

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Drumeldra					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 13910 Notley Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Layhill (Colesville)					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <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		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Helen Vierling (Markoff-tenants)					
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:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a smaller, two-story brick house of Federal styling. The original part of the house is the main (east) section that faces south. There are three bays here, and the entrance is in the SW bay. This door has transom and sidelights, and is surrounded by a molded architrave that features a dentil-row and fluted pilasters. Brickwork is Flemish bond, and there are flat arches of gauged and ground brick over each window. The window sash is 6/6, double-hung. The chimneys are internal.

Reportedly, the house was badly burned at one time, but there is no evidence of this in the appearance of the brickwork. The only mortar repairs seem to have been due to moisture damage over the front door.

There is a newer, two-story frame wing built on the west, and it features a brick veneer on the front.

There is a small barn nearby that sits on a stone foundation.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, OLD HOMES AND HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.
1962; Washington, D.C.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 8/7/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 15, 1989

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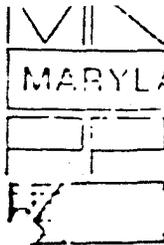
This amendment recommends 18 historic resources throughout Montgomery County for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. It also recommends that 4 other resources be found not to warrant historic designation and that they be removed from the Locational Atlas and from further protection under the Ordinance.

18 historic resources recommended for historic designation and protection:

- M: 10-52 Charles Browning Farm
- M: 10-57 Zeigler Log House
- M: 12-11 Frederick Hayes House
- M: 12-36 Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
- M: 14-51 Woodburn/Blunt House
- M: 16-1 Trundle Farm
- M: 16-12 Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
- M: 16/26 Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
- M: 23-41 Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
- M: 23-47 Pleasant View
- M: 23-84/1 Ellicott Mine
- M: 25-8 Mt. Prospect
- M: 25-10/1 Travilah Town Hall
- M: 29/9 Dr. Willett House
- M: 29-19 Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
- M: 33-1 Drumeldra
- M: 34-10 Conley House/Green Ridge
- M: 36-3 Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate

4 resources to be removed from Locational Atlas.

- M: 25-19 Semmes Farm
- M: 37-1 Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
- M: 37-2 Presidents' Tree
- M: 28-34 Mt. Pleasant II



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 25, 1989

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This document contains the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations on the designation of twenty-two (22) historic resources throughout Montgomery County. Twenty-one resources are recommended for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. One resource is not recommended for designation.

SITES RECOMMENDED

M: 10/52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10/57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12/11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12/36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14/51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16/1	Trundle Farm
M: 16/12	Warren E.M. Church and associated bldgs.
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23/41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23/47	Pleasant View
M: 23/84-1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25/8	Mount Prospect
M: 25/10-1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 28/34	Mount Pleasant II/Esther Scott House
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29/19	Joseph Magruder House
M: 33/1	Drumeldra
M: 34/10	Conley House
M: 36/03	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate
M: 37/01	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37/02	The President's Tree

NOT RECOMMENDED

M: 25/19 Semmes Farm

For some years after they left it, the old house at Drayton was used by tenants until it was occupied for a time by grandson, Newton, and his family, and later by Mortimer Stabler and his wife, Duane. In 1939 the farm, containing about seventy acres, was sold to J. Dallas Grady, a Washington realtor, and Mortimer and his wife moved to the comfortable house they built on the southeast corner of the farm.

Under the direction of Grady and his wife the old house was enlarged, symmetrical wings and two story columns were added, and now the house has the appearance of a handsome Colonial manor house, although it still contains parts of Caleb's log structure. Dallas Grady died in

1941, and his widow soon sold the farm to a Mr. Mansfield who in 1945 sold it to the present owner, R. R. Hunt.

Mr. Roy R. Hunt still enjoys his life at Drayton, in 1961, and has added to his acreage, the Herbert Stabler cottage on the corner of the Spencerville Rd. and Oak Hill Rd. He has also acquired the Briggs property on the Oak Hill road, adding materially to his handsome estate.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, are Roy R. Hunt, Jr. whose wife was Joann Arden Cissel, and Richard E. Hunt, whose wife was Lola Lee Anderson. The Richard Hunts and their two younger children, Sharon L. and Michael W., are now living at the home.

Drumeldra

THIS compact little brick house is located on a large farm a half-mile west of Colesville and fifteen miles from the Zero milestone. It is on parts of original land grants of Drumaldry which contained 225 acres made to James Beall in 1716, and Wolf's Den an early



NO. 21 F-10 SAMUEL BONIFANT CA. 1790/1800 BRICK

grant to the Bonifant family. It is believed that the house was built before 1800.

The first Bonifant to come to Maryland was Samuel, born in the Province of the Seine,

France, in 1731. The Bonifants were French Huguenots, and at first the name was Bonifield, then Bonifante. Samuel married Sarah Townsend, was a private in the Revolutionary War serving in the Lafayette Corps, and came to Montgomery County before 1800. He died in 1810. John Bonifant, a son of Samuel, married Mary Ann Tucker, and came to Montgomery County as a young man with his father. It is not known whether John or his father, Samuel, built the house at Drumeldra.

