

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 23-57
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Falling Green
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/57 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9
Coordinate D-17
4. Address: 4501 Olney-Laytonsville Rd.
Olney, 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>agriculture/private</u> | |
6. Date: c. 1815 7. Original Owner: Gerard Brooke
8. Apparent Condition
- a. fair b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This five bay by two bay, two and a half story house sits on a rise set back from the road facing south. It served for a time as Dr. Green's clinic and his office with much of its early equipment remaining. The flemish bonded brick house was expanded by a north frame ell and an east one story addition. There are nine-over-six double-hung windows at the first level and six-over-six double-hung windows elsewhere in the brick house and two-over-two windows in the frame additions. There is a bay on the south elevation, east frame addition. The gable roof has diamond shaped asbestos shingles. East shed roofs have black asbestos shingles.
10. Significance: Falling Green has a 150 year association with the Brooke family, one of the oldest and most illustrious in Montgomery County. The land was originally granted to James Brooke in 1745. His son Basil passed the "dwelling plantation" on to his son Gerard in 1794. Possibly some part of the house had been in existence over the years as the estate was divided from one generation to another, but most likely it had been built by Gerard sometime in the 1810s for his son Richard. Richard Brooke lived with his wife Mary and four children in this handsome brick house until his death in 1862. Then his son Charles and Charles' wife Annie Farquhar Brooke lived there until their deaths in 1915 and 1917. Their daughters Mary B. Brooke and Edith Brooke Greene sold the land in 1949, reserving the rights to the house and two acres for the life of either tenant. Mary lived in the home-stead until 1961.

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Roberta Hahn August 1979
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 161.63 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Falling Green

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Olney

— 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard T. and L.M. White

Telephone #: 829-0490

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Airy

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21771

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1298

Folio #: 478

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites/HABS 1963 & 1968

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:23-57

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by two bay, two and a half story house sits on a rise set back from the road facing south. It is one of the few Georgian brick homes remaining in Montgomery County.

Built on fieldstone foundations of Flemish-bonded brick, the house has a one story, frame addition on the east elevation with white novelty siding and a two and a half story frame addition on the north elevation with white asbestos siding. The south (front) porch has a gable roof supported by two chamfered posts. The south door is glass and wooden paneled. There is a semi-enclosed porch on the east elevation, north of the east addition, with a shed roof. The east door is glass and wooden paneled.

There are nine-over-six double-hung windows at the first level and six-over-six double-hung windows at the second level of the brick house, all with wide molded frames. The frame additions have two-over-two double-hung windows. There is a bay window on the south elevation in the frame addition. A very high, narrow brick chimney rises from within each end wall of the house; they have molded caps.

The house has an intersecting gable roof with diamond shaped asbestos shingles. The east shed roofs have black asbestos shingles. There are decorative dentils at the cornice line of the south elevation. There is a three string belt course running all around the house between the first and second stories, and a water table of quarter-round brick.

The south door opens into a central hall. The open string double run stairway ascends along the east interior wall. It has a simple square newel post and turned balusters. To the west is a bedroom. This once served as a clinic room for Dr. Green. Immediately north of this room is a small room which served as the doctor's office. East of the central hall is the dining room and east of it is a family room (in the east addition). North of the family room is the kitchen.

The house has random width floor boards now covered by wall to wall carpeting. There are plaster over lath walls and ceilings; many of the rooms have been wallpapered. The dining room has floor to ceiling paneled cabinets on the east wall and a northwest corner china cabinet with a round arch and a glass paneled door. Both the bedroom and dining room have chair rails. The kitchen has tongue and groove wainscoting. The door frames are molded and there are wooden paneled doors with iron boxlocks and white porcelain knobs.

There is a frame barn on a stone foundation east of the house.

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		
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<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. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Falling Green is associated with the Brooke family, one of the oldest and most illustrious in Montgomery County.

James Brooke, whose original land holdings dated back to a 1745 agreement with Charles, Lord Proprietor of Maryland, acquired more than 20,000 acres of land, which by the terms of his will in 1784 were divided into six parts.¹ The part on which Falling Green was built was willed to James's son, Basil, "with his dwelling plantation." In Basil's will of 1794² the land to his son Gerard included "the plantation on which he now lives," and Gerard's will in 1821³ gives to his son Richard all of the personal property on Richard's farm, Falling Green.

