

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

(Date: 11/13/80)

1. Name: Stoney Castle
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 17/26
3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 12
Coordinate B-3
4. Address: Westerly Road
Poolesville, Md.
5. Classification Summary
- | | |
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| Category <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording <u>MNCPPC</u> |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites Inventory</u> |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> | 1976 |
| 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: mid-19th century
7. Original Owner: Stephen Newton White
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: Stoney Castle is a five bay, two story house built of unhewn stones, marked by large quoining blocks, lintels and window sills of ashlar. A recent two story portico covers the three central bays. The doorway is recessed with panelled reveals and is surrounded by a four-light transom and two-light sidelights. The first floor windows open as doors onto the porch. The house ends are marked by double chimneys with an apron. A boxed cornice and fascia-type architrave run across the facade and along the gable sides; it is returned into the gable. A service wing runs at right angles to the main block; it has a large central chimney and two-story porch. The interior of the house features a half-turn staircase with landing behind an archway, panelling, hardware, and fireplaces. Outbuildings includes a restored log house and a stone spring house with high quality stonework.
10. Significance: Stoney Castle is significant as the mid-19th century manor house of a prominent western Montgomery County family. By the turn of the 19th century, the tract on which Stoney Castle is situated (Resurvey on "Forest") was part of the large land-holdings of George Peter of Georgetown, D.C. In 1831, Stephen Newton White purchased 705 1/16 acres of this land, and brought his young family to live. There may have been a small house on the property at this time, but it was probably Stephen and Mary Veirs White who constructed Stoney Castle generally as it is seen today. Here in 1832, their second son Elijah Veirs White was born; he became a prominent military commander during the Civil War, and a farmer, businessman, banker, minister, and local hero of Loudoun and Montgomery Counties. Benjamin, the older son, maintained the "home farm" at Stoney Castle, passing it to his son, Harvey Jones White; Harvey was a successful farmer, County Commissioner, and member of the Maryland House of Delegates. The 346 acre property passed to Harvey's son, Dr. Byron Dyson White, in 1933. Stoney Castle remained in the White family until 1949, when 310 acres were sold to Madeleine Kneepelhouit Van Sterkenburg, the former Countess de Chastel of Belgium. Madeleine van Sterkenburg's daughter Marie-Renee married Alfred Spates in 1967, and the property is presently in their names.
11. Researcher and date researched: Daniel Levin-6/78 Michael Dwyer-Arch. Desc.
12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian
13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979
14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: c. 310 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stoney Castle

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Westerly Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

— 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	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

A.W. & M.R. Spates Et Al.

Telephone #: 762-3326

STREET & NUMBER

22 West Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5055/564

Folio #: 4843/435

4641/818

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites and HABS, 1936

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M.17-26

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

Stoney Castle is a five-bay wide, two story house built of unhewn stones, marked by large quoining blocks, lintels and window sills of ashlar. A pedimented prostyle, tetrastyle two story portico covers the three central bays; the pediment is decorated with a fan motif. The recently-added columns are vaguely Doric or Tuscan; in neither case does the simple entablature consisting of architrave and cornice result in a "correct" order. The doorway is recessed with panelled reveals; a four light transom and two-light sidelights surround the door itself. The first floor window openings are panelled from the porch to the sill while above the sill are six-over-six sashes; the arrangement permitted the windows to be opened as doors onto the porch. The interior window jambs are panelled; modern heating units have been installed in the window recesses.

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A service wing running at right angles to the main block includes kitchen and an attached dairy house or other service house. The kitchen wing itself has a two story porch, now with wrought iron supports. Old photographs show the wing with square wooden columns, a wooden balustrade along the open second floor porch and a screened porch below. There is one large chimney near the center of the block.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Stephen Newton White**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Madeleine van Sterkenburg's daughter Marie-Renee married Alfred Spates in 1967,⁵ and the property is presently in their names.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., BS4/267 (March 16, 1831).
2. Jacobs, Charles and Marian Waters, "Colonel Elijah Veirs White", Montgomery County Story, Vol. 21, #4 (Montgomery County Historical Society, November 1978).
3. Land Records, Op. Cit., 548/291 (January 17, 1933).
4. Ibid., 1292/87 (September 9, 1949).
5. Montgomery County Marriage Records, HMS14/447; Appl. Bk. 164/93.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, R.B., Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Judd and Detweiler, Inc. Washington, D.C., 1962 (p. 290-92).