James, a son of John Bonifant, married Laura Craigen. They were living in the house after their marriage in 1855. Some years after this the house was gutted by fire, and, contrary to his wife's advice, James insisted on restoring it. The cost was so great that he became financially embarrassed, and was forced to sell. Drumeldra was then bought by Walter H. and Caroline L. Brooke, his wife. Their deed is dated September 6, 1883. James and his family including two little girls, Florence and Alice Bonifant, then moved to Virginia. A number of years ago these daughters came back to the county of their birth, and lived in a comfortable home near Potomac.

Walter H. Brooke, a member of that family well known in Maryland since Robert Brooke came to St. Mary's County in 1650, before coming to Drumeldra had lived for a time between Olney and Norbeck on a farm, now the home of

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Brooke Johns. This was sold in 1874, and the Brookes moved to Howard County. Walter had married in 1870, Caroline Leggett, a member of an aristocratic Quaker family of Long Island, New York. She had two sisters who also married local men, and came to Montgomery County to live where they all remained throughout their lives. (See Norwood and Tanglewood). Between 1874 and 1883 the Brookes lived in Howard County near Highland.

Brooke was greatly beloved, a popular farmer and contractor, and universally mourned after his death in 1902 in the county where he spent his whole life. His wife died in February, 1912. While they lived at Drumeldra, they had four sons and one daughter who drove daily seven or more miles to Sherwood School. Of their children Robert, the oldest, was a successful insurance man in New York until his death in 1944. Walter H., Jr., was connected with the American Multigraph Co., and lived in the West for many years, dying in 1948. The youngest son, William S., was for some time a fruit rancher in the far Northwest, and died in 1913, aged forty. His wife was Miss Ethel Thompson now deceased.

George H., the next-to-the-youngest son, was graduated from Swarthmore in the class of 1893 and in 1896 from the University of Pennsylvania where he studied law before his admission to the Bar of that State in 1897. For a few years he served in the office of the District Attorney of Philadelphia. He played fullback on the undefeated teams at Pennsylvania in 1894 and 1895, and was the choice for All-American honors in those years. In 1904 he won the national racquet championship, singles, and in 1917, paired with Jay Gould, won the national double championship. He was head football coach at Leland Stanford University in 1897, and at Pennsylvania the next year, and coached the Swarthmore teams from 1898 through 1911.

He was a member of the famous Battery "A" from the Philadelphia area which followed Teddy Roosevelt to Cuba in 1898, which unit soon returned without seeing combat. For about twenty years he enjoyed a lucrative insurance business in Philadelphia. After his athletic career ended, except for his enjoyment of golf, he retired to Tucson, Arizona, to recover his health but died there on November 15, 1938 after a prolonged illness at the age of sixty-four.

In 1908 the youngest child and only daughter, Katherine, married Edwin C. Stone of an old Massachusetts family, who for many years has had a profitable insurance business in Boston. Katherine Brooke Stone of Brookline Mass., is the only surviving member of the Brooke family of Drumeldra, and Wallbrook Homes so prominently known in the County, in the 1890-1900s.

In 1890 the Brooke family left Drumeldra in charge of William Ricketts, and moved to a house in Ashton which they had purchased. In 1906 Ricketts bought Drumeldra and 227 acres. He sold the place in 1910 to Major Winfield Scott Overton, U. S. Army Retired. When the Major died in 1946 Drumeldra was left to his sister, Helen O. Vierling, who lives in the house which has been comfortably modernized.

Mrs. Vierling, sold off all the acreage except 50 acres, she kept with the house, and had an architect, from Silver Spring, Mr. John A. d' Epagnier, brick up the left hand frame addition with Flemish Bond brick to imitate the other main part of the house.

The interior was redecorated with great taste, and feeling, with new wall paper, and other improvements. Added were the brick stoop without roof, and brick walks to driveway. It is now a charming home, where Mrs. Vierling has a daughter, husband and grandchildren sharing the place with her.

The acreage sold is being rapidly built upon, with many new suburban homes standing in the west fields. The sub-division is called "DRUMELDRA HILL."

The house faces south, and the walls of the main part are of red brick, very large and irregular, laid up in Flemish Bond on the front only. The side walls are Federal bond. All the brick gives the appearance of having been of the Revolutionary period and probably made in a local kiln.

The center hall has a rear door to the yard. To the east is a double parlor with two fireplaces, and across the hall on the west is the dining room with one fireplace, and the kitchen adjoins it. On the second floor over the double parlor are two bedrooms each with a fireplace, and on the west side of the hall in the frame wing are two small rooms. There is a bath over the front hall. On the third floor are two large rooms over the main part of the house.



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NAME DRUMELDRA

LOCATION NOTLEY RD COLESVILLE Md

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