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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report

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St. Timothy's School (Twiford) & Administration Building

Inventory Number: BA-1658

Property Name: St. Timothy's School (Twiford) & Administration Building

Address 8400 Greenspring Avenue

Town Lutherville

Zip Code 21093

USGS Quadrangle(s) Cockeysville

Digitized in GIS Yes

Number of polygons 1

designation in GIS BA-1658

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Within survey district F

Materials in vertical file

Other

Additional Designations:

National Register

Preservation Easement

Determinations of Eligibility

Contributing Resource Determinations of Eligibility

Related Inventory Numbers

c. 1938

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TWIFORD

Greenspring Avenue
Stevenson, Maryland 21153
private

Now the main dormitory for St. Timothy's School for Girls, this large stone house with cobblestoned courtyard was originally one of the largest private homes in the east. Twiford was modelled after an eighteenth century French chateau. Only minor alterations were made when the building was turned over to a dormitory for 50 girls and five faculty members. The dining room and drawing rooms are still in use by the students and faculty.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

EWIFORD

AND/OR COMMON

St. Timothy's School for Girls

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Greenspring Avenue

Eighth

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson,

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21153

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

St. Timothy's School for Girls

Telephone #: 486-7800

STREET & NUMBER

Greenspring Avenue

Maryland 21153

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore
County Courts Building

Liber #: 1825

Folio #: 326

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Md. 21204

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built in 1938, Twiford Farm is a large and careful rendition of an eighteenth century northern French formal farmhouse. The principal entrance is the south and the north facade overlooks a broad view of the valley. The picturesque structure is of rubble stone with carved limestone trim, two stories in height with extremely steep hipped roofs articulated above each of the several blocks. The center block, five bays in length, has the tallest roof, containing two storeys of dormers, the upper being much smaller. Hyphens nearly the depth of the center block are on either side leading to hipped roof wings which barely project forward. On the south sides of each hyphen are towers] nearly as wide as the hyphens with steep hipped roofs slightly higher than the hyphen and adjacent wing roofs. A service wing extends south from the west end and a servant's house is freestanding west of the service wing, its roof recalling that of the house.

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Interior detailing is simple but elegant, recalling the restraint of the very late eighteenth century. The principal entrance doors are fully glazed and screened with ornamental wrought iron. Walls and ceilings generally are of plaster with chair rail and cornice; mantels are of marble, some inlaid of contrasting colors. The principal staircase is east of the entrance and its scrolled ornamental wrought iron railing rises above a closed string. A ballroom is in the east wing and the corresponding dining hall in the west wing has been extended to the west in recent years by the school.

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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		
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SPECIFIC DATES 1938 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Private schools have been an established tradition in the Green Spring Valley since the first school was founded in 1747 by the Reverend Thomas Cradock of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. However, until the twentieth century most of the schools were maintained in the homes of the clergy whose meager salaries necessitated their taking in boarding students and seeing to their education.¹

The migration of St. Timothy's School for Girls to the Valley was an example of a trend in the 1940s and 1950s for an institution to purchase a private home and adapt it to educational use. Such a transition was spurred by rising taxes and the decreasing availability of domestic help; these factors created problems for home owners whether they tried to maintain or sell their residences. Subdividing one's property into saleable lots was one solution but not a popular choice among area residents. They all shared a common concern that the attractive and exclusive residential qualities of the Valley be retained. Thus the shift from private to institutional ownership of large country estates was a logical answer to these issues.

St. Timothy's School for Girls originated in 1882 as a small private boarding school for girls in Catonsville under the direction of the Misses Carter. The school was but a short distance from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church from which it took its name. There were forty pupils: nine boarders and the rest day students, which included a small number of boys. In 1884 new buildings were completed on the site of the former St. Timothy's Hall which had been a school for boys until it burned in 1872.²

At the retirement of the school's founders in 1912, Miss Louisa McEndree Fowler bought and continued the school for girls. She was an alumna and a teacher at the school. She was assisted by Miss Jane Eves Heath, a fellow alumna and teacher. Miss Heath retired in 1925, Miss Fowler in 1936. Miss Ella Robinson Watkins was then appointed headmistress. It was about this time that the school was incorporated with a board of trustees.³

In 1950 the corporation of St. Timothy's School for Girls bought the 219½ acre Twiford estate owned⁴ by Martha C. Wheelwright Thompson and her husband, Henry B. Thompson. This property, located on the west side of Green Spring Avenue between Hillside and Old Court Roads, was part of an original land grant known as Eli O'Carroll. This was the first tract of land to be patented in the Green Spring Valley; the 1,000 acres had been surveyed for Charles Carroll of Annapolis (today referred to as the Attorney General) in 1695-96.⁵

After a number of owners, this land was acquired in the early 1900s by William H. and Elizabeth G. Whitridge who, in 1914, built a stone cottage called Glen Cairn.⁶ Mr. Whitridge died in 1936. By his will his trustees were empowered to dispose of his estate.⁷ Thus in 1938 the property was purchased by Clarence and Martha C. Wheelwright for \$85,000.⁸ They tore down Glen Cairn and constructed a new home, now known as Twiford, which was then one of the largest private homes in the east. Twiford was modelled after an eighteenth century French chateau.⁹ After Mr. Wheelwright's death, his widow married Henry B. Thompson, and they sold Twiford to St. Timothy's.

Minor renovations were made to the house (renamed the Carter House after the school's founders) so that there were dining and drawing rooms and a dormitory for fifty girls and five faculty. By the time of the school's dedication in 1951, enrollment had increased to 102 students. Over the years several new buildings have been added to meet the growing demands of the school.¹⁰

TWIFORD
(St. Timothy's School for Girls)
Footnotes

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For further information on the schools established in the Green Spring Valley, see Volume One, Chapter Seven "Education" in Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1978).

