

Marshall Brown House  
M:23-75  
Montgomery County, MD

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The Marshall Brown House, built by Marshall Brown, is associated with the locally known Brown family, early settlers of this part of Montgomery County, after whom Brown's Bridge was named. Though it incorporates elements of an older building on the site, the house is primarily a product of the late 19th century. Its overall building form and details, though representative of the late 19th-century rural domestic architecture of the period, lack the distinctive characteristics of the dwelling type, and the architectural integrity necessary to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-75

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Marshall Brown House  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 805 ~~Greenhouse~~ <sup>Greenbridge</sup> Rd Not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Brookeville vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Montgomery code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 20833

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	sites
<u>      </u>	<u>1</u>	structures
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes  Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_ No

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

roof cross gable: asphalt shingles

walls wood frame: asbestos shingles

other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance circa 1879  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates circa 1879  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreege of Property 43.67 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The Marshall Brown property occupies Parcel 780 on Tax Map JV of Montgomery County, Maryland.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

These boundaries have been associated with the property since the construction of the Marshall Brown House by 1879.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians  
organization M-NCPPC date January 20, 1999  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910  
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12. Property Owner  
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name Robert T. Lyon and Shahin Bagheri c/o Catocin Vineyards  
street & number 805 Greenbridge Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Brookeville, MD state MD zip code 20729  
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#### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Marshall Brown House is a 2-1/2-story, five-bay frame structure with a two-story rear ell featuring a double-story sleeping porch. Based upon its architecture, the house appears to be primarily a product of the late 19th century; however, archival evidence indicates that a two-story dwelling stood on the property in 1859, and, the two-story rear ell with a double-story porch, was erected in 1867.<sup>1</sup> Based upon this evidence, it seems likely that the dwelling was substantially modified, or rebuilt during the late 19th century on the original stone foundation and using the massive stone end chimney.

Today, the dwelling sits upon a raised stone foundation and is covered with a low-pitched gable roof clad with asphalt shingles and featuring a front projecting gable. The frame walls are clad with asbestos shingles. Three chimneys project from the roof line, including one exterior end chimney of rubble stone on the east elevation; an inside end chimney of brick on the west; and an inside end chimney of brick on the north end of the rear ell. A single-story, three-bay porch extends across the front of the house.

#### Exterior:

The south elevation is divided into five bays consisting on the first story of a central entry and flanking windows, and on the second story of five windows. All of the windows feature the original 2/2 wood sash and louvered shutters, many of which are missing louvers. The central entry features a five-paneled wood

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<sup>1</sup> Based upon a fire insurance policy on the property with the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, there was a 1-1/2-story frame house on the property in 1857 valued at \$500.00. Two years later, in 1859, the house was enlarged to two stories and its value increased to \$1200.00. Then, in 1867, the back building (kitchen) was raised to two stories, and the double-story porch was added.

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door with a narrow, three-light transom above and narrow side panels and sidelights to either side.

The projecting gable at the attic level is lit by a small, segmental arched, four-light wood casement window. The front porch, which extends the full width of the facade, is set upon a raised pier foundation, obscured by contemporary trellis work. Four square wood porch pillars support the flat porch roof, while a flat, scroll-sawn balustrade spans the columns. The central bay leading to the entry lacks steps which undoubtedly once led to the porch and the front door.

The east elevation, clad with asbestos shingles, has no openings.

The west elevation features a substantial, rubble stone chimney on center. The base of the chimney and this wall are completely overgrown with vegetation and not visible.

The north elevation includes two exposed bays of the five-bay main block of the house and the projecting, two-bay deep rear ell. The exposed bays of the main block have two 2/2 windows on the second story and one 2/2 window on the east end of the first story. A small frame shed, built into the corner of the L-shaped house, covers the inside bay of the main block.

Rear Ell:

The rear ell projects from the north elevation of the main block and appears to have been an addition to it.<sup>2</sup> The ell extends three bays deep and features a double-story sleeping porch on the east elevation. The ell is covered with a gable roof with a catslide or shed extension extending over the double-story porch. The porch, somewhat makeshift and altered since its original construction, consists of an open porch on the first story, featuring square wood posts, and a screened-in second story (all screens are missing) with a frame balustrade, clad with asbestos shingles. Two 6/6 windows and single door openings are found on both levels of the porch.

The west elevation of the ell has two 6/6 windows on both the first and second stories, placed almost as a pair in the end bay, away from the first-story corner shed. The north end of the ell has a single door opening on the first story.

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<sup>2</sup> Because of the heavy vegetation around the base of the rear ell and because of the shed porch at the intersection of the main block and rear ell, it was not possible to examine the foundation of the ell and see how it is joined to the foundation of the main block. However, based upon the 6/6 windows, it appears that the ell was added at a later date.

