

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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| 1. NAME | | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Riverside (Iddings House) | | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Haviland Mill Road | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Brinklow | | | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | COUNTY: Montgomery | | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
| CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i> | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i> | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____ _____ _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ | |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Leon Small | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Brinklow | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Rockville | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): | | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region | | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring | | | STATE: Maryland | | |

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is 2-1/2 stories, five bays, with a center gable. There are two external end chimneys for first floor fireplaces. The center entrance has a four light transom; first floor windows extend to within a foot of the shed-roofed porch, which is supported by columns. The windows opening on the porch are shuttered with three panel shutters.

A two story wing extends to the rear on the south side; window frames are a narrow beaded board.

Overcap Oak on property planted by great grandmother of present owner.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1855

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Farquhar, Caleb E. Iddings brought sixty-three acres from Zephariah and Mary Ann Cissel in 1853; in 1855, his father, Caleb P. Iddings, bought the land from his son and built the house. Caleb P. Iddings was born in Pennsylvania in 1785 and married Harriett Jackson in 1812; he died in 1863. Their youngest child, Charles Iddings, married Elizabeth Stabler of Sharon, and they lived at Riverside.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland (1962), pp 257-9.

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 TEN ACRES | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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

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| STATE: | | COUNTY: | |

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/10/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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home, it passed to his son William R. Griffith, born in April, 1852, who married his cousin Isabella Griffith in 1872. William's whole life was spent on the plantation. At the age of seventeen he had assumed full responsibility for the management of the farm and was very successful. He died in December, 1921, and was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery.

William's son, Jeffrey M. Griffith, fifth generation in direct line of ownership of the Retirement plantation, was born in 1881, and in 1910 married Lillian Neel. He died in 1946 at the age of sixty-five years. Since that date Retirement has been operated by Jeffrey's widow, Lillian,

assisted by her son Jeffrey M. Griffith, Jr., born in 1913.

It is sad to have to report the death of Jeffrey M. Griffith, Jr. in 1960 at the age of 47 years.

Allen Griffith, son of Henry III and Mary, was born at Retirement in 1801. A successful business man in Baltimore for some years, he later moved to California, and became an artist of some repute. He married Mary A. Stansbury in 1833. At his death in 1875, according to stipulations in his will, Allen Griffith's remains were returned to his birthplace, and a small marble shaft marks his grave in the family burial plot near the house, along with other markers over numerous other graves of Griffith descendants.

This house has a center hall with a door to the rear yard. To the right is a dining room with a kitchen adjoining it on the back. (Originally there was a detached kitchen.) The colonial fireplace with crane in place and bake oven to one side is still in the kitchen.

An unusual feature is the presence of a dozen or more British brass stamps on door locks in this house. These are the familiar reproductions of the Great Seal, the lion and the unicorn, of Great Britain. Whether these locks were taken from another house or were "war surplus" in the hands of English hardware dealers who shipped them here for the house being built in 1842 is a matter for speculation.



NO. 95 C-8 FLYSSES GRIFFITH 1842 STONE-STUCCO TO REPLACE AN OLDER HOUSE

Riverside

NEAR where the Hawlings flows into the Patuxent River stands the delightful old house appropriately named Riverside. It is on a promontory of four hundred feet elevation, the land sloping steeply to the Patuxent through thick woods.

In October, 1853, Caleb Edward Iddings, born in 1829, purchased sixty-three acres for \$600 from Zephaniah Cissel and Mary Ann, his wife. When he made this purchase, Caleb was unmarried. He spent two adventurous years as a "four," sailing around Cape Horn and returning across Central America. Before Caleb married Harriet Retzer in 1859, his father, Caleb P. Iddings, took the land off his hands and built the house upon it in 1855. The pleasant commodious country place has been the

home of the Iddings family ever since and is owned today by a great-granddaughter of Caleb P. Iddings, Rebecca Iddings Small.

Born in 1785 in Pennsylvania, Caleb P. Iddings married Harriett Jackson (born May, 1789) in 1812. They came to Riverside in 1855 when well along in years and built the house. Caleb died in August, 1863, and his wife in October, 1876. Their ninth child and youngest son, Charles A. Iddings, married Elizabeth Stabler of Sharon in 1855 and came to live at Riverside.

Before his marriage Caleb Edward Iddings became a doctor, obtaining his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and moved to Sandy Spring into a frame house along the south side of the village road after his marriage in 1859.



NO. 98 D-10 CALEB P. IDDINGS 1855 FRAME COVERED WITH TWO COURSES 1½" SIDING

He practiced there until his death in June, 1904. He was joined by a son, also a doctor, Charles M. Iddings, born in 1860, whose wife was Ida Mathews of Howard County. For many years the doctors' sign: "Dr. C. E. Iddings, Dr. C. M. Iddings" with "office hours" below their names was on the front of the pretty village home. During the Civil War Dr. Caleb E. served as an assistant surgeon in a Philadelphia hospital.

One son of Caleb Edward and Harriet Iddings is living in 1962, Edward R. Iddings, a bachelor, born in 1875, who lives in the old village home of his grandfather and father in Sandy Spring. He is affectionately regarded by all who know him. Miss Deborah Iddings, his sister, who shared this home, died in 1944.

