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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

Name Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House  
17715 Meeting House Road, Sandy Spring

2. Planning Area/Site Number 28/11 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 16  
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4. Address Meeting House Lane, Sandy Spring, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition N.A.  
Status occupied  
Accessible yes: restricted  
Present use religious  
Previous Survey Recording NRHP Federal X State X County Local  
(Title and date: Md. Register of Historic Sites & Landmarks, 1970)

6. Date 1817 7. Original Owner Quaker Meeting

8. Apparent Condition

a. Excellent c. Original Site  
b. Unaltered

Description: This large, flemish bond, brick, Federal-styled Quaker Meeting House, built in 1817, is six bays long and 3 deep, and 2 and 1/2 stories high with a broad, steeply pitched "A" roof. Two doors on the west occupy the second bay toward the center from each end. There is also a door in the central bay of each facade. All the doors have overlights, flat, brick arches, and are three-paneled. The first story windows are 12 over 12; on the second 12 over 8. The interior is entirely open with a flat ceiling. The paneled and plastered gallery, supported on simple square posts, is in excellent condition.

10. Significance: In 1751, James Brooke received a 392 acre tract of land from his father in-law, Richard Snowden, owner of Snowden's Manor Enlarged. Brooke deeded 2 acres for the use of the Quaker Meeting and 1 acre for a cemetery where he & many of his descendants were buried. The Friends established their Meeting, and gave to their church the name of the nearest body of water, the Sandy Spring. For 64 years they used a log house already on the site, and built the present Meeting House in 1817.

The church tract forms the heart of the Quaker community, founded by Brooke. In the succeeding years his remaining land passed to his granddaughter, Deborah, and her husband, William Stabler, strong believers and staunch participants of the Quaker faith.

11. Date researched and researcher Mrs. Preston Parish, 1972 & Martha Nesbitt, 1978

12. Compiler Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled 12/78 14. Designation Approval \_\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage 9 acres

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Sandy Spring Meeting; Friends Meeting House; Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting of Friends

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Meeting House Lane (17715 Meeting House Road)

CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 031
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	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"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting of Friends (Contact: Brook Moore)

STREET AND NUMBER: Meeting House Lane

CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: East Montgomery Avenue and North Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS** SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House is located on the east side of Meeting House Lane just south of the intersection of Maryland Route 108 and Meeting House Lane in the center of Sandy Spring, Maryland.

This is a large, Flemish bond, brick, Federal-styled Quaker Meeting House, built in 1817. It is six bays long and three deep and two-and-a-half stories in height, with a broad, steeply-pitched (approximately 45°) "A" roof. There are two doors on the west, occupying the second bay toward the center from each end. There is also a door in the central bay of each facade of the building. All the doors have overlights, flat, brick arches, and each is a three-panel double door. All the windows have flat, brick arches. On the first story they are twelve over twelve and on the second, twelve over eight; each contains old, bubbly glass. On the exterior wall of the structure there are four windows set high in the wall between the first floor and the interior "gallery" levels. The interior is entirely open with a flat ceiling under which is the paneled and plastered gallery, in excellent condition, supported on simple, square posts.

The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House stands in a grove of large trees, near the urban center of Sandy Spring in Montgomery County. The nine acres designated affords protection for this serene, tranquil, meeting house site away from the rapidly developing metropolitan Washington, D. C. suburbia.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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)		1817	
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Engraving
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Several figures of national importance--the first President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the inventor of an early refrigerator and an innovational deep plow; the designer of the first iron hull steamboat, a surveyor of the Louisiana Purchase; the authoress-designer of a mid-nineteenth-century cookbook and of seals used by the United States House of Representatives and the Senate respectively--were associated with the Sandy Spring Friends Meeting House. They shared a common Quaker heritage as well as family ties with three "founding" families of the Meeting and the Sandy Spring area of Montgomery County, the Brookes, the Thomases and the Snowdens.</p> <p>From the vantage point of Quaker history the 1828 visit to the Meeting House of Elias Hicks (1748-1830), the Quaker reformer, is in significant perspective. Hicks' oratory which expounded a new religious outlook that was man-centered rather than Jesus-centered and which occurred contemporaneously with an upsurge of evangelism, led to a "schism" in the Quaker faith and to the subsequent decision of the Sandy Spring Meeting to support Hicks' "liberal" views rather than older "orthodox" Quaker tenets.</p> <p>Philip Evan Thomas who ascended to national prominence as the first President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was related to the Thomas family, one of the founding families of the Sandy Spring Meeting House. His family was instrumental in the construction of the brick Meeting House.</p> <p>Thomas Moore was known for his successful agricultural experiments on his model farm and for his inventions, a revolutionary-type deep plow and a portable refrigerator. He married Mary Brooke, a descendant of James Brooke, the first settler of Sandy Spring. The first meetings of the Sandy Spring Friends took place at his residence.</p> <p>Moore's talents included engineering: he constructed a causeway in the Potomac River from Mason's Island to the Virginia shore; he laid out part of the National Road for the</p>			
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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## #6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

Historic American Building Survey

1964 Federal

Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C. code: 11

## #8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

War Department; and he was Chief Engineer for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and for the James River (Virginia) Canal.

Thomas Moore's brother-in-law, Isaac Biggs, operated the first school in Sandy Spring, helped to implement Pierre L'Enfant's design for Washington, and participated in the initial survey of the Louisiana Purchase. A third brother-in-law, Caleb Bently, was a clockmaker, silversmith, farmer, merchant and first postmaster of Brookeville, (Montgomery County), Maryland. Bently sheltered President James Madison and Attorney General Richard Rush on their flight from burning Washington, D. C. in the War of 1812.

Mary Mathews Brooke, a Quaker minister who traveled extensively for the Friends, raised John Elgar, the builder of the first iron-hull steamboat. Mrs. Brooke rode with Elgar on the maiden voyage up the Susquehanna River. Another Brooke descendant, Elizabeth Brooke Ellicott, corresponded with Dolly Payne Maddison. Her daughter, Betsy Ellicott Lea, wrote Domestic Cookery, Useful Recipes, Hints to the Young Householders (1851), a well-used nineteenth-century cookbook.

Although not directly related to the founding families of Sandy Spring Meeting, Edward Stabler, the engraver of the present (1971) seals used by the Department of the Interior and the Peabody Institute (Baltimore), had close ties to the meeting. Stabler, in his day, designed seals used by the Treasury Department, the House of Representatives, the Senate (press and counter seal only), the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the Smithsonian Institution and the Post Office Department. His mother, a pillar of the Meeting, braved the hazardous journey to the first Yearly Meeting of Western Friends (1813) in Ohio in order to represent the Quakers of Sandy Spring.

(1 of 2 continuation sheets)

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust**      DATE: **Feb. 4, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**94 College Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National       State       Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
**Orlando Ridout IV**

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date February 7, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 031
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: Michael Bourne			
DATE OF PHOTO: June 1968			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 94 College Avenue, Annapolis Maryland 21401			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
North and west elevations; porch is on west elevation.			



**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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STREET AND NUMBER: Meeting House Lane			
CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring			
STATE: Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 031
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Sandy Spring Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1945			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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Montgomery County  
General Hospital



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17715 Meeting House Road  
Sandy Spring  
Photo by Michael O. Bourne 3/1996





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S.S. HIST DIST.

NAME FRIEND'S MEETING HOUSE  
LOCATION MEETING HOUSE Rd SANDY SPRING, Md  
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