



**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
**PLANNING BOARD TRANSMITTAL PACKET**  
**FOR THE**  
**CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**  
**MATERIALS FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE:** April 21, 2022  
**TO:** Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council  
**SUBJECT:** Transmitting:  
1. John and Mary White House, Colmar Manor, Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation and Background Documentation for final action by District Council  
2. Draft Public Hearing Notice for Joint Public Hearing  
**TYPE OF MEETING:** Joint Public Hearing  
**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** TBD  
**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED:** Hold Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board according to requirements of Subtitle 29-120.01.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL:**

Approval of Public Hearing Notice and Placement in Newspapers of Record

**DIVISION CHIEF SIGN-OFF:**

**DIVISION:**

Name: Katina Shoulars  
Countywide Planning Division

**STAFF CONTACT:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- See above
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# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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## FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATION ON THE **JOHN AND MARY WHITE HOUSE (DOCUMENTED PROPERTY 68-103-01)** AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING FOR CLASSIFICATION AS A HISTORIC SITE

April 21, 2022

### **Procedural Background**

January 13, 2022	The owner submitted an Application for Historic Site Evaluation in compliance with Subtitle 29-120.01. The property is not listed in the Inventory of Historic Resources.
February 14, 2022	The property owner and the adjacent property owners were mailed 60-day written notice of the time, date, and location of the public hearing (Subtitle 29-120.01).
April 1, 2022	The survey and documentation of the property were completed by Thomas Gross.
April 4, 2022	The property was posted “at least 14 days in advance,” according to the provisions of the Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Ordinance (Subtitle 29-120.01) and the Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance (Subtitle 27-125.03). Evidence of sign posting and written notice to the property owner are attached.
April 19, 2022	Date of HPC public hearing.

### **Findings**

*Description:* The John and Mary White House is a two-story dwelling constructed circa 1927, featuring a Craftsman-style front porch and shed-roofed rear addition. The house is very similar to the Gordon Van Tine Homes “Roycroft” model in both exterior appearance and interior plan; however, the current owner states that no company markings have been observed. The exterior of the house is clad in stucco, with half timbering in the gables of the main volume and the front porch. The roof is clad in brown asphalt shingles and features exposed rafter tails and pyramidal-capped brackets under the gable overhang. The foundation of the main volume and porch is molded concrete block, while the rear addition sits on a foundation of CMU block. A brick chimney pierces the center point of the roof ridge. The poured concrete front porch likely replaced an earlier frame porch; its roof is supported by triple square columns resting on brick piers, with roof brackets under the gable overhang. A non-historic turned wood railing that previously enclosed the porch has been removed, and a new railing is currently being fabricated based on the “Roycroft” model brochure. Modern concrete porch steps are reached from the sidewalk by a tinted concrete walkway.

The one-over-one and simulated-divided-light vinyl sash windows found throughout the house are modern replacements, as is the steel half-light, two-paneled front entry door. Wood window frames and trim are largely intact. A four-light, three paneled wood door provides grade-level access on the north elevation.

A detached one-car garage is located at the southwest corner of the property, clad in vinyl siding with an asphalt shingle roof. The 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map depicts the garage as having metal cladding, which the current owner states still exists beneath the modern vinyl siding. The garage is reached by a concrete ribbon driveway which is largely grown over with grass. Landscaping on the property includes a small front lawn and shrubs enclosed by a painted wood picket fence atop a brick retaining wall, and a rear lawn. An unpainted wood privacy fence lines the rear and side property boundaries.

*Setting:* The John and Mary White House is located at 3602 41st Avenue in the Town of Colmar Manor. The resource occupies a 0.115-acre property measuring 50 feet along the street and 100 feet deep, on the west side

of 41st Avenue between Newark Road and Newton Street. The surrounding area is characterized by dense single-family residential development consisting largely of bungalows on similarly sized properties, with commercial uses fronting Bladensburg Road one block to the north.

*History:* The John and Mary White House is located in Section 1 of Colmar Manor, which was platted by the J.W. Holloway Company in July 1918 on land that had been owned to that point by the Shreve family. The land was conveyed to T. Howard Duckett as trustee at the time the subdivision was platted; the J.W. Holloway Company, which made its name as a photography studio before expanding into real estate, acted as sales agent for Colmar Manor and advertised the new community heavily in Washington, D.C. newspapers. The subject property, comprising the north (rear) half of five lots in Block 2, remained undeveloped through several changes of ownership through the mid-1920s. Lots 24, 25, and 26 were owned by Harry and Kate Lugenbeel, then Iva Brist, before being purchased by Ivan and Mae Wilson in June 1924. Lots 27 and 28, previously owned by the Lyman and Dorr families, were purchased by the Wilsons in May 1926.

Ivan and Mae Wilson conveyed a \$5,000 mortgage to the Hyattsville Building Association in October 1926, and it is likely that the subject house was constructed in late 1926 or early 1927. Ivan Wilson was employed as a motorcycle officer for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. The Wilsons appear to have lived in the house for only a short period; the *Washington Post* reported on February 19, 1928, that “Mr. I.H. Wilson and family, of Colmar Manor, have given up their residence here and moved to their new home in Washington.” The Wilsons defaulted on their mortgage at some point before 1934, at which point the Hyattsville Building Association acquired the property outright. In August 1935, the bank sold the subject property to John S. White and his wife, Mary C. White.

#### JOHN AND MARY WHITE

John Sylvester White, Sr. (1893–1960) was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time of his 1917 draft registration, White was living in Philadelphia and employed as a clerk for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; he also attended the Wharton School of Finance before World War I. White served in the Navy from March 1918 to May 1919, stationed in Washington, D.C. In July 1918, White married Mary Catherine O’Neill, also from Philadelphia, and the couple’s first son, John S. White, Jr., was born in October 1919. White’s obituary states that, after World War I, he took a civilian position in the Quartermaster General’s office and attended law school at Georgetown University at night. After graduating in 1923, White opened a law office in Hyattsville. John and Mary White signed a contract for the construction of a bungalow on Daniel Street (now Newton Street) in Colmar Manor in 1924, although they did not technically take ownership of the property until 1929. The couple is recorded in the 1930 Census as living at 403 Daniel Street with their children, John, Jr., and Mary.

