

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Trusty Friend Inventory Number: AA-123
 Address: 2839 Jessup Road (175) Historic district: yes no
 City: Jessup Zip Code: 20794 County: Anne Arundel
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Savage
 Property Owner: Shannon, Sarah B. and Brown, Elizabeth W. Tax Account ID Number: 05286600
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 133 Tax Map Number: 13-11
 Project: MD 175: MD 295 to MD 170 Agency: SHA
 Agency Prepared By: EHT Traceries
 Preparer's Name: Elizabeth Breiseth Date Prepared: 2/26/2007
 Documentation is presented in: MIHP form AA-123
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The single dwelling at 2839 Jessup Road, constructed circa 1870, is one of three wood-frame houses designed in the Italianate style in Jessup. The house is known as Trusty Friend, and it is the only house constructed in the Italianate style in Jessup to retain its cupola.

Constructed circa 1870, this two-and-a-half-story Italianate-style house is five bays in width. The house faces north toward Jessup Road and is set far back from the road. The dwelling is accessed by a gravel driveway that forms a horseshoe as it approaches the house. The lot has many mature trees and shrubs. The wood-frame structure is set on a concrete-block foundation. Originally clad in weatherboard siding, the structure has been covered in asbestos shingles. The house is covered by a side gable roof with a central front-gabled bay. The central bay has a raked cornice and a scrolled bargeboard with a pendill. The roof, which is clad with asphalt shingles, has overhanging eaves, a plain frieze board, and returns. Two interior brick chimneys with arched hoods flank the central front-gabled bay. A cupola is located behind the central front-gabled bay and has a pyramidal roof. The roof has overhanging eaves with scrolled brackets and is topped by a finial. Fenestration on the cupola consists of triple 4-light windows on each elevation. Fenestration on the main block is comprised of 6/6 windows with square-edged lintels and sills, 4-light round windows in the gable ends, and a double-leaf paneled wood door with lights. The door has a 4-light transom and 4-light sidelights.

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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
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MHT Comments:

Jim Tarlow 6/6/07
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
[Signature] 6/18/07
 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

The central bay of the second story features paired arched multi-light windows fronted by a square balustrade. A one-story, five-bay porch with a half-hipped roof and Tuscan columns fronts the dwelling. A two-and-a-half-story ell is located on the rear elevation of the house. The ell is covered by a front gable roof that is clad in asphalt shingles. The ell is wood-frame construction clad in asbestos shingles and has an interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap. Fenestration on the first and second stories is consistent with the main block. The upper-half story has 3/3 windows. A one-and-a-half-story addition is located on the rear elevation of the ell. The addition, constructed circa 1940, is clad in asbestos shingles and covered by a front gable roof.

A one-story, four-bay carport, constructed circa 1950, is located southwest of the house. The carport is wood-frame construction set on a concrete pad. The structure is clad in vertical-board siding and covered by a shed roof. The roof has overhanging eaves and is covered in asphalt shingles. The carport has three canted opening and one opening with double-leaf hinged wood doors.

A tennis court is located northeast of the single dwelling.