2

Baltimore District Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, Schools In and Around Baltimore (Baltimore: Consolidated Engineering Company, Incorporated, 1955), pp. 94-95.

3

Ibid.

4

Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber T.B.S. no. 1825, fol. 326, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.

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Patent Liber B.B. no. 3, fol. 339, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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"To Divide and Sell Dunmore at Auction", Baltimore American, May 30th, 1914.

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Baltimore County Wills, Liber J.P.C. no. 32, fol. 243, Towson.

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BCLR, Liber C.W.B., Jr., no. 1022, fol. 560, Towson.

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See note 2.

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Ibid.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1978)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Dawn F. Thomas

ORGANIZATION

2-8-80

DATE

Valleys Planning Council

STREET & NUMBER

828-7807

TELEPHONE

212 Washington Avenue, Towson

CITY OR TOWN

Maryland

STATE

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22 August 1979

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(St. Timothy's School)

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Significance

TWIFORD is a spectacular rendition, dating from ca. 1938, of a formal farmhouse from eighteenth century northern France. The property is very successfully adapted as a school.



Chapel

Picnic Area
Nature Trail

Pool

~~Faculty Residences~~
Headmistress' ~~Office~~

Faculty Residences

Carter House

Heath House

Barns

Fowler House

Business Office

Gymnasium

Stables

Art Building

Entrance

Alumnae House

Pond

Performing Arts Center

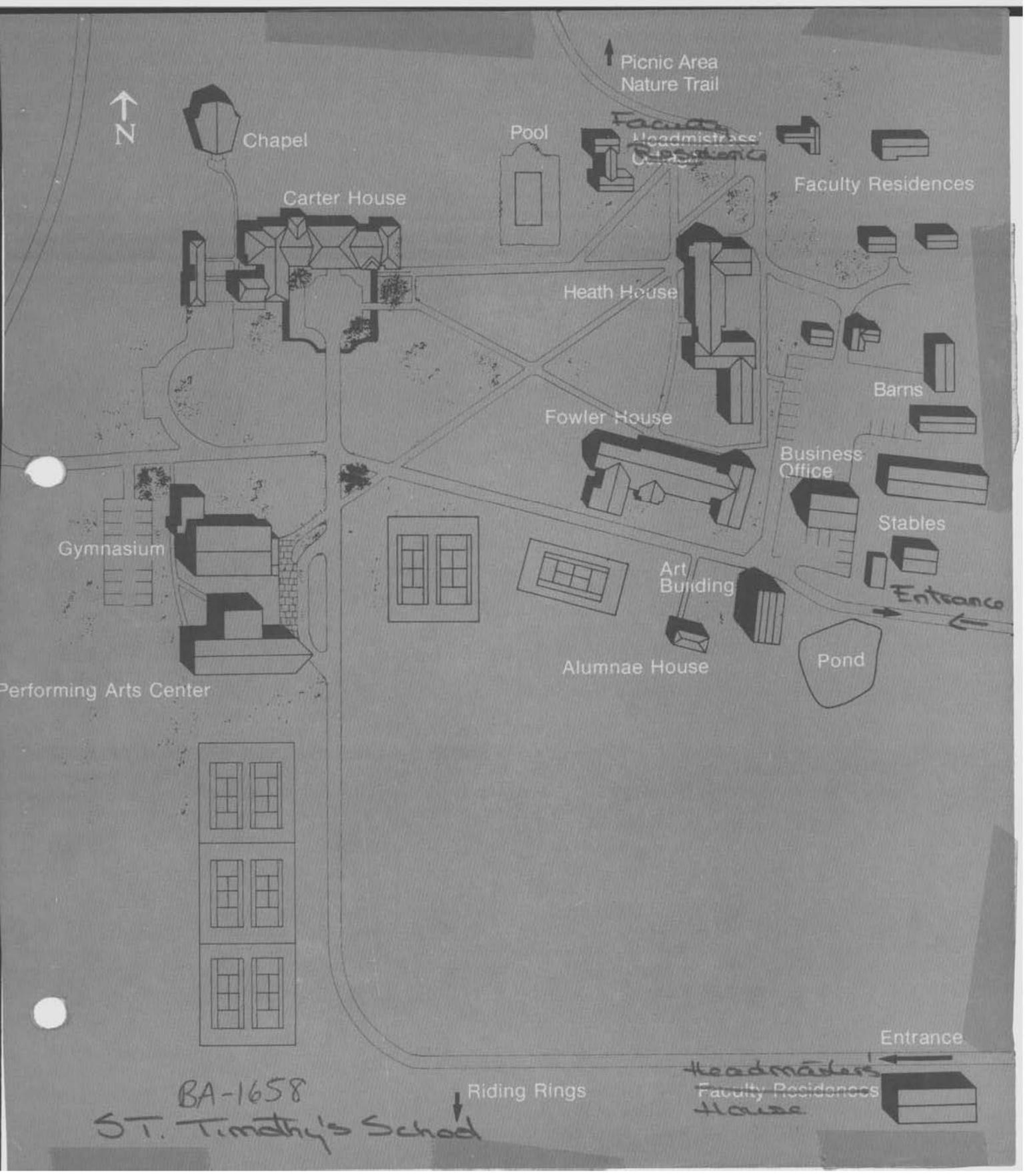
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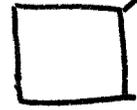
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Villa Julia Jr College

Spring Valley

Green Falls

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Valley Stream - Summit Park

Long Meadows Estates

Canterbury Estates

Dumbarton

Wellwood

Ranchleigh

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Twiford Barn

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Grnspr. Ave.

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