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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER: 69-05-19-0003
DATE: 5/15/69

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Cedar Park

AND/OR HISTORIC: (Ewen Upon Ewenton) (West River Farm)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Cumberstone Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland CODE: 19 COUNTY: Anne Arundel CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: Cumberstone Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House, Land Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 85

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 19

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STATE: Maryland
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Integrity (Check One) Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If Known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cedar Park is located one and a half miles north of the junction of Maryland 255 and Owensville Road at Galesville, Maryland; four and four-tenths miles south of the intersection of Maryland 214 and Maryland 468; the house is at the end of a lane running for two-tenths of a mile northeast from the intersection of Cumberstone and Bayfield Roads.

Original:

Frame, one and a half story, one room deep, dimensions fifty feet by twenty feet. Fishscale shingles covered roof. Interior believed to have consisted only of great hall and parlor with a gallery or loft above, accessible only by ladder. Chimneys stood inside each end of house. Due to very primitive construction, (handhewn timbers, rived oak siding, vertical supports consisting of logs sunk into the earth), it is assumed that the house was built in the mid-seventeenth century by Richard Ewen or his son, Richard Ewen II.

Present Appearance:

In 1697 Richard Galloway II elongated the house by four feet at each end, placing massive exterior chimneys at the gable ends. Across the length of the west side, he added a low shed roof covering two cell rooms, connected by a central hall, which (by partitioning the great hall) he also caused to run through the house to the east or river side. Then he encased the entire house in brick (all header; partial English bond). The west facade is the front. The roof over the main house has a sixty degree pitch and is an example of a Maryland leanto (or "catslide") roof. In the roof are four peaked dormers on the east side, two in the west roof. The medieval transitional profile has been explored and illustrated by Henry Chandlee Forman, F.A.I.A. and author. (See bibliographic #9.)

To the east a two-story addition projects from the older section forming the stem of the "T". The first floor of this wing was built of brick c. 1800; the second story of frame c. 1835. There is structural proof that the brick addition replaced a porch with its porch chamber above, mentioned in a 1735 inventory of Richard Galloway. The exact dimensions of the original have not been determined. Richard Galloway could have added the porch at the time he enlarged the original house, thus creating a "cross" design typical of the late seventeenth century.

Cedar Park is picturesquely located in the pastoral setting overlooking the West River. The Maryland Department of Forests and Parks Big Tree Champions of Maryland by Fred Besley, State Forester, credits the estate with the Maryland champions, as well as National champions, American Beech

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

SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- losophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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17th Century:

The property upon which "Cedar Park" stands is known to have been in the possession of Captain Richard Ewen, a Puritan Commissioner for the province of Maryland, as early as 1656. It was first surveyed for Charles Calvert, Governor, (later third Lord Baltimore) in 1665, who then assigned it to Richard Ewen, Jr., High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County. There is a strong tradition that Lord Baltimore had a hunting lodge at Ewenton upon Ewenton. The Ewen descendants, all practicing Quakers, continued to live on the property. A Quaker meeting was held there in 1684, making this a surviving structure in Anne Arundel County, in which religious services were held at an early date. Richard Galloway II (whose wife was a Ewen descendant) purchased the property in 1697 and is credited with bricking over and enlarging the house.

18th Century:

The place became known at this time as the West River Farm. Richard Galloway II was a merchant planter. The first tobacco inspecting house in Maryland stood here. The farm continued in the hands of the Galloways and Spriggs (by marriage).

19th Century:

In 1785 Sophia Sprigg married John Francis Mercer, later tenth Governor of Maryland (1801-1803). In 1818 Governor Mercer entertained President Monroe and his cabinet at "Cedar Park," as it was then called. From 1825 to 1834, Mercer's daughter, Margaret, operated a successful boarding school for girls, The Cedar Park Academy. Miss Mercer was also a forerunner in the move to liberate and rehabilitate Negro slaves. In 1869 the Mercer family sold Cedar Park to cousins, Dr. James H. Murray and his wife, whose descendants live there today.

20th Century:

Cedar Park is still in a setting so unspoiled as to be [see continuation sheet]

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Historic American Building Survey
1964

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C. 20540: 06

#7. DESCRIPTION

(grandifolia), girth 15'7", crown spread 93', height 112';
Buckeye Horse Chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum), girth 12'7",
crown spread 64', height 63'; and Southern Red Oak (falcata),
girth 24'4", crown spread 117', height 120'. Splendid
groves of oak, beech, linden, and cedar are found within
the Park.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE

now unique on the Eastern Seaboard. At its front, or west
side, the house is partly surrounded by an open park,
which has never been plowed and which once sheltered Govern-
nor Mercer's deer; to the north stands an ancient woods with
a grove of virgin Red Oaks, as well as American Beeches
and Tulip Poplars of comparable stature, and large quanti-
ties of native holly. Because the property has been
traditionally protected from ax and plow, it now boasts the
largest Southern Red Horse Chestnut and American Beech
trees in the U. S. (The champion Red Cedar blew down in
1954.) On the east or garden side, the view over a half
mile meadow, out the mouth of West River, and across the
Chesapeake Bay to the southern tip of Kent Island is today
exactly as shown in a painting made by one of Miss Mercer's
pupils in the early nineteenth century.

Index & State, Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1963) pp. 15, 35, 1969.

Kelly, J. Reaney, Cedar Park, Its People and Its History, Maryland Historical Magazine, (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument, March 1963).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
May 9, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Post Office Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21404

CODE
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 May 9, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

James A. Rasmussen
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Howley
Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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#9. REFERENCES

Forman, Henry C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, privately printed for the author at Easton, Md. and Haverford, Pa., 1934, pp. 100

Forman, Henry C., Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, Tidewater Publishers, 1967.

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776.

Monograph Series, White Pine., published by National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C. Original plates in A.I.A. Library, D. C.; copy in Anne Arundel County Public Library, Maryland Room, Annapolis, Md. Subject: Elevation, volume XVII #5, pp. 119.

Maryland Historical Magazine, volume 60 #4, Dec. 1965, pp. 308. Cedar Park: "The Portraiture of the Bay-Arabian, the property of the Right Honorable the Earl of Godolphin" (horse portrait - hung here 1965).



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