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BA 1704  
Manor House  
Garrison Forest School  
Garrison  
Maryland  
private

The simple lines of Manor House recall the American Colonial style but this example retains features from the recent Romanesque-revival. The building has been the center of activity for Garrison Forest School since it was purchased in 1912.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

MANOR HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Garrison Forest School

Second

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

— 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Garrison Forest School

Telephone #: 363-1500

STREET & NUMBER

Garrison

Maryland 21055

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 4343

Folio #: 513

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

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The MANOR is a two and one-half storey frame house dating from the very early twentieth century. Its style is a blend of the Colonial revival and the Romanesque revival. The shingled walls are sheltered by the wide eaves of a mansard roof having its lower slope at a pitch standard for many hipped roofs, its upper slope only a bit shallower. Those wide eaves shelter a shallow round turret at the south-west corner. A one-storey porch extends across the principal or south front with a low pediment centered above the principal entrance; it extends around the west side with a radius drawn from that of the southwest turret. A pair of 4/1 windows is above the principal entrance and another pair is in the easterly bay. Two pedimented dormers, each with a pair of nine-light casements, are in the roof and brick chimneys rise near each end of the ridge. A wing of equal height and similar shape, with similar exterior detailing, extends to the north behind the easterly bays.

A wide central hall has a fireplace on its east wall. Principal rooms flanking it also have fireplaces, all with Colonial-revival detailing recalling the late eighteenth century. A large open stair at the north end of the hall has massive paneled square newels with three large turned balusters per tread supporting a moulded rail, details which recall the late eighteenth century but with medieval proportions.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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			

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SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Garrison Forest School opened on September 25, 1910, and fifty boys and girls were greeted by the first headmistress.<sup>1</sup> By 1912 increased enrollment led to a search for new quarters. At the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club a small group of area men (including Lawrence M. Miller, Frederick C. Todd and Redmond C. Stewart) met for dinner, formed a stock company and bought a large frame house, stable and 20-25 acres for the new site of the school. This house, built during the 1890's, was named Manor House and has contually served as the hub of the campus.<sup>2</sup> Today students live on the second floor with resident faculty. On the first floor are sitting rooms for faculty and students, the dining room, the Suzanne White Whitman Riding Room, and the Athletic Offices.

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Dawn F. Thomas, Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. Vol I, Chapter 6. (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1978).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.  
Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley; Its History and Heritage, 2 vol. (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1978.)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.82

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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