Maps: Martinet and Bond, 1865; Hopkins Atlas, 1878.

Land Assessment, and Marriage Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Vol. I; originally published 1882, p. 732-33.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 310 acres

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Daniel Levin	Michael Dwyer	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE	6/78
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE	Maryland 20753

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Stoney Castle				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" 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
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural		<input type="checkbox"/> Government		<input type="checkbox"/> Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational		<input type="checkbox"/> Military		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Religious
		<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
				<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: M & C Kneppelhout				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville			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 American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1956 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1st St. SE between E. Capitol St. and Independence Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:	

DESCRIPTION	
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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
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P. 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) 1800

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land was originally patented by Robert Peter as part of Forest. In 1818, George Peter of Montaverde conveyed the land to Thomas Fletchall. In 1831, Stephen N. White acquired the land.

OTHER: The land and house are being acquired by the Stoney Castle Racket Club, which intends to construct additional buildings as part of a tennis club. They will retain and utilize the house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland. Washington, D.C.: Judd & Detweiler, Inc., 1962.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				D R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	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: 2/23/75

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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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citizens. At the time of his death in 1888, the District Bar Association adopted a very complimentary resolution which was ordered spread upon the records of the Supreme Court of Washington. The members of the bar attended his funeral in a body.

In one campaign, when speaking in a hall, something he said about his opposition aroused the ire of Reuben Young, who was a popular builder of the County for many years. Both were powerful men. "Rube" started down the aisle from the rear of the hall, bristling with anger. Quick as a flash Miller jumped from the platform, met Young halfway, and shouted, "Rube, if the shoe fits, put it on!!!" No blows were struck, and Rube subsided into a seat. At another time, Miller arranged for a Republican rally at a hall in Rockville. Upon his arrival he found the door firmly padlocked. When inquiring for the janitor he was told that the janitor had gone "fishing." Armed with a bar he pryed the lock off the door, and the rally was held as scheduled.

Caroline Hallowell Miller was born in August, 1831. She remained the dominant personality in that unusual home until her death in September, 1905. From her obituary we quote, "She carried on for many years a model school, where her pupils not only learned the lessons found in textbooks, but developed the well-rounded character that is the object of all education. She was endowed with an intellect that was unsurpassed,

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1962

if ever equalled in this community. Her attainments were as varied as they were brilliant. She had wonderful dramatic power; her public addresses delivered in her own inimitable manner were marvels of eloquence."¹ For years she was associated with Frances E. Willard and Susan B. Anthony in the National Woman's Suffrage Association.

In those early days Caroline Miller was a powerful aid to the pioneer women leaders. She appeared on national platforms forwarding the program for women's rights, helping to organize the Association in Maryland. In 1874 her husband was one of the first men of prominence in the State to openly advocate equal rights for women.

After the death of Henry H. Miller, Stanmore was sold to Thomas Hyde IV, of Washington. Young Hyde was an heir of the well-known Hyde family, of Georgetown, associated in the banking firm of Corcoran and Riggs, forerunners of the Riggs National Bank. After service in World War I, he returned to Stanmore and in the fall of 1919 married Miss Mary P. Dawson of Rockville. They have four sons. Thomas Hyde IV died September 9, 1949, but his widow continues to live at the Stanmore home in 1962. One married son, Henry Hyde, and his wife, the former Miss Elizabeth Ann Bonifant, live in a house on the farm which he manages and which has been increased to about 250 acres.

¹ Annals of Sandy Spring.

Stoney Castle

IN the Poolesville area of northwestern Montgomery County there are numerous plantations of early days with enduring houses upon them which have stood for a number of generations. Here are to be seen fine examples of early architecture. Some of these places are occupied today by representatives of families which have contributed much to events of historic importance in the County.

Among prominent names in 1961 may be mentioned Brewers, Whites, Chiswells, Pooles, Dysons, Byrds, Remsburgs, Youngs and others who live on lands acquired by their ancestors, generations ago. By such citizenry is the stability of our democracy maintained.

