

c. 1900

BA 1599  
Knollwood  
1014 Green Spring Valley Road  
Brooklandville, Md. 21022  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

FOREST KNOLL

AND/OR COMMON

Knollwood

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1014 Green Spring Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Brooklandville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs G. Lloyd Bunting

Telephone #: 823-4897

STREET & NUMBER

1014 Green Spring Valley Road

Maryland 21022

CITY, TOWN

Brooklandville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 1603 J.W.B.

Folio #: 426

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

KNOLLWOOD is a two and one-half storey stucco (frame) house, five bays in length with a gambrel roof; two storey, flat-roofed wings one bay in length extend from either end.

The entrance facade is the north but the south is the principal facade and it overlooks the valley above a series of falls and terraces which recall those landscape features so important in the eighteenth century, the period which this 1898 house recalls. Typical windows are 6/6 with louvred blinds. In the central bay of each facade double entrance doors have sidelights and a semi-elliptical transom; Palladian windows are above in the second storey. A low pediment rises above the bold modillion cornice of the south facade and it contains an oval window. Two dormers are on either side, each with arched sash having "gothick" muntins, each with pilaster jambs supporting pediment roofs. Five dormers are across the north roof. A pair of interior chimneys rises at each gable.

A one-storey flat-roofed porch shelters the three middle bays of the south facade while the north porch is but one bay in length. A one-storey porch extends across the west end of the west wing and a similar glazed porch matches it at the east end.

A large tri-partite window above and east of the north entrance marks the principal stair within, immediately east of a broad center hall which extends through the house. A large dining room is in the southeast quadrant of the house. A small parlor is in the northwest quadrant and a large drawing room is in the southwest quadrant. A library is in the west wing while the east wing is a sun parlor or "bird room" with hand-laid mosaic tile floor. The original kitchen was in the basement.

Interior ornamentation is highly developed, recalling the best late eighteenth century American detailing. Three alternating patterns of turned mahogany balusters support the moulded mahogany handrail of the staircase. A semi-elliptical arch with paneled soffit and fluted Tuscan columns divides the staircase from the central hall. Mahogany sliding doors with leaded glass in their upper panels are in the wide openings between the central hall and the principal rooms. Paneled mahogany

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Single doors are at lesser openings. Knobs are of cut glass. Shouldered architrave trim supports dentiled cornices above. Raised panel wainscotting and plaster cornices surround the principal spaces of the first storey. Mantels are highly developed and authentic renditions of eighteenth century originals.

In the basement an original Hutchinson Bros. range remains in place as does a coal-heated Canton Clothes Dryer (Ohio) with six pull-out racks in a sheet-metal paneled cabinet for drying.

In the second storey ornamentation of the stairhall is similar to that below. Detailing generally is simpler but still highly developed in the principal rooms, each of which has a fireplace. Most original plumbing fixtures and tile finishes remain in the bathrooms.

The third storey, accessible only by a back stair east of the principal stair, is finished quite simply, probably as servants' rooms. An unfinished attic is above, beneath the upper slope of the gambrel, lighted by oval windows high in each gable. The trussed roof is of circular-sawn framing.

Northeast of the house is a garage and chauffeur's cottage. The garage has a hipped roof topped with a louvred cupola. The chauffeur's cottage is one and one-half storeys in height, four bays in length with two shed dormers breaking the cornice, their 6/6 windows extending into the wall.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

KNOLLWOOD was part of Blocklandwood (q.v.), built for and by the same family in 1898. Exterior and interior details of the later KNOLLWOOD recall those of the earlier Brooklandwood, itself extensively remodeled and extended in this same decade. In its setting and in its superb details, both exterior and interior, KNOLLWOOD recalls the finest American detailing at the end of the eighteenth century; its designers undoubtedly considered their work the logical extension of this earlier period, simply overlooking the nineteenth century.

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The name Knollwood emerged over the years beginning with the sit of the house having been located on a piece of property known as Hickory Knoll.<sup>1</sup> When the house was built by Frances Winchester Brown, she named it "Forest Knoll".<sup>2</sup> At Mrs. Brown's death the house was sold by her son, H. Carroll Brown as trustee of her estate, to John Crosby Brydon and his wife, Nell Harrison Brydon on January 15, 1921. They paid a total of \$90,000 for the house and property,<sup>3</sup> \$30,000 of which was in cash and the balance from a mortgage<sup>4</sup> held by Elm Savings and Loan.<sup>4</sup> This information is significant because the Brydons defaulted on the mortgage payments as a result of which Knollwood was put up for public auction October 14, 1925.<sup>5</sup> At that time it was sold for \$27,000 to J. Howard Murray, assignee for County Trust Company,<sup>6</sup> a corporation in the State of Pennsylvania,<sup>7</sup> the deed having been conveyed November 10, 1925.<sup>8</sup> Isaac E. Emerson subsequently purchased Knollwood from the County Trust Company on August 5, 1926.<sup>9</sup> On November 11, 1947, Knollwood, together with 34 acres of land, was sold by Matthem J. Loorham, trustee under the will of Isaac E. Emerson<sup>10</sup> to G. Lloyd Bunting for the sum of \$55,000.<sup>11</sup>

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber WPC 489, folio 101.

<sup>2</sup> Interview with Frances Winchester Brown Marshall, granddaughter of Frances Winchester Brown.

<sup>3</sup> BCLR, WPC 489, 101 and WPC 536, 218.

<sup>4</sup> BCLR, WPC 684/392.

<sup>5</sup> BCLR, WPC 626/363.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> BCLR WPC 635/325.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> BCLR, WPC 635/325.

<sup>10</sup> Register of Wills, Baltimore County Liber TWP 27, folio 30.

<sup>11</sup> BCLR, JWB 1603/426.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Building, Towson, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 1/4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Valleys Planning Council

DATE

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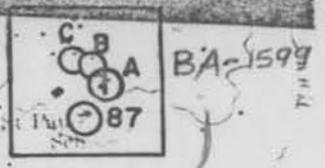
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