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**OUTBUILDINGS:**

Located to the north of the house is a gable-roofed garage and equipment shed, both in deteriorating condition, and thus considered non-contributing. Just east of these is a non-contributing, two-story concrete block structure housing the Catoctin Vineyards winery. The building was built in the 1970s and designed by Tom Provenza, winery owner and operator of Catoctin Vineyards. The building contains a kitchen, office, tasting room and winery area.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Historic Context:

The property was originally part of the large tracts of "Gitting's Ha Ha," "Gray's Delight," "Resurvey of Leeks Lot," "Addition to Brooke's Grove," "St. George that Saw the Wolf," "Gray's Choice," and "Upland." Marshall Brown acquired the property on which the house sits from his father, William Brown of J. William Brown was the son of John Brown, a Montgomery County land owner (born circa 1750) who owned a plantation on the Patuxent River near present-day Ednor Road and Brown's Bridge.<sup>1</sup>

John Brown had four sons, Joshua, William, Elisha and Charles. At his death in 1808, John divided his land amongst his wife and sons, giving William and Elisha, "that tract and parcel of land where both now live, to be equally divided between them and their Heirs forever." It is not clear when Marshall Brown acquired the property from his father William; however, in 1857, Marshall Brown took out a fire insurance policy on his house, then described as a "1-1/2-story frame Dwelling, 24 x 17. Kitchen, one-story, (new) adjoining 17 by 15 feet, 3 rooms and stairway on the first floor, 2 rooms and passage in second floor, 2 chimneys and 2 fireplaces..."<sup>2</sup> The dwelling was valued at \$500 and insured for \$375.00. Two years later, Marshall Brown increased the fire insurance on his house, "the same having been enlarged and improved." His new house stood two full stories and its estimated

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<sup>1</sup> The original Brown's Bridge which crosses the Patuxent River at the Montgomery-Howard County border was built by John Brown's first son, Charles and referred to in his will.

<sup>2</sup> Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, Policy # 1716.

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value increased from 4500 to \$1,200.<sup>3</sup> In 1867, Marshall Brown again increased his policy, this time for improvements to the kitchen, which "has been raised a story making it two stories and containing two additional rooms; there has also been added to the back building a double porch about 9 by 17 feet covered with gravel Roof."<sup>4</sup> The house is clearly shown with Marshall Brown's name on it on the G.M. Hopkins *Atlas of Montgomery County* (1879).

In 1883, Marshall Brown and his wife conveyed the property to their son, William E. Brown. William E. Brown retained ownership of the property until his death in 1932, after which point the property passed out of Brown family hands. During the next half-century, the property changed hands several times before being purchased by Tom Provenza who opened Catoctin Vineyards, a vineyard and winery on the property. Provenza cultivated fifteen acres of the land with 13,000 grape vines that were produced into dry Batojola red, white and rose table wines. Provenza built the cinder block winery and pond, used for the spaying operations which take place weekly from April to the end of the summer harvest time.

In 1992, Thomas Provenza sold the property to Robert T. Lyon and Shahin Bagheri, who continue to operate Catoctin Vineyards.

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<sup>3</sup> Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, Policy # 1716 (Increase).

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 23-75  
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Marshall Brown House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/75

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 10  
B-12

4. Address: 805 Greenbridge Road, Brighton

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u> <u>Historical Sites</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>agriculture, park residence</u>		

6. Date: 1903

7. Original Owner: W. Everett and Lavinia  
Brown

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description: The Marshall Brown House is a 2½ story T-shaped frame structure with a crossgable roof. Situated in a dell far back from the road, it faces south. The house is covered with asbestos shingle siding and a shingle roof. The central block is 5 bays across by 1 bay deep. It has wooden louvered shutters and a center wooden paneled front door.

The house sits on stone foundations. It has 3 chimneys: 1 in the center of the main ridge line, 1 on the west interior end, and an exterior stone chimney with a brick stack on the east. Outbuildings include an old smoke-house, a barn with a raised seam metal roof, and a new building for the wine making process.

10. Significance: This land was owned for many years by the Brown family, early settlers in the area. Located on the road to the Green's Bridge crossing over the Patuxent River, the original Marshall Brown house is shown on the 1865 and 1879 maps. In 1856 William Brown deeded to his 27 year old son Marshall 127 acres with a house. Marshall and his wife Sallie farmed the land for many years before passing it to their son William Everett Brown in 1883. In 1902 the original structure burned to the ground, and the present house was built on its foundations in 1903. The house was sold by the Brown family in 1929. It changed owners 5 times, each time with reduced acreages, before the present owner purchased it in 1971. He operates the Provenza winery, leasing the house to the farm manager.