Stoney Castle is one of the outstanding homes built, at least in part, possibly two centuries ago. Located a mile west of the ancient village of Poolesville on the road to Edwards Ferry, the charm of the estate is impressive with its 330 acres of rolling farm land, an acre of box garden, tasteful landscaping and a pretty lake, around which the driveway winds among large trees toward the mansion.

The general desirability and beauty of the neighborhood, with views of distant hills and woodlands along the Potomac river, had a strong appeal to the present owners who came from Europe in 1949 to make it their home. They are Madam Kneppelhout van Sterkenburg.



NO. 105 E-3 POSSIBLY JAMES DUNLOP OR
ROBERT PETER BEFORE 1800 STONE

the former Countess du Chastel de la Howardries of Holland, and her husband, Kees, and a daughter, Marie-Renee. They have been installed in the cheerful, commodious rooms of the castle since that time. The rooms are beautifully furnished with European antiques, some of them museum pieces.

Governor Lane wrote, welcoming the distinguished new residents, to Maryland. Kees van Sterkenburg is from Holland and has been in the diplomatic service for many years. During World War II he was connected with the Holland-Spanish-American Relief Agency.

The sequence of ownership of the plantation, like so many others in the county, involves the Peter family. On May 17, 1784, Robert Peter had a Resurvey on Part of Forest containing 1,796 acres, located around Poolesville. In February, 1818, George Peter, the Major of Montanverde, conveyed to Thomas Fletchall 705 acres near Killmain and Resurvey on Part of Forest for a consideration of \$4,780.49. Then in March, 1831, Robert P. Dunlop, trustee, to sell the lands of James Fletchall, defendant, Robert Dick, plaintiff, conveyed the land to Stephen N. White. This indenture refers to the deed dated February, 1818, by which Major George Peter conveyed the land, parts of Resurvey on Forest to Thomas Fletchall. When acquired by Stephen N. White the land was nearly all in timber.

Noting the dates given above, we can only surmise as to the date the house was built and who built it, for there appears to be no authentic information on this point. Traditions in the

neighborhood and some of the details of construction indicate that the oldest part may have been built before the year 1800.

That James Dunlop of Hayes Manor, great grandfather of George Thomas Dunlop, the late owner of that beautiful manor house, owned several plantations in Montgomery County is well known. Mr. Dunlop recently donated to the Maryland Historical Society several large account books of his ancestor in which entries are recorded of supplies, clothes for slaves and many sundry items being transferred from one plantation to another before 1800. It is believed that Dunlop may have built the oldest part of the castle during those years for an overseer of the farm.

Harvey J. White, who lived all his life on the farm, either in the castle or in his home across the road, was a successful farmer and prominent in county political life. He served as a county commissioner and was a member of the House of Delegates. He first married Ida Dyson, and secondly Alethea Brewer, who was a daughter of William G. Brewer and a granddaughter of the eminent physician Dr. William Brewer of Aix La Chapelle, where she spent much of her girlhood. Harvey White died in February, 1950, at the age of eighty years. Soon after his death the 170 acre farm where they had lived since 1932 was sold and Mrs. White moved into a home in Poolesville.

Dr. Bryon Dyson White, who lived in the castle in the summer time for many years, is a son of Harvey J. and Ida Dyson White. After the sale of the castle in 1949, Dr. and Mrs. White moved to Frederick, Maryland, where he has been practicing for several years. He obtained his medical degree from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and pursued advanced study at the University of Dublin, Ireland. For many years he was highly regarded as a practitioner in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Under his ownership the castle was extensively remodeled, modernized and beautified, with careful appreciation of its antique charm. Dr. White's wife was the former Matilda Thompson. They were married in 1924.

The house is built of rough stone from a local quarry. It is seventy feet long and forty feet wide with an attic and an "L" addition which is forty-five by twenty-four feet. It is said to have been forty feet longer at one time. But Benjamin White, after he acquired the property in

1862, removed about forty feet from the rear end.