In July 1927, John S. White was elected the first mayor of Colmar Manor following the town’s incorporation in February of that year, the first of several elected positions he would hold during his career. Among the first issues confronted by White as mayor was a proposal to merge 28 communities along the U.S. 1 corridor into a municipality to be known as “Maryland City.” The plan met with a mixed response among the potentially affected communities, with White quoted in the *Washington Evening Star* as describing Colmar Manor residents’ opinion on the matter as “intangible.” In November 1927, a tornado destroyed numerous houses in the town, prompting White to organize motion picture shows in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier to raise relief funds for displaced residents. White declined a nomination to stand for re-election as mayor in 1929, stating that his business occupied too much of his time.

White returned to public life in 1934 with his election to the Maryland House of Delegates, an office he would hold for three consecutive four-year terms. During his first term, White led an effort to oppose a proposed state sales tax; in his second, he pushed for an expansion of the state police force. White’s obituaries in the

*Evening Star* and *Washington Post* point to two memorable episodes from his service in the House: in 1935, he called for an investigation of alleged communist infiltration of Maryland colleges; in 1943, he used his position as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to hold a “sitdown strike” that barred consideration of any Senate bills because the upper chamber had acted unfavorably on one piece of legislation that he supported. During his final term in office, White served as Speaker of the House of Delegates. He used his position to oppose—unsuccessfully—legislation to allow “home rule” by Maryland counties. Following his departure from the House of Delegates, White ran unsuccessfully for Maryland Attorney General in 1946 and for U.S. Congress in 1952.

The 1940 Census records John and Mary White living at the subject property, which at the time had the address 13 Wilson Avenue, with their three children: John, Jr. (20); Mary Margaret (13); and Thomas (7). John, Sr.’s occupation is listed as a lawyer in private practice. By the time of the 1950 Census, only Thomas was still living with his parents. The appearance of the house during this period is suggested by a 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map, which depicts the structure as having a one-story rear addition comprising an enclosed section and a covered porch outside the kitchen door.

White’s private legal career resumed in full following the end of his public service, with his practice representing clients in matters ranging from zoning disputes to criminal defense. In one of his last high-profile cases, White in 1956 represented a 23-year-old woman charged with first degree murder in the strangling death of her infant daughter; the charges were dropped after White changed her plea to guilty of manslaughter.

Both John and Mary White were active in numerous local civic and political organizations. John White was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elk and Moose lodges, and the local chapter of the American Legion. Mary White was elected recording secretary of the Bladensburg District Women’s Democratic Club in 1935 and later served two terms as the organization’s president. John S. White frequently displayed his tenor singing voice in public, for example by performing several solos at a benefit for the Prince George’s County Volunteer Firemen’s Association auxiliary in November 1935. The Whites were parishioners of St. James Catholic Church in Mount Rainier.

John S. White, Sr. died of a heart attack on May 14, 1960, while on vacation in the Bahamas. Mary C. White continued to live in the house until her death in April 1979. Both John and Mary White are buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

#### JOHN SYLVESTER WHITE, JR. (1919-1988)

John Sylvester White, Jr. was the oldest of John and Mary White’s children and the only one to be born before the family left Philadelphia. White attended Gonzaga High School, where he was awarded a gold medal for speaking in a debate contest. He attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, graduating in 1941 with a degree in English. White was working as an actor in New York City by 1943, when he was listed—using his early stage name, John Sylvester—among the cast of *Richard III* at the Forrest Theatre. He continued to work regularly in theater throughout the 1940s and appeared on television as early as 1949. His first recurring role on the small screen was portraying Keith Barron in 39 episodes of the long-running soap opera *Search for Tomorrow*. His acting career appears to have stalled during the 1950s and 1960s, but he returned to television in the early 1970s with appearances on shows including *Kojak*, *Banyon*, and *Barretta*.

The role for which John Sylvester White, Jr. is best known is Michael Woodman, the curmudgeonly high school vice principal on the ABC sitcom *Welcome Back, Kotter*. White appeared in all four seasons of the show, which aired from 1975 to 1979, playing opposite Gabe Kaplan’s titular character and John Travolta’s wisecracking Vinnie Barbarino. In the last season, White’s character was made principal of the school. After

*Welcome Back, Kotter* ended, White continued to make occasional guest appearances on television. He lived in Hawaii for the last five years of his life and died in September 1988 of pancreatic cancer.

John S. White, Jr. was married briefly to Joan Alexander, a radio actress best known for portraying Lois Lane in *The Adventures of Superman*. The couple wed in September 1944, having met while performing in an Army Special Service radio program two months earlier. The marriage was annulled in August 1945.

Little information could be located for John and Mary White's two other children. Their daughter, Mary Margaret, was married to Brigadier General Calhoun J. Killeen and had three children. She died in 1976 at age 49. The White's younger son, Thomas P. White, served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 and was living in Mexico at the time of his father's death in 1960 and his mother's death in 1979. He died in 2001 at age 68.

#### SUBSEQUENT OWNERSHIP

Following the death of Mary White, the subject property was conveyed by John S. White, Jr. to the three children of his deceased sister, Mary M. Killeen, who then sold it to Steven and Sharon Hubbard in March 1980. Steven Hubbard served as Colmar Manor's police chief in the early 1980s. The Hubbards sold the property in 1990 to Beverley P. Johnson, who sold it to Janice M. Wellington in 2004. The current owner, Douglas W. Bowles, purchased the property in April 2010. Mr. Bowles is a professor of musical theater and voice, a performer, and has represented Ward 3 on the Colmar Manor Town Council since 2020.

*Significance:* The John and Mary White House is significant as a substantially intact example of Craftsman-style architecture dating from the early period of development in the Town of Colmar Manor. The property also embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb development in Prince George's County in the early twentieth century. The resource is also significant for its association with John Sylvester White, Sr., an attorney who served as Colmar Manor's first mayor and later Maryland state delegate; his wife, Mary, who was active in local civic and political affairs; and their eldest son, television actor John Sylvester White, Jr.

*Integrity/Degree of Alteration:* The John and Mary White House retains both its essential form and its character-defining Craftsman details. The existing one-story rear addition is likely not original, but an addition of similar dimensions appears on a 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map. The exposed rafter tails, half-timbered gables, roof brackets, and triple porch columns remain. The original garage is largely intact.

Certain material alterations have occurred that should be considered in light of Historic Preservation Commission Policy #1-87, "Evaluating Integrity, Degree of Alteration, and Scarcity and Frequency." The existing windows and steel front entry door are all modern replacements; these alterations represent "critical" (irreversible) changes as defined by the Policy. The original front porch has been replaced with poured concrete and its original railing has been removed. The owner states that a new railing is currently being fabricated based on the Gordon Van Tine "Roycroft" model brochure. Although the garage has been sided in vinyl, the Policy defines this change as "detrimental" (reversible) because the original metal cladding remains. Policy #1-87 states that a property's integrity should be considered in the context of the scarcity of the resource type it represents, with a less restrictive standard of integrity applied when few or no other similar properties exist in the Inventory of Historic Resources. Although there are several Craftsman-style dwellings currently designated as historic sites, the John and Mary White House is an unusual full two-story example of the style and would be the first structure designated as a historic site in the Town of Colmar Manor.

