

Property Address <u>16101 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Jeannette Swan, 16101 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20868</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1860</u>

**Description:**

Edgewood II, constructed circa 1860, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1973, 1976, and 1979, and was designated as a historic site by the M-NCPPC in 1981, in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The main house is currently unaltered from its condition and appearance at the time of the previous survey. In addition to the main house discussed in the previous survey form, the property includes an outbuilding which is attached to the main house and three additional outbuildings.

The outbuilding which is connected to the main house has a corrugated metal gable roof, is of wood-frame construction, and has a fieldstone foundation. A wood-frame lean-to on a concrete block foundation with a corrugated metal roof is attached to this outbuilding on the northeast side. The entire structure is connected to the main house by a wood-frame hyphen. Two of the three additional outbuildings are small, wood-frame structures with vertical board siding. The east outbuilding has exterior battens. Both outbuildings have corrugated metal gable roofs and rest on grade. The third outbuilding is a wood-frame structure with vertical board siding. The structure has a corrugated metal dual pitch gable roof. The structure is supported by brick columns. There are ruins of a stone structure on the property, three walls of which are standing. The east wall is missing. Approximately 1/3 of the structure is a lean to with a corrugated metal roof bearing on stone and on a hand-hewn wood post and beam frame, fastened with machine cut nails.

**National Register Evaluation:**

Edgewood II, constructed circa 1860, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and was designated as a historic site by the M-NCPPC in 1981, in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A, as it is an early agricultural property and the house was constructed by the Stabler family, who were early Quaker settlers in the Silver Spring area of Montgomery County, influential in the settlement of the area. In addition, the property meets Criterion C, as a good example of a mid-19th century Georgian farmhouse. Additions have been constructed throughout its history, evidencing its evolution as a family farm throughout the 19th and 20th centuries and therefore, the period of significance of the property extends from circa 1860 to 1947. The property includes the main house and four outbuildings, and retains a high degree of integrity of its rural setting, despite the intense development of the surrounding community. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. In addition, it has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

**Verbal boundary description and justification:**

The National Register boundaries of Edgewood II follow the current property lines of 16101 Oak Hill Road (Tax Map KS 122, Lot/Block #P161). This 3 hectare (7.45 acres) parcel is bounded on the north and east by adjacent tax parcels, on the south by Spencerville Road and on the west by Oak Hill Road. The boundary includes the main house, one outbuilding which is connected to the main house, and three additional outbuildings, all of which contribute to the significance of the property. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 41.3 hectare (102-acre) parcel which was conveyed to Robert Stabler by his father in 1860. The parcel had grown to approximately 49 hectare (120 acres) by 1963, when it was sold out of the Stabler family to the current owners. Upon its transfer, the parcel was reduced to its current size. The current parcel is now bounded to the north and east by residential development, to the south by Spencerville Road and to the west by Oak Hill Road.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>			
Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended <input type="checkbox"/> not recommended			
Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D      Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None			
Comments: _____			
E. Hannold/K. Williams	8/13/1996	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/10/02
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

**Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
October 1996**

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

(Site # 101, 113, etc.)

