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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Baltimore City
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ENTRY DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/ Headquarters

AND/OR HISTORIC: Evergreen on the Falls; Snyder-Carroll House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 3300 Falls Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Third

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

COUNTY: Baltimore City — CODE: 510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☒ Other (Specify) humane society	
☒ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals/ of Baltimore City Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: 3300 Falls Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Land Record Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Room 610, Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965 ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☒ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER: 402 City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland — CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered		☐ Moved	☒ Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Evergreen is located on 9.7 acres of land at 3300 Falls Road, just north of the Hampden exit ramp of the Jones Falls Expressway, on a high promontory overlooking the Jones Falls Valley. The property includes, in addition to the mansion, a valve house, two modern concrete kennels, and manager's residence. (This nomination, while covering the entire acreage, is based upon two structures: the mansion and the valve house.)

Situated on the crest of the hill, the mansion enjoys a spectacular view to the south of the entire business district of the city. The brick structure is a rural version of the Victorian Italianate style. It is two and one half stories high at present, although an early photograph and painting [1] show a large square cupola dominating the roofline at the intersection of the cross-gables. This has been removed and capped, and together with the conversion of one window into a door on the north side of the kitchen wing, appears to be the only substantial exterior alteration.

The front facade on the north consists of three blocks: the main entrance is located in the slightly off-center front block. The double door is paneled and has a fan-shaped window above with narrow round-topped windows flanking it. The arched trim over the entrance was painted black several years ago, which sets off the form, but is not traditional locally. Above the doorway in the same block is a three part window: a narrow round-topped central window with rectangular windows on either side. A bracketed canopy extends over them.

The main block, which extends to the rear of the house, is pierced to the left of the entrance by a double window with canopy on the first floor and a single window above. These windows and all others in the house have brick jack arches and stone sills and louvered wooden shutters.

The kitchen wing forms the remaining block. It is to the right of the entrance and has a door and window on the first floor and two windows directly above them on the second floor. There is a series of wooden brackets below the roof cornice on all sides of the house.

The west facade is bare except for two attic windows with four over four lights. On this side of the house is a sloping terrace with many old boxwoods. A small pet cemetery has been made on one of the terraces.

The south facade faces the remains of a formal box garden beyond which are the modern kennels and office building. The kitchen end corresponds to the northern side of the same wing. There is a large concrete porch extending across the remainder of this facade. It is approached by four steps with a modern wrought iron railing. Opening onto the porch are four French doors which lead

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 15th Century
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 17th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [x] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* circa 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - [ ] Prehistoric
  - [ ] Historic
- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Architecture
- [ ] Art
- [ ] Commerce
- [ ] Communications
- [ ] Conservation
- [ ] Education
- [x] Engineering
- [x] Industry
- [ ] Invention
- [x] Landscape Architecture
- [ ] Literature
- [ ] Military
- [ ] Music
- [ ] Political
- [ ] Religion/Philosophy
- [ ] Science
- [ ] Sculpture
- [ ] Social/Humanitarian
- [ ] Theater
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Urban Planning
- [ ] Other *(Specify)* animal care

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Evergreen on the Falls is an important feature in the history of the mill towns of the Jones Falls Valley, especially Woodberry and Hampden, for it was the home of the supervisor of the Mount Vernon Mills, Albert H. Carroll. (Other structures in this neighborhood which have already been placed on the National Register are the Londontown Manufacturing Company and Poole and Hunt Company.) This mansion was built about 1860 by a Henry Snyder of Baltimore County, about whom very little is known. He is credited with planting the fine evergreens and terracing the slopes around the house, possibly with earth taken from the construction of the Hampden Reservoir which was completed during the time of the Snyders' residence. Snyder died in 1864 and his widow leased the estate briefly to James Hooper, owner of the Meadow Mill and others, and the son of William Hooper who had been instrumental in bringing the cotton industry to the Jones Falls Valley.