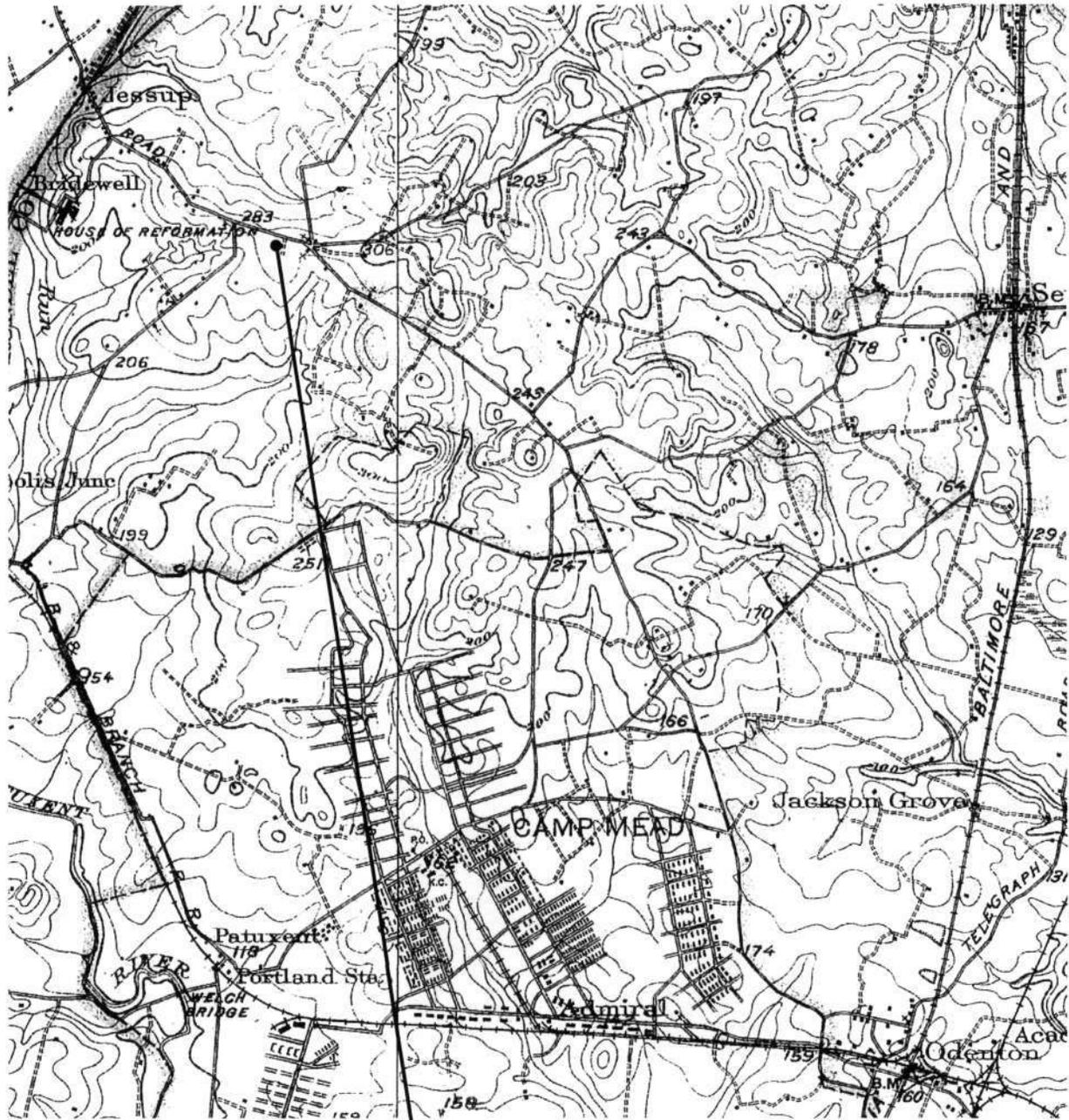
Historic Context:

In 1834, Jonathan Jessup was hired as an engineer for the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad; Jessup was in charge of laying a 2-mile section of track through Merrill's Ridge in Anne Arundel County for construction of the B&O's Washington Branch. The excavation of the fifty foot wide ridge was referred to as Jessup's Cut. Subsequently, the name Jessup was associated with the town that grew in the vicinity of the railroad line. The town of Jessup had its own stop on the railroad and, along with Relay and Laurel, was one of three main stations on the B&O's Washington Branch. The town has been known by several names since its formation - Pierceland, Hooversville, Andersonville, Jessop's and Jessup's Cut - often changing with the installation of a new train station operator or postmaster. The railroad was a major force in the transformation of Jessup from a farming community to a town center. Prior to the establishment of the Washington Branch, present-day Jessup was an agricultural community with a strong timber industry. The railroad provided Jessup with a transportation network that allowed the town to move into the mining industry in the late nineteenth century. Jessup prospered at the end of the Civil War due to its farming, canneries, and the local iron ore mines. Furthermore, wealthy residents of Baltimore favored Jessup as a convenient summer resort. Jessup's "pleasant and malaria-free climate" drew many seasonal residents. During the late nineteenth century, several of the finest examples of Victorian-era architecture in Anne Arundel County were built in Jessup by Baltimore residents. Trusty Friend, constructed circa 1870, is an excellent example of the high-style dwellings constructed by summer residents in Jessup. Moreover, it is an excellent intact example of Italianate architecture. Trusty Friend is located on a tract of land that was patented in 1853 to William Worthington and known then as Trusty Friend. The original tract contained 3,050 acres located on the southwest side of present-day MD 175. The house remains in good condition and sits on a 3.6 acre lot.

