

Greencroft  
14018 Greencroft Lane  
Not accessible  
Circa 1910

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Greencroft

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

14018 Greencroft Lane

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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

Frederick F. Mueller

Telephone #: 628-2031

STREET & NUMBER

14018 Greencroft Lane

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21030

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5497

Folio #: 803

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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

Greencroft is a square two and one-half storey stone house with a pyramidal roof, appearing to date from ca. 1905-1920. Its principal (south) facade is expressed as five bays in the traditional arrangement, the principal entrance centered in the first storey. The other facades are expressed as three bays. A one storey hipped-roof porch of the Tuscan order extends across the south and east facades and a small stone pantry, one storey with a hipped roof, extends from the north facade. Windows are 1/1 and are flanked with louvred blinds. The roof extends beyond the walls in a wide overhang supported by modestly-curved horizontal brackets resembling elongated modillions. A wide gabled dormer is in each roof slope, containing two six-light sashes side-by-side. A plain brick chimney rises through the roof east and west of the peak.

Internally, a center hall extends halfway through the house with an open stair to the upper floors, its moulded handrail supported by a square chestnut newel, turned balusters above the closed string, paneling and dentils below, all in a colonial-revival mode. Rooms flank the hall in the traditional manner, although the easterly partition of the hall has been removed. Corner-block trim surrounds windows and doors.

A large bank barn stands some distance to the west, its south side having the taller upper or loft storey of braced-frame construction cantilevering over the stone ground storey walls sheltering doors and windows to the stalls within the ground storey. The loft storey, accessible from grade on the north, retains its original hewn timber frame, all joined with mortise and tenon. The log rafters at the ridge are mitered. Most of the straight-sawn vertical sheathing

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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"/> 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 checked="" 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	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greencroft is unusual for its period in its rubble stone construction. It is an example of the colonial revival style which had its origins in the Centennial period of 1876 and became very typical during the early 20th century.

The house first appears on the 1911 tax assessment of John D. Starr who had purchased the property, a part of the historical Nicholson's Manor, in 1908. Before that, the tract was known as Willow Mill farm and belonged to Thomas H. Matthews who also owned the mill. The bank barn dates from the mid-19th century. It is listed on the 1896 tax assessment which also indicates that there was a "large stone mansion" with outbuildings and two tenant houses on the property as late as then. The mansion and other structures have disappeared.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1896, 1911.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5 Acres <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**

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Md.

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Greencroft  
Western Run-Belfast Rd.  
Historic District

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description, Continued

is missing and the barn will soon disappear, if not by vandals by deliberate razing as a safety hazard. The barn probably dates from the middle of the 19th century.