

1 NAME CARR-237
 HISTORIC
Raincliffe (?)
 AND/OR COMMON
Raincliffe Venture Manor

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
Raincliffe Road at Md. 32
 CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sykesville VICINITY OF
 STATE COUNTY
Maryland Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Telephone #:
Maryland Department of Natural Resources
 STREET & NUMBER
Taylor Avenue
 CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Annapolis VICINITY OF Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Liber #:
 COURTHOUSE, Folio #:
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Court House
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN STATE
Westminster Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 DATE _FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	(asbestos shingle)	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main house at Raincliffe Venture is a very large two-story "L" plan structure with classical details. The "L" is formed by main block (north) with gable roof, ridge parallel to the facade (entrance and north elevation) and a wing running south, with a gable roof intersecting the main roof, at the west. Inside the "L" (at rear) is a one-story porch, the western leg enclosed. At the east end of the main block is a small one-bay, two-story section, set back from the facade.

Centered on the five-bay facade is a wide one-bay colossal doric distyle portico with a frieze and cornice of jigsaw panels, brackets and modillions which continues around the entire house. The pediment contains a fanlight window and the gable roof behind intersects the main roof. The central bay of the facade is brought forward, with entrance on the first story of a single leaf door with side lights and blind fan, and paired 1/1 windows on the second story. Generally, other fenestration is 2/2. There are two pedimented, eared dormers with jigsaw panels on this elevation.

The west elevation contains three bays between three sided, two-story window bays at the north and south extremes. Dormers on this side are like those of the facade. The eastern section has a hipped dormer with a pair of 1/1 windows on the north, a shed dormer with similar windows at the south. Roofs are of slate. The house has been sided with asbestos shingle.

Significant outbuildings are: (1) a rectangular rubblestone smokehouse with shingle gable roof, clapboard gables at the southeast corner of the house; (2) a one-story board-and-batten shed with gable roof and scalloped bargeboards to the east of the smokehouse; (3) a one-story gable roof shed with german siding to the south of this with a shed roofed shelter on the south side; (4) a tenant house to the south of the main house, heavy timber frame, gable roof, three-bay facade with shed addition at rear, possibly an early 19th century house, definitely older than the rest of the buildings; (5) a small square plan pumphouse with low pyramidal roof, key pattern shingles and four-pane diamond windows. This is southwest of the house; (6) north of this a square spring house with low pyramidal roof and small arbor leading to the entrance.

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SIGNIFICANCE

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 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

 SPECIFIC DATES

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The estate complex now known as Raincliffe is a rare survivor of the late 19th century conception of the grand house and grounds. The Victorian-Classical main house is a fine example of its type. The nearby tenant house was probably the original main house.

Recommendations

The present tenants are apparently incapable of and not interested in making repairs or maintaining the structures. The earliest opportunity should be taken to find a new tenant with such capability. The mansion house is just beginning to show serious signs of decay, but may be easily rescued. The outbuildings are sound and in no danger at present. The Dorsey house is in stable condition. The structures on the property are significant as a group, and DNR should make every effort to maintain them as such.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

John D. Hnedak, Historic Sites Survey Team Captain

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1978-79

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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.