*Public Hearing Testimony:* At the Historic Preservation Commission's April 19, 2022, public hearing, Historic Preservation Section staff provided a slide presentation on the John and Mary White House and presented its recommendation on the designation of the subject property as a Historic Site. The property owner, Douglas Bowles, was present at the hearing and spoke in support of staff's recommendation that the property be designated as a historic site.

## Conclusions

1. Staff concluded that the John and Mary White House meets three of the nine designation criteria of Subtitle 29-104(a).

### *Historic and Cultural Significance*

1. A. (i) has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County, State or Nation
1. A. (ii) is the site of a significant historic event
1. A. (iii) is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society
1. A. (iv) **X** exemplifies the cultural, economic, industrial, social, political or historical heritage of the County and its urban and rural communities

### *Architectural and Design Significance*


2. A. (i) **X** embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction
  2. A. (ii) represents the work of a master craftsman, architect or builder
  2. A. (iii) possesses high artistic values
  2. A. (iv) represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction
  2. A. (v) **X** represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community, or County due to its singular physical characteristics or landscape
2. Staff further concluded that, in weighing the alterations that have been made to the structure since its original construction, the John and Mary White House can be found to possess sufficient integrity to convey, represent, or contain the values and qualities for which it is judged significant.

## Staff Recommendation

Staff recommended that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to the Planning Board and District Council that the John and Mary White House, Documented Property 68-103-01, and its 0.115-acre Environmental Setting (North half of Lots 24-28 in Block 2, Colmar Manor), be designated a Prince George's County Historic Site as meeting the following criteria in Subtitle 29-104(a): (1)(A)(iv); (2)(A)(i); and (2)(A)(v).

## Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation

Commissioner **Pruden** moved that the Historic Preservation Commission recommend to the Planning Board and the District Council that the John and Mary White House, Documented Property 68-103-01, and its 0.115-acre Environmental Setting (North half of Lots 24-28 in Block 2, Colmar Manor), be designated a Prince George's County Historic Site as meeting the following criteria in Subtitle 29-104(a): (1)(A)(iv); (2)(A)(i); and (2)(A)(v). The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Muckle**. The motion was approved 5-0.

  
John Peter Thompson, Chairman

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Daniel Sams, Community Planner, Planning Area 68

*Owner:*

Douglas W. Bowles  
3602 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Colmar Manor MD 20781

*Prince George's County Council:*

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Upper Marlboro MD 20772

*Municipality:*

The Honorable Sadara Barrow, Mayor  
Town of Colmar Manor  
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Colmar Manor MD 20722

*Interested Parties:*

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**Capsule Summary****PG68-103-1****John and Mary White House****3602 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Colmar Manor, MD 20722****c.1927****Private**

The John and Mary White House is a detached dwelling with Craftsman details constructed circa 1927, situated on a 0.115-acre rectangular corner lot. The two-story structure is oriented along a roughly east-west axis and features front, east, and rear lawns. The house has a front-gabled roof with exposed rafter tails in the overhanging eaves. A one-story front porch, with a front-gabled roof supported by triple columns on brick piers, extends across the east primary façade. The house is in a residential neighborhood consisting mostly of bungalows and other vernacular house forms, with commercial development one block to the north.

The John and Mary White House is significant as a substantially intact example of Craftsman-style architecture dating from the early period of development in the Town of Colmar Manor.

The property also embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb development in Prince George's County in the early twentieth century. The resource is also significant for its association with John Sylvester White, Sr., an attorney who served as Colmar Manor's first mayor and later as a Maryland state delegate; his wife, Mary White, who was active in local civic and political affairs; and their eldest son, television actor John Sylvester White, Jr.



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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.68-103-1

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John and Mary White House (preferred)  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 3602 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue not for publication  
city, town Colmar Manor vicinity  
county Prince George's County

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

name Mr. Douglas Bowles  
street and number 3602 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue telephone  
city, town Colmar Manor state MD zip code 20722

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 31614 folio 78  
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 0050 tax parcel 0000 tax ID number 0186262

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☒ Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

### 6. Classification

Category Count	Ownership	Current Function		Resource	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	1	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

### SUMMARY

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### DWELLING AND GARAGE

The John and Mary White House is a two-story dwelling constructed circa 1927, featuring a Craftsman-style front porch and shed-roofed rear addition. The house is very similar to the Gordon Van Tine Homes “Roycroft” model in both exterior appearance and interior plan; however, the current owner states that no company markings have been found. The exterior of the house is clad in stucco, with half timbering in the gables of the main volume and the front porch. The roof is clad in brown asphalt shingles and features exposed rafter tails and brackets under the gable overhang. The foundation of the main volume and porch is molded concrete block, while the rear addition sits on a foundation of CMU block. The poured concrete front porch likely replaced and an earlier frame porch; its roof is supported by triple square columns resting on brick piers, with roof brackets under the gable overhang. A non-historic turned wood railing that previously enclosed the porch has been removed, and a new railing is currently being fabricated based on the “Roycroft” model brochure. The porch steps are reached from the sidewalk by a tinted concrete walkway. The one-over-one and simulated-divided-light vinyl sash windows found throughout the house are modern replacements, as is the steel half-light, two-paneled front entry door. A four-light, three paneled door provides grade-level access on the north elevation.

A detached one-car garage is located at the southwest corner of the property, clad in vinyl siding with wood double doors and an asphalt shingle roof. The 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map depicts the garage as having metal cladding, which the current owner states still exists beneath the modern vinyl siding. The garage is reached by a concrete ribbon driveway which is largely grown over with grass.

### SITE

The John and Mary White House is located at 3602 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue in the Town of Colmar Manor. The resource occupies a 0.115-acre property measuring 50 feet along the street and 100 feet deep, on the west side of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue between Newark Road and Newton Street. Landscaping on the property includes a small front lawn and shrubs enclosed by a painted wood picket fence atop a brick retaining wall, and a rear lawn. The surrounding area is characterized by dense single-family residential development on similarly sized lots, with commercial uses fronting U.S. 1 one block to the north.

