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BALTIMORE COUNTY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA-41

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME

> HISTORIC Trentham (main house and immediate cluster of outbuildings)

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Cardock Lane, south of Green Spring Valley Road

QUADRANGLE — COCKEYSVILLE
LLECRIN DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Congressional / 2nd Councilmanic Dis

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

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"/> EOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Queen Anne Village/
Ralph B. DeChiaro Enterprises, Inc.

Telephone #:

Towson office:
823-0637

STREET & NUMBER

700 Fairmount Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21284

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #:

EHK JR. 5571

Folio #:

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STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

MD. 21284

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

DATE

(10 years since 1964)
entered 7/29/65 as BA-41

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD. 21401

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 Trentham cluster contains a mansion and six outbuildings, now enclosed by the various units of Queen Anne Apartments. Beyond the cluster are a number of barns, stone tenant houses, and a blacksmith shop, formerly part of the Cradock estate but beyond the scope of this report.

1. Trentham Mansion. This is a large Italianate Federal house built in 1861. The main block is three stories high, five bays wide, built of stone covered with yellow stucco. A porch runs the full width of the house, and its square posts are decorated with scrolls. The center door is a solid, double type, flanked with sidelights and topped with transoms. The main block is two bays deep, and the western bay is composed of stair-landing windows set between stories. The attic windows are small and rectangular, set in plain frames. Two inside chimneys rise through the hip roof. A plain but heavy cornice surrounds the main block.

The rear wing forms an L, and on the north is four bays deep, a continuation of the north wall of the main block; this rear extension is two stories high.

A two-story gallery runs along the rear wall of the main block, and the south wall of the "L." It is supported by square posts with square capitals on the outside and by pilasters along the house walls. The second story deck is built at two levels and is enclosed by a patterned wooden railing.

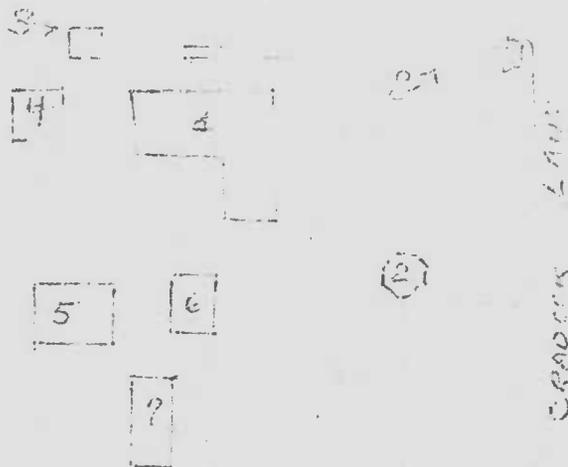
The full-sized windows of first and second stories are supplied with blinds (or shutters). Windows are mostly double-hung sash types with 6-or-8 lights. The small rectangular attic windows contain single lights. The house was measured at 26 by 52 in the 1918 tax ledger (f. 233).

2. Bath House. Trentham's octagonal bath house is the same as it was in the 1881 drawing in Scharf's History of Baltimore City and County (opposite p. 841) and as it was in a photo published in Architectural Review, January 1909 (16:1). Miss Catherine Cradock in a 1949 interview claimed a construction date of 1750, but the 1964 Garden Tour Book (p. 14) placed construction at 1810-19. The structure is not found on the 1798 tax list. The lower story is stone, and a fanciful shingled roof and cupola is set upon it. The interior framing is an elaborate construction of timbers pinned together. The two mahogany tubs are 7 feet long, 3 feet wide, and 2 feet deep, made of Nicaraguan mahogany. Water had to be carried to the tubs from the spring house. Miss Catherine Cradock stated in 1949 that the pavilion had not been used since the new house was built in 1861. The tubs had once been moved into the main house but there was difficulty with the plumbing.

3. Milk House or Dairy. The low spring house set in the ground northwest of the mansion is apparently the stone milk house, 12 by 12 feet, found on the 1798 tax list.

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- 4. Frame Dwelling. A two-story tenant house built in vertical board and batten and painted a bright green stands directly behind the main house and south of the milk house. It is provided with windows that were not shown in the 1881 drawing in Scharf's county history.
- 5. Stone and Wood Barn. This outbuilding consists of a lower story of stone and upper story of logs.
- 6. Stone Shed. Possibly the meat house called for in 1918 tax list.
- 7. Stone Building. A long stone building with a plain gable roof stands south of the main house.
- 8. Wall. An ornamental wall with corner posts and gate posts runs along both sides of the drive into the farm cluster and forms the north border of the lawn and terraces of the mansion.



Approximation of Layout, Trentham Buildings

Robert McDowell, "Tale of Two Tubs," Sun Magazine, March 6, 1919.