Possibly this house had been in existence over the years on the Brooke estate as it was divided from one generation to another, but most likely it had been built by Gerard sometime in the 1810s for his son Richard, who was born in 1790. Richard Brooke lived in this handsome brick dwelling situated on 325 acres with his wife, Mary, and four children⁴ until his death in 1862. At that time his only son, Charles, became the head of household. Charles subsequently acquired his sisters' interest in the farm.⁵ The barn reportedly was built in 1880, by R.W. Young, who sawed the lumber on the property.

Charles and his wife, Annie Farquhar Brooke, lived there until their deaths in 1915 and 1917 respectively. Their daughters, Mary B. Brooke and Edith Brooke Green, a widow, sold the land in 1949 to its present owners, but reserved the rights to the house and two acres for the life of either tenant. After Edith's death Mary continued to live in the old family homestead until 1961 at which time she moved, ending 150 years of Brooke family occupancy.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Register of Wills, B 160/143 (5/5/1784).
- 2 Ibid., C 145/292 (9/26/1794).
- 3 Ibid., N 88/154 (1821).
- 4 U.S. Census Records, 1860.
- 5 Land Records of Montgomery County, EBP 1/419 (11/23/1864).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land, Assessment, and Will Records
 U.S. Census Records
 Farquhar, Roger B., Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md.
 (Silver Spring, 1962).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 161.63 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

Roberta Hahn

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

August 1979

STREET & 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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438~~

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 Dickerson, Md. 20753
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Falling Green				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road (Rte. 108)				
CITY OR TOWN: Olney				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. T. White (Tenant: Smallwood)				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
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	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <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 </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <div style="text-align: center;">(Check One)</div> <div style="text-align: center;">(Check One)</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: small;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, brick structure with a five bay main (south) facade. The central doorway and 9/6 double hung sash windows have tall, flat relieving arches. A porch of low pitch covers the entrance bay. There is a string course marking the second floor. The entablature consists of a narrow frieze and a fretwork band, or bed moulding, and a boxed cornice with a crown moulding. At either end are flush gable chimneys. On the east and north are frame additions.</p> <p>The brickwork is Flemish bond on the main facade and common bond on the ends. Above the stone foundation is a moulded brick water table. First floor window frames are narrow with a beaded edge; on the second floor, the architraves are wide and recessed behind the plain of the facade with a moulding around the outer edge.</p> <p>There is a frame barn on a stone foundation east of the house.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was originally built by Basil Brooke in 1764.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County, Md. Historical Society, Baltimore;
 Genalogy of Brookes, Edith Brooke Green
 (Kept in Historian's files, M-NCPPC.

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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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE Nov 11 74
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

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

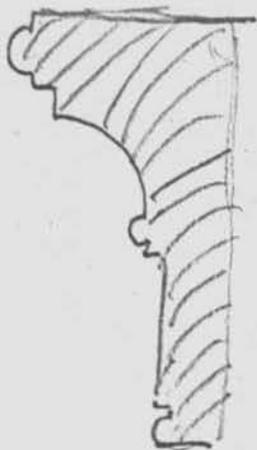
Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

Talling Green

Built around 1760 of good brick
 laid up well in Flemish bond. Has
 molded water table and belt course
 window sash and frames. On first
 floor changed to style used after 1800
 Originally had molded sills and wide
 frames pegged. The second floor windows
 still retain frames and one window in
 rear still has a molded sill. A fine
 cornice of wood with pierced dentils
 Porch not original but front door is
 though marred by having a window cut
 in it. Has strap hinges inside. Back
 hall door all original. Hall in center
 with stair of early type with straight
 stringer and turned balusters and large
^{molded} handrail pegged into newel. Parlor
 & left. Windows have splayed jambs and
 bands beneath. but the mantels in both
 parlor and dining room replaced by
 Greek Revival type. Doors with raised
 panels and typical colonial trim. Floors
 original. Chair rails of pedestal type
 (Reference p 400 The Mansions of Vergennes
 by Thos. Waterman)

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Originally kitchen was at the rear of the dining room but only foundations remain

Located on Route 105 just beyond Olney Mill subdivision. Maybe seen from road but one has to get close to appreciate the fine facade,

Falling Green

A TREASURED document preserved since 1745 by succeeding generations of the same family tells the story of a historic Montgomery County home, Falling Green.

Dated April 11, 1745, the 800-word manuscript written in beautifully flowing longhand on sheepskin, an indenture with every word legible, was an agreement between Charles, Lord Proprietor of Maryland, and James Brooke, a Maryland settler, whose son, Basil, built the house in 1764.