Justification:

This property is not associated with the events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the single dwelling at 2839 Jessup Road is not eligible under Criterion B. The house is an excellent example of the Italianate style, which was popular in Jessup during the mid- to late-nineteenth century. Trusty Friend remains remarkably intact with no major additions or alterations and continues to embody distinctive characteristics of the Italianate style, such as its cupola, the second-story balustraded balcony, and porch with Tuscan columns. The single dwelling at 2839 Jessup Road is qualified for eligibility under Criterion C. The building at 2839 Jessup Road was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the single dwelling at 2839 Jessup Road is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

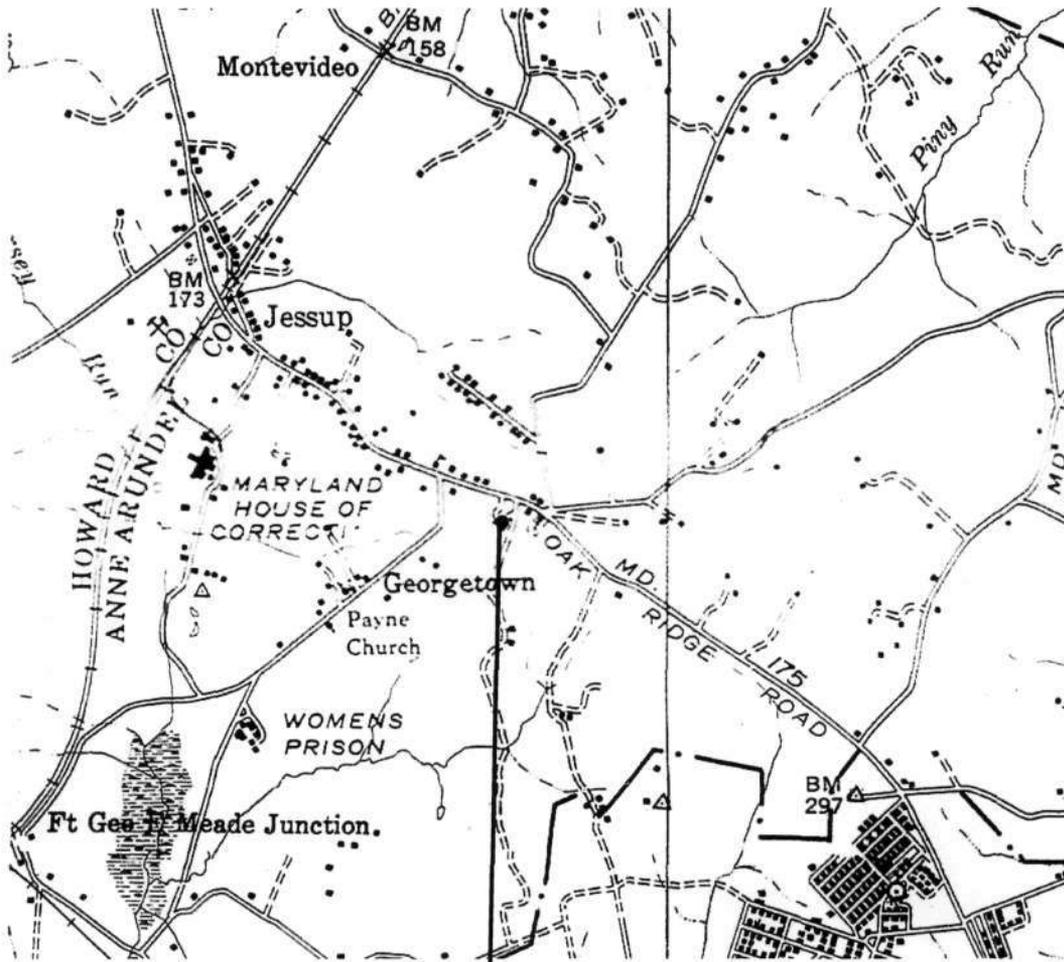
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| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | Date |
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Trusty Friend (AA-123)
2839 Jessup Road
Jessup, Anne Arundel County, MD