From the large tile floor porch shown in the photograph one enters a roomy front hall. A library with fireplace is on the right. To the rear of the library is the dining room and behind the dining room a serving pantry. Behind that is the kitchen. The pantry has a large Colonial type fireplace with crane still in place. This and the two rooms above it were the oldest part of the house. To the left of the entrance hall is a very large living room with two fireplaces. This room has glass doors which open onto extensive box gardens where there are formal flower beds, borders of shrubbery and box walks.

The Sterkenburgs have one daughter, Marie-Renée, who lives at Stoney Castle, and has taken great interest in operating the big 330 acre plantation. Hundreds of dairy replacement Holstein heifers have been raised and sold to satisfied

farmers from far and near. She is an ardent student and advocate of organic farming which aims at improving the soil to maintain its optimum condition of fertility, the ultimate purpose of greater production of foods, and silage.

Miss de Sterkenburg is fluent in several languages, and is active in the sale of real estate with an outstanding real estate firm operating and developing in the Potomac area.

Many stirring events occurred in the Poolesville neighborhood during the War Between the States. In the imagination of old timers the ghost of the impressive figure of Col. Elijah Veirs White, "Lige" as he was called, seems to have charged throughout the countryside on his cavalry mount. Elijah White was preparing for war before it started. He organized in 1862 the Company "B" White's 35th Virginia Battalion, known as Partisan Rangers (CSA) composed mostly of Poolesville men.

Stoneyhurst

ON a steep wooded hillside near the west edge of the Seven Locks Road, and looking down on River Road, a hundred yards away, stands the rough stone house shown below. It is believed that this house was built before the Revolution, details indicating construction at about that time. It was built by Samuel Brewer Magruder.

The Magruders first appeared in Maryland in the person of Alexander Magruder, the "Immigrant," just three centuries ago, and came to Montgomery County a century later. (See The Ridge and Locust Grove I). No more vigorous Clan ever came from Scotland to the Province of Maryland, and they have made, and are still making, history.

About a century after the arrival of "The Immigrant," in 1650, in Charles County, later named Prince George's, the Magruders first appeared on the Stoneyhurst tract, when, by the will of Ninian Magruder, Sr., probated in 1751, Samuel Magruder of Ninian, received a bequest of 300 acres of land, including parts of "Honesty," and "Samuel's Delight."

In the will of Samuel of Ninian, probated in July, 1786, his wife Margaret was left with a few slaves, identified by name, and "my dwell-

ing plantation with 200 acres of land," to which were added three other tracts, parts of Magruder's Purchase, originally called "Friendship," and "Beall's and Magruder's Honesty." His son Samuel Brewer Magruder was left a tract, "Resurvey on Magruder's Purchase," later identified as "Samuel's Delight," making 300 acres in all, which finally became known as Stoneyhurst. Samuel Brewer Magruder, in turn, by his will, probated in November, 1818, left Stoneyhurst and one-third of his lands to his widow, Eleanor Waring Magruder, and his son, Walter, inherited the remainder of his land. Upon the death of Eleanor in 1821, Walter became the owner of Stoneyhurst.

Samuel Magruder of Ninian, called Samuel 3rd, was a member of the first General Convention which voted to uphold the non-importation resolutions of the Continental Congress. His son, Samuel Brewer, enlisted in the army and saw active service. The career of Samuel Brewer Magruder is memorialized by a bronze tablet placed on the Stoneyhurst house in 1940 by the Janet Montgomery County, Chapter D.A.R., stating as follows: "Stoneyhurst built 1767, by Samuel Brewer Magruder (1744-1818). This site, then Samuel's Delight, was a division of

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

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| M: 17-01 | Beallsville H.D. |
| M: 17-02 | Charline Manor/Hanover |
| M: 17-24 | East Oaks |
| M: 17-26 | Stoney Castle |
| M: 17-58 | Montevideo |
| M: 17-61 | Upton Darby House |
| M: 17-62 | Pooles General Store |
| M: 18-13 | White/Turner Farm |
| M: 18-14 | Joseph White House |
| M: 18-15 | Friends Advice |
| M: 18-17 | Greenwood/Day House |
| M: 18-19 | Hilary Pyles Farm |



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NAME STONEY CASTLE

LOCATION WESTERLY Rd., POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE W.

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