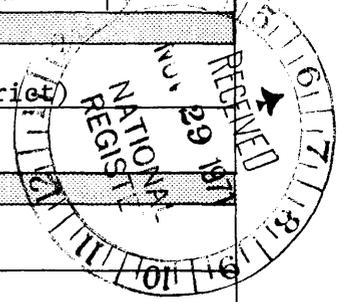


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Prospect House (within boundaries of Georgetown Historic District)

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lingan-Templeman House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
3508 Prospect Street, N.W. (Georgetown)

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
District of Columbia	11	District of Columbia	001

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Patricia Firestone Chatham

STREET AND NUMBER:
3508 Prospect Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE: 11
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Recorder of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Sixth and D Streets, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE: 11
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Proposed District of Columbia Additions to the National Register of Historic Places recommended by the Joint Committee on Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: March 7, 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
National Capital Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
1325 G Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE: 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prospect House, facing north at 3508 Prospect St., N.W., is a freestanding late Georgian townhouse, which was substantially Victorianized in the 19th century and has now been meticulously restored. The main block, approximately 35' wide (three bays) by 50' deep, is 2½ stories high with a partially exposed basement. The rear wing, 25' wide by 50' deep, is two stories high with an exposed basement. The west service wing, which dates from the 1930's, is about 30' wide by 25' deep and has three exposed low stories.

The main block has random rubble stone foundations exposed about 4' above grade. There is a molded brick drip table at the first floor level. The walls are of flemish bond red brick of very fine quality workmanship with a belt course between the first and second floors. In the right hand bay, the entrance door is approached directly from the sidewalk by a nine riser stairway leading to a small porch with a wooden floor and delicate ornamental iron railing. The large 6-panel wooden door is set in a paneled recess with a round-arched top and a leaded glass fanlight. The opening is trimmed with reeded pilasters and a wooden pediment. Two windows to the left of the door on the first floor and the three windows of the second are 6/6-light double-hung with wooden sash, stone sills, flat lintels of splayed shaped bricks, and louvered shutters. The dentilled wooden cornice about 14' deep is painted white, as is most of the wooden trim of the house. Slate shingles cover the gabled roof which has a flat top section. Three gable-ended dormers have slate-shingled sides and round-arched double-hung wooden sash. The main house has a pair of brick chimneys on both the east and the west gable wall. The large circular bay window with a curved, painted standing seam metal roof on the east side of the main block dates from the 1930's.

The west service wing with its three low stories has garages on the first floor and is set back from the street behind a small parking court. The two garages have paneled overhead wood doors. Fenestration of the second floors is similar to that of the main block, but smaller. The third story has three partial dormers.

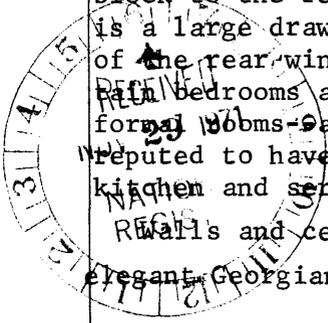
The rear wing has brick foundations and walls which have been stuccoed. The sides and rear of the house have a variety of glazed single and French doors leading to the garden and veranda. Running the length of the rear wing on the east side off the first floor is a veranda with ornamental New Orleans cast iron. The main gardens are to the east and south of the house. The site slopes down toward the Potomac River, and there are several brick paved sitting areas and walks with retaining walls and stairs. Landscaping is quite formal with walks, boxwood and shade trees, and a variety of espaliered fruit trees along the retaining walls.

In the interior, the west entry-stair hall runs the length of the main block to the rear wing. The entire remainder of the main block first floor is a large drawing room, once two rooms. A large dining room occupies most of the rear wing, first floor. The second and third floors of the house contain bedrooms and baths. The basement of the main house contains several rooms - an office to the front and to the rear a large library which is reputed to have been the original kitchen. The west wing now contains the kitchen and servants rooms.

Walls and ceiling of the main house are of smooth plaster with simple, elegant Georgian cornices. Floors are of random width pine, stained dark.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1788-93 erected

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Joint Committee on Landmarks has designated Prospect House a Category II Landmark of importance which contributes significantly to the cultural heritage and visual beauty of the District of Columbia. This late 18th century, freestanding Georgian mansion, one of the most historically and architecturally important houses in Georgetown, has been continuously occupied by locally and nationally prominent families.

General James Maccubin Lingan, Revolutionary War hero and one of the 19 original proprietors who signed the agreement for the establishment of the District of Columbia, purchased the property on which Prospect House now stands in November 1788 for 250 pounds. In 1793 Lingan sold the property "together with all the houses and improvements," to John Templeman of Boston for 1450 pounds. Prospect house was undoubtedly built during this five year period by Lingan.

John Templeman, the second owner, was a prominent and civic-minded resident of Georgetown, who gratuitously supervised the completion of the Georgetown Bridge over the Potomac. Templeman's wife and descendants owned Prospect House until 1858 when it was sold to Dr. Thomas T. Mann, who then sold the property two years later to William Templeton. Templeton constructed an "elaborate addition and octagonal protuberance" in 1861. It may also have been at this time that the house was converted to a full three stories by raising the formerly pitched roof. From December 1861 until 1868, Prospect House was owned by William H. Whiton, a Civil War General who shared the house with General D.C. McCallum, a railway and bridge engineer in the Union Army.

In 1868, Whiton sold the house to Franklin Steele, a local merchant, and his wife Annie, granddaughter of Commodore Joshua Barney. One of the Steele's eight children, Mary Chase Steele, married George Upham Morris another noted naval officer who was in charge of the Cumberland during its losing battle with the Confederate ironclad Merrimac. Lt. Morris later became a commodore. Mary Steele Morris continued to live at Prospect House until her death in 1930.

Mrs. Morris' nephew, Capt. Edward B. McCauley, and his wife gained full ownership of Prospect House in 1934 and immediately began an extensive restoration and renovation of the house under the direction of architect James W. Adams. It was evidently during this renovation that the west servants wing was erected and the house restored to its original Georgian appearance. Sidney A. Mitchell, a millionaire New York investment banker and a WWII "dollar-a-year man," owned and occupied Prospect House from 1942 until 1945.

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7. Description - Prospect House

The main stairway running from the first floor to the third in a U-shape with half-way landings is noted for a curving wood banister and ornamental turned balusters. There is a variety of Georgian and Victorian mantels throughout the house. (Much of the above architectural description is closely derived from Georgetown Architecture, No. 6: see bibliography).

8. Significance - Prospect House

In 1945 Mrs. Josephine Ogden Forrestal, wife of James E. Forrestal, then Secretary of the Navy and later the first Secretary of Defense, purchased the property. Following Forrestal's suicide in 1949, Mrs. Forrestal leased the house to the U.S. Government as a "guest house" for foreign dignitaries, while Blair House was occupied by President Truman. In 1951 Mrs. Forrestal sold Prospect House to the Honorable Thurmond Chatham, member of Congress from North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Chatham restored the house and grounds. Mr. Chatham died in 1957. His widow, Patricia Firestone Chatham, is the present owner and occupant.

