

c. 1920

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WESTBURN
2600 Greenspring Valley Road
Stevenson, Maryland 21153
private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC "Westburn"

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2600 Greenspring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN Stevenson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Baltimore

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	<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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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. & Mrs. John G. McCormick

Telephone #: 363-4087 (unlisted)

STREET & NUMBER 2600 Greenspring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN Stevenson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21153

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Baltimore County Office of
COURTHOUSE, Planning & Zoning
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 3402 County Courts Building

Liber #: 5907

Folio #: 149

STREET & NUMBER 401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN Towson

STATE Maryland 21204

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

WESTBURN, dating from the early twentieth century, is a picturesque design combining exterior elements from the late nineteenth century Medieval Revivals and interior elements from the early twentieth century American Colonial Revival. An irregular six bays in length, two and one-half storeys in height, the entrance facade is to the north while the south facade faces a broad view over the valley. The first storey is of random limestone ashlar, the second of stucco and a small carved limestone cornice separates the two materials, marking the second floor line. Three closely-spaced steep gables face north in the third storey high above a porte-cochere which shelters the principal entrance while a single gable is above the wide projecting central bay of the south facade with two dormers to the west, three to the east. An important door to the south is deeply recessed beneath an arch in the projecting south gable, suggesting a medieval porch with chamber above. First storey windows of the north facade are double casements with transoms while those of the south facade are of similar width, extending to the floor as glazed doors. Second storey windows are double casements and louvred blinds flank all openings. Sills and lintels are of limestone. A flat-roofed porch extends across the west end of the house while a service wing extends to the east.

The principal north entrance opens beneath the stair landing to a central hall. The staircase rises, with intermediate landings, open to the third storey; its moulded rail is supported by turned balusters and fluted colonette newels; step ends are scrolled. A semi-elliptical arch supported by paneled pilasters spans the center hall at the foot of the stair. Sliding doors open east and west from the southerly part of the hall to a drawing room to the west, a dining room to the east. The architraves of these sliding doors are flanked by half-pilasters of the Tower-of-the-Winds order and the fluted friezes above support a carved cornice with dentils. Ornamentation of the two principal southerly rooms is similar with walls having applied panels, dentiled cornice, chair rail and mantels with applied carved ornament. A small library is north of the drawing room, its natural oak paneling rising the full height of the walls in small shallow rectangles; this paneling, together with the leaded casements, gives this room a late Tudor style consistent with the exterior of the house.

East of the staircase is a secondary stair; pantries and the kitchen are north and east of the dining room, the principal southeast room. A breakfast alcove is east of the dining room. The stone walls of the cellar incorporate parts of the foundations of an earlier house which burned.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1920	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

WESTBURN, dating from the early twentieth century, is a picturesque design combining exterior elements from the late nineteenth century Medieval Revivals and interior elements from the early twentieth century American Colonial Revival.

"Westburn"

"Westburn" was originally built by Mr. Samuel Shoemaker for his daughter Blanch when she married Mr. Frederick Wm. Brune in the late 1800s. The name "Westburn" probably suggested itself because his own property was "Burnside" and the new house was on the west side of the stream which ran through the property. This was not the honeymoon house where the older daughters stayed which was adjacent to the main house, but was built on a hill half a mile away overlooking "Burnside" farm.

Blanch Shoemaker Brune had three children, the eldest, her namesake, married a Mr. Van Dusen and moved to Minneapolis. The other two children, Augusta and Fred W., Jr. who became a judge and died only recently, were minor when their parents died, so the record of the present house has a beginning in 1915 when the Mercantile Trust Co., as Trustee, sold the property to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Bowles.

The deed indicates that the Bowles sold the house to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Cottman in May of 1920. However, the house burned to the ground on June 15, 1920, and in an article describing the fire Mr. Bowles was said to have acquired the property nine years before or 1911 instead of 1915, and Mr. Cottman to have purchased the house in 1918 instead of 1920. There is no accounting for this discrepancy.

The Cottmans were abroad when their house described as a "showplace of the valley," burned, but on their return they immediately rebuilt using part of the old foundation. This is the present house.

On January 30, 1931, Mr. Cottman committed suicide. Mrs. Cottman returned to New York, selling the house to Mr. Harry N. Baetjer in May of 1932. She remarried in December of 1933.

When Mr. Baetjer died in April of 1969, the house was put up for sale as part of his estate. Rather than let it fall into the hands of developers, Mr. E. Bruce Baetjer bought it in February of 1970 and sold it in May of that year to Mr. & Mrs. Bradford Jacobs. The present owners, Mr. & Mrs. John G. McCormick, bought the house in June of 1978.

Deed Search-Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg. Towson, Md.

	Liber/Folio	Date	
1.	444/288	4/19/1915	from Safe Deposit & Trust as Trustee to Thomas H. Bowles and Louise C. Bowles
2.	529/27	5/17/20	from Thomas Bowles and wife to Thomas E. Cottman and wife
3.	898/243	5/16/32	from Margaret D. B. Cottman to Harry N. Baetjer
4.	5074/91	2/23/70	from H. N. Baetjer's estate to E. Bruce Baetjer
5.	5092/225	5/12/70	from E. B. Baetjer to Bradford McE. Jacobs and wife
6.	5907/149	6/14/1978	from Bradford McE. Jacobs and wife to Mr. & Mrs. John Grayson McCormick

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESThe Green Spring Valley - Maryland Historical Society 1978

The Baltimore Sun Library: Thomas E. Cottman

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 A**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

"Westburn" is situated on a rather prominent hill on the north side of Greenspring Valley Road about 1/2 mile west of Park Heights Avenue. It is bounded by rolling fields and woods.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A. (Howard Baetjer, II - Research Historian)

ORGANIZATION

Valley's Planning Council

DATE

Jan. 25, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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