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early 1800s

Montrose, site, and grave of Alexander Nesbit
0.2 mile east of York Road,
near present Cranbrook Road
Texas (Cockeysville)

This long stucco-covered stone house was built in a vernacular style, and also had farm buildings and a burial ground. The property was once owned by Judge Alexander Nesbit (1777-1857), a native Scot and 26-year president of the St. Andrew's Society, which he founded in 1806. He was a Judge and chief Judge of the Baltimore City Court for 40 years (1817-1857), serving with such jurists as Worthington, Nicholas Brice, and William McMechen, among others. He was also the son of the Reverend Charles Nesbit, President of Dickenson College, Carlisle, PA. A chartered train carried his remains to Texas (Cockeysville) during his funeral. In 1965, Julius Mandel planned to preserve the house as a private club, but in 1966 it was demolished to build the Yorktown Apartments on Cranbrook Road. The property was once part of the original Nesbit estate of Ellen-Gowan which comprised a huge acreage in what is today the Padonia-Timonium area.

The graveyard is a family plot surrounded by a 5 ft. stone wall, containing three grave monuments about 8 ft. high upon which a brief history is inscribed. The markers are for Judge Alexander Nesbit, his wife Mary (daughter of John C. Owings), and their three infant sons. The plot contains various trees and ivy, and until construction began on the apartment complex, had been set amidst

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thick forest. During construction, the wall was damaged in places and the monument of Mary Nesbit was toppled.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: MARYLAND
COUNTY: BALTIMORE
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ENTRY NUMBER: _____ DATE: _____

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1. NAME
COMMON: Family burial plot of Judge Alex. Nesbit
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER: East of York Rd. and alongside Almshouse Rd
CITY OR TOWN: Balto. County, Padonia-Cockeysville section.
STATE: Maryland CODE: _____ COUNTY: Balto. CODE: _____

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XX 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Landon which site is located being razed and cleared for apt. complex.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNERS NAME: Julius ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Mandel and Tony W. Mandel (wife)
STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 5353
CITY OR TOWN: Balto. STATE: Md. 21209 CODE: _____

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Balto. County Courthouse-Land RECORD Office
STREET AND NUMBER: Towson Court House
CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 81 a. total. Site itself about 1/10 a

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY: Liber & Bolio #4237/537
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Land Record Office--Towson Court House
STREET AND NUMBER: Towson Court House
CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

STATE: _____
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A family grave plots surrounded by a 5 ft. stone wall, containing 3 grave monuments about 8 ft. high upon which a brief history is inscribed. The markers are for Judge Alexander Nesbit, his wife Mary (daughter of John C. Owings) and their three infant sons. The plot contains various trees and ivy, and till three months ago, was set amidst thick forest.

Since then, the forest has been leveled (for an apt. complex), the wall has been damaged in places, and the monument of Mary Nesbit has been toppled.

This property was once part of the original Nesbit estate of Ellen-Gowan which comprised a huge acreage in what is today the Padonia-Timonium area.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jurisprudence</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Formed the St. Andrew's Society in 1806, and was Pres. of this organization for 26 yrs.

A Judge and chief Judge of the Balto. City Ct. for 40 yrs. (1817-1857), serving with such jurists as W^othington, Nicholas brice, Wm. McMechen etc.

Son of Rev. Chas. Nesbit, Pres. of Dickenson College Carlisli, Pa.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. The Baltimore Sun, Nov. 24, 1857. (pg 1)
2. History of Balto. City and County., pg.712.
3. Md. Hist. Magazine, vol.48:pg 33(1953)
4. Md. Hist. Soc. library contains copy of codicle to the Nesbit last will and test.(misspelled "Nesbitt").
5. History of Balto., pg 633.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Paul A. Figinski** -- Pres.
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ORGANIZATION **Society for Maryland Ecological Restoration and State History (SMERSH)** DATE **21 Oct. 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **6 West Read St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Baltimore 21201** STATE **Maryland** CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Maryland
Baltimore County
Distr. VIII
York Road, Texas

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Montrose

early 1800's

Large house of stone, cement-covered, farm buildings
and burial grounds. Owned by Alexander Nesbit (1777-1857)
a Scotsman. Presently owned by Julius Mandel, a developer;
plans are, to preserve the house and three acres as a
private club.

DEMOLISHED MARCH 1966 - E. Offutt

See: p. 501 - no, guide to Othello State, WPA guide,

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965