

## NUSBAUM-BUCKINGHAM HOUSE

178 EAST GREEN STREET

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC Nusbaum-Buckingham House  
 AND/OR COMMON \_\_\_\_\_

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER 178 East Green Street  
 CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	<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 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 Charles I. Wallace Telephone #: 861-8021  
 STREET & NUMBER c/o Mt. Zion United Methodist Church  
 CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21157

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Liber #: 636  
 Folio #: 420  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building  
 STREET & NUMBER Center Street  
 CITY, TOWN Westminster STATE Maryland

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Number 178 East Green Street is situated on the southeast corner of that street's intersection with Center Street in Westminster. The white clapboard L-shaped house sits on low coursed fieldstone foundations.

The house consists of two approximately equal two-story three-bay-by-two-bay sections. The principal facade, fronting East Green Street, is set back about 10' from the street. The first floor is shaded by a broad hipped-roof tin-covered porch which is supported by six turned posts with carved wood decorations where brackets might be expected to be. The decoration, in its radiating shape, gives the appearance of spider webs. The entrance door is somewhat off center, but is the central ground story bay. It seems to be original, and is a many-panelled wood door. The other five bays of the facade are all vertically and horizontally aligned, and consist of glass and aluminum storm windows simply enframed between black louvered shutters. A flat-capped chimney rises at the roofs peak, perpendicular with the street and with the peak, roughly halfway down the roof's edge; the resultant fireplaces and room divisions may be the cause for the facade's being off-center. The west facade, running parallel with Center Street, has two regularly placed 2/2 windows on both floors and in both sections, resulting in rows of four windows per floor. Windows, with their black shutters and simple enframement, are similar to those on the principal facade. The same simple wooden cornice found on the principal facade is continued along this wall. The south facade contains one 2/2 window (centrally placed below the gable) per floor. The slight elongation of the east roof as seen from the south correctly indicates the present of a side porch shading the opened L side of the rear section.

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**8 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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			

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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On December 30, 1875 Frizzell sold the lot of "Timber Ridge Resurveyed" (the tract that he was in the process of subdividing) to Margaret Nusbaum for \$525 (Carroll County Deed Book 46, Page 74). Mrs. Nusbaum must have worked quickly, as the L shaped house is shown clearly on the next year's plat of the City. Nevertheless, she must have intended the house for money not residence, as the 1881 City Directory lists one A.W. Buckingham as living at 178. In any event, on February 18, 1890, Charles T. Reifsnider, her executor, sold the place for \$1,000 to William Hilton (70/519). Hilton sold the place, at a loss, to Alfred W. Buckingham (who must have been living in the house for at least 10 years) for \$862.50 (80/484). The house stayed the property of various members of the Buckingham family through several deeds (137/60, 137/68, 179/69, 179/71) until August 19, 1974 when it was sold to the Carroll County Development Corp. (577/158), and was then sold to the present owner on August 23, 1976.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being all of lot number 2 of J. C. Frizell  
Addition to Westminster.

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Christopher H. C. Weeks, Consultant

October, 1977

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Westminster

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.

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