1. Name: Edgewood II
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 15/52
3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 17  
Coordinate H-6
4. Address: 16101 Oak Hill Road  
Spencerville, Maryland
5. Classification Summary
- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category <u>building</u>             | Previous Survey Recording <u>MNCPPC</u>                              |
| Ownership <u>private</u>             | Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites Inventory</u><br>1976              |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>        |  |
| Status <u>occupied</u>               |  |
| Accessible <u>no</u>                 | Federal <u>    </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u>    </u> |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> |  |
6. Date: c. 1859
7. Original Owner: Robert Stabler
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good                      b. altered                      c. original site
9. Description: This six bay by three bay, two and a half story frame house now faces west. Built in sections, the south section is three bays by one bay and faces south. A later three bay north section, parallel to the south section, is connected by a two bay wing. The south section has six-over-six double-hung windows and the north section has two-over-two double-hung windows. There is an unusual southeast corner bay at an angle on the south elevation. The house has a gable roof covered by green raised seam metal.
10. Significance: This farm is associated with the Stablers, one of the oldest Quaker families in the area. The land upon which Edgewood II stands was originally patented by Richard Snowden, Jr. the Anne Arundel iron master, and was considered to be "some of the finest land in the county. Caleb Stabler acquired much of this land in the early 19th century and deeded 102 3/8 acres to his son Robert, who had built a small house there soon after his marriage in 1858. Robert was an influential man in the area. He was active in the Horticultural Club and the Grange, and was one of the original incorporators of the Savings Institution of Sandy Spring. His gardens and orchards were known for their productivity and beauty. At his death in 1896, Robert left his estate to his wife Hannah. She passed it on to their children; their many maiden daughters and one married son, Albert, lived on the property up until 1963 when it was sold to the present owner. According to tradition Edgewood II was named for the stand of hardwood trees that still border the house.
11. Researcher and date researched: Candy Reed - Arch. Description  
Donald M. Leavitt                      June 1979
12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian
13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979
14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 7.60 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Edgewood II

AND/OR COMMON

Swan House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 16101 Oak Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Spencerville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Loyal Ralph Swan

Telephone #: 421-9247

STREET & NUMBER

16101 Oak Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Spencerville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20868

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3128

Folio #: 420

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 six bay by three bay, two and a half story frame house faces west.

Built in several sections on fieldstone foundations, with white clapboarded exterior walls, the house originally faced south. A later, north addition is parallel to the south section and faces west. The west (front) porch has a flat roof which is supported by four chamfered wooden posts. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. The west (front) door is glass and wooden paneled. The south (original front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by four tapered posts. The south wooden paneled door is flanked by five-light sidelights and is surmounted by a three light transom.

The south section has six-over-six double-hung windows while the north section has two-over-two double-hung windows. All windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. There is a one story bay window, set at an angle, at the southeast corner of the south elevation. This projection is covered by butt shingles. The west gable end of the south section has two four-light windows and the east gable end of the same section has two one-light windows. There is one gabled six-over-six double-hung dormer window on the south elevation of the north section. There are two gabled six-over-six double-hung dormer windows on the south elevation of the south section. There is one gabled six-over-six double-hung dormer window on the north elevation of the north section.

The north and south gable roofs are connected by a gabled section. These roofs have raised seam metal covering and the north section has a boxed and returned cornice. There are four interior end chimneys at the east and west gable ends of the north and south sections. There is an interior chimney above the section linking the north and south sections.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 checked="" 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) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Edgewood II is an example of a medium-sized prosperous Quaker farm, a genre that once dotted this section of Montgomery County. It is also associated with the Stablers, one of the oldest families in the area.

The land upon which Edgewood II stands was originally patented by Richard Snowden, Jr. the Anne Arundel iron master, and was considered to be "some of the finest land in the county".<sup>1</sup>

Through subsequent generations this tract of land, known as "Snowden's Manor Enlarged", was divided up and sold. Caleb acquired much of this land in the early 19th century. In 1860 Caleb Stabler and his wife Ann deeded 102 3/8 acres of their land to their son Robert,<sup>2</sup> who had built a small house there soon after his marriage in 1858.

The 1860 census shows Robert with real estate worth \$3,700, a figure that had increased to \$6,500 by 1870. He was assessed in 1866 as owning \$1,164 in personal property, including livestock, furniture, silver plate, and watches.<sup>3</sup>

Robert was an influential man in the area. He was active in the Horticultural Club and the Grange,<sup>4</sup> and was one of the original incorporators of the Savings Institution of Sandy Spring.<sup>5</sup> His gardens and orchards were known for their productivity and beauty.<sup>6</sup>

At his death in 1896, Robert left his estate to his wife Hannah.<sup>7</sup> She passed it on to their children; their many maiden daughters and one married son, Albert, lived on the property up until 1963 when it was sold to the present owner.

According to tradition Edgewood II was named for the stand of hardwood trees that still border the house.