11. Researcher and date researched: Guy Fringer-10/79      Fringer/Rothrock  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled: 10/79      14. Designation  
Approval \_\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage:

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Marshall Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

805 Greenbridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Brighton

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 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

Dr. Thomas Provenza

Telephone #: 277-2447

STREET & NUMBER

4310 Clagett Road

CITY, TOWN

University Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20782

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4038

Folio #: 613

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE  
Maryland

20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**

The Marshall Brown House is a two and a half story T-shaped frame structure with a cross gable roof. Situated in a dell far back from Greenbridge Road and surrounded by vineyard-covered hills, it faces south toward the road. The entire house is covered with asbestos shingle siding and a shingle roof. The central block is 5 bays across by one bay deep. It has two-over-two windows with wooden louvered shutters. There is a four light casement in the central cross gable. The center wooden paneled front door has a three light fixed transom and is flanked by two-light sidelights. A one-story wooden porch covers most of the front facade. Supported by four wooden posts, it has a jigsaw railing.

The house sits on stone foundations. It has three chimneys: one in the center of the main ridge line, one on the west interior end, and an exterior stone chimney with a brick stack on the east elevation.

The two story T is 3 bays by 1 bay with a two story porch running its length on the east elevation. A central door on the east elevation is wooden paneled below with a two light glass panel above. The porch has tongue and groove flooring.

The original Marshall Brown house shown on the 1865 and 1879 maps, burned to the ground around 1902. The present structure was built on the original foundation, except for the kitchen wing, which was added at the time of reconstruction (1903) and sits on a slab. The present structure is shaped like a "T", with that part of the house built on the original foundation forming the bar across the top. The part of the house on the original foundation is a two story rectangle which opens in the center of the back wall to the kitchen addition. The first floor has one room on each side of the hall approximately 15' x 15'. Each exterior side wall has a fireplace, although the one on the room on the left as you enter has been covered over in an earlier remodeling effort. The room on the right seems to have functioned as the living room, because the fireplace in that room is too small for cooking and there is no vent for a wood stove. According to John Paul, present occupant of the house, the fireplace wall of the left room had such a vent. William Brown, a descendant of Marshall Brown, states that the family cooked on a stove in that **room after reconstruction.** Therefore, it seems that the left room was the family eating area, at least after the house was rebuilt. The second story of that portion of the house on the original foundation has one bedroom over the downstairs living room, and two smaller bedrooms over the family eating area. The two story kitchen wing has one room approximately 15' x 20' per story.

Outbuildings include an old smokehouse and a new (1974) building in which Dr. Provenza vinifies his harvest. This building was built on the site of an old barn. Behind the house is a barn with raised seam metal roof and a concrete shed attachment.

**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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 1903 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This land has been owned for many years by the Brown family, who were among the first to settle in the area. The house is located on the road to the Green's Bridge crossing over the Patuxent River, which is noted in public records as early as the mid 18th century; the stone bridge at the crossing was inundated by Triadelphia Lake in the late 1940s.

In 1856 William Brown deeded to his 26 year old son Marshall 127 acres with a house, reserving another house and lot on the property for use of his sisters Harriet and Catharine during their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup> Marshall and Sallie Brown farmed the land for many years, then gave "the farm upon which we now reside" to their son William Everett Brown in 1883.<sup>2</sup> Everett and Lavinia Brown were living there in 1902 when the original house burned to the ground, and built the present structure on the old foundation the following year.<sup>3</sup> The present kitchen wing was added at the time of reconstruction.

The house passed from the Brown family with the sale in 1929 to Annie L. Thompson,<sup>4</sup> who promptly sold it to Edith Seek.<sup>5</sup> The Seeks combined the 127 acres with additional Brown properties and sold to Edwin and Dessa Merritt in 1938.<sup>6</sup> A sale to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in 1942 significantly reduced the acreage, and Louis and Mary Becraft purchased only 80 acres in 1945.<sup>7</sup>

The present owner purchased 43.5 acres in 1971, operates the Provenza winery, and leases the house to the farm manager.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. JGH 5/504 (Dec. 2, 1856).
- 2 Ibid., 214/219 (March 1, 1883; recorded July 19, 1910)
- 3 Interview, William Brown, descendant of Marshall Brown, Sept. 1979.
- 4 Land Records, op. cit., 498/60 (Dec. 21, 1929).
- 5 Ibid., 498/61 (Dec. 21, 1929).
- 6 Ibid., 699/41 (April 23, 1938).
- 7 Ibid., 980/177 (Aug. 27, 1945).

