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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:	Anne Arundel
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Holly Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC: Holland's Hills; Rose Valley

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: south side of Md. Rt. 261, 1.5 miles east of Solomon's Island Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Friendship

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Maryland	24	Anne Arundel	003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" 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: Brice McAdoo Clagett

STREET AND NUMBER: Holly Hill

CITY OR TOWN: Friendship

STATE:	CODE
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis,

STATE:	CODE
Maryland	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE:	CODE
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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

Holly Hill house is located on the south side of Maryland Route 261 approximately one and a half miles east of the intersection of Maryland Route 261 and Solomon's Island Road at Friendship, Maryland. The entire property lays on both sides of the road.

Holly Hill is significant in that it is one of the extant examples of the Medieval Transitional style of architecture used in Maryland during the mid-seventeenth century. Its development from a primitive frame dwelling to a comfortable, handsome, brick house reflects a pattern repeated in early Tidewater houses. Other examples in Anne Arundel County are Cedar Park and Sudley, although Sudley remained frame.

As originally built in 1667, this red brick, "T" shaped house was a two-room, story-and-a-half, frame structure. Several years later two more rooms were added, and in 1704 the whole was brick veneered. In 1730, another brick wing was added, giving the house its present "T".

The inventory of Samuel Harrison's estate (1733) lists thirteen rooms, including a kitchen as well as a library of 195 books. Harrison's "store," meaning storeroom, contained abundant supplies of everything from cooper's tools to tobacco boxes to India silk.

Interesting features of the house include original brick vaulting in the cellar, fine panelling and moldings, ancient glass panes, batten doors with original hardware, a wall of rare marbled panelling; and three eighteenth-century paintings on wood, one on canvas. Among the four paintings, two are of particular relevance:

A plat entitled "Samuel Harrison's Land Near Herring Bay," which includes an inset view of the house and garden as it looked in the early eighteenth century.

The other is a view of a landlocked harbor with two vessels (one flying the British flag), a two-story house, and a man and boy standing near the water's edge. The theory is that the scene represents Herring Bay and vessels of the planters.

The original eighteenth-century garden plan with pebbled walkways has been restored, and is enclosed by a hedge of English boxwood. The present owners (1971) are in the process of extending the grounds and gardens.

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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) c.1667, before 1716, before 1733

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aborigines | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

The architecture of Holly Hill is significant in the heritage of Maryland as one of the few examples of Medieval Transitional architecture (17th century) in the state; and Holly Hill is significant for its role in the tobacco-growing culture of early southern Maryland.

The history of Holly Hill's successful production of quality tobacco, and its association with the Harrison family for over 200 years, is documented. It shows a way of life dependent upon the cultivation, and marketing methods of an export crop, stable in Maryland as early as 1698. As a Quaker businessman with political acumen, Harrison was prominent in the county and the state.

Richard Harrison (-1716), as did the majority of planters on the Chesapeake Bay, raised tobacco for export sale in England to barter an exchange for necessities and luxuries tying them economically, culturally and intellectually to the mother country.

Holly Hill is situated on part of the Holland's Hills tract originally patented in 1664 to Francis Holland, a Justice of Anne Arundel County and a Quaker member of Herring Creek Meeting. If the original frame dwelling can be proven to be c.1667 the builder of that portion of the house would have been a Holland.

In 1685 Richard Harrison, a Quaker member of Herring Creek Meeting, acquired a portion of Holland's Hills. Before his death in 1716, Richard Harrison enclosed in brick the 1667 frame structure. While living at Holly Hill in 1688 Richard Harrison joined other Quakers in thanking Charles Calvert, Third Lord Baltimore, for allowing Friends to affirm, rather than swear allegiance to, the proprietor. Eleven years later, with his son, Samuel Harrison, he was one of eight trustees for the Herring Creek meeting house located near Holly Hill. Quaker meetings were often held in Holly Hill before 1700 and the Quaker records indicate that a meeting was held there at least once in 1710.

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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 43' 53"	76° 34' 46"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	38° 43' 53"	76° 33' 45"				
SE	38° 43' 05"	76° 33' 45"				
SW	38° 43' 05"	76° 33' 46"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **585.6 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: **April 7, 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER:
94 College Avenue (Post Office Box 1704)

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
 Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland
 Date: APR 8 1971

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Esther Palmer, a Quaker, recorded in her diary a visit to Holly Hill in 1705.

Samuel Harrison (1679-1733), who inherited Holly Hill from his father, Richard, added a brick wing creating a "T". His brother, Richard Harrison, sold (c.1725) his inherited land portion before moving to Philadelphia.

Holly Hill remained in the Harrison family until 1850 when the widow of Joseph Harrison, a direct descendent of Richard Harrison, through his son Samuel Harrison, sold it to John H. Somerville. In 1855 William B. Scrivener purchased the house, later leaving it to his son, Frederick W. Scrivener. The mid-twentieth-century owners included Captain Hugh P. Le Claire; USN Retired, who restored Holly Hill, and the present (1971) owner, Brice McAdoo Clagett, who is a descendent of the Harrisons.

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#10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA continued

I have reviewed the matter of the amount of land proposed to protect Holly Hill, and have considered how the acreage may be reduced. The omission of small, irregular portions of some acreage would be awkward to spell out, and would hardly accomplish a worthwhile purpose.

I have examined the house and its setting in an irregular topography with visible highlands in two directions.

It is my firm conviction that the designated 585.6 acres be accepted as proposed. After viewing the vicinity and lay of the land, and having extensive knowledge of the exceeding importance of this remarkable and worthwhile historic house, this protective acreage is fully justified.

Structures of this unusual architectural quality and cultural impact are rare indeed; the building was erected in three stages in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. The architectural details are extremely valuable, and four murals c. 1720 contemporary to the early house remain intact, as well as extensive, intact wood paneling, trim and construction details. The protective setting for so important a structure should be most carefully and fully considered. As State Liaison Officer, I firmly recommend that 585.6 acres be designated to protect Holly Hill.

Orlando Ridout IV
State Liaison Officer for
Maryland, National Historic
Preservation Act of 1966

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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

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AND/OR HISTORIC: Holland's Hills, Rose Valley			
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STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Md. Rt. 261, 1.5 mi. east of Solomon's Island Rd.			
CITY OR TOWN: Friendship			
STATE: Maryland		CODE 24	COUNTY: Anne Arundel
			CODE 003
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS 7.5 minute map; North Beach Quadrangle; Maryland			
SCALE: 1: 24 000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

NORTH BEACH QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale 1:24,000
1953

Friendship

Owings
Cliffs

Fairhaven

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lat. 38° 43' 53"
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Old
Cove

HOLLY HILL

Rose Haven
Hill

lat. 38° 43' 05"
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lat. 38° 43' 05"
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ANNE ARUNDEL CO
CALVERT CO

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HOLLY HILL - ANNE ARUNDEL CO.
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HOLLY HILL A.A. Co. AA-268

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Holly Hill - A.A. Co.
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