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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY 9L-42

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Allegany
TOWN Cumberland VICINITY West-side (Thru'-way)
STREET NO. (at Avirett place)

ORIGINAL OWNER David Lynn
ORIGINAL USE Home
PRESENT OWNER None
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

2. NAME ROSE HILL

DATE OR PERIOD 1801
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

OLDEST BRICK HOUSE IN CUMBERLAND, MD. was in excellent condition when purchased by State Roads and torn down because Interstate Highway was going through the land. Assessed at $15,000. Owner paid $115,000.

Only two major structural changes made in 154 years.

John W. Avirett added front porch, etc.

James Alfred Avirett added new dining wing.

Rose Hill was the scene of the reception given in honor of General John J. Pershing at the time the George Washington Cabin (Headquarters) were presented to the City of Cumberland by the historian, James Walter Thomas in 1921. (Mr. Thomas was step-father to James Alfred Avirett, who sold the property to State Roads). The aide-de-camp with Gen. Pershing was Major George Catlett Marshall.

Note: The Avirett's and Thomas families were not related to David Lynn.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent

X-Rose Hill (Avirett Place)
" GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN"

S. Allegany Street

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Historical Society data (Property File)

Allegany County History--Thomas.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Hazel Groves Hansrote(Mrs. Chas.J.Sr.)
519 Hill Top Drive,Cumberland, Md.
5 yr. Trustee--History House
Mem. Md. Hist. Trust
DATE OF RECORD Oct.16,1969

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(14B.) "Rose Hill"

Built in 1801 by Captain David Lynn of Revolutionary War fame, this gracious colonial home overlooks the City of Cumberland and the Potomac River. This, the oldest brick home in Cumberland, is noteworthy because of the graceful simplicity of its colonial architecture. Throughout 164 years of use there have been only two minor structural changes and the house has been beautifully restored in its unique aspects by its present owners, Mr. & Mrs. James Alfred Avirett. The walls of the house are hung with many interesting letters and documents that tell of the early life in Cumberland and of Rose Hill's part in that life. In the house is a wrought iron chest that belonged to Lord Fairfax and was used by Fairfax and Washington to keep their papers and money in when they were surveying the Northern Neck of Virginia.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965

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