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Maps: Martinet and Bond (1865)

Hopkins Atlas (1879)

Interview: William Brown, descendant of Marshall Brown, Sept. 1979.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 43.5 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

Guy Fringer

Guy Fringer

Gail Rothrock-Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Oct. 79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M #23-75  
1605805604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Marshall Brown House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Green's Bridge Rd. at New Hampshire Ave. extended

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Pizza Properties

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Was not seen at time of survey. Apparently is a 19th-Cen., two-story frame farmhouse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<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
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<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Members of the Brown family were among the first to settle in this area. The former Green's Bridge crossing, over the Patuxent River, dates back to the mid-18th Cen. in public records.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1975

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-75

Marshall Brown House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

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**CHAIN OF TITLE:**

March 1, 1883                      Marshall Brown and wife conveyed the property to William E. Brown, their son. Liber 214 Folio 219.

December 16, 1925                Mortgage is secured with Federal land Bank of Baltimore for William E. Brown and Lavinia Brown, wife. Liber 391 Folio 94.

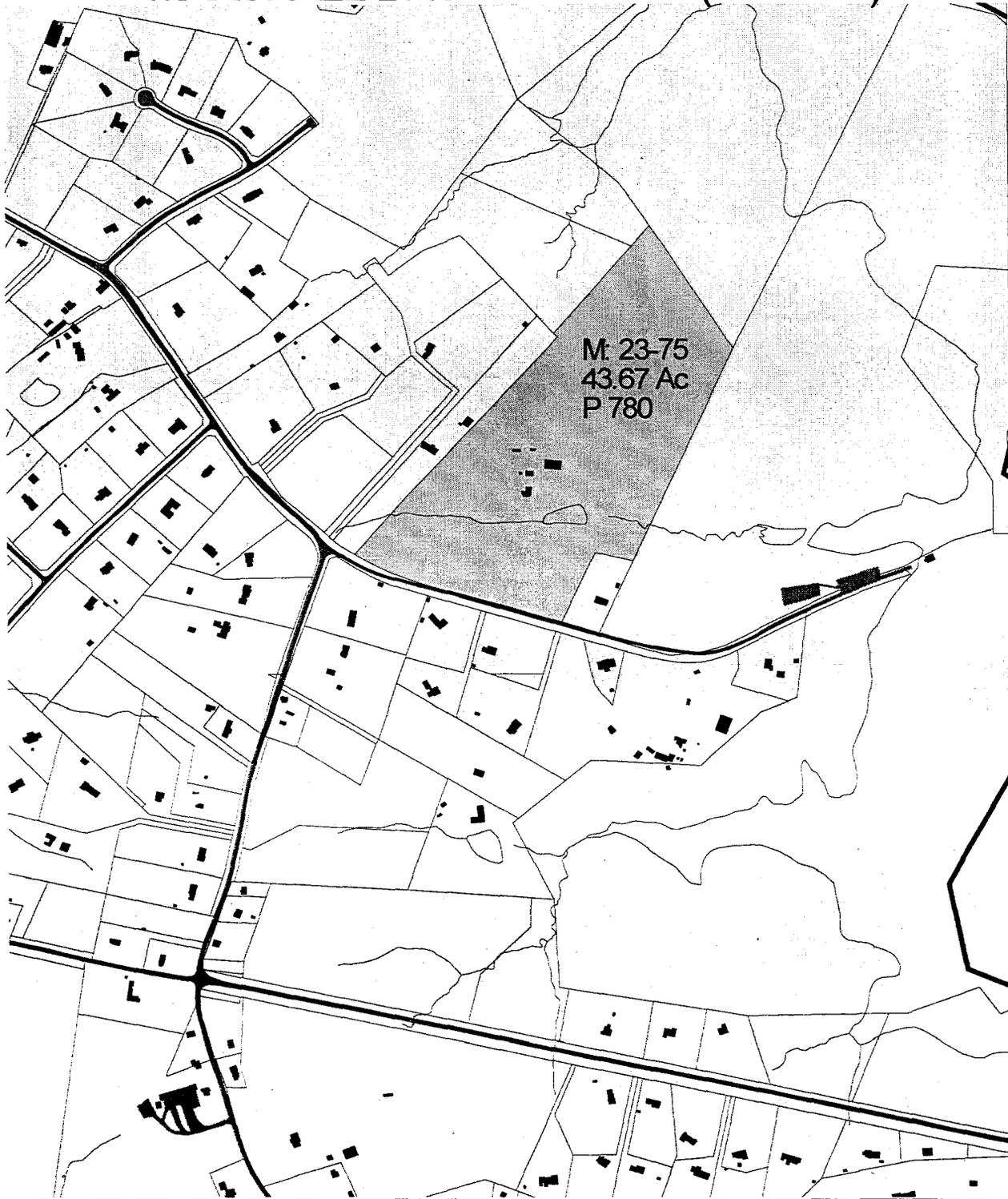
1932                                William E. Brown dies.