Charles A. Iddings, son of Caleb P. and Harriett J. Iddings, was born in Pennsylvania in 1830. After his marriage to Elizabeth Stabler, he went to Riverside in 1855 and remained there the rest of his life, dying in March, 1898. He was of a retiring disposition and was always at his best in his own home where his kindness and genial hospitality made him a delightful companion to the many who shared his friendship. His marriage was an ideal one and his dependence upon his help-mate was beautiful.

Elizabeth S., his wife, lived on for twenty-eight years after his death, passing away on July 7, 1926, at ninety-three years of age. As a young girl she went to school in the Samuel M. Janney School in Loudoun County, Virginia. Her residence in the Riverside home lasted over seventy years, and she is recalled as an unusually good homemaker with a bright mind and vivacious personality. She was Secretary of the Horticultural Society for over forty years, a position she filled with universal approval. Her dominant characteristic was said to have been her unselfishness. She was always ready to serve others. Charles and Elizabeth Iddings had three sons who were most successful in their chosen fields. They possessed to a marked degree ability in science, mechanical work, and electrical subjects, a quality they no doubt inherited from their great-grandfather Isaac Briggs.

Frederick Tyson, the oldest son, was born at the family home in 1858. He lived to be one month more than ninety years old. His formal schooling came to an end when he was sixteen, but his naturally inquisitive mind carried him forward. He first worked for a couple of railroads as telegraph operator. However, his work in the telephone industry which came into

development in 1870-1876 offered him his greatest opportunity.

About 1882 he became connected with the Bell System, and in a few years by rapid advances became Chief Engineer of Underground Construction. Never marrying, he was employed by the Bell System and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for over 45-46 years. His alleged retirement at the age of seventy-two was in name only. Master of the important and the highly specialized work of cable-testing, he was made chairman of the Joint Electrolysis Committee for which work he seemed irreplaceable.

Ernest Lea Iddings, the second son of Charles A. and Elizabeth, born at Riverside in October, 1860, was self-taught in the hard school of experience. He needed no college education to succeed in the mechanical employment to which he devoted a long life. He married Maria Rust of Washington in December, 1886. They went at once to Elton, the Sarah Brown house, where Ernest remained as tenant farmer for three years. After this experience he acquired a farm, Atholwood, near Riverside, where he lived off and on for several years until he became an employee of the American Agricultural Chemical Company. In this work he became a trusted employee with full authority in the erection, modification, and maintenance of fertilizer plants all over the country. He retired in 1926 and died at Catonsville, Maryland, in February, 1934.

Ernest L. Iddings and Maria had five children. Rebecca, now Mrs. Leon Small, is the oldest. The old homestead was devised to her by Frederick, the last survivor of the three brothers, and she and her husband have built a small colony (of family homes) about the grounds. Next to Rebecca comes Fred, a lawyer and judge in Boston; then Llewellyn, a builder;

Elizabeth, widow of the late Professor Walter Wheeler Cook, who lives in a small cottage on the lawn; and Margaret, now Mrs. Rossman, of Connecticut.

Richard P. Iddings, the third son, was born at Riverside in 1866. He did an unusual thing after many years' employment in an important position as chemist with a large textile company in Massachusetts. Although a highly valued and trusted employee of the Arlington Mills Company, he resigned his position at a little more than fifty years of age and came home to Riverside to care for his aged mother and an unmarried aunt, both over eighty. He passed away in 1943.

Ernest L. Iddings and Maria have two daughters living: Rebecca Iddings Small, wife of Leon Small, and Elizabeth Cook, widow.

Elizabeth Stabler Iddings one day was planting a small oak tree in front of the house. As the family watched the ceremony an unusually large flock of wild geese flew over, a fact which diverted the family's attention from the tree-planting. When their attention returned to the planting ceremony, Elizabeth, having already planted the tree, pulled it up and planted it again so as to be witnessed by the group. When Elizabeth's son, Frederick, was over eighty, he climbed to the top of that same oak to install an electrical arrester or lightning rod, to insure its life for some more generations.

The house faces toward the setting sun. Entering the front hall, one finds the living room on the right. Behind that is a library, and on the left of the front hall is a parlor. Both living room and parlor have fireplaces.

The photograph of Riverside was taken about 1886. Charles and Elizabeth Iddings are both in the group in front of the house. Leon Small was the Chief Engineer of the Baltimore Water Department before he retired.

Riverton

THE lure of the wilderness combined with the heroism of a pioneer must have induced a hardware dealer with four sons and one daughter to leave the City of Brotherly Love in 1822 to establish his family in a log cabin in the woods of Montgomery County.

Joshua Peirce and Hannah (Chandlee) Peirce, his wife, were hardy Quakers. The Hawlings River valley where they settled was a friendly community where the Chandleeps had inherited lands. The farm was owned by Hannah's parents, and had a mill and a biscuit factory on it.



NAME # 15-34 RIVERSIDE

LOCATION HAVILAND MILL RD., BRINKLOW, MD.

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