Not only is the agreement interesting from a historic standpoint but from a legal view as well. The single piece of script combines:—petition, grant, sale, deed, conveyance and rental agreement. The introductory paragraph recites, as follows—

“An humble petition to Charles, absolute Lord Proprietor of The Province of Maryland by James Brooke, who asks for a re-survey of his grant of ‘Brooke Grove’ of 1,500 acres dated fourteenth day of September, 1728, on the ground that the petitioner by a recent inspection is of the opinion that some of the Brooke-Grove acreage may be included in Elder Surveys, and desires to add what vacant land contiguous thereto may be found.”



NO. 32 D-9 BASIL BROOKE 1764 BRICK

Succeeding portions of the document provide for: sale of approximately 1,654 acres of the vacant contiguous land found by the resurvey; a deed to same; a conveyance guaranteeing the title to be good, and a rental agreement.

It concludes: “Witness our trusty and well-beloved, Thomas Bladen, Esq., lieutenant governor and chief governor of our said province

of Maryland, councillor and keeper of the Great Seal thereto.”

By way of comparison with present land values, the sale agreement stipulated the price of twenty cents per acre and the rental agreement, eight-tenths of one cent per acre per year. Recently, a small lot in Olney near “Falling Green” sold for \$1,600 per acre. Much of the farmland that made up the original tract now is valued at \$200 to \$500 an acre.

One of the many charms of the gracious old home is its name. The pleasing manner in which the land slopes gently away from the house toward the south and east, the verdant fields and meadow in the foreground, and the luxuriant woodland in the distance naturally suggested the name “Falling Green,” given by Mary, wife of Richard Brooke. The old red brick house stands on a slight elevation half-a-mile back from the Laytonsville road about a mile from Olney and twenty-five from Zero Milestone surrounded by century-old shade trees. It invariably attracts the eye of the motorist as he sweeps around a wide arc in front of the farm.

James Brooke of Charley Forest died in 1784, his will was probated March 16, 1791, and his estate which comprised about 20,000 acres of land was divided into six parts, his sons Roger IV of Brooke Grove, and Richard of Fair Hill, each receiving one-sixth part. The Falling Green plantation went to his son, Basil, B. 1738—D. 1794, who had already it is understood built the brick house there about twenty years before the death of his father. Basil's wife was Elizabeth Hopkins, and from them the property passed to their son, Gerard, B. 1768—D. 1821, and from him to Richard Brooke, B. 1790—D. 1862, whose wife was Mary B. Briggs.

From Richard and Mary, the old home passed to their son Charles H. Brooke, born July 1831, and married to Annie Farquhar of Olney in May 1865. He passed away, December 4, 1915, at the age of eighty-four. The tribute paid him in his obituary in the Sandy Spring Annals was to the effect that the rural environment in which he grew up “tended to develop individuality of character, and originality of thought; certain it is that he possessed both of these characteristics. . . . Of a most kindly and genial disposi-

tion, his mind was stored with tales and traditions, handed down from those who lived around here a century ago. . . . He possessed the keenest sense of humor." His wife Annie, survived until March 16, 1917, passing to the beyond in her eighty-third year. The devoted couple shared together the lovely old family home for fifty years.

Charles H. Brooke had a unique and fascinating personality. Short and rather stout, not over five feet, six inches tall, with very black curly hair, until turning slightly gray—his twinkling gray eyes expressed the quiet, genial humor in his character. His complexion was a ruddy pink, and he wore a mustache. He was pleased to sit for hours around the blazing fire, after his farm chores were finished, telling stories of the old days, which fascinated his young nieces and nephews. Like other prosperous planters of Civil War days, he had a beautiful pair of fast-stepping black buggy horses which could hold their own in a fast brush on the "pike" with the best of any in the neighborhood.

After the passing of Charles H. and Annie F. Brooke, Falling Green remained in the family, owned and occupied by Miss Mary B. Brooke, a daughter of the above couple, and her sister Edith F. (Brooke) Green who made her home there after the death of her husband, Dr. William F. Green in May, 1919. Mrs. Edith Brooke Green died many years ago and her daughter Mary Green makes occasional visits to the old home, spending her winters in Florida, and summers in New England. She has been retired from her service in the Congressional Library.

Mary Brooke, now nearly ninety years of age, in 1961, has recently taken up her residence in a convalescent home on Bel-Pre Road.