### INTEGRITY

The John and Mary White House retains both its essential form and its character-defining Craftsman details. The existing one-story rear addition is likely not original, but it appears in photographs from the 1950s and an addition of similar dimensions is depicted on the 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map. The exposed rafter tails, half-timbered gables, roof brackets, and triple porch columns remain. The original garage is largely intact, with its original metal cladding remaining under the current vinyl siding. The present windows and steel front entry door are all modern replacements. The original front porch has been replaced with poured concrete and its original railing has been removed pending fabrication of a more authentic replacement.

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John and Mary White House  
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The John and Mary White House retains a high degree of integrity of location, feeling, and setting and a moderately high degree of integrity of design and materials. The John and Mary White House has not been owned by the White family since 1980 but remains largely as it appeared during their ownership, so it retains a moderate degree of integrity of association. Overall, the John and Mary White House retains a moderately high degree of integrity.

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John and Mary White House, east  
(front) elevation. April 2022.  
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John and Mary White House,  
southeast corner. April 2022.  
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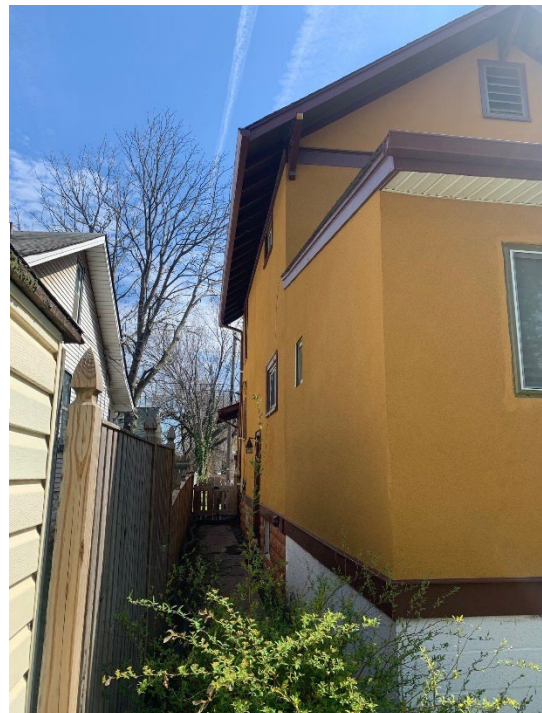
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John and Mary White House, west  
(rear) elevation. April 2022.  
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John and Mary White House,  
north elevation. April 2022.  
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John and Mary White House,  
front porch. April 2022.  
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John and Mary White House,  
garage north elevation. April 2022.  
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John and Mary White House,  
looking west from across  
41<sup>st</sup> Avenue. April 2022.  
PG68-103-1\_2022-04-04\_025



John and Mary White House,  
oblique aerial view from east,  
January 2021.  
Source: Pictometry via  
PGAtlas.com.



## 8. Significance

Inventory No. 68-103-1

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates c.1927

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John and Mary White House is significant as a substantially intact example of Craftsman-style architecture dating from the early period of development in the Town of Colmar Manor. The property also embodies the heritage theme of streetcar suburb development in Prince George's County in the early twentieth century. The resource is also significant for its association with John Sylvester White, Sr., an attorney who served as Colmar Manor's first mayor and later Maryland state delegate; his wife, Mary White, who was active in local civic and political affairs; and their eldest son, television actor John Sylvester White, Jr.

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

The John and Mary White House is located in Section 1 of Colmar Manor, which was platted by the J.W. Holloway Company in July 1918 on land that had been owned to that point by the Shreve family. The land was conveyed to T. Howard Duckett as trustee at the time the subdivision was platted.<sup>1</sup> The J.W. Holloway Company, which made its name as a photography studio before expanding into real estate, acted as sales agent for Colmar Manor and advertised the new community heavily in Washington, D.C. newspapers.

The subject property, comprising the north (rear) half of five lots in Block 2, remained undeveloped through several changes of ownership through the mid-1920s. Lots 24, 25, and 26 were owned by Harry and Kate Lugenbeel, then Iva Brist, before being purchased by Ivan and Mae Wilson in June 1924.<sup>2</sup> Lots 27 and 28, previously owned by the Lyman and Dorr families, were purchased by the Wilsons in May 1926.<sup>3</sup>

Ivan and Mae Wilson conveyed a \$5,000 mortgage to the Hyattsville Building Association in October 1926, and it is likely that the subject house was constructed in late 1926 or early 1927.<sup>4</sup> Ivan Wilson was employed as a motorcycle officer for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C. The Wilsons appear to have lived in the house for only a short period; the *Washington Post* reported on February 19, 1928, that "Mr. I.H. Wilson and family, of Colmar Manor, have given up their residence here and moved to their new home in Washington."<sup>5</sup> The Wilsons defaulted on their mortgage at some point before

<sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, Liber 134:55.

<sup>2</sup> Land Records, Liber 207:376; Liber 208:435.

<sup>3</sup> Land Records, Liber 189:298; Liber 258:525.

<sup>4</sup> Land Records, Liber 269:576

<sup>5</sup> "Mount Rainier," *The Washington Post*, February 18, 1928, S9.



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1934, at which point the Hyattsville Building Association acquired the property outright. In August 1935, the bank sold the subject property to John S. White and his wife, Mary C. White.<sup>6</sup>

### JOHN AND MARY WHITE

John Sylvester White, Sr. (1893–1960) was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time of his 1917 draft registration, White was living in Philadelphia and employed as a clerk for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad; he also attended the Wharton School of Finance before World War I.<sup>7,8</sup> White served in the Navy from March 1918 to May 1919, stationed in Washington, D.C. In July 1918, White married Mary Catherine O'Neill, also from Philadelphia, and the couple's first son, John S. White, Jr., was born in October 1919. White's obituary states that, after World War I, he took a civilian position in the Quartermaster General's office and attended law school at Georgetown University at night. After graduating in 1923, White opened a law office in Hyattsville.<sup>9</sup> John and Mary White signed a contract for the construction of a bungalow on Daniel Street (now Newton Street) in Colmar Manor in 1927, although they did not technically take ownership of the property until 1929.<sup>10</sup> The couple is recorded in the 1930 Census as living at 403 Daniel Street with their children, John, Jr. and Mary.<sup>11</sup>

