

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report

**BA-1649**

**Merry Hill, Stone Spring Houses**

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**Inventory Number:** BA-1649

**Property Name:** Merry Hill, Stone Spring Houses

**Address** Park Heights Avenue (MD 129)

**Town** Lutherville-Timonium

**Zip Code**

**USGS Quadrangle(s)** Cockeysville

**Digitized in GIS** Yes      **Number of polygons** 1      **designation in GIS** BA-1649

**Mapped on mylar** T      **Detail map code** GSV

**Within NR district** T      **Within survey district** F      **Materials in vertical file**

**Other**  
two springhouses, one on the east side and one on the west side of Park Heights Avenue

**Additional Designations:**

National Register       Preservation Easement       Determinations of Eligibility  
 Contributing Resource Determinations of Eligibility       Related Inventory Numbers

19th Century

BA - 1649

Spring House

East side Park Heights Avenue

This rectangularly shaped stone spring house is topped with a shingled gable roof and is one of the only remains of a once very large estate known as "Garrison" owned by the Cockey family until the early 20th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Spring House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER East side Park Heights Ave.  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT District 3  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Jon A. Wurtzburger Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 4914  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building FOLIO #: 99  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The little stone SPRING HOUSE at the very east edge of Park Heights Avenue is of rubble stone with frame gables having their exterior surfaces covered with wood shingles. The entrance is in the south end and the opening extends into the frame gable. The roof structure, rapidly deteriorating with gaping holes in both slopes, dates from the early twentieth century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

BA-1649

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
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<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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small utilitarian spring house was built to store dairy products in a cool environment, taking advantage of a natural resource, spring water, which stays a uniform cool temperature all year. It is one of the only remains of the Cockey estate "Garrison".

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See title search, attached

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James Thomas Wollon, Jr.

ORGANIZATION

The Valleys Planning Council

DATE

2/27/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

212 Washington Ave.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH  
Spring House

Tax Map 68, Parcel 350

<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
4914	99	Aug. 23, 1968	Janet Wurtzburger	Jon A. Wurtzburger

Beginning at the end of the second line of a parcel of land deed 659/337, running on the outline of a tract conveyed by Cockey etal to Edward A. Cockey, SW 1370', NW 787', SW 954' to center of Park Heights Ave. NW 508.6', NW 150', NW 150', NW 308', NE 244', SW 46', NW 298', SE 2061' to the beginning, containing 64.4 acres.

1411	384	Nov. 5, 1945	Alexander D. Cockey	Alan Wurtzburger
659	337	Sept 11, 1928	Edward N. Rich	Alexander D. Cockey

Edward N. Rich, Attorney for the mortgage from Edward A. Cockey to The Corporation for Relief of Widows and Children Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

484	515	June 18, 1917	Thomas B. Cockey etal	Edward A. Cockey
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Containing 64.4 acres. Also:

482	3	May 15, 1917	Charles T. Cockey, Jr.	Edward A. Cockey
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Being the family graveyard containing 1/4 acre.

Charles T. Cockey, deceased, left as heirs-at-law his children Edward A. Cockey, Thomas B. Cockey, Ama L. Piggot, Charles T. Cockey, Jr. William B. Cockey and Uratta C. Cockey.

Thomas B. Cockey by way of his Will 3/267 dated Nov. 30, 1861  
devised his estate to his nephew, Charles Thomas Cockey and heirs.

Charles T. Cockey by way of his Will WB 11/571 dated April 5, 1823  
devised his estate called "Garrison" to his son Thomas B. Cockey.



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

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Spring House

West side Park Heights Avenue

This spring house is a nearly square stone structure topped with a shingled hipped roof and is a good example of a typical 19th century outbuilding. It is one of two remaining spring houses that once belonged to the Cockey estate "Garrison."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Spring House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
W. side Park Heights Ave.

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
District 3

STATE Maryland

COUNTY  
Baltimore

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			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Eccleston Land Co.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 1518

Folio #: 433

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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The spring house on the west side of Park Heights Ave. is a nearly square fieldstone structure topped with a wood shingled equilaterally hipped roof. There is an entrance opening on the north side and small window openings on the east and south sides. The west side has been damaged but there may have originally been a window opening on this side as well.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This spring house exemplifies a typical functional out-building of a 19th century farm and is one of the only remains of the Cockey estate "Garrison". (See Hopkins' Atlas of Baltimore County Maryland, 1877.)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland, 1877

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Contains 99.12 acres

See deed 1518, folio 433.

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Darlene Owings Schultz

ORGANIZATION

The Valleys Planning Council

DATE

4/28/81

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