The house is sturdily built of rough red brick, laid up in Flemish bond, and is said to have been built by indentured English artisans who took many months, if not years, to finish the work. To all appearances it is good for many more generations.

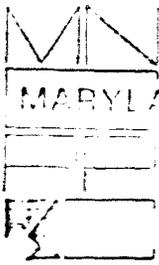
On the first floor a wide hall passes through the main house which faces south, which is only one room deep, to a rear door opening onto a

back porch and to a garden. To the east of the hall is a large living room with a fireplace, and a conservatory farther to the right. On the left of the hall is a large parlor with a fireplace. Both these fireplaces have plain wood mantels.

The stairway is finely designed, having old-style spindles and a satin-smooth handrail, and leads to a landing halfway to the second floor, then turning 180 degrees. This hall and stair are identical with the one in Oakley, and are believed to have been built at the same time, and by the same artisans, for the two Brooke brothers.

In 1949 Mrs. Green and her sister, Miss Mary Brooke, sold the old family plantation which had been owned by the family without any break since 1745 when James Brooke was granted a re-survey on Brooke Grove, as authorized by the petition quoted at the beginning of this article. The sale was made under a contract with a stipulated rental, and the Brooke ladies retain a life estate in the house, having the privilege to remain therein during the remainder of their natural lives. The fortunate buyers were Mr. and Mrs. Richard White of Laytonsville. He is a very successful and energetic young farmer, who is improving the farm by new fencing and modern methods of culture. His wife is a graduate of the University of Rochester, and they have two daughters. She was Miss La Verna Miller.

The attractive brick house from cellar to attic is a museum of treasured antiques some of which have remained there since the days of James Brooke. Among them are the grandfather's clock, purchased by Richard Brooke, which has stood in the same corner of the dining room for well over a century, and the classic settee in the hall made by Anthony Poultney around the end of the Eighteenth Century for Gerard Brooke. It is an exact duplicate of the one which stood in the hall at Cherry Grove for nearly 150 years, and is now a treasured piece in Stratford, the Robert E. Lee home. There is a desk believed to have belonged to James Brooke of Charley Forest which must be over two centuries old. There are many other family pieces of genuine authenticity belonging to the Colonial period, some of considerable value.



M: 23-57

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

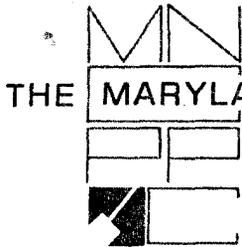
See correspondence dated 8/25/82

ACTION TAKEN

8/25/82.....Sites recommended for inclusion in
Chapter 4 of the Master Plan

- M: 14/41
- M: 14/60
- M: 22/17
- M: 23/57
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development
 John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office
 Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr
Enclosure

- The house sits on a knoll facing east and is highly visible from Bowie Mill Road. An appropriate environmental setting could be based on the 49th contour line and should include the house, and the hillside to the front of the house to retain views of and from the structure.

The barn does not need to be preserved as part of the environmental setting.

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Falling Green (p. 13)

- 1815 -- Excellent example of Georgian style architecture with fine detailing and Flemish bond brickwork.
- Associated with the Brooke family: farmers, landowners, and legislators of considerable importance to the development of Montgomery County.
- To preserve this site, located in the Rural Density Transfer Zone, any development that occurs should be clustered away from the main house. An environmental setting should be delineated that preserves a vista of the site and maintains the relationship of the house to the main road.
- The barn does not need to be preserved as part of the environmental setting.

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Della Brooke (p. 14)

- Early 19th century frame farmhouse in a simple Federal style.
- Home of Mahlon Chandler, expert woodworker, farmer, and inventor; son of Deborah Brooke of the Brooke family, influential in Montgomery County history.
- Farmstead with several significant fieldstone outbuildings including a bank barn, spring or meat house, and workshop.
- The environmental setting should include approximately 7 acres to buffer the farmhouse and some significant outbuildings from future surrounding development.

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Ashton Orthodox Meeting House (Sherwood Library) (p. 15)

- 1880 -- 1½-story frame T-shaped structure covered in German siding.
- Constructed by a small group that separated from the main congregation of Friends of the Sandy Spring/Ashton area in 1861.
- Since the resource has been moved from its original site, the delineation of an environmental setting is not critical to designation. This Amendment recommends the resource be designated with its building footprint and that regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance deal with exterior architectural alteration and any future relocation of the structure.