In July 1927, John S. White was elected the first mayor of Colmar Manor following the town's incorporation in February of that year, the first of several elected positions he would hold during his career. Among the first issues confronted by White as mayor was a proposal to merge 28 communities along the U.S. 1 corridor into a municipality to be known as "Maryland City." The plan met with a mixed response among the potentially affected communities, with White quoted in the *Washington Evening Star* as describing Colmar Manor residents' opinion on the matter as "intangible."<sup>12</sup> In November 1927, a tornado destroyed numerous houses in the town, prompting White to organize motion picture shows in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier to raise relief funds for displaced residents.<sup>13</sup> White declined a nomination to stand for re-election as mayor in 1929, stating that his business occupied too much of his time.<sup>14</sup>

White returned to public life in 1934 with his election to the Maryland House of Delegates, an office he would hold for three consecutive four-year terms. During his first term, White led an effort to oppose a proposed state sales tax; in his second, he pushed for an expansion of the state police force. White's obituaries in the *Evening Star* and *Washington Post* point to two memorable episodes from his service in the House: in 1935, he called for an investigation of alleged communist infiltration of Maryland colleges and introduced legislation that would have required teacher to take an oath of allegiance to the United States; in 1943, he used his position as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to hold a "sitdown strike" that barred consideration of any Senate bills because the upper chamber had acted unfavorably on one piece of legislation that he supported. During his final term in office, White served as Speaker of the House of Delegates. He used his position to oppose—

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<sup>6</sup> Land Records, Liber 431:119.

<sup>7</sup> Ancestry.com, *U.S. World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918 (database online)* (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012).

<sup>8</sup> "John S. White, Ex-Legislator," *The Washington Post*, May 18, 1960, B2.

<sup>9</sup> "John S. White, Ex-Legislator," B2.

<sup>10</sup> Land Records, Liber 292:115; 342:273.

<sup>11</sup> Ancestry.com, *1930 United States Federal Census (database on-line)* (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012).

<sup>12</sup> "Maryland City Merger Plan Stirs Interest in 28 Towns," *The Evening Star*, October 30, 1927, 3.

<sup>13</sup> "Havoc in County Being Surveyed," *The Evening Star*, November 19, 1927, 2.

<sup>14</sup> "Colmar Manor Head Declines Re-Election," *The Evening Star*, June 23, 1929, 21.

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unsuccessfully—legislation to allow “home rule” by Maryland counties. Following his departure from the House of Delegates, White ran unsuccessfully for Maryland Attorney General in 1946 and for U.S. Congress in 1952.<sup>15</sup>

The 1940 Census records John and Mary White living at the subject property, which at the time had the address 13 Wilson Avenue, with their three children: John, Jr. (20); Mary Margaret (13); and Thomas (7).<sup>16</sup> John, Sr.’s occupation is listed as a lawyer in private practice. By the time of the 1950 Census, only Thomas was still living with his parents.<sup>17</sup> The appearance of the house during this period is suggested by a 1939 Sanborn fire insurance map, which depicts the structure as having a one-story rear addition comprising an enclosed section and a covered porch outside the kitchen door.<sup>18</sup>

White’s private legal career resumed in full with the end of his public service, with his practice representing clients in matters ranging from zoning disputes to criminal defense. In one of his later high-profile cases, White in 1956 represented a 23-year-old woman charged with first degree murder in the strangling death of her infant daughter; the charge was dropped after White changed her plea to guilty of manslaughter.<sup>19</sup>

Both John and Mary White were active in numerous local civic and political organizations. John White was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Elk and Moose lodges, and the local chapter of the American Legion. Mary White was elected recording secretary of the Bladensburg District Women’s Democratic Club in 1935 and later served two terms as the organization’s president.<sup>20</sup> John White frequently displayed his tenor singing voice in public, for example by performing several solos at a benefit for the Prince George’s County Volunteer Firemen’s Association auxiliary in November 1935.<sup>21</sup> The Whites were parishioners at St. James Catholic Church in Mount Rainier.

John S. White, Sr. died of a heart attack in May 1960, while on vacation in the Bahamas.<sup>22</sup> Mary C. White continued to live in the house until her death in April 1979. Both John and Mary White are buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

### JOHN SYLVESTER WHITE, JR. (1919-1988)

John Sylvester White, Jr. was the oldest of John and Mary White’s children and the only one to be born before the family left Philadelphia. White attended Gonzaga High School, where he was awarded a gold medal for speaking in a debate contest.<sup>23</sup> He attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, graduating in 1941 with a degree in English.<sup>24</sup> White was working as an actor in New York City by 1943, when he was listed—using his early stage name, John Sylvester—among the

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<sup>15</sup> “John S. White, Ex-Legislator,” B2.

<sup>16</sup> Ancestry.com, *1940 United States Federal Census* (database on-line)

<sup>17</sup> National Archives and Records Administration, *1950 United States Federal Census* (database on-line) (College Park, MD: National Archives and Records Administration, 2022).

<sup>18</sup> Sanborn Map Company, *Washington, D.C., Suburban, 1939*, New York: Sanborn Map & Publishing Co, 1939.

<sup>19</sup> “Army Wife Pleads Guilty in Strangling,” *The Washington Post*, March 2, 1956, 25.

<sup>20</sup> “Democratic Women Elect at Bladensburg,” *The Evening Star*, May 20, 1937, C8.

<sup>21</sup> “Legislator to Sing at Firemen’s Benefit,” *The Evening Star*, November 12, 1935, A9.

<sup>22</sup> “John S. White, Ex-Legislator,” B2.

<sup>23</sup> “J.S. White Wins Debate,” *The Washington Post*, May 15, 1937, 17.

<sup>24</sup> “John Sylvester White, TV Actor, 68, dies here,” *The Honolulu Advertiser*, September 13, 1988, 26.

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cast of Richard III at the Forrest Theatre.<sup>25</sup> He continued to work regularly in theater throughout the 1940s and appeared on television as early as 1949.<sup>26</sup> His first recurring role on the small screen was portraying Keith Barron in 39 episodes on the long-running soap opera *Search for Tomorrow*. His acting career appears to have stalled during the 1950s and 1960s, but he returned to television in the early 1970s with guest appearances on shows including *Kojak*, *Banyon*, and *Barretta*.<sup>27</sup>

The role for which John Sylvester White is best known is Michael Woodman, the curmudgeonly high school assistant principal on the ABC sitcom *Welcome Back, Kotter*. White appeared in all four seasons of the show, which aired from 1975 to 1979, playing opposite Gabe Kaplan's titular character and John Travolta's wisecracking Vinnie Barbarino. In the last season, White's character was made principal of the school. After *Welcome Back, Kotter* ended, White continued to make occasional guest appearances on television. He lived in Waikiki, Hawaii for the last five years of his life and died in September 1988 of pancreatic cancer.<sup>28</sup>

John S. White, Jr. was married briefly to Joan Alexander, a radio actress best known for portraying Lois Lane in *The Adventures of Superman*.<sup>29</sup> The couple wed in September 1944, having met while performing in an Army special service radio two months earlier.<sup>30</sup> The marriage was annulled in August 1945.<sup>31</sup>

Little information could be located for John and Mary White's two other children. Their daughter, Mary Margaret, was married to Brigadier General Calhoun J. Killeen and had three children. She died in 1976 at age 49. The White's younger son, Thomas P. White, served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 and was living in Mexico at the time of his father's death in 1960 and his mother's death in 1979. He died in 2001 at age 68.

