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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
William's Project
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side of Devilbliss Bridge Road at the intersection
of that road and Lenhart Road
CITY, TOWN Lewistown VICINITY OF Sixth
STATE Maryland CODE 024 COUNTY Frederick CODE 021
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 Mrs. Frederick L. Pierce
STREET & NUMBER 4610 Morgan Drive
CITY, TOWN Chevy Chase VICINITY OF STATE Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Frederick County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Courthouse Square
CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
--FEDERAL --STATE --COUNTY --LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

William's Project is located on the south side of Devilbiss Bridge Road at its intersection with Lenhart Road in Frederick County, Maryland. Facing north toward the road, this 2½-story eighteenth century house was built of red and grey sandstone rubble with large, somewhat irregular quoins. The three-bay central block has interior chimneys, and there is a 1½-story kitchen wing built to the east. The kitchen wing is divided into two rooms and forms an ell. The rear room is of frame construction, and its floor level is slightly lower than the stone (front) part. Both rooms have large cooking fireplaces. The one to the front is adjacent to the main house, and its flue is part of the chimney of the main block. A box stair in this front room leads to a small loft thought to have been used to keep slaves. The rear frame kitchen was probably a later addition. It retains its large stone fireplace at the rear of the ell, though the remainder of the room is now a modern kitchen. A small frame addition has been built to the east of the ell, thus increasing the size of the new kitchen. Each gable end of the main house is solid stone except for a small window, one to light the stair on the east and a larger one to light the bedroom in the southwest corner of the second floor. The entire building is covered by a tin roof painted mauve.

William's Project retains many original features. A large number of the 6/6 windows in the main block and stone wing are old. The front door and its strap hinges are original as well as many interior features including the chair rail existing throughout most of the house, the box stair, the sills, floors and many interior doors and hinges. Fireplaces in the main house have arched openings but no mantels. On the second floor, the two western bedrooms have corner fireplaces. The attic was evidently used as a smokehouse at one time since there are small vents in the eastern chimney and grease stains on the floor. The rafters are pinned and numbered with Roman numerals. In the basement, some of the pegs in the chamfered beams are still in place.

The present owner has done much to restore and maintain William's Project. The solid blinds and window mullions were reproduced from the original. Partitions dividing the first-floor main room of the house into three smaller rooms were not original and were removed. To the rear of the house a two-story porch enclosed by jalousies has been added. No outbuildings remain, but there is a storage cave with an arched stone opening east of the house.

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
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William's Project is located at the intersection of Devilbiss Bridge Road and Lenhart Road in Frederick County, Maryland. The stone house is thought to have been built between 1739 and 1763 by Reverend William Williams. Reverend Williams, a wealthy Presbyterian minister, came to America from Wales before 1717. He settled in Delaware and then moved to what is now Summits Point, West Virginia, where he received special permission to preach. Sometime between 1739 and 1759 he changed his legal residence to Frederick County, Maryland. He owned two tracts, William's Project which was surveyed in 1739 and Green Bottom in present day Washington County, Maryland.

William's Project, a tract of 250 acres, was purchased by Alexander Ogle in 1763. Ogle came to Frederick County from Wilmington, Delaware. He became a large landowner in Maryland and Virginia and operated a mill near his house. During the Revolution, Alexander Ogle made a substantial contribution by supplying large amounts of flour to the state from his mill on Monocacy Creek.

