

Western My Lady's Manor NR Historic District

MAG-1 # 0308965504

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Richard Cromwell's House *BCHS # 896*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Northeast side of Troyer Rd., 0.4 miles north of Sheppard Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Baltimore

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cromwell

STREET AND NUMBER: Troyer Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk.# 3751, p. 625

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory, Baltimore County

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)    (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Cromwell dwelling is a three bay, 1½ storey wood house, with a gabled roof and a single flue chimney in the east end. Now covered with circular sawn weatherboards, the house is said to be of log construction with vertical board sheathing beneath the horizontal.</p> <p>A one storey shed-roofed addition extends across the south front of the house, replacing an earlier porch of similar proportions, and a small one storey frame wing extends north from the back of the house. The first storey windows were 6/3, but only one on the north side remains; the sash in the south windows have been removed to create cased openings between the original dwelling and the south addition. Second storey windows are 3/3. All windows have board shutters with cast iron hardware, including dogs of the shell pattern.</p> <p>A single room on each floor is in the original section. Ceiling height is less than six feet. A winding staircase ascends to the second floor in the southeast corner, next to the single flue chimney.</p> <p>A very small stone walled cellar is beneath the original house, somewhat smaller than the foundation size, entered via a hatch in the east end. First floor joists are hewn logs.</p> <p>In a framed well house a few feet east of the dwelling is a wooden pump, complete. The well is said to be 25 feet deep, and the pump was made of two bored oak logs by Mr. Palmer about 1908.</p> <p>The house is said to have been built "one year after slavery."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">James T. Wollon, Jr.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local history</u></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Richard Cromwell house is said to have been built by the present resident's grandfather shortly after the Civil War. The builder was born as a slave on the Holmes' estate, known as Bellefield and after the Civil War was freed. He married a slave who had been born on the property known as Linden Farm now owned by I. Manning Parsons. This couple, together with neighbors, are said to have built the present house which has been in the family since that time.

An attempt to trace this title has been unsuccessful. Documentation of ownership can be traced to 1909 to John H. Wye from whom the present resident is a direct descendent. (-1) Further research will be necessary to confirm the origin of this house as given by its present owner.

A house appears in this location on the 1877 map, labeled J. Wye. Aside <sup>from</sup> being a freed slave's home, this house, next to Mount Joy Church, has additional significance. When a school was established at Mount Joy Church for the black children in the area, a white teacher was hired at first. The white teacher was then replaced by a female black teacher, but there was no place for her to stay in the area so that she lived in the Cromwell house and slept on a mattress on the living room floor for several years until suitable dwelling was found for her.

The present resident points with some pride to a hand pump located beside the house which was used as the main water supply until several years ago. He remembers as a boy the digging of the well and the selection of a tree on the property to be used as the pump which was then line-bored by hand by his father and the neighbors before being put into position. This well is still functional today.

References:

1. Liber 352 folio 113

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "		Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	Degrees Minutes Seconds ° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acres

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.

ORGANIZATION: My Lady's Manor Association      DATE: January 1975

STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

STATE <b>Maryland</b>	
COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	CODE	COUNTY: <b>Baltimore</b>	CODE
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: <b>U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland</b>			
SCALE: <b>1:24,000</b>			
DATE: <b>1957</b>			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

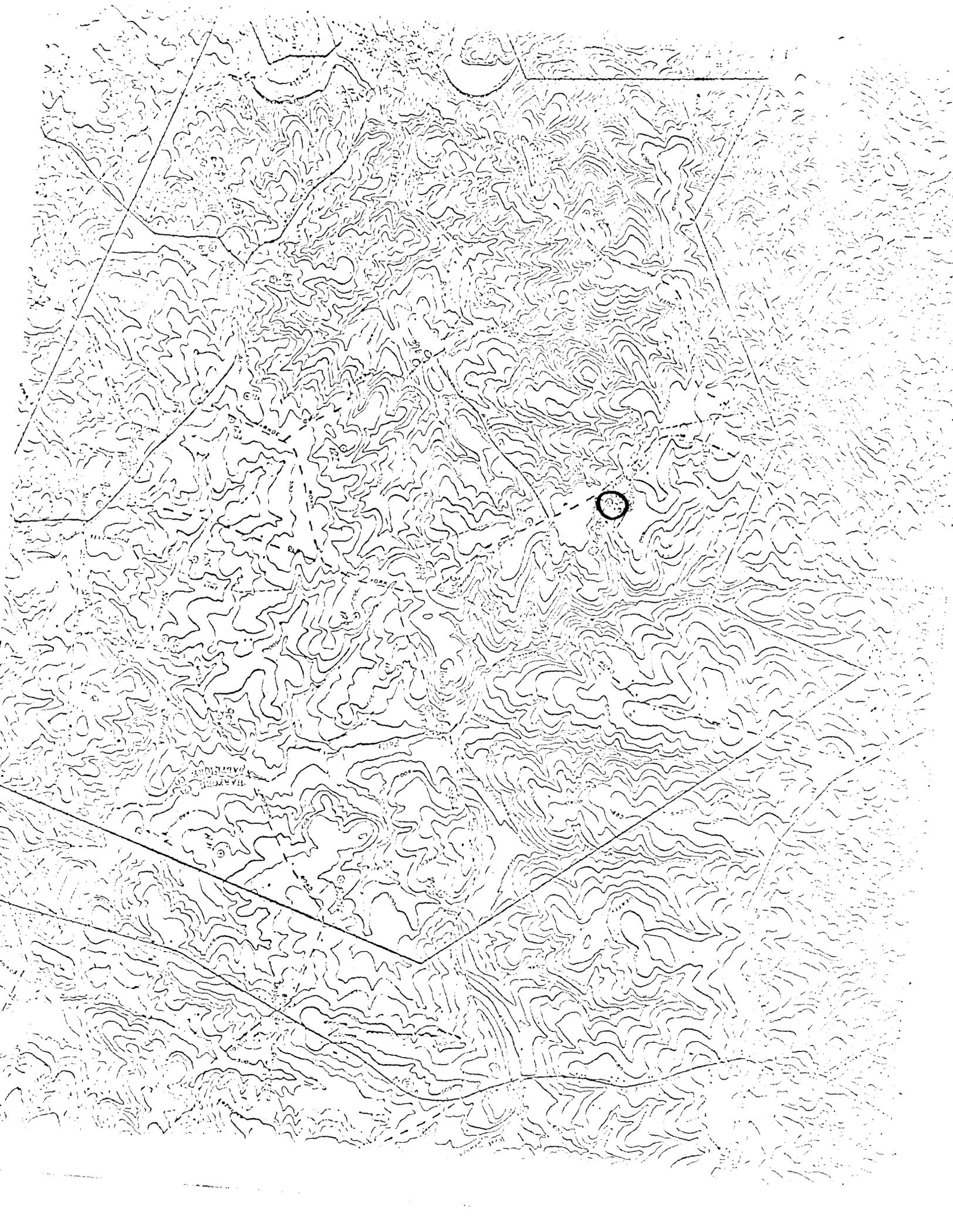
STATE <b>Maryland</b>	
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	CODE	COUNTY: <b>Baltimore</b>	CODE
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: <b>R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.</b>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <b>January 1975</b>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <b>Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.</b>			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  <b>South (front) Facade</b>			





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RICHARD CROMWELL'S HOUSE