### SUBSEQUENT OWNERSHIP

Following the death of Mary White, the subject property was conveyed by John S. White, Jr. to the three children of his deceased sister, Mary M. Killeen, who then sold it to Steven and Sharon Hubbard in March 1980.<sup>32</sup> Steven Hubbard served as Colmar Manor's police chief in the early 1980s.<sup>33</sup> The Hubbards sold the property in 1990 to Beverley P. Johnson, who sold it to Janice M. Wellington in 2004.<sup>34</sup> The current owner, Douglas W. Bowles, purchased the property in April 2010.<sup>35</sup> Mr. Bowles is a professor of musical theater and voice, a performer, and has represented Ward 3 on the Colmar Manor Town Council since 2020.

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<sup>25</sup> "Lady in the Dark Resumes Tonight," *New York Times*, March 20, 1943, 11.

<sup>26</sup> "On Television," *New York Times*, March 13, 1949, X10.

<sup>27</sup> "John Sylvester White," IMDb.com, accessed April 1, 2022.

<sup>28</sup> "John Sylvester White, TV Actor, 26.

<sup>29</sup> "Joan A. Stanton, Radio Voice of Lois Lane, Dies at 94," *New York Times*, May 22, 2009.

<sup>30</sup> "House Speaker's Son Weds," *The Washington Post*, October 4, 1944, 3.

<sup>31</sup> "Joan Alexander a Bride," *New York Times*, November 21, 1945, 16.

<sup>32</sup> Land Records, Liber 5239:269.

<sup>33</sup> "Town Actions," *The Washington Post*, May 23, 1985, MD3.

<sup>34</sup> Land Records, Liber 7660:930, Liber 16382:298.

<sup>35</sup> Land Records, Liber 31614:78.

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Figure 1. Baist's map of the vicinity of Washington D.C., 1918. Source: Library of Congress.

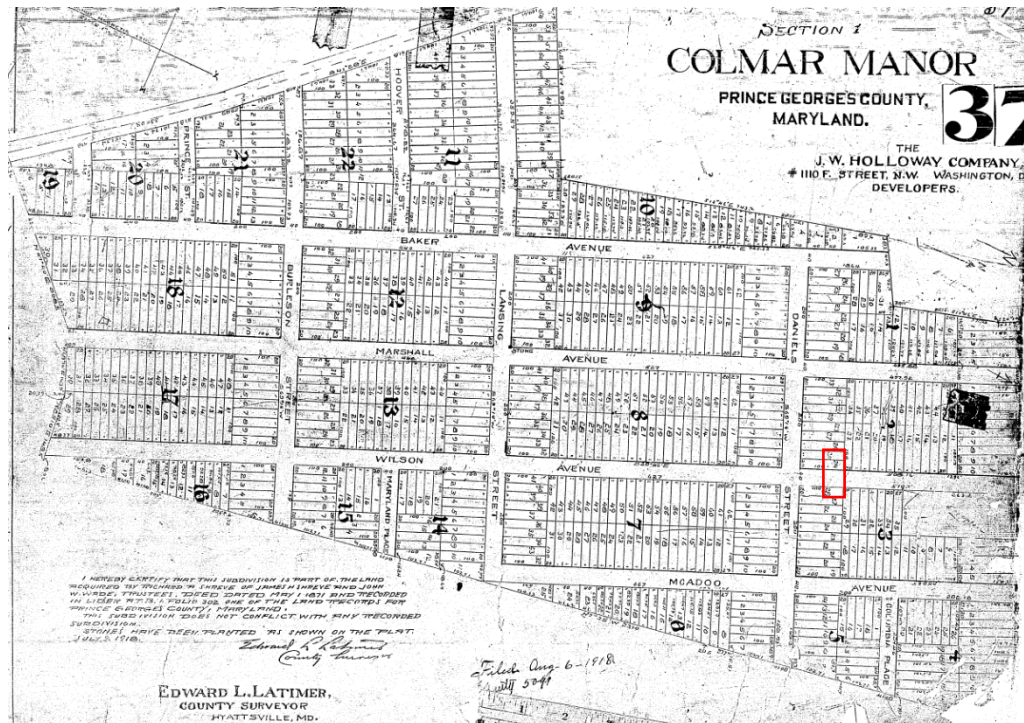


Figure 2. Colmar Manor, Section 1, platted by the J.W. Holloway Company, 1918 (subject property outlined in red). Source: Plats.net.

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES, FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1918.

## WASHINGTON IS REACHING OUT! ALONG THE ARTERIES OF TRAFFIC



**No Need to Tell You That Washington Is Growing**  
The evidence is all around you. Rents are high—higher than have ever been known. Yet there are not enough houses to accommodate the people. More people are constantly pouring in. These people want homes to live in—not furnished rooms. As they settle down into their new positions they will get homes. Their places like COLMAR MANOR—close to the city, with adequate transportation facilities—will come into their own. Real Estate owners in Washington's newest suburb are certain to realize handsomely upon their investment. Remember, we are cutting the streets now—the property is being developed at once.

**Are You Going to Realize on This Opportunity?  
Are You Going to Share in the Prosperity of Washington's Growth?**

# COLMAR MANOR

**Your One Opportunity to Cash In On the  
Phenomenal Growth of Washington**

## \$59

**Buys One of These Choice  
Lots, Together With a Six  
Months' Subscription to  
The Washington Times**

**\$5 Down—\$1 a Week** On terms as easy as this you can share in this wonderful opportunity

NOTE—There are in this beautiful tract a few lots which, by reason of their extreme desirability and exceptional location, we are prepared to price at higher figures. Should you select any of these lots, proportionate terms and conditions will apply.



COLMAR MANOR—View Showing Cutting of Streets.



Looking Toward Washington. Colmar Manor on the Left.

