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## Salmon-Stohlman House

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4728 Dorset Avenue, Somerset, Maryland

The Salmon-Stohlman House, also known as "Clover Crest," is a historic home located at Somerset, Montgomery County, Maryland, bordering Washington, D.C. It is a 2 and 1/2-story, frame structure built about 1893, and designed in a transitional manner with late Victorian detailing.

It was one of the first houses built in the present-day Town of Somerset by Dr. Daniel E. Salmon, a leading veterinarian at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and one of the original developers of the suburban property. He was one of five founders of Somerset Heights.

As founding chief of the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry at the Department of Agriculture, Salmon and four other scientists from the USDA banded together in the early 1890s to develop a residential enclave or "colony" just outside the city limits. The group, referred to as the Somerset Colony Company, purchased a 50-acre tract of land and constructed their personal residences before subdividing the land into building lots and promoting their individual sale as a real estate venture. Salmon owned a number of lots which he later sold.

Salmon lived in the house with his wife Mary and a maid until he sold it in 1902. John William Stohlman, a Georgetown confectionery merchant, owned the house from 1902 to 1947. During his long ownership of the house, John Stohlman served as Mayor of Somerset from 1919 to 1938, and along with his wife, raised a large family of ten children in the house. The interior of Stohlman's Victorian era candy shop has been reproduced in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

The Salmon-Stohlman House is also a good representative example of a late-19th century suburban residential building in Late Victorian high style. With its irregular building form, the use of a variety of wall surface materials, projecting bays, dormers, and wraparound porch, the house embraced the principles of the ideal suburban house, including a sense of individual space and a relationship with the natural setting.

## MORE INFORMATION:

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