1924 *Topographic Map of Anne Arundel County*

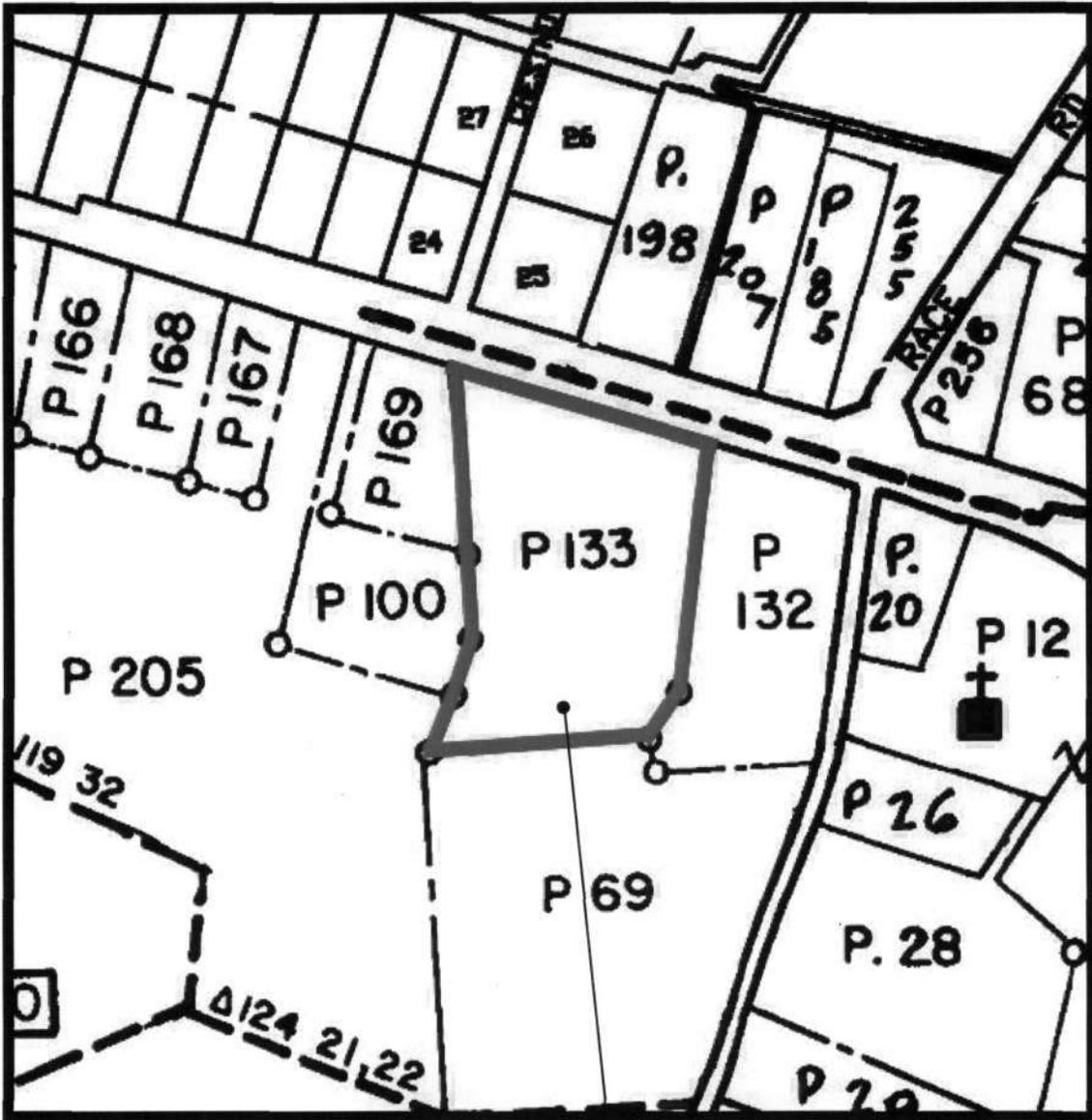
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