

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-420
District 20
Map 61
Parcel 52
MAGI # 2209845435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
"Woodland"

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland Route 63

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF **Downsville** **6**

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Washington

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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Sunny Land Corporation

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21795

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **514**

Folio #: **579**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Hagerstown

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-II-420

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is unusual among Washington County's rural architecture. It is of brick construction with a one story, three bay central block with a Flemish bond facade. Two identical attached dependencies are also of brick construction. The dependencies are set perpendicular to the main block and are connected with it by brick passageways. The main section has large nine over six windows (except where replaced), four across the back or north elevation and one on either side of the main entrance at the front or south wall. Elsewhere six over six sashes are used except where replaced with two over two pane sashes.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the front elevation. Spanning the door and sidelights is an elliptical fanlight. Diamond shaped panes form the glazing.

The front door opens into a wide central hall with a room on either side of it. At approximately mid width in the house, a lateral hall intersects with the main hall. This hall extends the length of the house, opening into the passageways to the dependencies. At its east end is a stairway which leads to the attic. Two rooms are located end to end in the north half of the main block. Each has an end wall fireplace. The mantelpiece in the north east room, the main parlor is an elaborate German baroque piece dating, probably from the early 18th century. It is said to have been imported from Germany by the Eichberg family who owned the property from 1939 to 1947.

Woodwork original to the house includes six panel doors with architraves with plain or decorated corner blocks depending upon their location.

Also on the property is a frame bank barn which would appear to date from the turn of the century period.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Buchanan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property, known as "Woodland" is unusual architecturally, following the form of southern tidewater mansion houses. The structure would appear to date from the second quarter of the 19th century. Its past is associated with several prominent owners.

The present owners have a letter written earlier in this century from Selby Fechtig Paul regarding the history of "Woodland." According to the letter, the house was built by John Buchanan, he was a lawyer, it continues, who became Chief Justice of the Fifth District in 1806. He was married to Maria Sophia Williams, daughter of Col. Elie Williams.

"Woodland" is said to have burned in 1844. How much of the original structure was reused in the rebuilding is not known from information available at present.

According to Washington County Land Records, the property includes parts of the land grants, "Conococheague Manor, "Number 5," which was one of the reserves for the Manor, and "Resurvey on Canal Bottom." In November, 1812, Samuel Ringgold sold 620 1/2 acres to John Buchanan for the recorded sum of \$10. (Y/440). In 1848, trustees for John Buchanan sold the property to Thomas Buchanan who in turn sold 323 1/2 acres to Frederick Dellinger in 1849. (IN4/175)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 306 acres

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
Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION
Preservation Associates

STREET & NUMBER
109 West Main Street, Box 202

CITY OR TOWN
Sharpsburg

DATE
July 1978

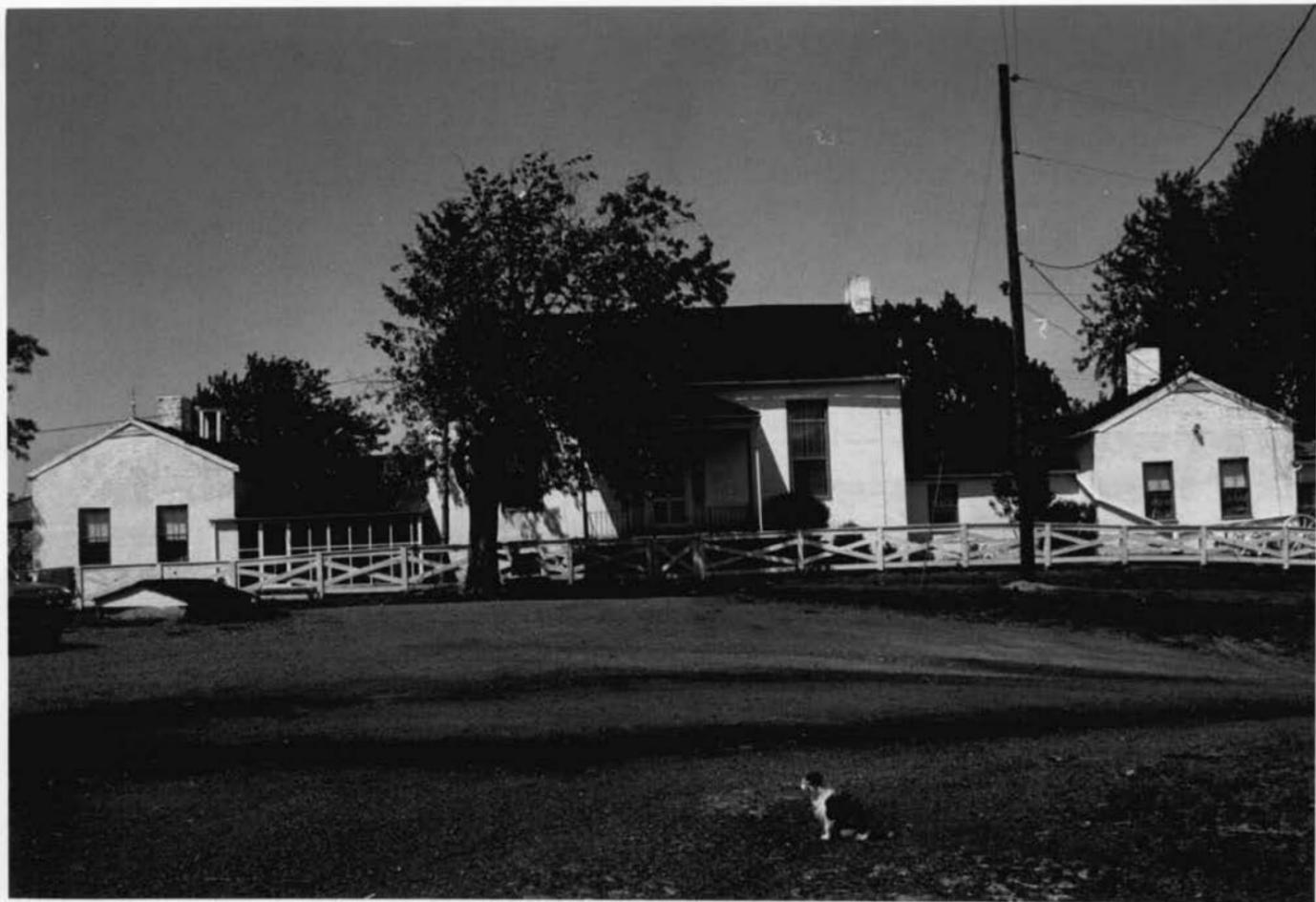
TELEPHONE
301-432-5466

STATE
Maryland 21782

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
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