**FOOTNOTES:**

1. Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. I, (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882) p. 649.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH 8/98 (March 1, 1860).
3. Assessments, election district 5, 1866.
4. Farquhar, Roger Brooke, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md. (Washington, D.C.: Judd and Detweiler, Inc., 1962) p. 143.
5. Scharf, p. 778.
6. Farquhar, p. 143.
7. Will Records of Montgomery County, Md. GCD 2/340 (March 23, 1896).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Assessment Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Farquhar, Roger Brooke, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Washington, D.C.: Judd and Detweiler, 1962.  
 Maps: Hopkins 1879.  
 Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. I, Philadelphia:  
 Lewis H. Everts, 1882.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.60 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located on the SE side of Oak Hill Rd. .1 mile from Rt. 198.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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, 41 State Circle~~  
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
~~(301) 267-1438~~

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1002.18.5504

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Swan House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Edgewood II				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 16101 Oak Hill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE</b> (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<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 (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: L. R. Swan				
STREET AND NUMBER: 16101 Oak Hill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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						
<p>This large, rambling 2-1/2 story frame house has a three bay facade on Spencerville Road. On the east corner is a shingled bay window. A porch covers the central bay; the door has transom light above and sidelights. There are two dormer windows on the south facade.</p>						

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8. 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) 1858-60 (Farquhar)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
|--|--|---|---|

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Farquhar says that this was the home of Robert and Hannah Taylor Stabler. Land was part of Snowden Manor Enlarged, owned by Caleb and Ann Stabler until 1860, when it was conveyed to Robert Stabler (their son) in consideration of an annuity of \$61.00 per year.

Farm probably had first peach orchard in the area. Albert Stabler, son of Robert and Hannah, inherited farm in 1896 and added west wing to house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland (1962) pp. 143-4

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 1/23/73

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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must have been built before 1800. Luctey said that his father, a stone mason, laid the twenty-four-inch-thick foundation of the house before the son was born. Examination of the details of the interior seem to indicate construction around 1800. The frame construction is covered with weatherboarding on the north and

the high wooden pillars are beautifully turned. As one enters the front door, he sees the dining room on the right and the parlor to the left. Both have fireplaces with plain wood mantels. On the second floor are two bedrooms over the first-floor rooms, and a bathroom over the front hall and bedrooms are on the third floor.

## Edgewood II

ROBERT M. Stabler, born 1830, was the third child and second son of Caleb and Ann Stabler of Drayton. In 1858 he married Hannah Taylor of Virginia, and they settled at once in the house shown right which was newly built at the time. The lovely old homestead is located just a quarter-of-a-mile east of Drayton on the road leading to Spencerville from the Ashton-Colesville State road No. 29. It is half-a-mile west of Spencerville. It derived its name from a tract of mature hardwood timber still standing near the house.

On a deed dated May 8, 1860, Caleb and Ann, his wife, conveyed a part of Snowden's Manor Enlarged containing 102 acres of land to Robert M. Stabler, "Subject to an annuity of \$61.00 to be paid by Robert Stabler, his heirs and assigns to the said Caleb and Ann Stabler or the survivors of them if demanded in any current year, but if not demanded, not to be paid thereafter."

In another deed dated June, 1868, Caleb as executor of the estate of William Thompson deceased, conveyed to Robert of Edgewood and to Frederick Stabler of Oak Hill a farm of 126 acres for a consideration of \$1,600.20. This land was sold at public auction in December, 1865, by Caleb as trustee of the William Thompson estate, by and with the consent of Ann the widow of Thompson. This sale was ratified by the Orphans Court in 1874, the delay in doing so being due to lack of knowledge that such action was necessary. This tract was at some later date divided between the farms of Edgewood and Oak Hill.

These acquisitions by Robert and Hannah Stabler, with the valuable assistance of Caleb and Ann, established them on a farm which they improved and developed into one of the

William Cullen Bryant.

most delightful and well-managed in the community. Robert and his extremely competent wife were both skilled in all farm, garden and household practices and economies, and they became examples to be followed in these activities. They were active in the local organizations, such as the clubs, the Horticultural, the Grange, and the like. Robert loved to gather around him groups of young people, then he would instruct them in all problems and practices pertaining to farm and garden, wildlife and woodcraft. His temperament was one of calm quiet serenity. "Go forth under the open sky, and list to Nature's teachings."



