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Preservation Hill
Western Run Road, Cockeyville
Not accessible
Ross House: 1749
Yates Place: 1738

Two houses which have been moved from elsewhere are now situated at Preservation Hill. The larger, Ross House, formerly stood in Bladensburg, Md. It belonged to Dr. David Ross, Jr., George Washington's physician and was one of Maryland's most sophisticated smaller houses. Yates Place, now a guest house, was moved from Kent County, Md. It was the dwelling of an Eastern Shore planter and is notable for its panelling.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ross House

AND/OR COMMON

Preservation Hill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Western Run Road south of the Western Run

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Leonard C. Crewe, Jr.

Telephone #: 666-3073

STREET & NUMBER

Western Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 4387

Folio #: 419

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(Ross House) Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1934

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

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	CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/>	ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/>	GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/>	RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/>	FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/>	UNEXPOSED		DATE 1957

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ross House was built in Bladensburg, Prince Georges County, Maryland in the eighteenth century; it was dismantled ca. 1958 and reconstructed in its present location about ten years later.

It is of brick, laid in Flemish bond, one and one-half storeys in height above a high basement storey, with a jerkin-head roof. Seven bays in length, its end bays have blind recesses corresponding, in size, to typical windows. Entrances are centered on each facade and three hipped-roofed dormers are in each roof slope. A wide exterior chimney rises at each end, void of sloping flanks, with a tall arched recess on the outer sides. Windows of the principal storey are 9/9; the dormers and basement windows are 6. The central doors are sheltered by a small portico on the entrance front, a small shed-roofed porch on the garden front.

Additions made at the time of the reconstruction include a three-bay wing of similar but lower construction, beyond which is a hyphen-passage and a garage.

The interior of this house was not examined.

Yates Place, now the Crew Guest House on "Preservation Hill" is a one and one-half storey frame house, four bays in length, moved from Kent County, Maryland.

The two middle bays of the principal front are doors; the

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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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"/> 10-1499	<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 checked="" 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 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	Ross House: 1749	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
	Yates Place: 1738		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Preservation Hill is a ten acre tract on the east side of Western Run Road south of the Western Run. Since 1956, Leonard C. Crewe, Jr. and his architect, Bryden B. Hyde, AIA, of Baltimore, have moved two colonial houses to this site, the Ross House and Yates Place.

The former was built in 1749 for Dr. David Ross, Jr. of Bladensburg, Prince Georges County, Maryland. Dr. Ross served in the Continental Army and was thought to have been one of George Washinton's personal physicians. When Washington became President, he named Dr. Ross auditor for the new Federal City. During the Battle of Bladensburg in the War of 1812, this house served as a hospital for British soldiers (and some people think the remains of troops killed during the battle were buried on the property). The house was known for many years as The Old Brick Hospital.

In 1957, the land was sold for a commercial development and the structure was dismantled and all its bricks, planking and handmade nails were stored by a local builder who hoped to re-assemble it.

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, Henry Chandler. Early Manor and Plantation Houses. (Easton, Md. 1934). Page 88 (Ross House); page 226 (Yates Place).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10 acres +

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catharine F. Elack and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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.

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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

end bays have a 9/6 window with shutters. A shed-roofed porch extends across the principal facade. Two hipped-roof dormers are in the roof.

An internal brick chimney rises from within the right end wall, its first storey exposed and flush with the frame wall, and an external brick chimney rises at the left end.

A small shed addition stands against the right end wall, behind the chimney, and a small gabled roofed wing extends from the left end.

The interior of this house was not examined. One room end is documented in Dr. Henry Chandler Forman's EARLY MANOR AND PLANTATION HOUSES OF MARYLAND, 1934, page 226, identified as Knock's Folly. A photograph shows a paneled fireplace wall and measured drawings record all four walls and eleven moulding profiles. The bolection moulding surrounding the fireplace assumes a semi-elliptical arch, probably the original shape of the fireplace opening. At the right end of the paneled wall a door above the floor presumably gives access to a winding enclosed stair; another door between it and the chimney opened into a closet. A door to the left of the chimney opened into another closet. Closet doors had a bolection chair rail applied to the middle rail, corresponding to the same moulding at corresponding rails in the paneling.

Continuation Sheet #2

Question #8 continued

Learning of the situation, Mr. Hyde persuaded Mr. Crewe to purchase the building and reconstruct it in Baltimore County. This was accomplished over a period of three years with the aid of J. Hurst Purnell, builder. With a new kitchen and porch it is now a showpiece of private preservation. The Historic American Building Survey has complete documentation.

As a companion to the Ross House, Mr. Crewe has moved the Yates house from Turner's Creek, Kent County, Maryland to Preservation Hill and uses it as a small guest house. This structure was built for Colonel Donaldson Yates, commissary officer for the Eastern Shore in George Washington's army. Henry Chandlee Forman^{1.} dates the structure from 1738 and cites in particular its fine wooden panelling which was carefully moved and reconstructed by Bryden Hyde.

1. Forman, p. 226.

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #9 continued

"The Resurrection of a Dismantled Maryland Classic" in House and Garden Guide to American Tradition, 1976. Pages 122-125. (Ross House).

Wilfong, James C., Jr. "Ross House in News" in Prince Georges Post. May 23, 1974. (Ross House).

Malashuk, Ellis. "House with a Double Life" in Baltimore Sunday Sun Magazine, April 29, 1973. (Yates Place).

Interview with Bryden B. Hyde, AIA. August, 1976.



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ROSS HOUSE

JIM WOLLEN
1978

