Easting		Northing					

B									
	Zone	Easting		Northing					

C									
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D									
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E									
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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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985street & number c/o County Planning MNCPPC telephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

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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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

8. Continued

Since that time the house has changed hands several times, and a room has been constructed above the one-story (north) kitchen wing. The result is a charming and livable house in an historic and attractive park setting, but one which gives no outward suggestion of its long history.

Notes:

1 Prince George's County Deeds HB #2:872; Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861; Prince George's Equity #1438; Prince George's County Census.

2 Washington Star, 4 October 1914, "Rambler" article.

3 Prince George's County Deed JB #5:468; A History of Beltsville, 1976, p. 16; "Ramble" op. cit.

4 A History of Beltsville, 1976, p. 16; site visit and conversation with present owners, July 1985.

Chain of Title

Gallant House
P.G. #61-13

#2704:1 2 Jul 1962 Deed	Lloyd D. and Bonnie R. St. Clair to William E. and Stella Uber, as tenants by the entirety; 24,089 square feet, or 0.553 acres, lying on Powder Mill Road in Vansville District; part of the land which grantors acquired by #1766:590.
#1766:590 25 Aug 1954 Deed	Joseph L. and Nell W. Stearns Jr. to Lloyd D. and Bonnie R. St. Clair, as tenants by the entirety; 3.172 acres in Vansville District; part of the lands described in #1124:371.
#1124:371 17 May 1949 Deed	Robert E. and Mary I. Childress to Joseph L. and Nell W. Stearns Jr.; 3.172 acres, part of Chance Enlarged, being Parcel "A"; same which grantors acquired by #483:447.
#483:447 21 Feb 1938 Deed	Mary E. and J. Kenneth Collins to Robert E. Childress; 66 acres, shown as lot #1; being parts of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th and the whole of the 3rd and 8th parcels described in HB #2:872, same which with others, constituting one tract, were conveyed by JWB #6:71.
#483:345 16 Feb 1938 Deed	Robert E. and Vivian Goad Childress to Mary E. Collins; 66 acres known as Chance Enlarged (excepting 4 acres called Cobb's Lot); parts of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th and the whole of the 3rd and 8th parcels described in HB #2:872.
#353:345 15 Apr 1930 Deed	Anna G. and Clarence H. Howland to Robert E. and Vivian Goad Childress, as tenants by the entirety; 66 acres known as Chance Enlarged (excepting 4 acres); same as described in HB #2:872 and JWB #6:71.
#277:368 4 Oct 1926 Deed	Admira C. Taylor, widow and Mary Taylor and Fred B. Chandler to Anna G. Howland; 66 acres known as Chance Enlarged; same which was conveyed by HB #2:872, JWB #6:71 and JB #5:468.
Admin #3998 1926	Estate of Thomas C. Taylor who died intestate 6 Apr 1926; his heirs-at-law are his widow, Almira C. Taylor, and daughter, Mary Taylor Chandler.
JB #5:468 2 Sep 1899 Deed	Mary E. Gallant to Thomas C. Taylor; 66 acres known as Chance Enlarged (excepting 4 acres); parts of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th and the whole of the 3rd and 8th parcels conveyed by HB #2:872.

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JWB #6:71
19 Jan 1886
Deed

Fillmore Beall, trustee appointed in Equity, to Mary E. Gallant; 92 1/2 acres in Vansville District; part of the real estate of which Peter Gallant died seized.