NO. 27 E-11 ROBERT M. STABLER 1858-60

The gardens and orchards at Edgewood were models of production and beauty. This was vouched for as early as 1861 to 1865, by two of the associates and friends of Robert's who belonged to the same farmer's club. Thomas J. Lea of Springdale and Roger B. Farquhar of Rock Spring both wrote of visiting Edgewood in those years, and they expressed it, "ate any quantity of peaches." The peach orchard there was probably one of the first and evidently the best in the community at the time.

Robert and Hannah Stabler were the parents of eight children. One son and five daughters grew to maturity. The son lived a very active life, to the ripe old age of eighty-six. Robert Stabler died in March, 1896, and one of his fellow club members paid him the following tribute, "As a farmer and a businessman he was unusually successful owing to his persistent industry, his good judgment, his love of order and his scrupulous attention to little economies, which never generated into meanness." His wife survived him by twenty-five years.

Albert Stabler, the only son, born in 1863, married Helen Janney, a daughter of Bernard and Isabella Janney of Washington, in October, 1893. Bernard Janney was Supervisor of the Georgetown Schools for a number of years. Upon the death of his father Edgewood came under the exceptional care and management of Albert, who with unusual skill looked after the home and farm until his death in 1949. After 1900 he built an addition onto the west side of the house, where he and his family spent the summers. They always lived in Georgetown in the wintertime.

For over fifty years Albert Stabler was a very successful insurance underwriter in Washington, representing the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia with unusual capability. At his death he was the oldest underwriter on the company's staff, which he served for over fifty years. During all these years he managed the farm and belonged to the local clubs and societies in the Sandy Spring community. One of the sons of this couple, Albert, Jr., has managed the farm for a number of years, and lives in a modern house on part of the Edgewood farm. "Bert's" part contains twenty-one acres.

Lillie B. Stabler, in 1961, the last member of the Edgewood family, who survives, is quite active around her home, has a good appetite, is cheerful and has a good memory, although well past 90 years of age. She is in remarkably sound health.

Of the five daughters of Robert and Hannah Stabler, only one, Lydia B., is living today, in the old home where she was born. Mary M. Stabler, the oldest daughter, lived to an advanced age, passing away in August, 1943. Mary Stabler was a delightful companion with charm, intelligence, vivacity. She had a warm heart for everyone, high and low alike, and had hosts of friends. She became an antique collector, was a capable appraiser of furniture and art objects, which she bought and sold, and built a warehouse which she kept well filled near the Edgewood lawn.

Alice T. Stabler had charm of personality, and cleverness which made her a successful solicitor of life insurance for many years until her retirement to Edgewood where she died in November, 1936. Emma T. Stabler's talents were applied to art, her paintings in water color attracting attention in Washington and Baltimore. She studied art in Baltimore, and for some years earned a competence in buying and selling antiques. Florence, the youngest daughter of the Edgewood family, became the wife of Charles E. Bond, and lived near The Manor for many years, passing away in 1948.

The farm proper now contains 120 acres. The house, which faces toward the south, has a combination hall and reception room to the west or left of the front door, and a dining room on the right, and four bedrooms on the second floor.

## Elton

**T**O a true country lover the setting of this very sturdy, rough stone manor house is unusually attractive. Standing on a rounded knoll which slopes in all directions like the top of a loaf of bread, the house with its unique site is the center of a pretty picture.