The property was sold to David Carroll, another pioneer in the manufacture of cotton yarn and duck and co-owner of the Mount Vernon Mills. David Carroll's son, Albert, superintendent of the mills, became the occupant of the estate and continued to live there until about 1903. The Carrolls added to the landscaping by creating formal boxwood gardens and planting extensively so that the property became the showplace of the area. An account of their gracious lifestyle has been preserved in an essay by a daughter, Mary Grace Carroll, which is now owned by Mrs. Wilson K. Barnes of Baltimore. Her detailed description of the interior furnishings and decor of the house have been invaluable aids in modern re-decorating projects. She also reveals that the observatory which has since been removed commanded a view as far as the Baltimore Harbor, and she tells of stables, kennels and other outbuildings which have long since disappeared. The Carrolls were especially generous employers and gave the neighborhood land for the Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church.

The estate was left in the care of a custodian from about 1903 until 1926 when it was sold to the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the present

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Baltimore and District of Columbia. National Biographical Co., pub. (Baltimore, 1879).

Carroll, Mary Grace. "Evergreen Residence". Unpublished manuscript. 1929.

Howard, George W. The Monumental City. J. D. Ehlers & Co. printers. (Baltimore, 1873).

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		39°	19 '	38 "	76 °	38 '	05 "
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.7 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland S.P.C.A. of Baltimore City, Inc.

DATE: January 1975

STREET AND NUMBER: 3300 Falls Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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 John N. Pearce

John N. Pearce

Title Acting State Historic Preservation Officer

Date June 10, 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

to the dining room and family parlor. Above each door is a window and there is a small round window in the center of the attic.

The east facade consists of two blocks, the rear being a continuation of the porch and having a large double-hung window with six over nine lights on the first floor and above it a bedroom window. The northernmost portion of this facade projects slightly and contains a bay window on the first floor above which is a second floor window and another round attic window.

The S.P.C.A. has made every effort to keep the entire property in excellent condition. There was a serious fire in the mansion in the early 1970's which destroyed the furnishings and most of the interior. The main staircase has been restored, but that and the carved marble mantels in the parlor, dining room and living room, and the chandelier in the hall are all that remain of the original details. Through gifts, the Society has been able to return the structure to excellent condition and furnish it with pieces of the period. It is used currently for meetings, but there are plans to rent out some of the second floor space.

The grounds are spacious and give evidence of the fine gardens which once adorned them. Across the circular driveway on the north of the house is the valve house, originally part of the Hampden Reservoir which has been filled and landscaped as a public park. The valve house is a classic revival structure, measuring 36 feet by 26 1/2 feet. The height is 20 feet and the walls are 2 feet thick and of granite. All corners, door and windows have quoins. There is a door on the south side, two windows on both east and west sides and a single window on the north. The roof is of asphalt. The house originally contained influent and effluent chambers to direct the flow of water from the reservoir into the City of Baltimore. It was erected in 1860-61 and the date is carved over the doorway. The building is now used for storage, although the S.P.C.A. is attempting to find an organization to use it, possibly as a display space or small museum.

[1]See photograph of painting of Hampden Reservoir in The Paintings of Alfred Jacob Miller, Artist of Baltimore and the West, by W. H. Hunter (Peale Museum, Baltimore, 1950)

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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

owner. Although there have been two costly fires, the Society has maintained the mansion in excellent condition, rebuilding and refurnishing it after each episode. The interior is not original, but efforts have been made to preserve the atmosphere of a gracious and comfortable country seat. And although it has been necessary to build kennels and other structures required for the operation of the humane society, these have been placed in an inconspicuous location behind the house and restricted in height, so that the passerby notices only the curving driveway, ancient trees and the picturesque house.

The other structure of note on the property is the valve house. This was constructed in conjunction with the Hampden Reservoir and completed in 1861. (There are two similar structures built by the Water Department at approximately the same time and located several miles north along the right-of-way between the water source, Lake Roland, and Hampden.) This building was acquired by the Society in 1959 at which time the reservoir had been filled and the City was constructing the Jones Falls Expressway. The City exchanged about two acres of former reservoir land for a like amount of land on the south of the Evergreen property on which to build an expressway ramp. At present the Society is using the valve house for storage.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

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Baltimore City Water Department Records.
Record Court Proceedings, Registry of Wills, Baltimore County.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

1. NAME

COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE *(Assigned by NPS)*
Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Headquarters	Evergreen on the Falls; Snyder-Carroll House	

2. LOCATION

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maryland	Baltimore City	Baltimore

STREET AND NUMBER

3 300 Falls Road

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
USGS 7.5 minute map Baltimore West Quadrangle	1953	1:24000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW

