

(within Worthington Valley, NR District)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Melinda's Prospect				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Southwest of Worthington Avenue, near Benita Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Baltimore	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: T. Courtney Jenkins				
STREET AND NUMBER: Melinda's Prospect				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Towson			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 1861/265				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Baltimore County Landmarks				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Baltimore County Historical Society				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Cockeysville			STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

MELINDA'S PROSPECT is a five bay, two and one-half storey brick house with a gable roof and flush wud chimneys. A long, two storey service wing extends to the rear from the right (er north) end of the house, with a two storey perch and gallery along the south front of the wing, facing the courtyard formed by the 'L' shaped structure.

The east er principle front of the house is of Flemish bond, and all other exterior walls are in common bond. Jack arches, one brick in height, support masonry above all openings. Cornices are corbeled brick. The wing appears to be bonded with the main house, as though the entire structure was built at one time. The reefs have wide rake overhangs.

All first storey openings on the east front are French doors, but undoubtedly, the center one was the original door, the others being altered from standard windows. Windows are 6/6, and have leuvred blinds. Three dormers light the attic storey on the east front, and two dormers are on the west, overlooking the 'L' court.

Round, plain Tuscan columns superimposed support the second floor and the reef of the wing perch and gallery. A railing with plain rectangular balusters extends between columns in the second storey. (The interior of this house was not accessible for inspection).

Immediately north of the rear wing is a one storey stone dairy house with cantilevered gable roof. Adjacent to it is a small log house with frame second storey added, fitted as a guest house.

Mature trees, specimen shrubs and English boxwood complete the landscape design.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, located southwest of Werthington Avenue near Benita Avenue, was, like, Melinda, built by the Cockey family. The probable date is between 1825 and 1830.

Melinda's Prospect was built partly on the Melinda tract, patented by William Talbott in 1706, and partly on the Prospect which adjoined it and was patented to Jonathan White in the same year. The Cockey family moved into Baltimore County in the early 18th century from Anne Arundel County. Thomas and Charles Cockey bought the land from Talbott's heirs and Thomas left it to his son, Charles.

Edward A. Cockey, son of Charles, was living at Melinda's Prospect in 1829 when his son, Charles Thomas Cockey, was born. He inherited both Melinda's Prospect and the family estate known as Garrison, in Pikesville. He chose to live at Garrison where he established himself as a successful farmer who was interested in soil conservation and experimental agriculture. His son, Edward Augustus, became the manager of Melinda's Prospect and eventually the owner. According to the Bromley Atlases of 1896 and 1912, Melinda's Prospect was occupied by Edward Cockey.

The farm was finally sold in 1929 to John W.S. Fester and Arthur D. Fester. The Melinda's Prospect mansion and several acres surrounding it have been inherited by T. Courtney Jenkins and his wife, who is a Fester.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1823, 1876, 1896

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and Baltimore County.
(Philadelphia, 1881). P. 843-4.

Patent to Melinda: Patent Liber 2, folio 167, Hall of Records.

Patent to Prospect: Patent Liber 2, folio 153.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10.5 acres

Acreage Justification:

[Empty space for acreage justification]

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Catherine F. Black and James T. Wellen, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION: **Werthington Valley Historical District Project** DATE: **Jan. 1, 1976**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1114 Bellemore Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



Melinda's Prospect

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