

c. 1895

BA 1644
Mostly Hill
Stevenson
Maryland 21153
private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI #0316442604

1 NAME

HISTORIC

MOSTLY HILL

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Park Heights Avenue

Second

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Richard Williams

Telephone # 486-3731

STREET & NUMBER

Mostly Hill

Maryland 21153

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 1280

Folio #: 570

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONDITION	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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

MOSTLY HILL was built originally about 1895-1910 as the gardener's cottage for FINLAGEN (q.v.). It has been enlarged in almost all directions. The original portion of this frame house is three irregular bays in length with a gambrel roof. Its principal facade is to the east and a porch with a low-pitched shed roof extends across that facade. An addition with a similar roofline extends across the west facade, a taller and deeper addition is to the north, two bays in length with a gambrel roof. A shed-roofed dormer with a double 6/6 window is centered in each front of the original section and a small brick chimney pierces the middle of the roof. The original German siding is now covered with aluminum siding but the original wood louvred blinds remain in place at the 6/6 windows.

The principal entrance, off-center to the north, opens into a small entry with a staircase ascending in the northeast corner of the house in three short runs. A large room is to the south with a fireplace on its north wall, originally two rooms with corner fireplaces; a small room is west of the hall. Interior trim is routed, with corner blocks. The moulded rail of the staircase is supported by square newels and turned balusters rising above a closed string.

The foundation of the corner fireplaces remains in the cellar where the straight-sawn floor joists are exposed.

West of the dwelling is a small frame barn contemporary with the dwelling. North of the house is a small square stone spring house with a pyramidal roof, its entrance in its south wall and small unglazed window openings are in the other walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<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

Once the gardener's cottage of an important late nineteenth century house, FINLAGEN (q.v.), MOSTLY HILL has been enlarged as a small suburban residence. Two early outbuildings remain indicating that even a supporting cottage on a large estate required its own supporting buildings.

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"Mostly Hill"

"Mostly Hill" was built between 1895 - 1910 by Charles Morton Stewart Jr. as a gardeners cottage for "Finlagen".¹ No one lived in the cottage during the years of the depression starting around 1929. At that time the house had neither electricity nor running water. In 1943 Charles M. Stewart gave "Mostly Hill" to his daughter, Margaret Chew Stewart Williams, shortly after her marriage to Richard Williams.² She remodelled and enlarged the house and is still living in it today.

¹
Interview with Mr. Charles M. Stewart, III, on September 18, 1972.

²
Interview with Mrs. Peggy (Stewart) Williams on March 11, 1980.

"Mostly Hill"

"Mostly Hill" was built on a piece of land that was originally a part of the Cliffholm Estate. This particular parcel of land probably came from the two purchases made by Charles Morton Stewart as follows:

On Oct. 24, 1864 from Dr. William Gibson to Charles Morton Stewart by Liber J.H.L. No. 42 folio 532.

On Feb. 24, 1880 from Richard F. Maynard to Charles Morton Stewart by Liber W.M.I. No. 116 folio 71.

On March 14, 1908, Josephine Lurman Stewart (widow of Charles Morton Stewart) then sold the property to Sophia M. Stewart (wife of Charles M. Stewart Jr.) by deed Liber W.P.C. No. 325 folio 433. Sophia M. Stewart sold the property to her husband (C. M. Stewart Jr.) on Aug. 27, 1928 by deed Liber No. 660 folio 294. He in turn gave it to his daughter, Peggy (Stewart) Williams on March 17, 1943 by deed Liber No. 1280 folio 570. Mrs. Peggy Williams lives in the house at the present time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.60

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

3-17-80

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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Mostly Hill
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Spring House
W. Side Pk. Hts Ave.
fr. S.E.
L. Eaton - 4/80
Md. Hist. Trust

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