

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Brooke's Cross

AND/OR COMMON

Goss L. Stryker Place

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 355 Baldwin Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Fork

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. G. S. Stryker

Telephone #: 877-7179

STREET & NUMBER

RD #1, Box 355, Baldwin Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Fork

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21051

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 45B

Folio #: 396

STREET & NUMBER

49 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

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 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

This is essentially a three-unit house, with each section having been built at a different time. Each portion will be discussed separately. The front of the house faces north and it is located on a knoll overlooking the Little Gunpowder River.

1934 section

This is the westernmost part of the house and is of one and one-half stories. The walls are constructed of common bond brick, painted yellow, with a single belt course. The bays measure one by one and the windows are 8 X 12 and 2 X 2. The foundation is a low stone one. The roof is an asphalt gable-flank, with a box cornice underneath.

1846 section

This part of the house is two stories high, made of the same common bond brick with a single belt course dividing the first and second floor. The bays measure three by two in this portion, with the eastern and western apertures limited to two small attic windows on either end. The regular windows are 12 X 12's, in nailed frames and flanked by louvered shutters as all of the windows are. The doors in this section are opposite each other on the northern and southern exposures. The southern egress has a four-light transom while the northern one is enclosed in a five-sided structure with a hip roof. Four of the sides have 24 panes each and the door itself has sidelights and a transom, as well as the original hardware. Stones from a mill lead to the main door. A shed-roof porch with a brick base covers the southern doorway. The roof is gable-flank, with asphalt shingles and an underlying box cornice. Two brick chimneys, with corbeled caps, are located on the eastern and western inside-ends of this section.

Late 1700's section

Again built of the same brick pattern, this wing is two stories tall and is adjoined east of the mainhouse. It is a two bay by one building with pegged window frames containing 6 X 6 sashes on the lower level and 3 X 3 sashes on the upper level. a single door is located on the southern exposure. There are flat brick jack arches over the lower story windows. The roof is gable-flank, with a single chimney on the western inside-end. An opening, now bricked over, is on the outside end of this flue.

The interior

The oldest section originally had a single room on both floors. The oldest section has a winding stairway behind the original fireplace near the northwest corner. This section still contains many pieces of pegged construction and beaded beams. The fireplace is quite substantial and retains the original fittings. Upstairs, the exposed brick walls are of Flemish bond and the ceiling is very low. The inside doors still have a few old strap hinges. The 1846 section does have a thru-hall, as well as some beaded beams and original plaster. Interesting curios include an 1813 naval commander's commission, signed by James Madison, as well as a letter from David Farragut.

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tract on which this home stands was called "Brooke's Cross", after the "X" which John Brooke signed the deed with during the late 1700's. The 1783 Tax List indicates that John Brooke's parcel consisted of 100 acres. The oldest part of the house dates from the late 1700's and was built either by John Brooke or by William Baldwin. Baldwin had served in Charles Baker's 15th Harford Militia Company in 1776. This family owned the place for over one hundred years, and were probably the ones after the which the nearby road was named. The main portion of the house was constructed in 1846, and the 1878 Martenet map shows the owner to be Silas Baldwin.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798
 Harford County Land Records
 Harford County 1783 Maryland Tax List, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.
 Martenet's Map of 1878
 Preston, W. W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Sun Press, Baltimore.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 205.25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The tract is located on the southeastern side of Baldwin Mill Road at the County line. It is bounded to the south by the Little Gunpowder Falls and to the west by Baldwin Mill Road.

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Harford
STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Baltimore

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

June 25, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

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.

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

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Outbuildings

Behind the house is a fieldstone meathouse or springhouse, quoined at the corners. It has a wood shingle roof and a doorway facing northwards. Just below this is a root cellar entrance. The grounds around the house still have some of the original boxwoods. Southeast of the main house is the barn, built of the same stone as the meathouse. It has a gable-flank roof and faces eastwards. To the rear of it is an attached perpendicular tool shed, also of stone.

TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	453	396	In 1956, Ellen Traill Buck sold 205 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres and five perches to Goss L. Stryker.
SWC	237	134	Sarah E. Ashton conveyed the tract to Lawrence M. Buck in 1933.
WSF	100	377	Martha E. Baldwin sold the land to Harry Ashton in 1900.
WSF	100	364	Steven A. Williams, W. W. Preston and Thomas H. Robinson, trustees, sold the property to Martha Baldwin in 1900.
ALJ	7	11	St. Clair Baldwin acquired the property from William Baldwin, executor for Silas Baldwin, in 1855.
JLG	K	472	William Baldwin received 261 acres from John Brooke, Jr., in 1790, the tract being called Brooke's Cross.
GRG	453	403	Reginald H. Detamore sold 150 acres to Goss L. Stryker in 1956.
GCB	282	336	Andrew A. Fields sold the same parcel to Lawrence M. Buck in 1944.
JAR	162	281	Thomas F. Bennett sold the property to Andrew A. Fields in 1919.
WSF	122	374	In 1908, William J. Kelly transferred the tract to Thomas F. Bennett.
WSF	88	158	Susan E. Baldwin conveyed the tract to William J. Kelly in 1896. The land had been left to Silas Baldwin, Jr., by the will of Silas Baldwin, Sr., the man referred to in ALJ 7 11 of the first section. Susan Baldwin was the widow of Silas Baldwin, Jr.

