

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME					
COMMON: Cloverlea (Strawberry Plain)					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Wilson House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Mago Vista Road, 2/10 mile north of jct. with Jones					
CITY OR TOWN: Station Road near Mago Vista Annapolis					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Anne Arundel		
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"/> Both	<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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Nellie P. Mohler					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5115 Midwood Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore 12			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis, Maryland					
CITY OR TOWN: Map #32, AD #3, Parcel #422, Liber/folio # 1340/193			STATE:		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cloverlea, also known as the Wilson House or as Strawberry Plain, stands on a 7.5 acre lot on the west side of Mago Vista Road. The lot is bounded on the west by a deep, wooded ravine at the head of Mill Creek on the Magothy River. The land on the other three sides has been subdivided. The house and its several outbuildings are almost hidden from view by large trees and high hedges.

According to the present owner, this spacious, mid-19th century house was once the center of a large orchard and truck farm owned by James Wilson of Baltimore. Wilson is believed to have operated a cannery and a shipping line in Baltimore and to have used this house only in summer or after his retirement.<sup>1</sup> His name appears on the 1860 and 1878 county maps<sup>2</sup> in this location and the point at the end Broadwater Road is still known as Wilson's Wharf. A great-grand-daughter of James Wilson, Margaret Helen Wilson Moxly, lives nearby on Wilson Road.

Wilson is believed to have been born in 1789. He married three times: first to Mary Ellen Arminger, second to Margaret Baldwin. The name of his third wife is not known. He died at age 86 and was buried in Baltimore.

The house, called Cloverlea only in recent years, was probably built in the late 1840's. While repairing the front porch the present owner removed a piece of wood bearing a set of initials and the date, May 18, 1848. Though this is by no means conclusive evidence, the style of the building fits well with the period of the 1840's and 1850's.

The block like, 2 story, brick structure, has a low hipped roof with a small deck at the center. The deck at one time had a railing. The front (east) elevation has 5 bays with the main entrance in the center bay under a flat roofed columned porch decorated with side railings and a dentil block cornice. The double, front door is framed by 5 transoms and three side lights. The rear elevation is covered by a two story, open porch. The openings in the rear wall are irregularly spaced and of odd sizes. Two french doors on the second level lead onto the porch and provide an indication that it is part of the original design of the house. There are two doors on the first level also. One leads to the kitchen and the other to the center hall. The front and side windows of the building have shutters and are all 6/6 pane openings. All of the openings have flat brick lintels.

The walls of the house are laid in common bond (one header course to seven stretcher courses). There is no water-table. The cornice is unusual; made of molded brick with a row of dentils beneath. The seven courses below the cornice form a projecting band reminiscent of a frieze. The cornice is painted white as are the window frames and the porches. The shutters are dark green. The entire house appears to have been white washed, but most of the finish has worn off.

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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)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1 Conversation with Mrs. Morrow, daughter of Mrs. Mohler, owner, July 3, 1975.
- 2 Martenet, Simon J. Martenets Map of Anne Arundel County Maryland, No. 6 South Street, Baltimore, 1860  
Hopkins, G.M., Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 320 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 1878

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.5 acres

Acreage Justification:

(Empty space for acreage justification)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Amy Hiatt

ORGANIZATION: Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning      DATE: July 31, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Arundel Center

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

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The interior of the house has been altered somewhat over the years but the basic floor plan remains the same. There is a center hall, containing the front and back doors and the stair. The house is two rooms deep having a large front room on either side of the hall adjoined by a much smaller back room, sharing the same chimney stack. One of the back rooms contains the kitchen. The same plan is repeated on the second floor. There is a full brick-floored basement, one part of which has been made into an apartment.

The interior finishings of the house are very plain. The two front rooms have marble mantel pieces with arched openings and plain molded fronts with key blocks. The rest of the mantels in the house are wooden. The floors and most of the doors and hardware appear to be original. The stair is wide, with an easy rise up to the third floor. The wide handrail is supported by 2 turned spindles on each step and a massive turned newel post at the bottom. It winds gracefully at each landing without a newel.

In the yard to the back of the house are several small out buildings: a brick milk house, brick meat house and a frame kitchen. The milk-house has a hipped roof with a wide overhang and a vent at its peak. The walls are brick, plastered on the inside. ~~The low brick, plastered on the inside.~~ The low brick trough has been fitted with pipes to circulate water from the well. The meat house is an unusually large, square, building with a hipped roof and small vents in the brick work on the side walls. The frame kitchen has been altered and enlarged into a small house but the massive brick chimney is still visible.

The back yard is shaded by several very large maple trees. A previous owner planted a garden of English boxwood in the front yard.



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Cloverlea,

(Wilson House)

front (east) elevation

(Strawberry Plain)



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Cloverlea,  
(Wilson House)  
N.E. corner

(Strawberry Plain)

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aa-17-w-a (map 16)

Cloverlea  
(Wilson House)  
West elevation

(Strawberry Plain)



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milkhouse at  
Cloverlea (Wilson House)  
South elevation

(Strawberry Plain)



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meat house at  
Cloverlea (Wilson  
House)  
South elevation

(Strawberry Plain)

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