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Margaret's Delight 00-000  
North side of Belfast Rd. west  
of Duncan Hill Rd.  
Not accessible  
1815-1830

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Margaret's Delight

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Belfast Road, west of Duncan Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

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 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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

H. Vernon Eney

Telephone #: 771-4763

STREET & NUMBER

Belfast Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 2831

Folio #: 421

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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

Margaret's Delight is a two story stone and wood house the stone portions traditionally considered the older, probably dating from 1815-1830. Three bays in length, it now forms a rear wing extending north behind the wooden portion. The front portion of the house, probably dating from 1850-1870, facing south, is three bays in length in the first story, expressed as two in the second. The principle entrance to the house is in the east bay. A one story frame hyphen of recent construction extending to the east links the main portion of the house to a one and one-half story frame structure, its orientation slightly askew from that of the house itself. Said to be an early outbuilding, its new interior finishes obscure structural details which might identify its age; it is on a concrete block foundation.

A stone chimney with a brick stack or extension above the roof ridge rises flush with the south end of the stone wing. On the east side of that wing, in the central bay of the first story, was a door, now altered as a window. The central bay of the west side is void of openings.

Windows throughout are, generally, 6/6. All wood walls are covered with aluminum siding.

Extensive interior refinishings, generally compatible with this simple dwelling, make detailed analysis difficult. In the south wood section, adjacent to the stone, is an open stair in the northeast corner; its walnut oval rail is supported by a boldly turned walnut newel and tapered round balusters. Formerly the easterly bay of this section was a hall but the partition between the hall and the room to the west has been removed. The log rafters are mitered at the ridge.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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      Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Sidney, J.O. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland.  
(Baltimore, 1850)

Hopkins, G.M.. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia,  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY 1877)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16 1/2<sup>+</sup>

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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DATE

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description, Continued

The northerly bay of the stone section is a small room while the two southerly bays comprise a second room. A fireplace of modern construction, probably in its original location, is at the south end, an enclosed winding stair up adjacent on the west. A niche in the gable end above the stair suggests a former window, blocked by the addition to the south. Exposed joists are of hewn timbers.

A stone spring house stands southeast of the house, its gabled roof cantilevered over its north wall to shelter the spring and areaway in the hillside; small windows are in the east and west sides.