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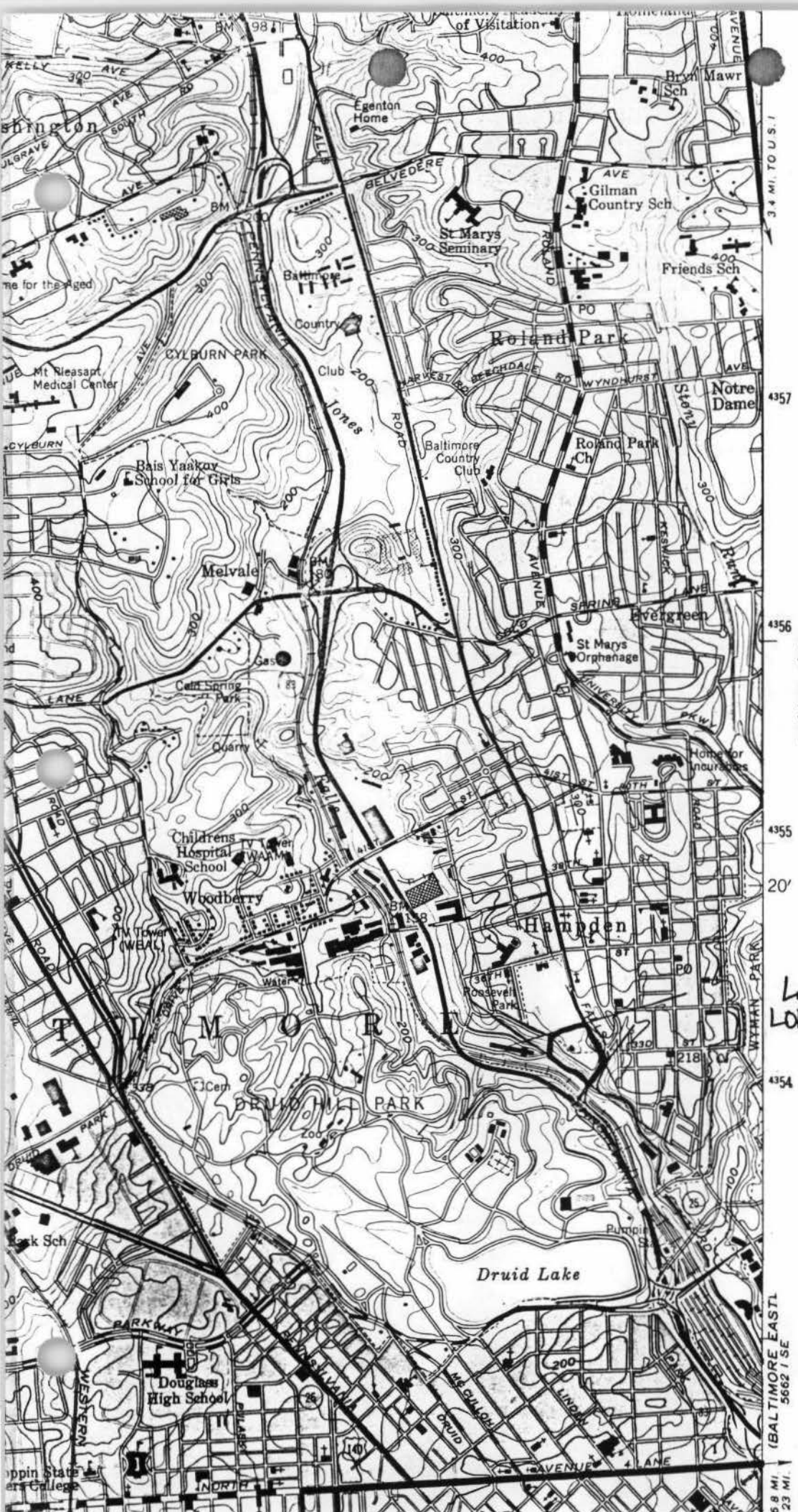

SPCA HEADQUARTERS
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale 1:24000
BALTIMORE WEST QUADRANGLE
1953

SPCA
LAT 39° 19' 38"
LONG 76° 38' 05"

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Baltimore City	510

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Catharine Black

DATE OF PHOTO: 12/74

NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

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