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Falling Green

4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road (MD 108)

Sandy Spring Quad, 1945, PR 1979

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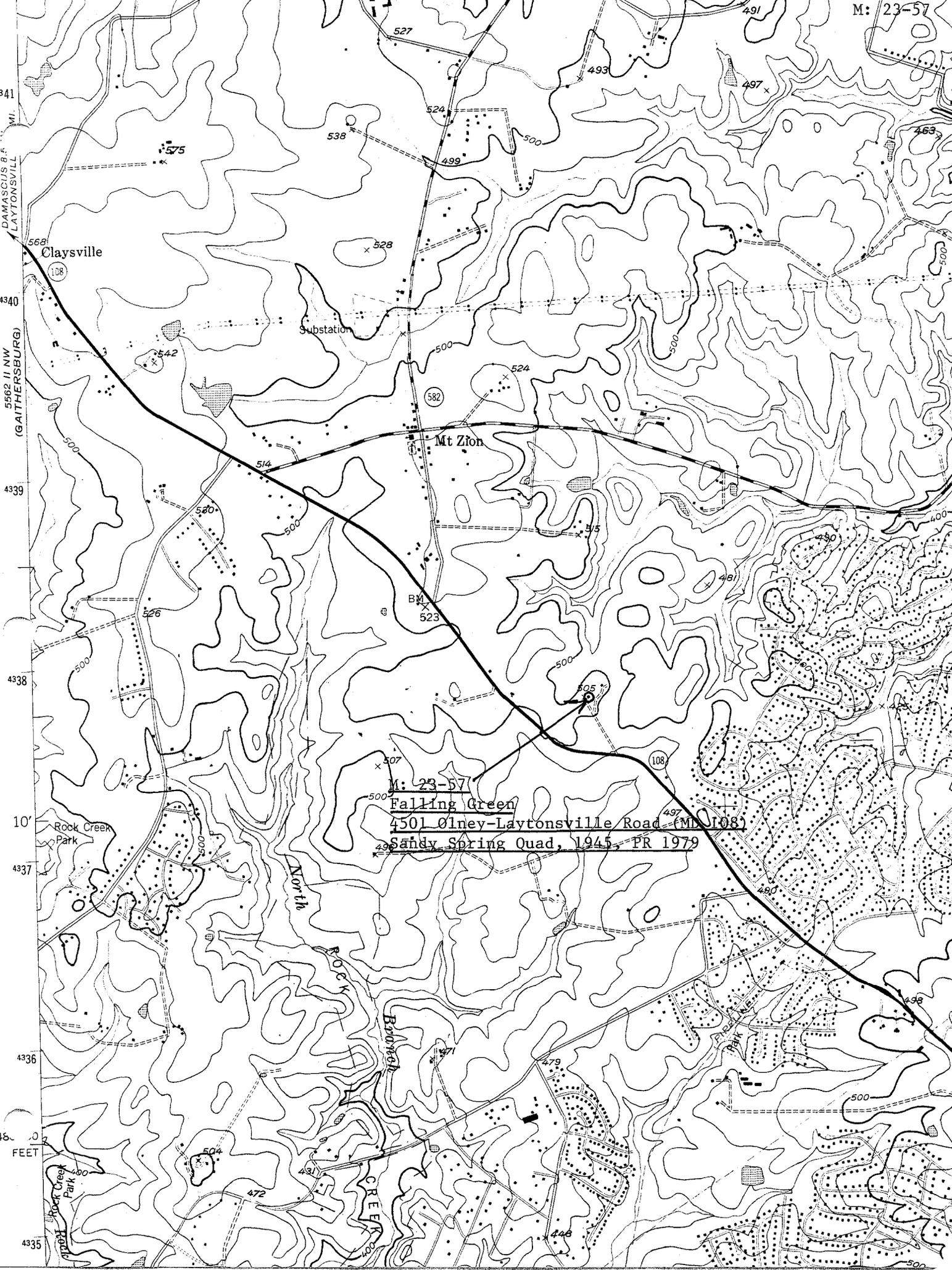
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Falling Green

4501 Laytonsville Rd (MDrop)

Jennifer K. Cosham

March 7, 2004

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NAME FALLING GREEN

LOCATION RTE. 108, OLNEY, MD.

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LOCATION *Rt 108 OLNEY, Md*
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NAME FALLING GREEN + BARN
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