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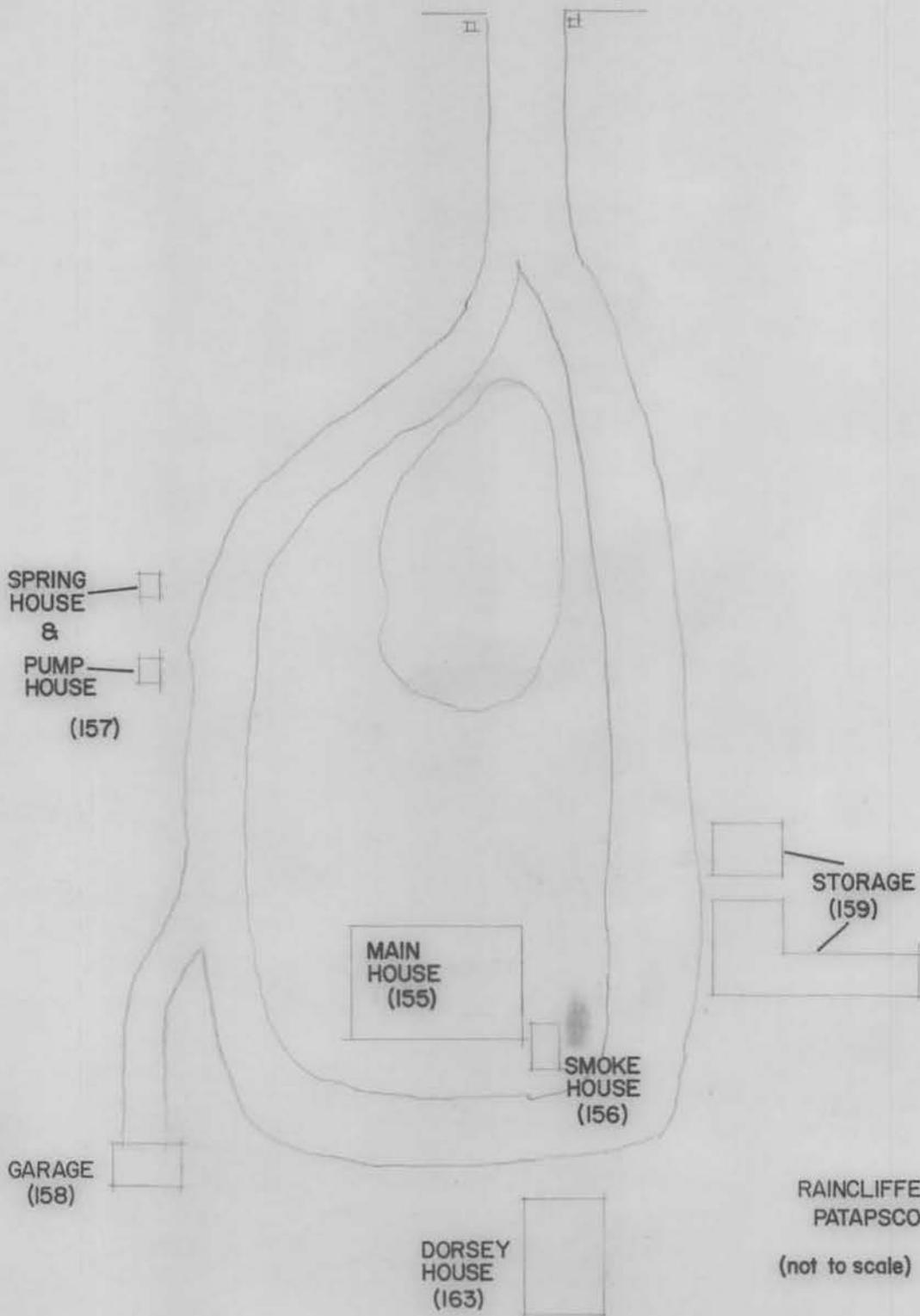
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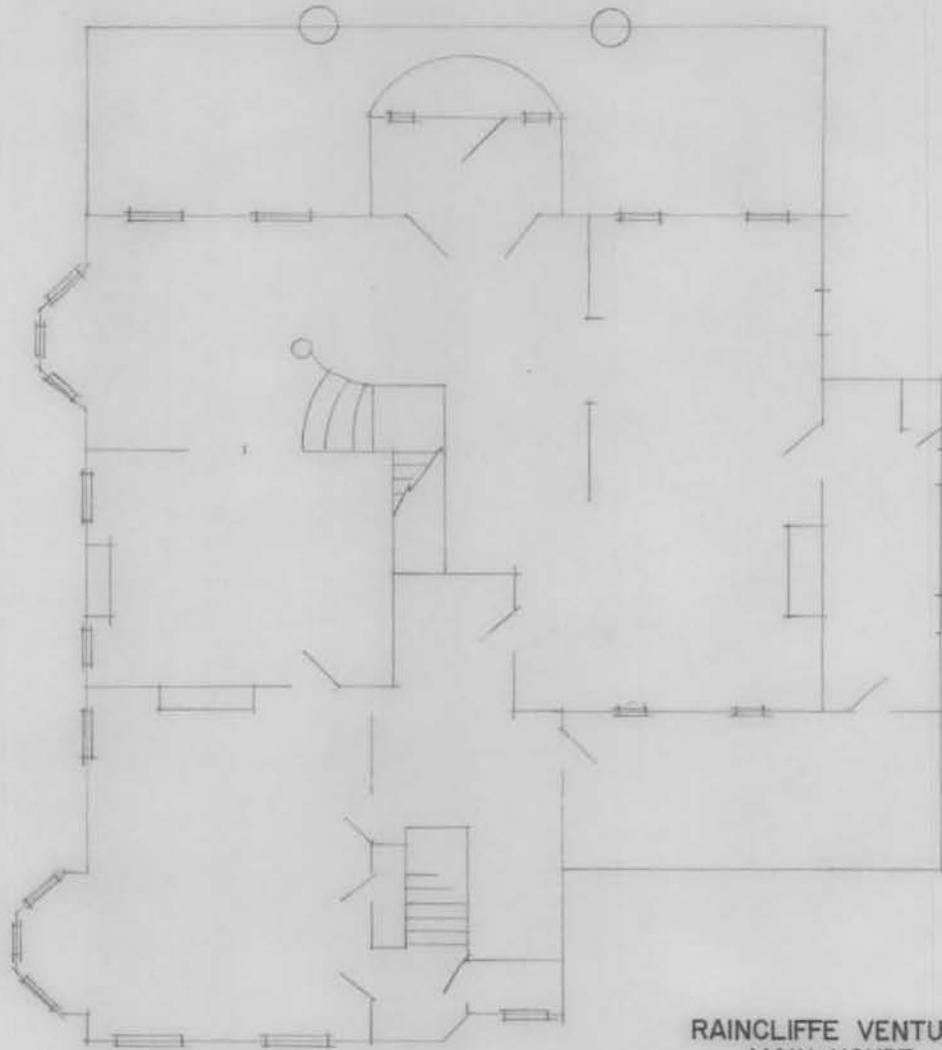
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RAINCLIFFE VENTURE
MAIN HOUSE
(155)