Kathryn Geraghty, "Trentham: Antiquarian's Delight," Sun Magazine, March 3, 1963.

Isobel Davidson, Real Stories from Baltimore County History (Baltimore, 1917), pp. 76, 77, 78.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Mansion: 1861 BUILDER/ARCHITECT of known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The outbuildings at Trentham are older than the mansion and much history is associated with the site, although the physical remains may in most cases seem to have been put up since the gathering of the 1798 tax list. The Trentham farm belonged to Captain John Risteau, High Sheriff of Baltimore County, and in 1746, Risteau made a present of the 170-acre estate to his daughter Catherine/ Katherine upon her marriage to the Rev. Thomas Cradock, first rector of St. Thomas Church in Garrison Forest (Deed of Gift, TB No. B, f. 270). The tract name of the land was George's Beginning, originally surveyed for George Ogg in 1717.

Mr. Cradock was a graduate of Eton and of Cambridge, the brother of the Archbishop of Dublin, and his education had been paid for by the Duke of Bedford. A number of romantic stories have been printed about the rector's flight from England to because he had fallen in love with the Duke's daughter, or the Duke's sister--neither of whom would have been suitable for a poor parson.

The new rector presented his credentials to the St. Thomas vestry on the very day that it was organized in 1745, and served 25 years in that post. He kept a private school at his home, teaching German and Latin, and in 1754 his translation of the Psalms, made from the Hebrew, was published. The future Colonel Cresap is reputed to have been a pupil at the school.

All the inter-colonial trade from Baltimore town to Hanover, Pennsylvania, passed up Cradock's Lane, and travelers and wagon men stopped for water at "The Parson's Spring." For the first five years the family lived in a one-room house, and in 1750 built a new dwelling.

When he became paralyzed at an early age, Mr. Cradock was carried to church, where he was still able to preach. The Cradocks had a daughter and three sons; the eldest, Arthur, died early. Thomas Cradock had been intended for the ministry, but went into medicine, as did his brother John. Both sons served in the Revolutionary army. The Rev. Mr. Cradock died at age 52 in 1770 and did not live to see the break-up of the Empire when so many English-born and English-educated clergymen had to face the cruel choice between two countries. The Cradock family was thoroughly rooted in Maryland.

The bulk of the property devolved on Dr. Thomas Cradock, and the 1798 tax list of Soldiers Delight Hundred showed him with more than 170 acres, and numerous outbuildings and rented properties. The main house was a one-story dwelling, 30 by 50 feet in stone, with a stone extension, 20 by 30. An unusual feature

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was "one Stone Doct^r Shop, one Story 20 by 20." The only structure that seems to match up with dimensions taken in the 1918 tax ledger was a stone milk house, one story 12 by 12 feet, listed as a "stone dairy" in 1918--and still there.

Dr. Thomas Cradock left the property to his nephew, Dr. Thomas Cradock Walker, who in 1825 had his last name changed to Cradock by act of the General Assembly. The second Dr. Cradock had been born on the estate and married his cousin Katherine Cradock.

They were born in the same room, married in the same house, and died in the room in which they were born. 1

The second Dr. Cradock built some investment properties, one the Ten Mile House, which was located on the Reisterstown Turnpike, which after 1787 took the heavy traffic off Cradock's Lane, and secondly, a stone blacksmith shop across from the hotel, which still stood in early 1977 in ruinous condition opposite the small stores that in 1967 replaced the highway hostelry.

Trentham's famous octagonal bath house is strangely missing from the 1798 tax list. The old house burned in 1858, and a large new Trentham was put up in 1861. The woodcut used in Scharf's 1881 county history (opposite p. 841) shows Trentham and its nearby buildings almost as they were until the late 1960's.

The fourth Thomas Cradock (b. 1819) was renamed by his father at age 6 after starting life as Thomas Walker. He married Sallie Carroll, daughter of Governor Thomas King Carroll; their daughter, Katherine Cradock reached age 83, and in January of 1953 was attacked by an axe-wielding vagrant who had camped in the Trentham barn. Miss Cradock died shortly thereafter, and her brother Arthur held the property until his death in 1960.

The next heir was an Episcopal minister, the Rev. Thomas Cradock Jensen. When interviewed in 1963 by the Sunday Sun's old-house specialist, Kathryn Geraghty, the Rev. and Mrs. Cradock had original 18th Century furniture, some of the first rector's books, and the papers of kinswoman, Anna Ella Carroll, "the secret member of Lincoln's cabinet." They also had an enormous wooden cider press in the yard.

The Trentham land was acquired in 1962 by a number of partners interested in development. Harry Waller became sole owner in 1967 and he constructed the Queen Anne Apartments complex around the mansion and its immediate outbuildings. In October, 1975, the entire project was acquired by Ralph DeChiaro Enterprises, Inc. of Towson. An historical highway marker with a parking strip was set up at Trentham south of the mansion entrance in 1976.

