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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland	(10)
COUNTY:	Baltimore	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY DATE:		

1. NAME

COMMON:	Prospect Hill
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Prospect Hill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:				East side of Kane's Road			
CITY OR TOWN:			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:				
Long Green			Second				
STATE:		CODE:	COUNTY:		CODE:		
Maryland		24	Baltimore		005		

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:				STATE: Maryland
Mrs. Howard A. Kelly, Jr.				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Prospect Hill, Kane's Road				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:	Maryland
Baltimore Long Green		Maryland	24	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				STATE: Maryland
Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
St. John's College Campus				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:	Maryland
Annapolis		Maryland	24	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:				
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks				
DATE OF SURVEY:		Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>		
1970				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	CODE:	Maryland
Annapolis		Maryland	24	

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STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Baltimore
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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE	Maryland	
COUNTY	Baltimore	
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ENTRY NUMBER		DATE

(Number all entries)

Prospect Hill

#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Buildings Survey

Federal - 1969

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 11

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
	Exterior (Check One)			Interior (Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prospect Hill is located on the east side of Kane's Road northeast of Long Green, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story brick house is three bays long on the north (entrance) facade and four bays long on the south. The brick is laid in common bond and is not carefully pointed. Originally the house was covered with stucco which the present owner removed.

The centrally placed double door on the north facade has a semi-circular leaded fanlight. Two pilasters flank the door and support a wooden arch over the fanlight. A pair of rectangular, leaded sidelights are located near the door. The entrance porch has a round arch within the pediment which is supported by two pairs of columns. On the south facade a one-story porch runs the length of the building. Access to the porch is gained through a jib door. There is an enclosed chimney on both the east and west gable ends. A semi-circular, leaded window is located in the center of the west facade at the attic level. The windows have six-over-six sashes with plain sills and short arches. It is probable that when the house was stuccoed the window arches were treated more elaborately.

The interior of Prospect Hill is arranged next to a hall which runs from east to west along the north facade. The stair and passage to the wing exist at the east end and a small library is at the west end. The two principal rooms open off the hall and occupy the southwest and southeast (original dining room) corners of the house. These two rooms have deep, elaborate plaster cornices and mantles executed in an Adam-inspired style. The low chair rails are reeded as is the mantle in the library. The quality of the interior has led to speculation that it may be the work of William Thornton. The tall proportions of the rooms and the details associate this building with the Federal style.

A two-story wing extends from the east facade of the main house. It is stone covered with stucco. The wing has lower ceilings and more modest proportions than the Federal block. The first floor windows have six-over-six sashes while those on the second are three-over-three, resembling "eyebrow" windows. A chimney protrudes from the center of the roof ridge. The wing contains a dining room with plain wood trim and a kitchen.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1796-1798

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | <u>Maryland history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prospect Hill is an early example of the Federal style in Maryland. Built between 1796 and 1798, it equals, if not rivals, later Federal buildings, e.g., the Carroll Mansion, Baltimore City, especially in the interior detailing and proportions. The builder, Thomas Ringgold, had the financial resources as well as the cultural background to construct a house in the most current tastes. He was the grandson and eldest son of two wealthy and politically prominent Chestertown merchants, both named Thomas Ringgold. His family home, the Hynson-Ringgold House, is one of the architectural monuments of Chestertown.

Tragedy surrounds the early years at Prospect Hill. Thomas Ringgold, by twentieth century standards, was an alcoholic and within a year of the construction of Prospect Hill became incapable of managing his and his family's finances. He became hopelessly in debt and spent some time in the Baltimore City jail for failure to pay his debts. His mother and brothers reacted to the situation by having him declared legally insane.¹ Ringgold's brothers, Samuel Ringgold of Fountain Rock and Tench Ringgold of Washington, D. C., managed his property. They sold Prospect Hill in 1812 to pay their brother's debts.

Before Ringgold bought the tract it had belonged to George Hunter who had farmed it since the mid-eighteenth century. Hunter received title to the land from the State of Maryland. Hunter's farm was a part of Gunpowder Manor, a proprietary manor owned by the Lords Baltimore. During the American Revolution Maryland confiscated all British property, and often, as in Hunter's case, the tenants received full title.

¹Commission of Lunacy, 1804. Ringgold v. Ringgold, Chancery Papers 4421-A.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary Sources: Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland
 Chancery Papers 4421-A.
 Baltimore County Land Records
 Gunpowder Manor, plat of Confiscated British Property.
 Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1798.
 Tax Assessment of 1785.
 A List of Tenaments on His Lordship's Manor of Gunpowder in 1767.
 Calvert Papers (microfilm #1234).