#1438
Jan 1883
Equity

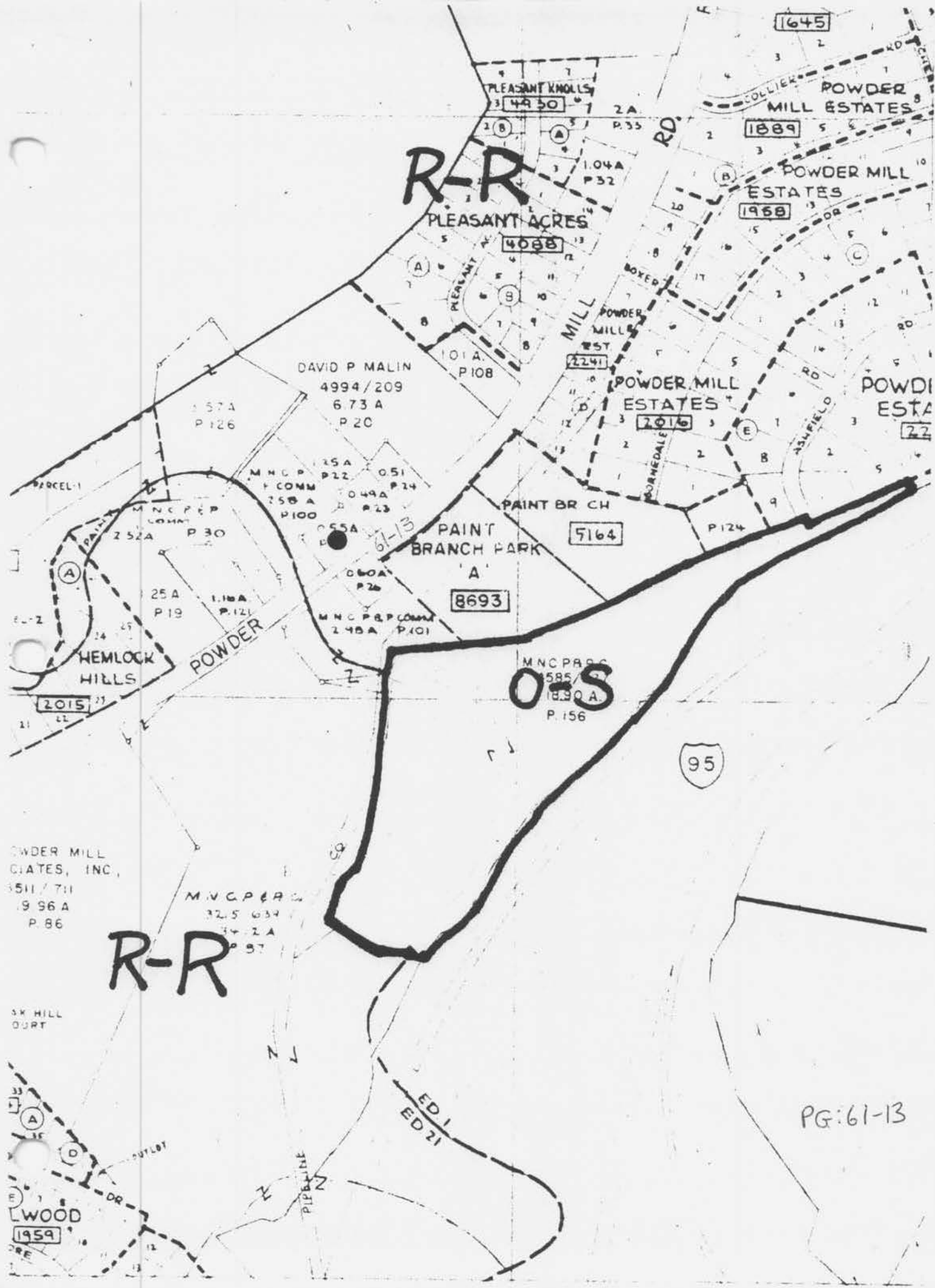
Mary Gallant vs. Francis Gallant; Owen Carroll had conveyed land to Peter Gallant, keeping life estate for himself. Gallant died intestate 18 December 1869; Carroll also deceased. Mary Gallant (widow of Peter) petitions sale of land for support of her minor children. Land with house estimated at value of \$2,000. Fillmore Beall appointed trustee to sell land; sells several parcels, and remainder to Mary Gallant.

HB #2:872
16 Sept 1869
Deed

Owen Carroll to Peter Gallant; 8 parcels of land totaling 144 acres and including part of Chance Enlarged; grantor retains life estate, deed not to become effective until grantor's death.

AB #9:468
12 Feb 1835
Deed

Edward Marlow to Owen Carroll for \$250; 28 acres of Chance Enlarged.



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PLEASANT ACRES

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PAINT BRANCH PARK
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Gallant House

Prince George's County, Maryland

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation

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



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Gallant House

Prince George's County, Maryland

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

North elevation

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



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Gallant House

Prince George's County, Maryland

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

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



P.G. #61-13

Gallant House

Prince George's County, Maryland

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

South elevation

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gallant House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3124 Powder Mill Road (at Paint Branch)

CITY, TOWN

Adelphi

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES, RESTRICTED☒ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☒ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

David A. Uber

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3124 Powder Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Adelphi

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, two-story frame house that faces east on Powder Mill Road, on the north bank of Paint Branch. It has been extensively altered, apparently being expanded upwards and to the rear (west.) The oldest part is probably the front, three-bay section. Clapboard siding over most of the house is newer. Most windows are 6/6, with the oldest sash located in the front section. Several low, one-story wings to south and rear (See early photos in WASHINGTON STAR.)

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE
☐ 1600-1699	☐ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ 1900	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
		☐ INVENTION		

 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Part of this building appears to have been the house lived in by the Gallant family over 100 yrs. ago. It reportedly served as a miller's house for the powder mill located nearby on Paint Branch. The mill dated back to the early 1800's, and was once owned by members of the famous Carroll family.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) WASHINGTON STAR, "The Rambler" (Oct. 4, 1914; Nov. 20, 1921).
- 2) RECORDS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOC., Wash. D.C., Vol. 31-32.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/20/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME #61-13 GALLANT HOUSE

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