

LEVI A. MACKEY ^{House}~~COMPLEX~~, CARRIAGE HOUSE
404 North Grove Street
Lock Haven
Clinton County
Pennsylvania

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- Location:** 404 North Grove Street, Lock Haven, Clinton County, Pennsylvania
- USGS Lock Haven Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:
18.294880.4556810
- Significance:** The Levi A. Mackey carriage house is significant for its association with the historically and architecturally important L.A. Mackey House. The Mackey House and Carriage House are located in a locally significant historic neighborhood which contains architecturally impressive nineteenth-century residential buildings, constructed in association with Lock Haven's growth from the booming lumber industry. L.A. Mackey constructed the Italianate Mackey House in 1854 at the height of Lock Haven's prosperity.
- Since the 1920s, the carriage house has been the sole outbuilding on the Mackey property and provides an example of the evolution of a historic outbuilding over time to accommodate the changing needs of its owners. The building has sustained several uses from carriage house to garage to apartment dwelling. The carriage house reflects the historic setting of the property which originally included the Mackey House, carriage house and several frame outbuildings. Although the outbuilding has been altered from its original appearance, it retains historic architectural elements such as board-and-batten siding.
- Description:** The Mackey carriage house is a front-gabled, two-bay, two-story frame building with board-and-batten siding. The building contains six-over-six and one-over-one double hung sash windows, and a rear two-story porch with an exterior wooden staircase. A modern garage door is located near the center of the west facade of the carriage house. Exposed rafter ends are visible on the east and west facades of the building.
- History:** The Mackey carriage house can be documented as early as 1865 in a lithograph engraving of the Mackey property, although it may have been constructed with the Mackey House in 1854. In 1885, the Mackey property was about one acre in size and included the carriage house in its present location. At that time, the rear of the building served as a carriage house/stable while the front elongated section, no longer extant, may have served as an ice house, according to the present owner. A lithograph from c. 1896 depicts the carriage house with one or possibly two gabled dormers, an attached shed, and wide carriage doors in the southeast corner of the building. By 1891, the front section of the carriage house had been altered to a small, one-story dwelling, attached to a two-story rear stable. By 1914, the rear section of the carriage house was a garage/stable, while the front dwelling section was a 1 1/2 story dwelling with a one-story porch.
- Circa 1920, all outbuildings on what was Levi Mackey's original one-acre plot were demolished, save the carriage house, which was converted to a two-story apartment. A fire destroyed the roof of the building and part of the

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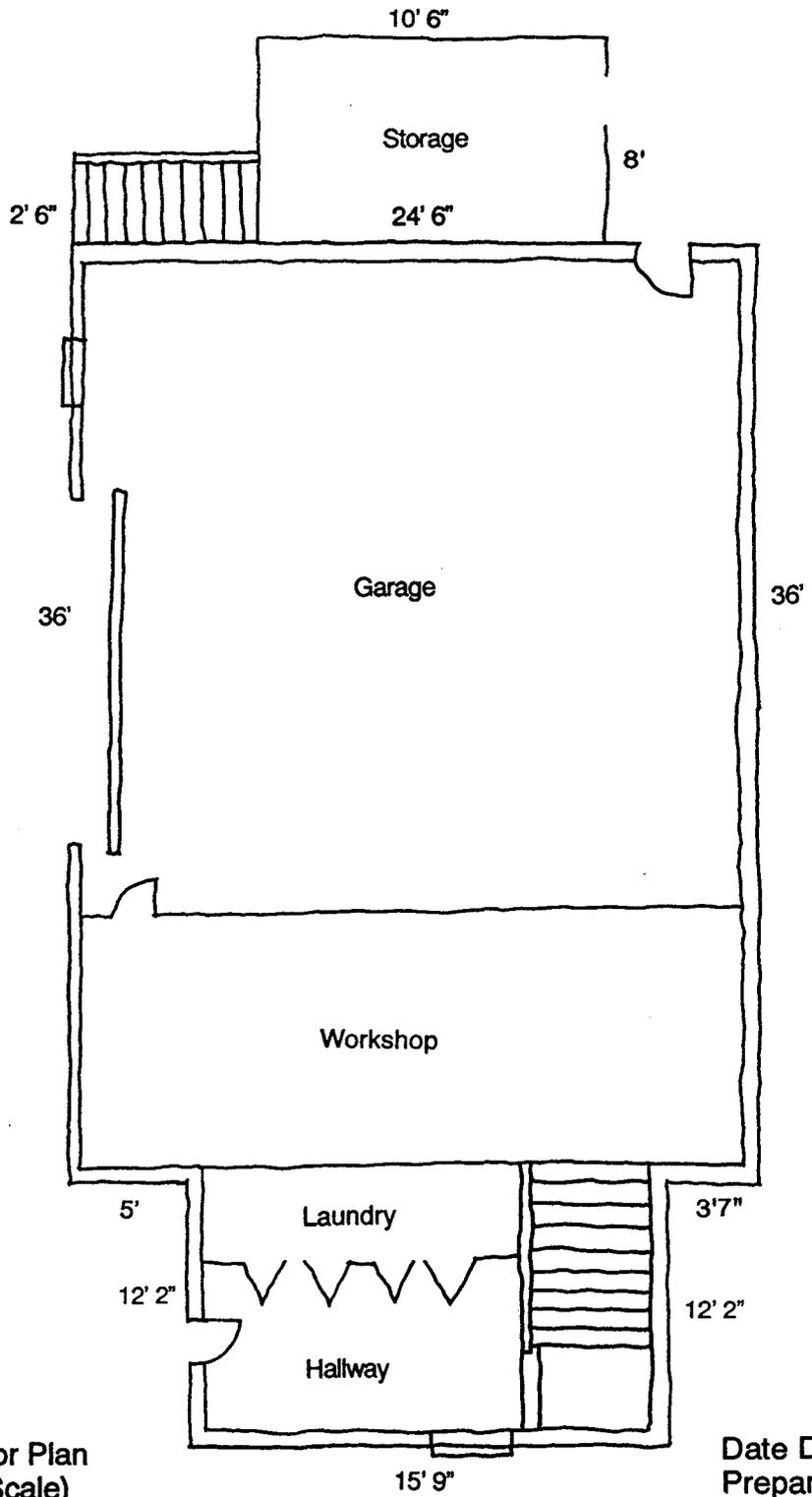
frame siding, and several wooden support beams in 1954. The replacement roof is gabled without dormers or detail. Approximately one-third of the wood exterior was replaced and the side opening was moved to the center of the building. The apartment was not rented again until 1969, when the present owner, Robert Edmonston, Mr. Mackey's great-grandson, occupied the space. Since that time, the apartment has been occupied or rented.