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	
NW	39 ° 28 ' 53 "	76 ° 30 ' 58 "	°	'	"	
NE	39 ° 28 ' 57 "	76 ° 30 ' 40 "				
SE	39 ° 28 ' 43 "	76 ° 30 ' 39.36 "				
SW	39 ° 28 ' 38 "	76 ° 30 ' 52 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **50 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Jan. 31, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date February 8, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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 MARYLAND—BALTIMORE CO.
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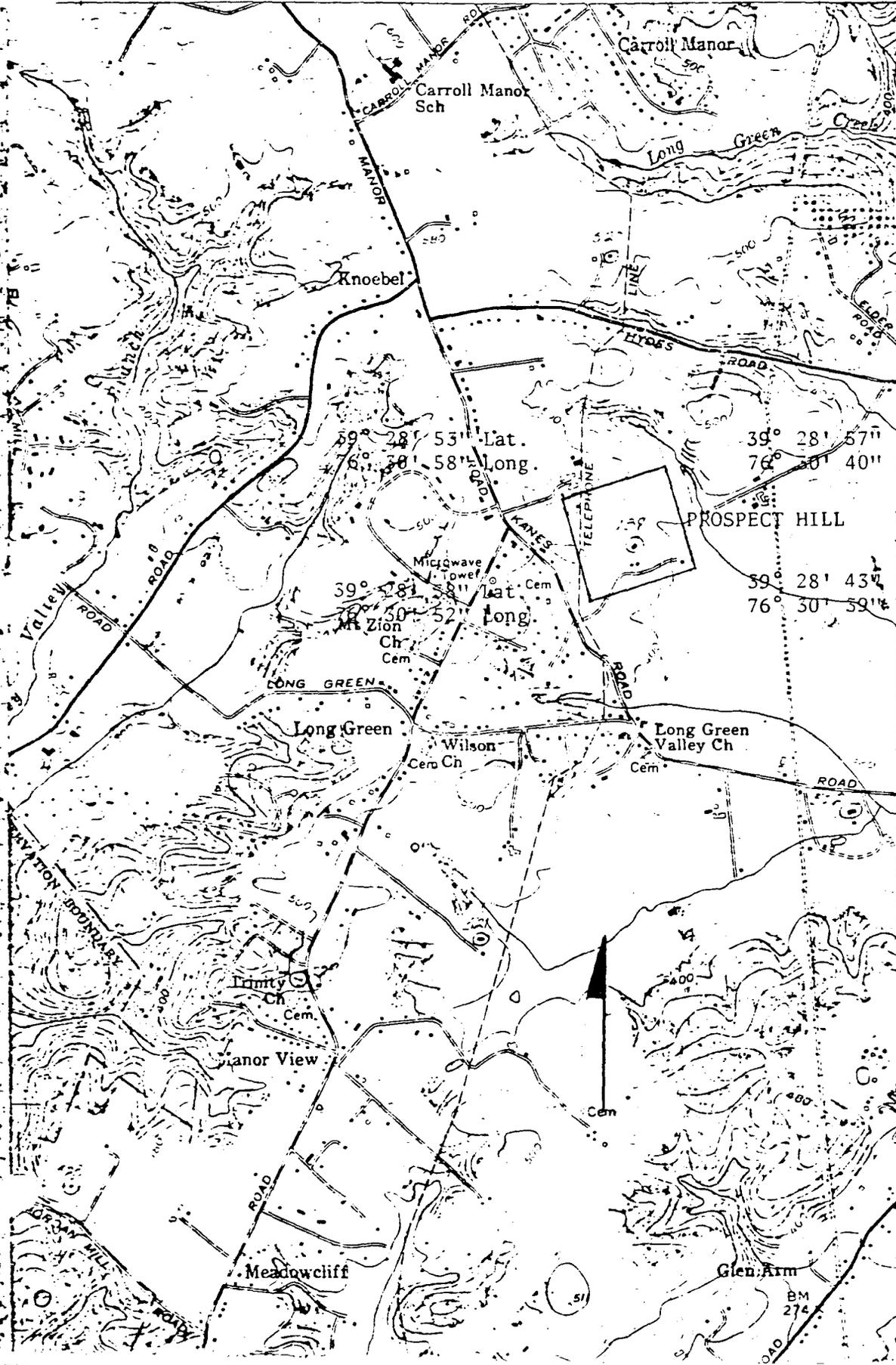
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Maryland
Baltimore
District XI
Long Green Valley

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Prospect Hill

about 1745

Built by Major Ringgold on about 270 acres. Bricks came from England. Double thick walls and floors, windows shuttered inside and out; interior woodwork and mantels beautifully carved.

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965