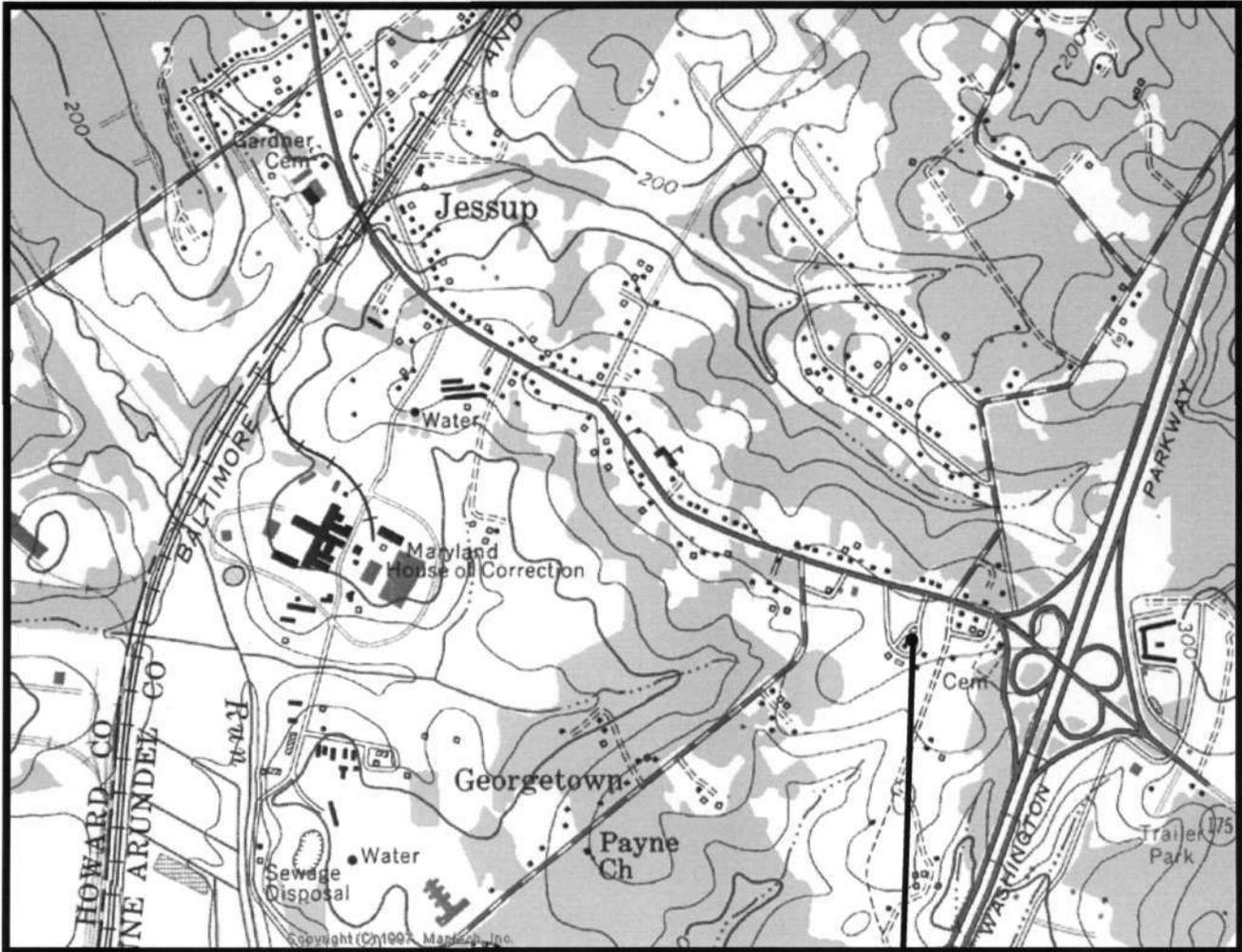
1949 *Topographic Map of Anne Arundel County*