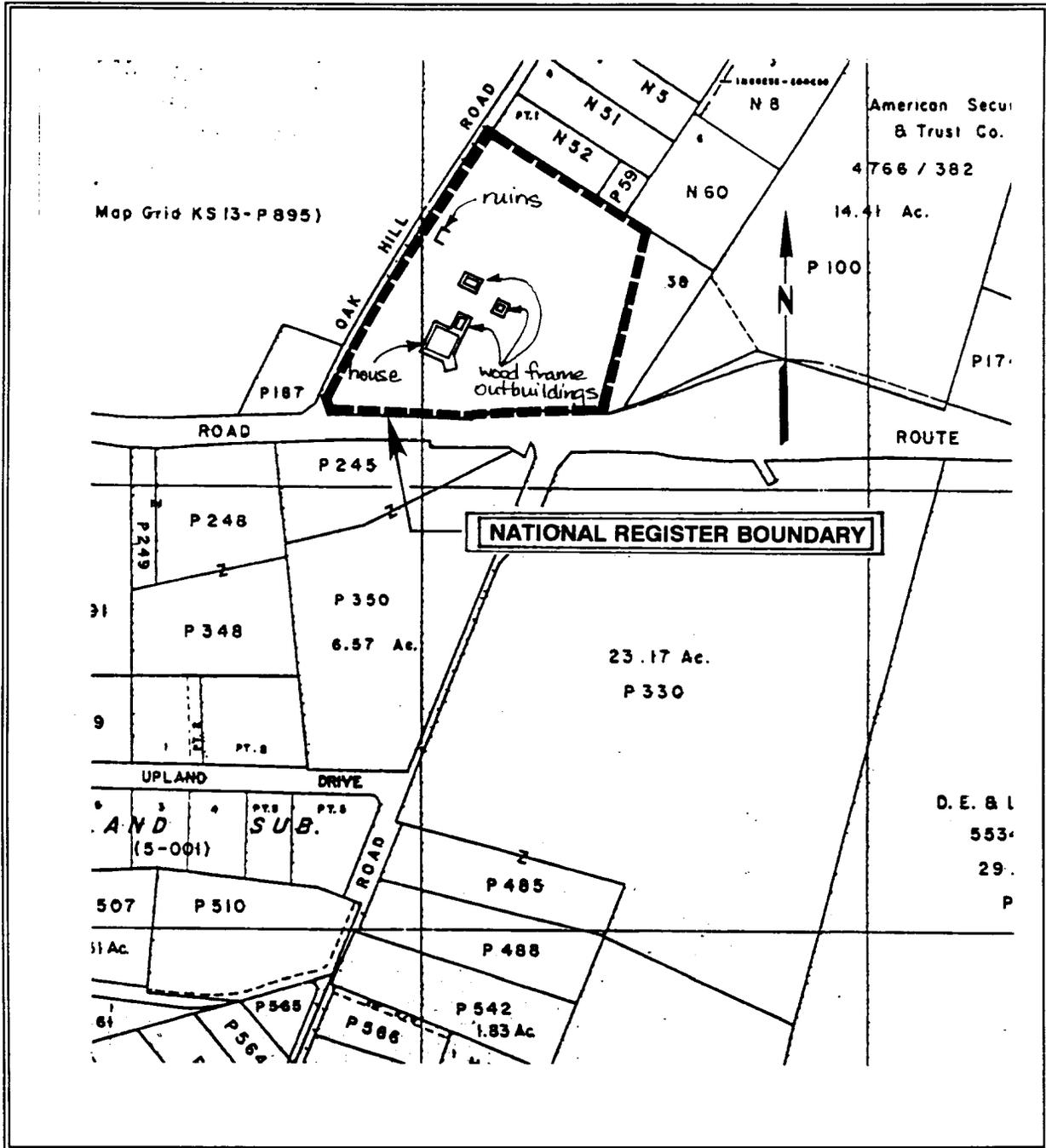
To add to the charm, around the edge of the lawn winds a babbling brook, a branch of the Patuxent River not far away. In bygone days

it turned the wheel of a grist mill located a few yards in front of the house, long since disappeared. A number of giant sycamores and a large evergreen or two encircle the house. These trees appear to be at least 150 years old, one of the sycamores being over six feet in diameter.

The date of the house is lacking, as is usually the case, but indications are that the right-hand or eastern half was built between 1780 and 1800.

