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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Brooke Grove

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

end of Brooke Grove Road, north of Rte. 108

CITY, TOWN

Olney

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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
- OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(nursing home)

NAME

Brooke Grove Foundation, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Marden Lane

CITY, TOWN

Sandy Spring

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 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**

**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**

This is the location of one of Montgomery County's oldest and most famous settlements. A drawing of the original 18th Century house (no longer standing) appears in "Farquhar". The present structure is a large, Classical Revival, frame building that has been remodeled to house a nursing home complex.

# 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 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 checked="" 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 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

See Farquhar's OLD HOMES & HISTORY OF MONT. CO., MD., (1962), pp. 106-108.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Farquhar, R.B. OLD HOMES & HISTORY OF MONT. CO., MD.,  
(1962), pp. 106-108.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

Summer, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



NO. 7 E-9 ROGER BROOKE IV CA. 1760 LOGS AND PLASTER, STONE TO RIGHT  
PENCIL SKETCH BY ELIZA E. FARQUHAR MADE BEFORE 1860  
LOANED BY MRS. CHARLES C. TUMBLESON

## Brooke Grove

**T**O TELL the story of the "Brooke Grove" homestead requires a review of the colorful career of Roger Brooke V starting with the year 1790 when his father died and left him an estate of 14,700 acres at sixteen years of age and with a mother and five sisters to care for. How this devout Quaker preacher, renowned foxhunter, and progressive farmer acquitted himself of his stewardship is a bold epic in the rural life of America during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Near Sandy Spring, twenty miles north of Washington, he made that large domain a self-supporting and profitable farm which he dominated for seventy years. Today such a project would be called "integrated"—an integral whole. Stables, barns, blacksmith, carpenter

and machine shops, ice house, meat house, grist mill, sawmill, cider mill, and water power were all included. Also tenant houses, not "quarters," as slave dwellings were called, for Roger Brooke was true to the Quaker indictment against human slavery—he never owned a slave.

He believed that land is one of the best of investments, making one improved farm pay for another. Before he died, on December 31, 1860, at the age of eighty-six, he had added to his inheritance from his father, Roger IV, who owned nearly 15,000 acres, and left Roger V a large part of that vast tract. A grandson who was at his funeral later reported it was attended by one hundred men on horseback, and fifty carriages full of mourners.

The original farm house, shown at the begin-

ning of this article, was built in 1756-1760 by Roger IV, he being of the fourth generation from Robert Brooke, who came from England to St. Mary's County, Maryland, in 1650, in his own ship, and was for a time Acting Governor, and President of the Council of the Province.

Roger V was born in 1774. His first wife was Mary Pleasants Younghusband, and secondly he married Sarah T. Gilpin. The year after his death in 1860 the old house was torn down by his son, George E. Brooke, and replaced with the manor house shown on page 108, one typical of the period. The original house (shown left) of frame construction was a one-and-one-half-story cottage type, in two sections, with a large kitchen containing a huge fireplace with crane and bake oven.

The progressive ideas possessed by Roger Brooke V and practices he so successfully followed are expressed in the Preamble of "The Constitution of the Sandy Spring Farmers Society," adopted in 1799 and amended in 1801, which states: "To enlarge our sphere of knowledge by a free communication of individual experience and opinion either by written essays, or otherwise; to cultivate a spirit of scientific enquiry and solid improvement, particularly in the Theory and Practice of Agriculture; and to strengthen those benevolent ties which bind us together; The following articles are adopted,—" Then follow ten articles. The original Constitution of the Sandy Spring Farmers Society, bearing the signature of Roger Brooke V—came into possession of the Author, from his father, and was donated to the Montgomery County Historical Society, where it is now on display. This document was nearly fifty years in advance of the organization of the "Old Farmers Club" of Sandy Spring, which has functioned without interruption since 1844.

