

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: von Schwerdtner <del>House</del> residence				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Kublitz House, "The Vine <sup>y</sup> ard"				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Entrance on the northeast side of Old General's Highway, west of jct				
CITY OR TOWN: with Sherwood Forest Road, near Iglehart, Crownsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<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
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: F.E. von Schwerdtner				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1, Box 560				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland 21401	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis, Maryland				
CITY OR TOWN: Map #44, AD #2, Parcel #14, Liber/folio #428/466			STATE:	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

Situated on a hill above the old General's Highway, this two story stucco house has an interesting history and many unusual architectural features. The main structure is in two parts, forming an ell-shaped plan. The north wing faces west with roof-ridge running north-south. The south wing, adjoining it at a right angle, has its west gable flush with the front wall of the other. The entire structure has undergone some major alterations since it was built. The first floor walls are of stone and brick, 20" thick in places. The second floor, ~~perhaps~~ a later addition, ~~is~~ is frame, with ceilings only 6 1/2 feet high. The exterior of the frame walls are sheathed in wood siding. Both the masonry and frame levels have been covered with stucco, scored to appear like cut stone. The stucco makes it difficult to determine what changes have been made in the placement of windows etc.

The north wing of the house was probably built first. It has a full basement with a dirt floor and stone ashlar walls. The ceiling is a brick barrel-vault. The top surface, at grade, has been leveled and there is a crawl-space between it and the first floor. The first floor plan now consists of one large room, with a fireplace at the north end, and a narrow hall across the south end. The room has a single 6/6 pane opening on the east side. The west wall has been altered; a wide bay-window replacing two narrow openings which were in line with the second floor windows. The main door to the house is located in the west wall. It is a wide opening, with four tiny transom lights, which leads into the hall. The chimney is built into the end gable wall and thus has small closet spaces on either side. This gable wall and that on the end of the other wing are masonry up to the roof peak. ~~both courses~~. The second floor consists of three rooms; the end room, served by a fireplace, and one smaller room on either side of a narrow hall. The ceilings have been raised into the attic in recent years to provide more head room. Where the plaster has not been replaced, the lath is hand split. The flooring is random width pine. There is no stair in this section of the house and no indication of its location if there was one. When the windows and stucco on the front of the first floor were removed it was discovered that the wall was laid in regular sized stone blocks and that the window openings were framed in a carefully executed pattern of bricks giving the effect of quoins.

The south wing has a basement which is partially above ground. It is reached only from the outside and connects, via a set of steps, with the vaulted basement. The walls are laid with rough stone and the beams of the floor above have been replaced with a system of steel girders. The chimney, at the east end, is supported by a brick arch. The first floor of this section contains a hall with stairway, connecting with the north wing, and one large room at the east end. The second floor has a similar plan. The south elevation has three bays with an entrance in the west bay. A wide porch was added across the facade in the early 1900's.

A small frame kitchen is attached to the north wing. The chimney, roof, and siding have been replaced and a porch has been added to its west side. The original structure consisted of one room with a loft above.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The von Schwerdtner house and the "Iglehart" house nearby are both located on part of a 1689 patent to Samuel Chew, called "The Vineyard". In 1732 the ownership passed to the Dorsey family. In the last years of the 18th century John Hall and his nephew, Henry Hall, owned "The Vineyard".<sup>1</sup> John Hall was buried in the side yard (west) of the von Schwerdtner house in a brick vault. The large marble slab covering the grave reads: "In memory of John Hall, Esquire who departed this life March 9, 1797 in the 68th year of his age". "In 1799 John Watkins bought the property and in 1808 it was divided between his wife; his daughter, Julianna; Rachel Watkins Hopkins, a second daughter; and her husband Isaac Hopkins".<sup>2</sup> (Julianna Watkins and Rachel and Issac Hopkins were granted, in 1808, a warrant for resurvey of the property by the Western Shore Land Office). Julianna married Leonard Iglehart and in 1811 built the house known by that name on her share of the property. It is believed that the Watkins family had lived in the von Schwerdtner house and that Rachel and Issac Hopkins continued to live there for some years. The name Brooke Meade appears on the 1860 and 1878 maps of the county.<sup>3</sup> The property has changed owners several times since 1900.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1 Rivoire, J. Richard, and William Morgan, National Register Nomination Form; Iglehart Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, 1973
- 2 Ibid
- 3 Martenet, Simon J., Martenet's Map of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, No. 6 South Street Baltimore, 1860

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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF ~~PROPERTY~~ PROPERTY: ~~11~~ *11 acres*

Acreage Justification:

*(Empty space for Acreage Justification)*

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Amy Hiatt**

ORGANIZATION: **Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning**      DATE: **July 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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



A-  
95

AA-21-S-a<sup>(map 20)</sup>

Von Schwerdtner House  
"The Vineyard"  
South elevation



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CIA-21-S-a <sup>(map 20)</sup>

Von Schwerdtner House

"The Vineyard"

North elevation

Kitchen in foreground

5/15



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(map 20) AA-21-S-a  
von Schwerdtner House  
west elevation  
(north wing)



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AA-21-S-a (map 20)

Von Schwerdtner House  
"The Vineyard"

N.E. Corner



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AA-21-S-a (map 2)

Von Schwerdtner House

"The Vineyard"

west elevation

(south wing)



AA-  
185

AA-21-S-a (map =  
Von Schwerdtner Hou  
"The Vineyard"  
west elevation  
(south wing)



Von Schwerdtner House  
185 The Vineyard AA-21-S-a  
stucco over brick and stone  
north wing: windows being en-  
larged, note brick quoins.



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