William's Project is one of the oldest houses in Frederick County. It retains much of its original appearance and most of the interior has been preserved. This stone house has been carefully restored by the present owner and is a fine example of eighteenth century domestic architecture in Frederick County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Fred. Co Landmarks Foundation

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

6/5/77

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

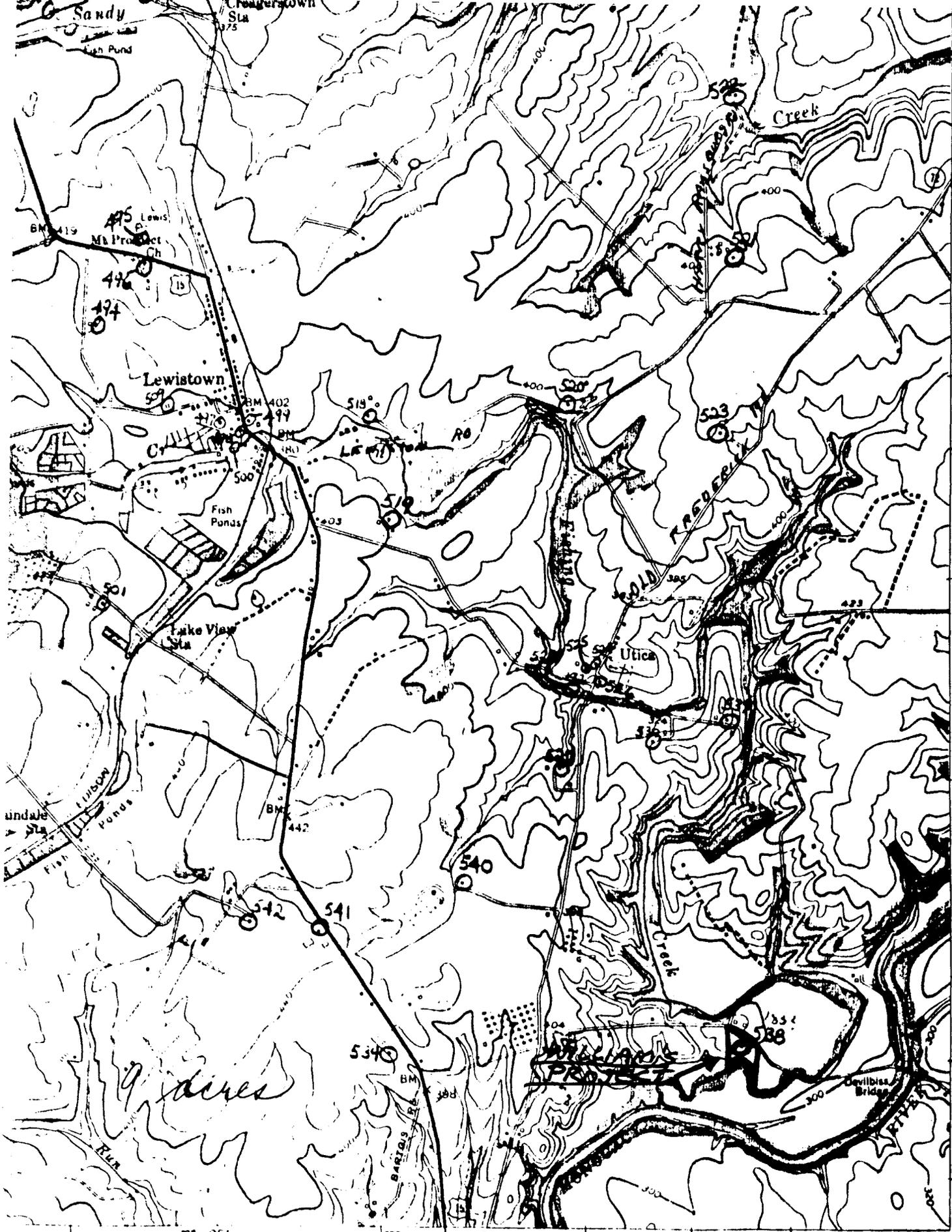
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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CREAGERSTOWN 2 1/2 MI
 480
 32°30'
 479
 478
 477
 476
 475
 39°30'

CATOCTIN FURNACE QUAD

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty ———
 Medium-duty - - - 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt

1 MILE

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HANSONVILLE 0 4 MI. INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D C - 1984
 FREDERICK 6 3 MI. 2950000 E. 77°22'30"

WALKERSVILLE
 504 1/2 MI