Brooke was thus a pioneer in improved systems and devoted much time and thought to planting orchards, draining wet lands, removing stones, and procuring improved livestock. He helped organize the Rockville Fair in 1846. It was his practice, in his old age, to walk over his broad acres and stick his cane down in fence corners and vacant spots, and then drop a black walnut into the hole. As a result, his grandson was enabled to harvest many valuable trees one hundred years later.

The large tree shown in front of Brooke Grove house was once the riding whip of Roger

Brooke V. One afternoon when he came in from a chase of "Reynard," he had a sycamore switch, which he stuck in the ground in the front lawn. Today that noble giant of the forest, probably 140 years old, stands 110 feet high, has a limb spread of eighty-five feet, and three feet from the ground it has a girth of fifteen feet. One of his great-granddaughters, who spent much of her life at Brooke Grove, states that "it was a life-saving lightning rod on more than one occasion."



*Roger Brooke*

1774—1860

The Brooke hounds deserved special acclaim. They were among the most highly prized by fox hunters for nearly two hundred years. Developed from English hounds brought to Maryland by Robert Brooke, they were crossed with Irish hounds brought from Ireland by the Carrolls, and were notable for transmitting their superior characteristics of speed, size, and endurance, as well as uniform color and musical note, from generation to generation. In 1827 a remarkable chase was reported, when a fox ran an estimated eighty miles and two of Brooke's hounds led most of the way. In National Trials, in New Hampshire in 1893, one of the dogs, "Old Barney," won five prizes against all comers, and was declared the best hound in the United

States. In 1901, puppies were shipped to nine states, and one Brooke hound, "July," had a \$500 monument placed over his grave in Georgia.

Roger Brooke V, who was a devout Quaker, was a convincing speaker. He possessed a carriage—a luxury of the few 150 years ago—but preferred to ride to Meeting on horseback. It is an ancient rumor that if he chanced to see on the way some fox tracks in the snow, he might not appear at the Friends' Meeting House that day. Or if, while sitting at "the head of the Meeting," he happened to hear the musical "tongue" of one of his hounds, temptation might be too great, and the meeting would be somewhat shortened.

Gifted with a mind which assured its own improvement, though lacking in formal education, he had a remarkable knowledge of all nature which he loved. There was scarcely a flower or feathered songster he could not name. His knowledge, sobriety, industry, keen sense of humor, and fund of anecdotes profoundly influenced the neighborhood in which he lived. In his old age he delighted to sit beneath the giant sycamore, so illustrative of his strength of character, and relate his varied experiences, gleaned from a long and eventful lifetime of contact with men and events.



NO. 7 E-9 GEORGE E. BROOKE 1860 FRAME

Following Roger V, the old homestead passed to his son, George E. Brooke, who carried on in the identical pattern of his father in the management and operation of the farm. George Brooke removed the original cottage-type farmhouse which had stood on the same site for over a century and built the present house. He continued the mill and kept up the production of the farm. He also continued the Brooke tradition of keeping a big pack of foxhounds and enjoying the recreation and thrill of the chase, as had his forebears.

His wife was Eliza Jordan of Virginia. Their son, Charles F. Brooke, inherited the place after the death of George E. Brooke at the age of ninety-three years in 1905. His wife had passed away in 1882. George Brooke was a man of sterling character, with long experience and a most sound judgment, who was universally referred to for help and advice. His memory reaching from the early part of the nineteenth century was phenomenal to the last.

The son, Charles F. Brooke, likewise operated the Brooke Grove farm on a large scale during his long life of ninety years, which ended in June, 1940. He married Cornelia S. Miller, of Alloway, a daughter of Warwick and Mary S. Miller, in 1879. She followed him in death the year after he passed away. Three daughters of Charles and "Corrie" Brooke continue to live on a part of the Brooke Grove estate near Olney.

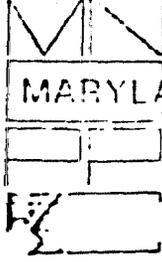
The three daughters are Dorothy, who married Robert N. Henderson, a native of Montgomery County. They operated a large farm north of Neelsville, for some years, then moved to Indiana, where he was employed by a steel company. A few years ago they returned to the County and are living in a cottage located on part of the old Brooke Grove acreage.