April 23, 1938                    Edwin A. Merritt buys property from Gilbert S. Seek and Edith B Seek, wife. This property designated as parts of tracts "Gitting's Ha Ha", "Gray's Delight", "Resurvey of Leeks lot", "Addition to Brook's Grove", "St. George that saw the Wolf", "Grays Choice", and "Upland". Contains 182 acres. Also designated as part of "Gray's Choice" and "Upland" and all of the property identified as Parcel A in the estate of William Brown of J. Contains 54 acres. Liber 699 Folio 51.

August 27, 1945                  Edwin A. Merritt and Dessa R. Merritt sell property to Louis F. Becraft and Mary C. Becraft. Liber 980 Folio 177.

June 15, 1992                    Thomas J. Provenza and Barbara G. Provenza, wife sold the property to Robert T. Lyon and Shahin Bagheri. Liber 10946 Folio 36.

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Casual User Application

MNCPK



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



Scale 1" = 800'

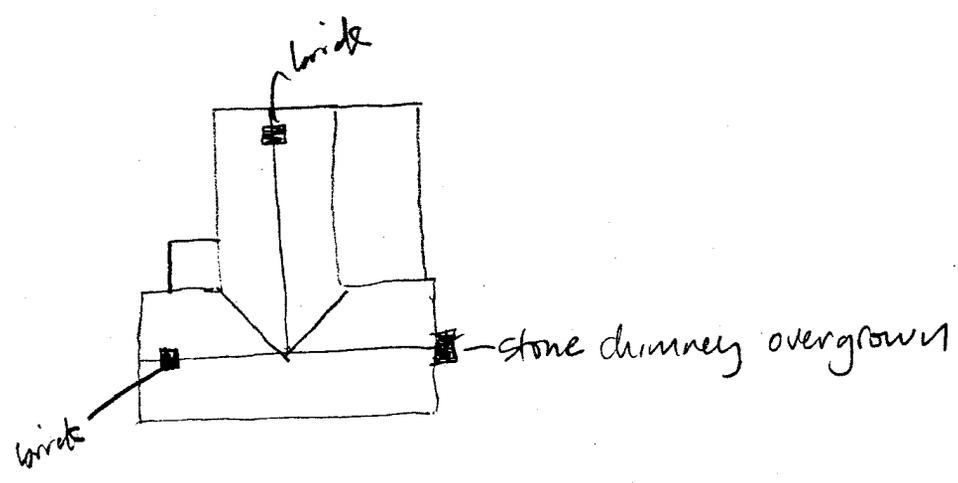
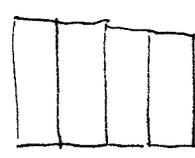
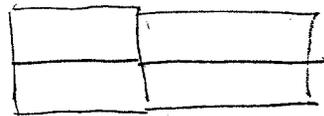


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Catoctin Vineyards



# MECHANICSVILLE DIST.

## No. 8.

### Mont. Co.

Scale 2 inches to the Mile

# MECHANICSVILLE OLNEY P.O.

Scale 600 feet to the Inch

## BUSINESS NOTICES

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Ins. Co. of Philadelphia  
Incorporated 1857. Assets \$1,000,000  
Residence 1014 N. 10th St.  
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Dealers in Merchandise, Hardware  
Dry Goods, &c. &c. &c. &c.  
121st Street  
**Henry Stabler**  
Dealers and Contractors of Superior  
Paints, Oils and Putty. Goods  
packed with care in all Right Time

**MT. ZION**  
**J. L. Snowden**  
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Stationery, &c.  
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Dealers in Groceries, Provisional  
Dry Goods, &c.



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Name: SANDY SPRING  
 Date: 7/13/99  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 10' 46.1" N 077° 01' 23.3" W  
 Caption: MARSHALL BROWN HOUSE (M: 23-75)  
 805 Greenbridge Rd



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 Marshall Brown House  
 805 Greenbridge Road  
 Sandy Springs Quad, 1945

CLARKSVILLE 3.3 MI.

12'30"

CLARKSVILLE 3.3 MI.

(CLARKSVILLE)

10'



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MARSHALL BROWN HOUSE

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SOUTH ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING NORTH

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NORTH ELEVATION VIEW LOOKING SOUTH

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