**See Colmar Manor  
at Our Expense**  
All This Week we are running a Free Auto Service from in front of our F Street Office Direct to COLMAR MANOR and Return, Every Hour on the Hour.  
On Sunday the auto service runs only from 10th and H sts. N. E. to the property—and if you want until Monday some other lucky purchaser is going to have in his possession the lots you want. Be among those who are "in the job" and avoid next Monday's rush. It's really late time of your actual time, and the month will be in your complete satisfaction.

COLMAR MANOR is located in the right direction to benefit by the growth of Washington. It is directly on the Washington-Baltimore Boulevard. Here traffic comes over this road than all other roads in Washington combined. The railroads that enter Washington from the direction of Colmar Manor carry more passengers and haul more freight than all the other railroads combined. A city's growth follows its transportation facilities. Population makes land values—transportation facilities create population. COLMAR MANOR takes its name from a combination of the first part of the word "Colombia" and the first part of the word "Maryland." A truly descriptive name because of the location of the property.

**But Do It Now! 350 Lots Already Sold.  
The Others Are Going Fast.**

**COLMAR MANOR**  
REAL ESTATE DEPT.  
1110 F St. N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Date .....

Gentlemen:  
Kindly mail me, without cost, maps, illustrations, views, and full information regarding the \$59 lots in COLMAR MANOR.  
Name .....

Address .....

City and State .....

**Here Is The Plan That Gives You The Opportunity to Share in The  
Prosperous Growth of Washington**  
You have your unrestricted choice of the lots in this subdivision. There are no choice locations held out; there are no reservations for any purpose whatever. The lots you like are the lots you get, provided no one has beaten you to them. Every block will be divided into building lots. Streets are being cut through and graded. Property is restricted to desirable people. There will be a warranty deed given with every lot. The title will be perfect, and even the taxes will be paid. You can build upon it; you can sell it; you can start a war garden on it at once; you can do what you please with it. You can go in leisurely groups and get as much as ten thousand feet of it together. Several families can buy together and even a whole block if they wish, so long as no more than four lots go to a family.

**No More Than 2 Lots to Any One Person. No More Than 4 Lots to Any One Family.**

**IF FOR ANY REASON YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON NOW, CLIP AND  
MAIL THIS COUPON**  
We will arrange to have you inspect the property at our expense later. You will incur no obligation whatever in thus inspecting the property. But, for your own interests, we urge you to endeavor by all means to be present at noon as possible.

**Clip and Mail  
TODAY**

## The J. W. HOLLOWAY CO.

COLMAR MANOR REAL ESTATE DEPT.  
Phone Franklin 888. Room 43, Metzger Bldg., 1110 F St. N. W., Washington, D. C.

**COLMAR MANOR**  
REAL ESTATE DEPT.  
Room 43—Metzger Bldg.,  
1110 F St. N. W., Washington, D. C.  
Date .....

Gentlemen:  
I am interested in your COLMAR MANOR proposition enough to request the property map (showing all streets), and YOUR REPLYER AND WITH NO OBLIGATION WHATSOEVER TO ME. Meanwhile send me FREE full general information with maps and plans for my examination please.  
Name .....

Address .....

Figure 3. *Washington Times* advertisement for Colmar Manor, July 12, 1918.

Source: Library of Congress.



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Figure 4. 1938 aerial view of Colmar Manor (subject property outlined in red). *Source: PGAtlas.com.*

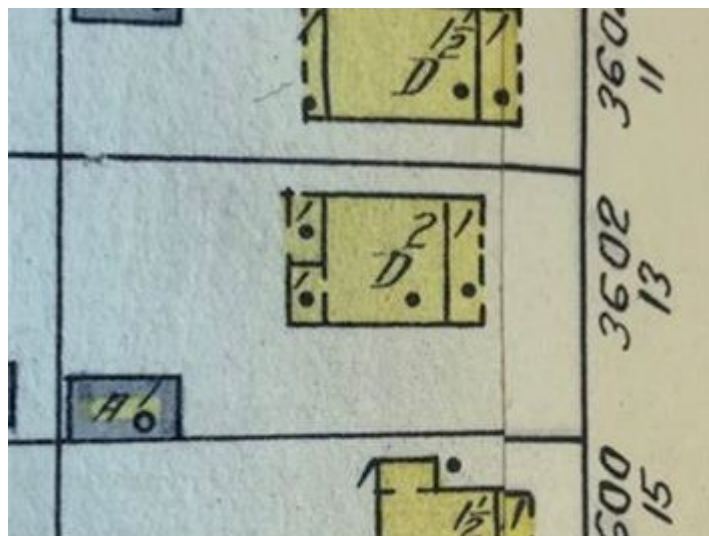


Figure 5. 1939 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (detail).

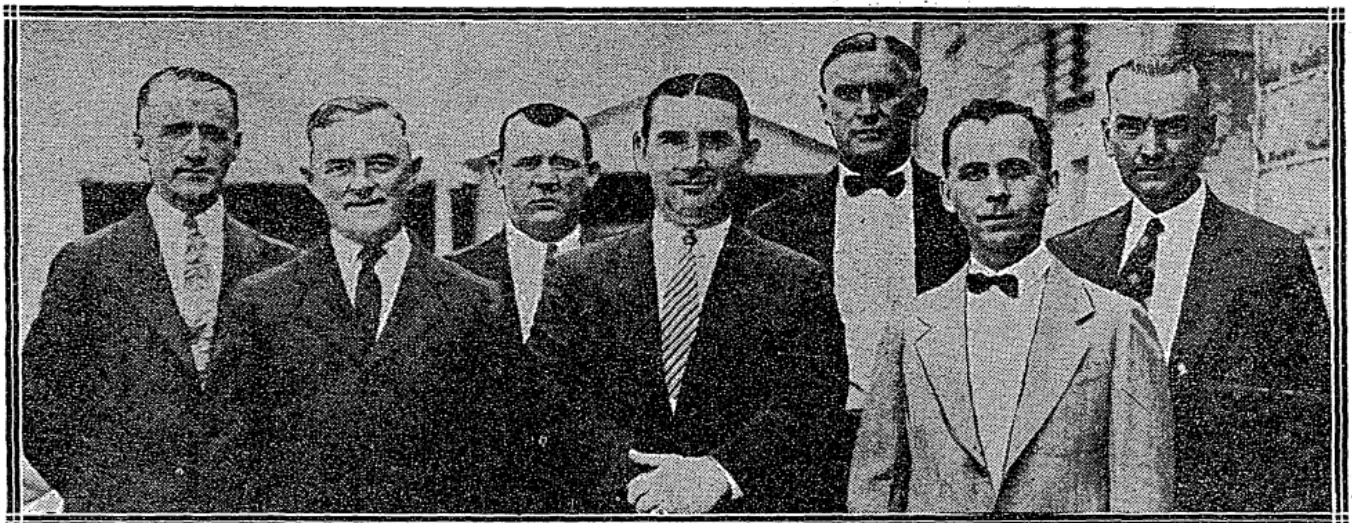
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**FIRST OFFICERS.** Recently elected officers of the newly incorporated town of Colmar Manor, Md. Left to right, front row—Norman Tate, councilman; John S. White, mayor; B. M. Bromley, clerk. Back row—R. O. Davey, councilman; R. V. Yost, councilman; C. W. Bartelmess, councilman, and W. J. Cook, treasurer. Joe Jamieson, Post Staff Photographer.