A second daughter, Gladys, married the late Dr. Tumbleson, who for many years was a member of the staff of the Montgomery General Hospital, and the third, Margaret, now retired, lives with her sister Gladys near the Hospital, in Olney on Sandy Spring highway.

Charles Brooke filled a valuable place in his community. He was a charter member of Olney Grange, of the Montgomery Farmers' Club, served one term in the Maryland House of Delegates, and for a time was a member of the Maryland Fish Commission. From 1885 until his death he was connected with the Sandy Spring Savings Institution, for many years as a director and later as chairman of the Board and vice president. He also acted as president of the Montgomery County General Hospital.

Soon after the death of Charles and Cornelia Brooke, the old homestead, which at that time had been reduced to about 300 acres, was sold to Dr. and Mrs. Julian M. Howe.

This famed plantation of farmers who operated on vast scales in past years now belongs to The Brooke Grove Foundation. There are about 30 acres retained with the house which is used as a convalescent home for the aged.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

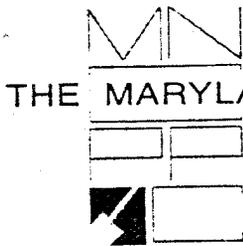
See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

23/1	23/28	23/96
23/2	23/32	23/98
23/3	23/43	*23/98-3
23/4	23/44	23/99
*23/5	*23/50	23/107-2
23/10	23/52	*23/110
*23/14	23/55	23/113
23/16	23/56	23/114
23/20	23/59	
23/22	23/61	
23/25	23/74	23/116
	23/88	23/117

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986 MAR 24 1986

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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  
Philip Cantelon, Chairperson  
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator  
Community Planning North *MCB*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern  
Montgomery County Resources

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I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws  
Attachment

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED  
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,  
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/  
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the  
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an  
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the  
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of  
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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## APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the sites will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/31	Tyson House (Mrs. W. Chandlee House)	18600 Brooke Rd., Ashton
13/32	Brinklow Store & Post Office	18930 New Hampshire Ave. Brinklow
15/40	Rawlings Mill House	1820 Tucker Lane, Ashton
15/44	Pat Cuff House	1515 Ednor Rd., Ednor
15/48	Chimney Ruins	Oak Hill Rd.-North of Rt. 198, Spencerville
15/51	Drayton	16000 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring
15/57	Murphy Ford Log House	16500 Block of Batson Rd., Spencerville
15/70	Harriet Lea House	18900 New Hampshire Ave., Brinklow
23/1	Gaither/Gray House	24241 Hipsley Mill Rd., Gaithersburg
23/2	Leamon/Faucett House	24405 Hipsley Mill Road, Gaithersburg
23/3	Dennis Thomas House	24501 Hipsley Mill Road, Laytonsville

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
23/91	Chandlee Miller's House	19320 Chandlee Mill Road, Sandy Spring
23/94	Avalon	1601 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring
23/96	Brooke Grove	End of Brooke Grove Road North of Rte. 108, Olney
23/98	Olney Historic District	Crossroads of Georgia Ave., and Rte. 108/Olney- Laytonsville Road
23/99	Samuel White House	4000 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney
23/107-2	Hyatt/Barnesley House	16640 Georgia Avenue, Olney
23/108	Brooke Manor/James Barnesley House	16300 Georgia Avenue, Olney
23/113	Norbeck Historic District	Crossroads of Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Rd.
23/116	Woodburn	16320 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney
23/117	Flint Hill I	Norbeck Road, Sandy Spring
27/8	Oak Lea Farm	14700 Argyle Club Road, Silver Spring
27/14	Houses at Layhill and Atwood Roads	Vicinity of Layhill and Atwood Roads, Silver Spring
28/4	Phillip T. Stabler Farm (Ruins)	New Hampshire Avenue near Rte. 108, Ashton
28/21	Bonifant Houses & Cemetery	1111 and 520 Bonifant Road, Layhill