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Street, Maryland 21154

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI # 130096+504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Mill Green Hotel  
AND/OR COMMON Frank Famous's House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Mill Green Road  
CITY, TOWN Street 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 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 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 Frank E. Famous Telephone #: 452-8261  
STREET & NUMBER Mill Green Road  
CITY, TOWN Street VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21154

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE/HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: 526  
Folio #: 214  
STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

This large, frame house is on a hill located east of Broad Creek and Robert's Mill. The house is el-shaped and faces north. The dwelling is two stories high and four bays on the north facade while the wing, which faces west, is six bays by two. There are two dormers in the gable flank, slate roof of the wing. All windows throughout this house are one over one.

There is a one story porch on the north side of this house and on the west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		Mill Town
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Mill Green grew up around the once prosperous grist mill located on Broad Creek. The mill, built in 1827 by N.S. Bemis, to replace an older stone mill, remained in operation until approximately 1915.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Aegis, "Two Hundred Years on John's Adventure," by Mary Bristow, June 30, 1977. Baltimore, 1901.

Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County Press of the Sun Book Office, Harford County Directory, 1953.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Balt. 1967.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60.4 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property is bounded by the property of William W. Boyer on the south, the property of Richard D. Poteet on the north. Broad Creek runs through this tract of ground.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

1/78

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

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.

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

Title Search  
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GRG	526	214	1959	Grantor: Gordon D. Sanford Grantee: Frank E. Famous Acreage: 60% acres
GRG	371	463	1952	Grantor: Joseph E. Orr Grantee: Gordon D. Sanford Acreage: 61½ acres
GRG	365	14	1951	Grantor: Charles H. MacNabb, executor Grantee: Joseph E. Orr
DGW	206	333	1927	Grantor: Mabel May Huff Grantee: John W. Galbreath, Jr. Acreage: 64 acres
JAR	169	145	1920	Grantor: Ellsworth Huff Grantee: Lester Huff
WSF	102	429	1901	Grantor: Charity Huff Grantee: John Huff Acreage: "Jones' Gift" and "John's Adventure"
WSF	75	350	1893	Grantor: George Huff Grantee: Charity Huff
ALJ	9	377	1858	Grantor: James S. Robinson Grantee: George Huff Acreage: 62½ acres
CWB	7	300	1856	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Robinson Grantee: Heirs of John Robinson Acreage: "Jones' Gift" and "Clark's Dunmerry"
CWB	7	274	1855	Grantor: Sarah Robinson Grantee: John Robinson
SR	1	444	1828	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Sarah Robinson Grantee: John Robinson
HD	10	272	1827	Grantor: William Richardson Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 57¼ acres

HD	X	140	1815	Grantor: Harvey Stokes Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 85 acres
HD	W	317	1811	Grantor: Joseph Stokes Grantee: Harvey Stokes Acreage: 84 acres
HD	Y	47	1814	Grantor: John Ashmore Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
JLG	N	364	1797	Grantor: Executors of Col. Ignatius Wheeler Grantee: Joseph Stokes Acreage: 51 acres
JLG	N	364	1771	Grantor: Joseph Renshaw Grantee: Col. Ignatius Wheeler

N. R. FIELD SHEET  
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Frank Famous' house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: East side Mill Green Road about 0.1 mi south of Prospect Road (Md 646)

CITY OR TOWN: Mill Green

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Frank E Famous

STREET AND NUMBER: R.F.D. , Mill Green

CITY OR TOWN: Street STATE: Maryland CODE: 21154

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air 21014 STATE: Maryland CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

Color 690 ✓

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Large frame house, probably built for a multiple family house - or for several members of one family. L-shaped, two stories, it faces north, with a one-story porch on the front. A long side porch runs along the west side of the wing, and is accessible ~~through~~ from three doors. ~~the main house is~~ the main house is four bays by a double bay, the long wing is six bays by two, and there are two dormers in the slate roof in the wing. All windows are one over one.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The's family has owned several houses in the Mell Green village for years - and have combined dairy farming with work in the old mill.

Multi family housing has precedent here.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton Our Norfolk Heritage p 177-8

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 ONE ACRE							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean S. Purdie

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust DATE: Jan '70

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Delta Quadrangle  
MD-PA  
7.5 Minute Series  
U.S. Geological Survey

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Home HA-96

Street, MD 21154

Susan M. Deeney

1/78

North