INVENTORY NO. 1079

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 3/13/76

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: BROOKER'S CROSS - FROM 'X' SIGNED BY BROOKER RT ONE BOX 355

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: RIGHT SIDE OF DOWDOWN ROAD AT THE LITTLE GUNPOUNDER

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORF

NAME OF OWNER: STRYKER

ADDRESS: RT 2. BOX 355

STORIES: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 6[] 7[] []

NO REAL ADDITION
SEE COMMENTS

3x2 IN 1800
2x1 IN 1780
1x1 IN 1934

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- [] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- [] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- [] LOG

NARROW ONE ROW SOUTH SIDE
2nd FLOOR WINDOWS ON 1800 - EXT. TO 1934

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE POULTRY FOUNDATION - BRICK ON 1800 SECTION

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[]
12x12 IN 1800
3x7 IN 1780
8x12 IN 1934 SECTION
pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
original[] replaced[]

wood shutters not on

include parts

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: FRONT PORCH ON SOUTH SIDE - HAS TRANSOM

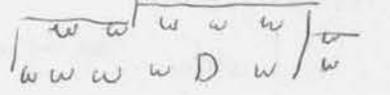
HARDWARE: original[] replaced[]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: WOOD OVER 1800 PORCH DOOR

original[] replaced[]

BOX CORNICES



ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[] WELLSTONE STEEP ON 1800 PORCH
ON SOUTH SIDE AND OPPOSITE OTHER PORCH

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[] replaced[]
LOCATION: ONE INSIDE END OF 1800 UNIT, ONE INSIDE END ON WEST END

ARCHES: BRICK JACK ARCHES OVER WINDOWS ON 1780 SECTION OR 1780 UNIT
LOWER WINDOWS TRANSOM

COMMENTS: SMOKE-HOUSE ON N. SIDE
BARN

FIREPLACE ENTRANCE ON W. WALL - 1780 SECTION

CELLAR L.T.S. IN 1800 SECTION

3 unit house

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130 years old



- fireplace

ply construction inside

original kitchen fireplace, exposed beams covered, beaded board trim

no storage hall - single room

rooms built at different times - Beaded section is winding stairway on NW corner. That goes up to kitchen fireplace

upstairs entrance - flanking board on interior, may have been just out room

addition made 1934, as new garage

middle section 1846

kitchen 1778 - include upstairs over kitchen

second area summer. 1834

middle section.

porch added

Records 1813 naval commission from Madison King in house
letter from Forryot President

cellarway is plank - stepping on door
beaded board throughout walls & outside

Imperial descendant, president of Hamilton College.
Father late 1800s

old original brickwork in front yard

spring pole - covered fields / previous wood shingle roof

barn -

INVENTORY NO. 1079 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 3/13/76 TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: Brook's Cross Farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: in Baldwin Area, on Little Gumpowder

lots of old original box wood

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: House faces Little Gumpowder But front door faces N.

NAME OF OWNER: Mrs. G L. Stryker

ADDRESS: At 1 Box 355
Baldwin Mill Road.

STORIES: 1[] 2^{old}[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1500's 2 1/2, 1934 1 1/2. 3x2 1800's 6[] 7[] []

see comments

2x1 oldest
1 1/2 x 1 1934

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS in 1800's + 1934 (1 course)

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, Lowered SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[] 12/12 in 1800's
also pegged [] nailed [] wide [] narrow [] 8/12 + 2/2 in 1934
original [] replaced []

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: MIDDLE of N SIDE of 1800's sect. original hardware.

HARDWARE: original [] replaced [] also directly opposite on S side
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN porch has 5 sides + hip roof -
enclosed 24 panes. on 4 sides

Box CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: 1800 4 lights
original [] replaced []

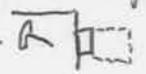
otherside is entrance - side
lights + Transom.

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original [] replaced []

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed [] hip [] gable [] 1800's section has millstone steps
leading up to enclosed porch.

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK [] STONE [] CORBELED [] original [] replaced []

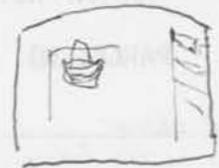
LOCATION: 2 chimneys on inside ends of 1800's sect. 1 chimney on Mid. Nw
inside end of older
sect.

2 flat Jack ARCHES: Double lock 

COMMENTS: This is a three unit house each house section built at a different time. Oldest section has peg + bead. lights are 6/6. originally a one room-on-each-floor house. original had wane on front door. - door is in center of south side

this oldest section has a winding stairway in NW corner, it winds ~~around~~ around in ~~hole~~ hole of fireplace - original fireplace hardware

(1776 around)



probably the window muntins are replaced (wide) upstairs - brick walls painted white flemish bond. ceilings are only about 6 1/2 ft high. cannot tell ~~if~~ whether it was originally only 1 room (the upstairs) or as it is now - 4 small rooms. Beaded Beams

Built { middle section early 1800's (1846?)
end section (south end) 1934
garage 1934

- lights 9/9
Brick fireplace beaded wood
plaster walls.
porches on rear + front

Mr Struyker's father was
President of Hamilton College
Large family estate in New York state

Melanathon J Hoolsey
Master Commandant Navy
signed James Madison



Rutledge

Branch

Upper Crossroads

Providence Ch

Upper Crossroads Ch

Lancaster Corner

HARFORD CO
BALTIMORE CO

Little

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Gunpowder

PLEASANTVILLE

Falls

Union Ch

4978
32°30'

4977

4976

4975

610 000
FEET

76°30'

772

773

950 000 FEET

27°30'

775



Brook's Cross HA-1079

Fallston, MD

Susan M. Deeney 3/76

North



Brook's Cross HA-1079

Fallston, MD

Susan M. Deeney 3/76

South



Brook's Cross Barn HA-1079
Fallston, MD
Paul Penrod 3/76
East