Documentation of the Levi A. Mackey carriage house was undertaken during October and November of 1991. The documentation serves as a mitigative measure for the treatment of this historic property as it would be affected by a proposed Lock Haven flood protection project under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. The Mackey Carriage House is slated for removal from the property to accommodate the construction of a flood wall as a part of the flood protection project. The carriage house will be marketed for sale in an attempt to have it moved. If the carriage house cannot be sold, it will be marketed for architectural salvage. The last recourse for the building is demolition.

Sources: See Levi A. Mackey Complex (HABS No. PA-5524).

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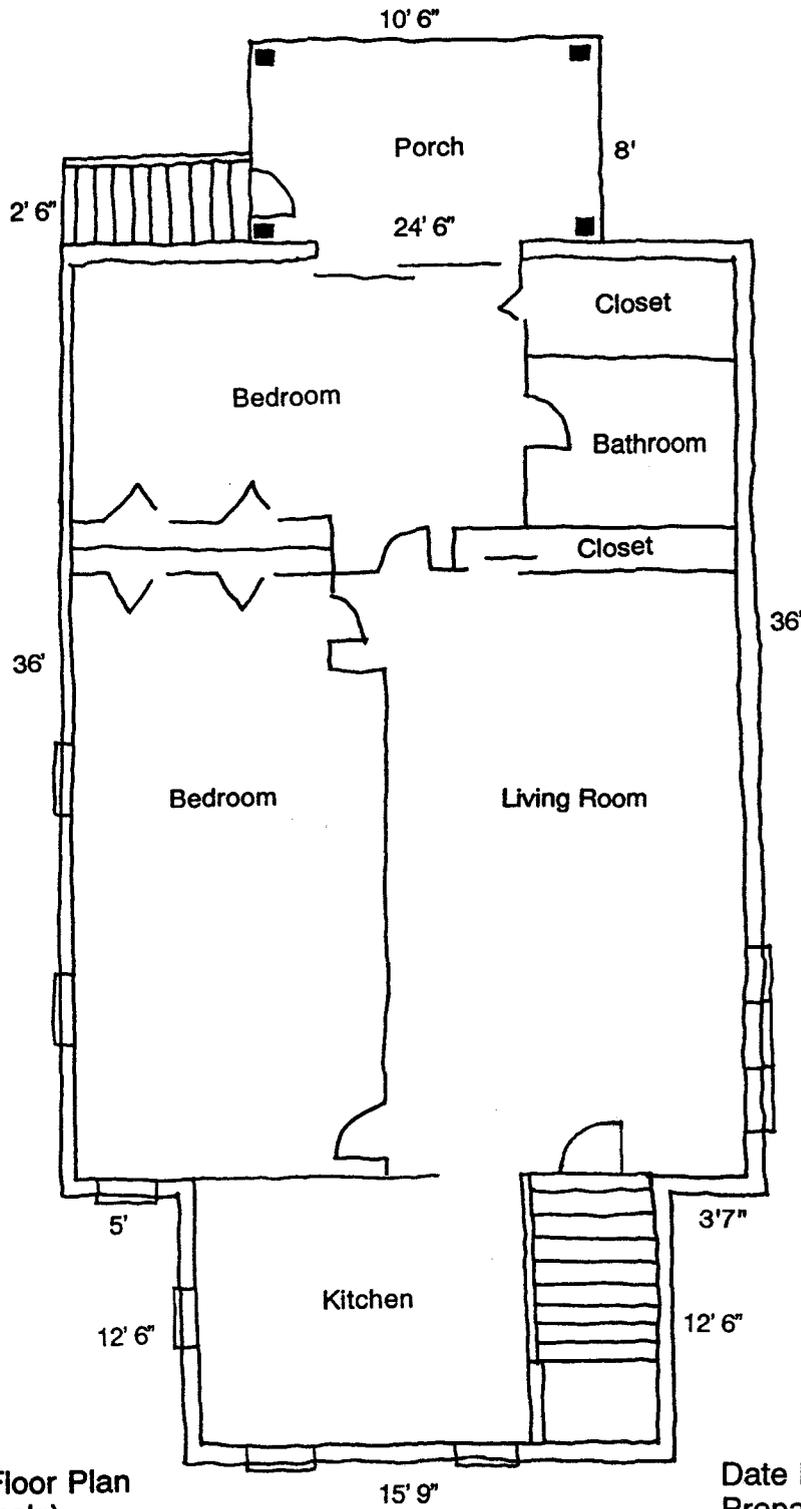
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