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Raskob Stables and Riding Arena 1930's
Centreville vicinity
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Raskob Stables and Riding Arena

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Grove Creek

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Peter G. Sheaffer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

15 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Barnstable

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 156

Folio #: 229

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Raskob Stables and Riding Arena are located on the north side of Grove Creek in Corsica Neck.

This sprawling complex was constructed in the 1930's for millionaire John J. Raskob. It consists of a large rectangular indoor riding arena with flanking stables and miscellaneous outbuildings and paddocks. All of the buildings are constructed of brown ceramic tile building block with slate roofs.

The riding arena is 64 feet wide by 134 feet long with a front section 34 feet wide and 22 feet deep. The arena is completely open up to a clerestory roof with exposed iron or steel trusses. Large double doors at the west end of the arena open into the yard, and smaller double doors on each side wall open into axial barns leading to the stables. Smaller doors in the east wall lead to the main entrance and the club rooms. A balcony gallery stretches across the east end of the arena.

The principal entrance to the arena is at the east end of the building, which is dominated

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

by a spectacular two story columned entrance portico. Double doors on the first floor open into a hallway and several small offices. A massive stairway in the northwest corner leads up to a club room with a massive half timbered roof. French doors open out onto a second story porch in the portico, while other doors on the west side of the room allow access to the gallery overlooking the arena.

Flanking the arena are two cross-axial barns, each 35 feet wide and 50 feet long, and four stables. The axial barns house tack rooms and feed rooms on the first floor and hay lofts on the second floor. The stables run parallel and immediately adjacent to the arena. The two east stables are 35 feet wide and 68 feet long. The northeast stable has 16 stalls, while the southeast stable has ten stalls and several offices. The two west stables are 35 feet wide and 51 feet long and are each fitted with ten stalls. The axial barns and the stables have timber roofs rather than the truss system over the arena.

To the south of the main complex is a small foaling barn, also constructed of ceramic tile block.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/6/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook Md. II: Recorded Summer 1980.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Raskob Riding Arena
& Stables

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View From Southeast

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Raskob Riding Arena
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East Facade

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Raskob Riding Arena and
Stables

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Riding Arena interior, facing east

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Raskob Riding Arena & Stables QA-416

Riding Arena interior, facing west

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Interior view of Stables



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Loft of south stables

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Dependency to Stable