FIRST FLOORPLAN
SKETCH

NOT TO SCALE





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Pumphouse



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Dorsey House

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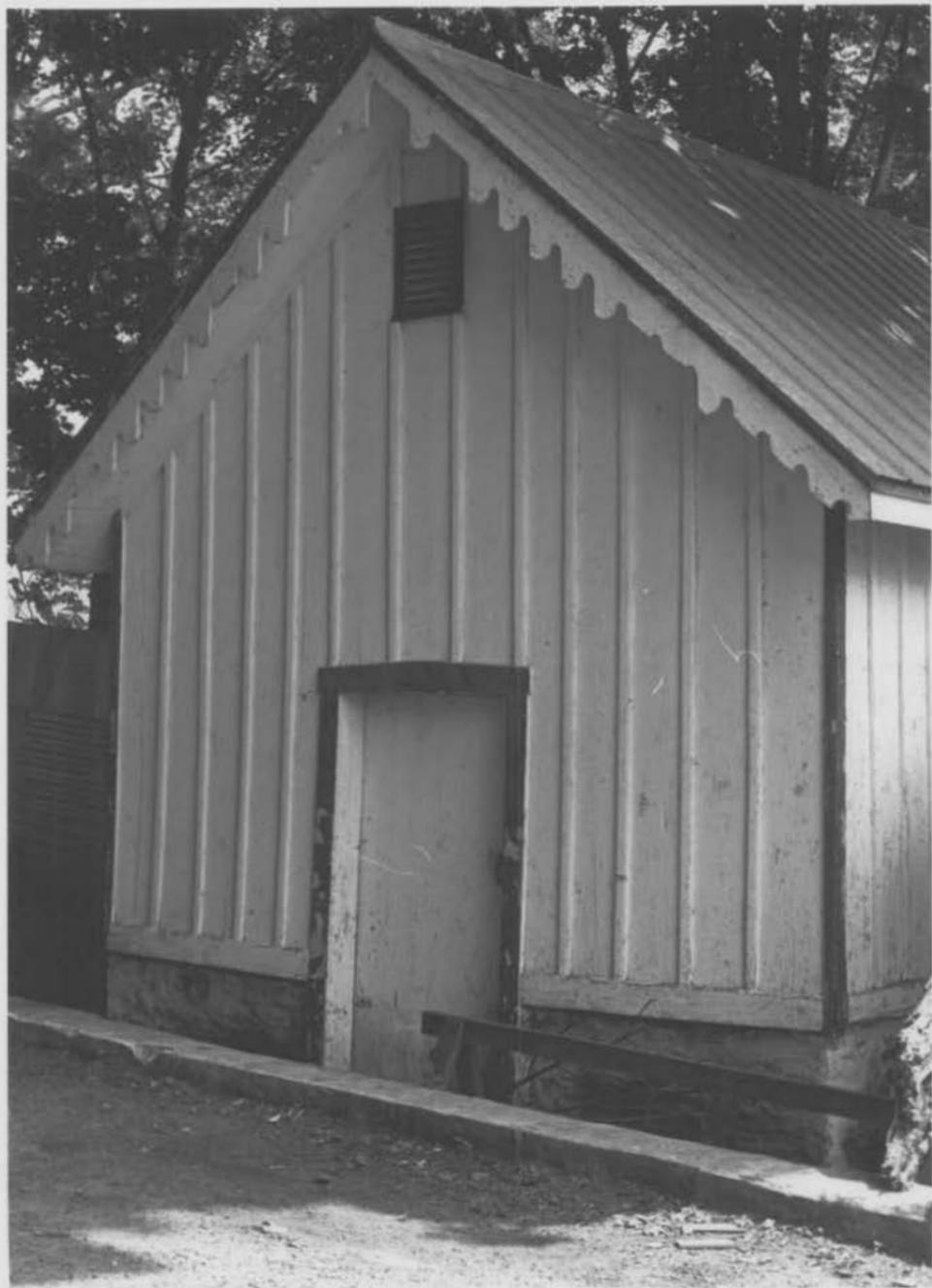


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