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2839 Jessup Road
Anne Arundel County
Jessup, MD
Tax Parcel Map (13-11, 133)
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Trusty Friend (AA-123)
2839 Jessup Road
Jessup, Anne Arundel County, MD
Savage USGS Map
EHT Tracerics, Inc., 2007

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2839 Jessup Road

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Northeast corner, facade

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Northeast corner, facade

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East elevation

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Carport, north elevation

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North elevation, facade

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North elevation, facade

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Trusty Friend
Jessup

c. 1870's
private

Trusty Friend is the only one of the six or more dwellings built in Jessup in the Italian Villa style to be standing with its cupola intact. The structure is rectangular, two-story, five -bay by two-bay frame dwelling with a two-story wing on the rear. The balcony on the front of the house has double round-arched windows behind it.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC "Trusty Friend"
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER south side Jessup Rd. (Rt. 175) between Sellner and Brock Bridge Rd.
 CITY, TOWN Jessup CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
 STATE MD. VICINITY OF COUNTY Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Elizabeth Brown Telephone #: 799-3465
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN Jessup STATE, zip code Md. 20794
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel County Courthouse Liber #: 208 Folio #: 118
 STREET & NUMBER South St.
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

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

Trusty Friend is located on the south side of Jessup Rd. (Rt. 175) between Sellner and Brock Bridge Rd., facing north. Built c. 1860-1870 in the Italian Villa style, the house retains its original cupola with a finial on the top.

The structure is a rectangular, two story, five bay by two bay, frame dwelling with a two story wing on the rear, giving it an L shape. It is covered with light grey asbestos shingles and the foundation is local Raritan sandstone. A one story kitchen was added at the rear of the wing in the 1920's.

Windows are spaced evenly on the front elevation. Taller on the first than on the second story, they 6/6 light sash. The double round arched windows in the center of the second story have curved muntins at the top of the upper sashes. In the gable ends of the attic are circular windows. The wing has a row of small attic windows above the second story.

The main entrance is in the center bay, front elevation. The double doors are grained and have deeply molded rectangular panels with curvilinear ends; a brass plaque on the east door gives the names of the last three owners. The doors are surrounded by a four-light transom and sidelights; French doors are in front of them.

A five bay porch with a low hipped roof supported by columns extends across the front elevation. Large cast iron urns are on either side of the porch steps. A small balcony on top of the porch is centered under two, tall, round arched windows.

The front of the house has a gable roof with a center gable, and the wing has a lower gable roof. Covered with asbestos shingles, both have wide fascia boards and wide eaves. The center gable, front elevation, is decorated with a delicate verge board. The rectangular cupola crowning the roof has triple round arched windows in each side and its low pyramidal roof is supported by corner brackets and topped by a finial. The main block has one corbelled chimney on the south east slope of the roof. An identical chimney- serving the parlor and the dining room- is on the north west slope of the wing's roof, another smaller chimney is on the rear of the wing.

Interior: The front of the house has a center hall plan with a parlor and a sitting room (now a bedroom) on either side. The stairs on the east wall of the hall which ascend to the third floor are open strin with decorated step ends; they have a turned newel post and a curved handrail. Fireplaces with marble finish mantels are on the south walls of the front rooms. Doors and windows

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | | |
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| <input 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 C. 1860-1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A vernacular version of an Italian villa, Trusty Friend is a frame, two story, five bay by two bay dwelling standing in a park like setting, surrounded by tall trees. Clearly visible from Rt. 175, the house was built C.1860-1870. It takes its name from the tract of land on which it is located which was part of a 3,050 acre patent to Charles Carroll in 1753.