Figure 6. John White and other elected officials of Colmar Manor, *The Washington Post*, June 28, 1927.



Figure 7. Mary White (far left) and John S. White (second from right) with Maryland Governor Harry W. Nice and Edna Nice at a dinner of the Prince George's County Kiwanis Club, *The Evening Star*, May 30, 1938.



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Figure 8. John S. White, Jr. with wife Joan Alexander, *The Washington Post*, October 4, 1944.



Figure 9. John S. White, Jr. (top center) with cast of *Welcome Back, Kotter*. Source: *IMDb.com*



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### CHAIN OF TITLE

Liber 31614:78 April 16, 2010	Deed: Janice Morgan Wellington and Noel Wellington to Douglas W. Bowles North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 20431:190 September 21, 2004	Deed: Janice Morgan Wellington to Janice Morgan Wellington and Noel Wellington North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 16382:298 October 4, 2002	Deed: Beverley Prioleau Johnson to Janice Morgan Wellington North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 7660:930 May 24, 1990	Deed: Steven Lynn Hubbard and Sharon R. Hubbard to Beverley Prioleau Johnson North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 5239:269 March 17, 1980	Deed: Calhoun Killeen, by his attorney in fact, Kevin Killeen, to be recorded simultaneously with this deed, Kevin Killeen and Amy Killeen, as tenants in common to Steven Lynn Hubbard and Sharon R. Hubbard, his wife North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 5173:840 September 14, 1979	Deed: John S. White, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary C. White, Estate No. 064-04-79, Prince George’s County, Maryland, deceased April 23, 1979 to Calhoun Killeen, Kevin Killeen, and Amy Killeen, tenants in common North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 431:119 August 20, 1935	Deed: Hyattsville Building Association to John S. White and Mary C. White North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor”
Liber 419:378 December 21, 1934	Deed: William E. Hutchinson, Assignee to Hyattsville Building Association North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of “Section 1, Colmar Manor” as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book RNR 2 at Plat 37

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Default having occurred under the terms of a mortgage from Ivan H. Wilson and Mae E. Wilson, his wife, dated October 1, 1926, and recorded in Liber 269:576 \$5,000

Liber 269:576  
October 1, 1926

Mortgage: Ivan H. Wilson and Mae A. Wilson to Hyattsville Building Association North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 in Block 2 of the subdivision known as "First Addition to Colmar Manor" as shown on Plat Book RNR 2 at Plat 41 (this plat reference is incorrect)  
\$5,000

Liber 258:505  
May 25, 1926

Deed: Phillip C. Dorr and Ruby Mae Dorr, his wife to Ivan H. Wilson and Mae Agnes Wilson, his wife  
Lots 27 and 28 in Block 2 of the subdivision known as "Colmar Manor"

Liber 213:430  
June 30, 1924

Mortgage: Ivan H. Wilson and Mae A. Wilson, his wife, to Iva V. Brist  
Lots numbered 24, 25, and 26 in Block 2 of "Colmar Manor"  
Grantors indebted to grantee in the sum of \$2,900

Liber 207:376  
June 30, 1924

Deed: Iva V. Brist to Ivan H. Wilson and Mae A. Wilson  
Lots numbered 24, 25, and 26 in Block 2 of "Section 1, Colmar Manor"  
Grantees to assume existing mortgage of \$2,200

Liber 208:435  
March 3, 1924

Deed: Kate E. Lugenbeel and Harry G. Lugenbeel to Iva V. Brist  
Lots numbered 24, 25, and 26 in Block 2 of "Colmar Manor"

Liber 189:298  
June 21, 1922

Deed: Carl A. Lyman and Corrilla H. Lyman, to Phillip C. Dorr and Ruby Y. Dorr, his wife  
Lots 27 and 28 in Block 2 of the subdivision known as "Colmar Manor"

Liber 159:267  
January 22, 1921

Deed: T. Howard Duckett, Trustee to Carl A. Lyman and Corrilla H. Lyman, his wife  
Lots 27, 28, 29, and 30 in Block 2 of the subdivision known as "Colmar Manor"  
(NOTE DEED RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 8)

Liber 158:414  
April 6, 1920

Deed: T. Howard Duckett, Trustee, to Harry G. Lugenbell [sic] and Kate E. Lugenbell [sic], his wife  
Lots numbered 24, 25, and 26 in Block 2 in a subdivision known as Colmar Manor as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book RNR 2 at Plat 37  
(NOTE DEED RESTRICTIONS IN SECTION 8)

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Liber 134:55  
July 15, 1918

Deed: Richard A. Shreve and Mary Shreve, his wife to T. Howard Duckett, Trustee  
All that land situated in Bladensburg District conveyed to Richard A. Shreve by deed  
from James H. Shreve and John W. Wade, trustees, dated May 1, 1879 and recorded in  
Liber A.T.B 1, at folio 302, saving and excepting those parcels described in this deed

Plat Book RNR 2:37  
July 9, 1918

Plat: Section 1, Colmar Manor

Liber: ATB 1:302  
May 1, 1879

Deed: James H. Shreve and John W. Wade, Trustees, and Frances A. Shreve, widow  
of James H. Shreve, deceased, to Richard A. Shreve, all of Washington, D.C.  
Two parcels containing in total 158 acres, more or less, as described in this deed (part  
of Chillum Castle Manor and Yarrow)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 0.115 acres

Acreage of historical setting 0.115 acres

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

North or Rear Fifty (50) feet of Lots numbered Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26), Twenty-seven (27), and Twenty-eight (28) in Block numbered two (2) in a subdivision known as "Section 1, Colmar Manor" as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book RNR 2 at Plat 37 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland; being in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District of said County.

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