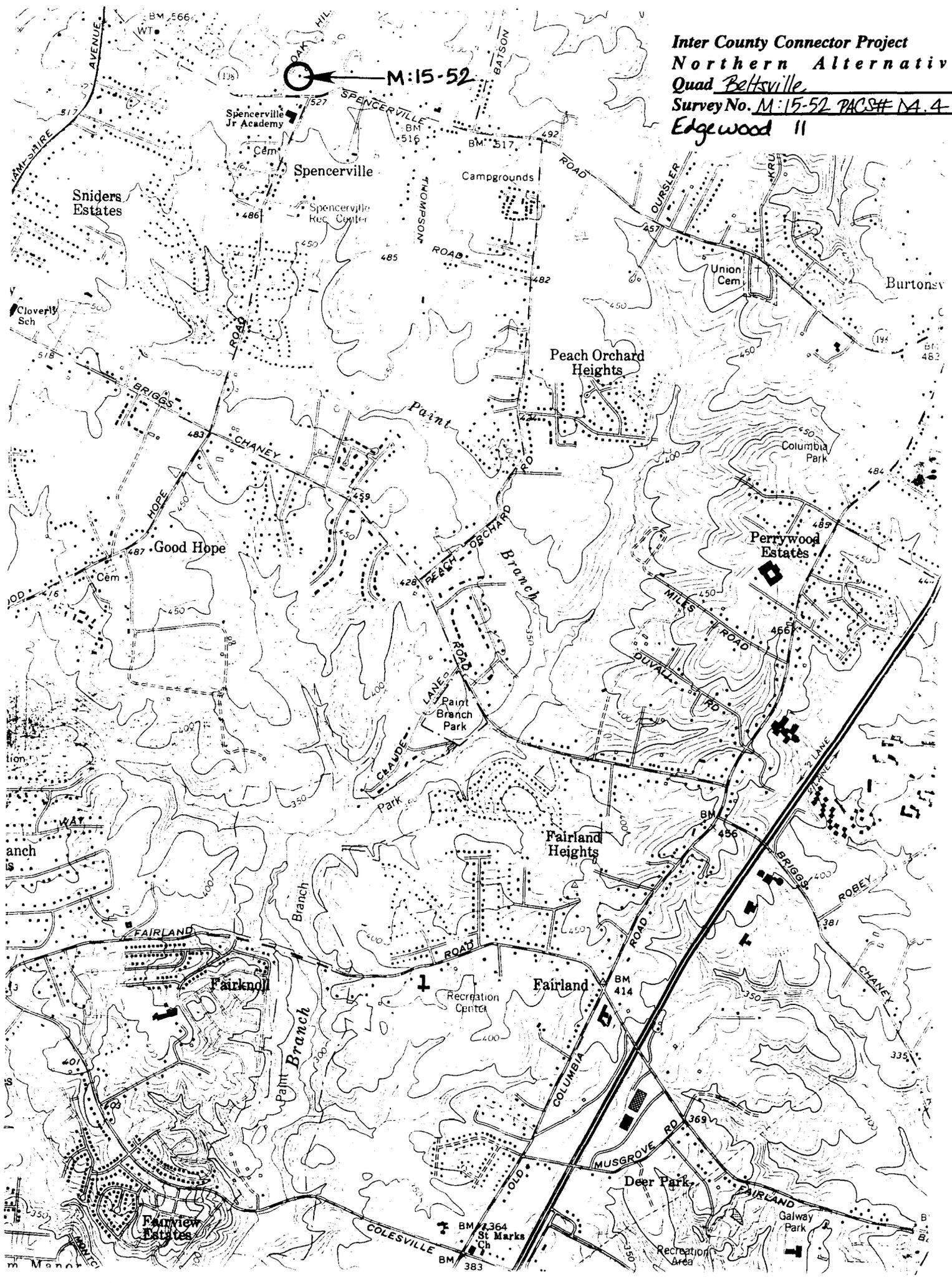
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Owner Name/Address Jeannette Swan, 16101 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20868  
Year Built circa 1860

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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Map: Section 15, T. 2 S., R. 10 E., Comp. 1

Date: 1/25

Location: 1/2 mile S. of Edgewood  
1/2 mile W. of Highway 101  
Elev. 1100 ± 204

Description: 19 101' at Hill Road, South face

Notes: 101'



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