The house has several notable features typical of the Italian Villa style: it is crowned with a tall rectangular cupola having triple round arched windows on all sides and a bracketed pyramidal roof; the double round arched windows in the center bay, second story, have a balustraded balcony in front of them, and there is a veranda across the front. The existence of the cupola is the most significant feature of the house for in many cases cupolas were removed for safety or because they were no longer in style.

Trusty Friend is one of three frame dwelling in Jessup today which were built in the Italian Villa style. Other examples are the Asa Linthicum House (AA-91) and the Ringgold House (AA-92); the Rappaport House (AA-82) is a site. At one time the town contained six or more dwellings of similar design with either cupolas or towers. Some of these are pictured in The Story of Jessup by Marie G. Biggs. A photograph of the Rappaport House taken in 1975 shows that with the exception of a few small details it was identical to Trusty Friend. Both houses were probably built by or for members of the Clark family, possibly Amos Clark. The name B.J. Clark appears at this location on the 1860 Martinet Map, whereas E. Clark appears at the same location in 1878 in the Hopkin Atlas of Anne Arundel County.

The Italianate style of Trusty Friend and the other Jessup houses reflect the wide influence and popularity of designs by John Notman-the first American architect to build in this style-and Alexander Jackson Davis whose picturesque drawings were published in Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of Country Houses (1850) by Andrew Jackson Downing. It appears that the style never really caught on in the rest of the county, making a house such as Trusty Friend all the more unusual and valuable.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Biggs, G. Marie, The Story of Jessup, Jessup, Md. By the author, 1977
Martenet, 1860 Map of Anne Arundel County
Hopkins, G.M., Atlas of Anne Arundel County, 1878

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 127.78

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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| STATE | COUNTY |
| STATE | COUNTY |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Marion Morton Carroll-Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Anne Arundel County Dept. of Planning and Zoning DATE June, 1978

STREET & NUMBER Arundel Center TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis STATE MD.

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

7 Description cont.

have architrave framing. The upstairs chambers, opening off a wide hall with access to a balcony, have simple wood mantels. The ell is entered from the east elevation or from the hall, it consists of two rooms separated by a hall with enclosed stairs. The walls of the south room (the old kitchen) are covered with tongue and groove boards. A large fireplace with a segmental arched opening and a plain pine (?) mantel shelf are on the south wall; next to it is a paneled cupboard. The doors and windows have slightly pedimented enframements. The north room, used as a dining room, has the same trim, and the closed fireplace on the north wall has a plain wood mantel. The second floor of the wing is considerably lower than the second floor of the front of the house. This ^{feature} fact together with the large cooking fireplace in the south room and the basement which underlies the wing displaying a combination of hand hewn and mill work lumber makes it appear the wing might have evolved from an earlier structure.

A Partial Chain of Title

208 118 Sept 9th, 1939
Grantor: Sarah Francis Clark and Plummer A. Clark, her husband
Grantee: Elizabeth White Brown

WNW 197 Oct. 22, 1919
Grantor: Charles G. Sommers, Jr.
Grantee: S. Francis Clark

GW2 205 May 11, 1896
Grantor: Thomas L. Clark
Grantee: Charles G. Summers

SH 45 284 December 28, 1893
Grantor: Amos Clark and William
Grantee: Thomas Clark
137 acres, part of a tract of land called Trusty Friend which
was conveyed by Amos Clark and wife in trust to Joseph Clark.
Plat recorded with this deed.

NH67 453 November 4, 1858
Grantors: Amos and Eliza Clark
Grantee: Joseph Clark

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| 1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER Warren Banford PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____ | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AA-VII-123 |
| | 2. NAME Linden Grove or Friend's Choice or White Chimneys DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER Trusty Friend |
| 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____ | |

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

tiny window in loft, 2 chimneys and pent 3 bays shed dormer

 white gambrel roof white frame

 shack behind is abandoned

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH NO

 7.5 map O.K. field

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Orlando Ridout IV

DATE OF RECORD 1/14/70

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



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Trusty Friend
Jessup
north front
Marion Carroll
July, 1978



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Trusty Friend
Jessup
s.e. elev.
Marion Carroll
Sept. 1978



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Trusty Friend
Jessup

S. west elev.

Marion Carroll

Sept. 1978