Note

1. Davidson, Real Stories, p. 784

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

T.J. Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County (Philadelphia, 1881), pp. 841, 842, 857, 861.

"Cradocks Lane," Sun Magazine, August 11, 1951.

(See Continuation Sheet, Item 9)

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22.38 total (but approximately 2 acres nominated)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

North boundary: Village Queen Drive; east boundary, Cradocks Lane; south boundary, the northern line of the open space parcel; west boundary, the westernmost line of open-space parcel, if extended, to Village Queen Drive. (See Revised Plat, Baltimore County Plat Books, EMK JR. 39, f. 21.)

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

STATE none COUNTY none

STATE COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John W. McGrain

ORGANIZATION Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning DATE June 30 1977

STREET & NUMBER 101 Rosley Avenue TELEPHONE 491-3495

CITY OR TOWN Towson STATE Md. 21204

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

NOTES on Unidentified House, SW corner of Craddock Land and Green Spring Valley Road. Assigned MHT Inventory Number BA 687 by Mrs. Martin some years ago.

Stone house, noted as vacant in August, 1977, at SW corner of Green Spring Valley Road and Craddock Lane. Shown in plat of 1889 as part of the Green Spring estate on the north side of the road. (Plats JWS 1:51--in Towson).

However, Mrs. K.M. Washburn did not think that the house went with her ancestral estate---she referred to it as the "Gailey House" for some people who were tenants there, who lived without water supply or electric power.

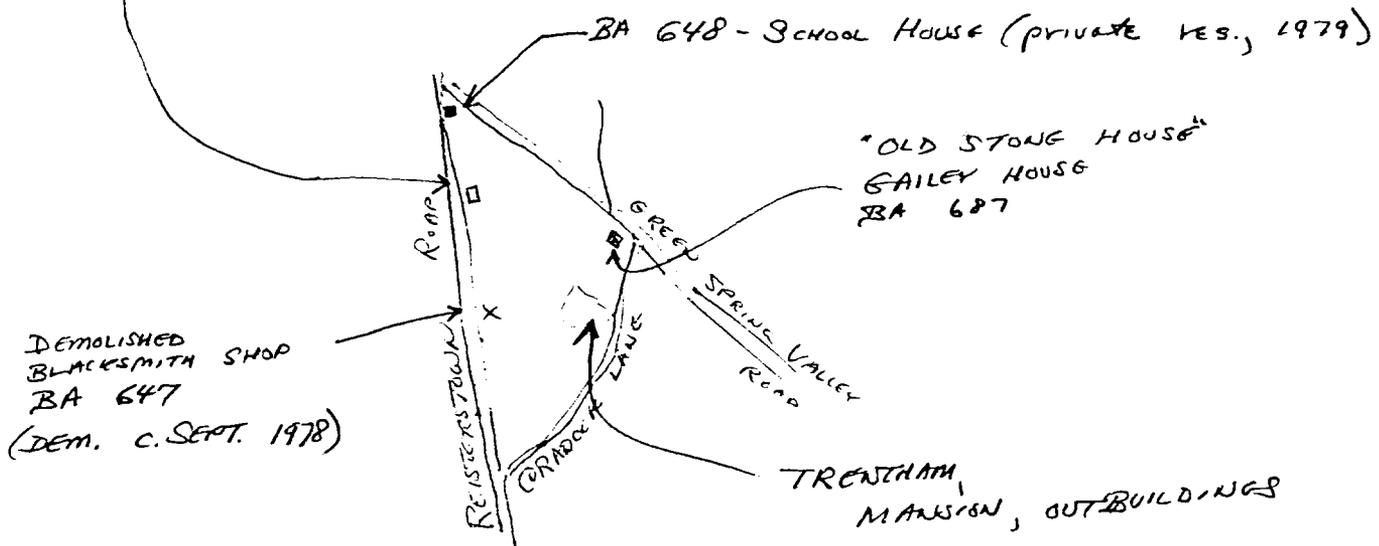
In 1979, the house is part of the property held by Queen Anne Village--the Ralph DiChiaro interests.

House appears in 1877 atlas of District 3 --- G.M. Hopkins' Atlas.

House cannot be identified on 1850 map by J.C. Sidney.

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Stone House, Craddock property, close to Reisterstown Road (east side), 0.2 mile south of Green Spring Valley Road. Small, two-storey stone tenant house of the Craddock estate, Trentham; long unoccupied. Windows and doors closed off with concrete block. Brick jack-arches. This was a small square on the 1850 map of Baltimore County by J.C. Sidney. Also a small square on 1877 atlas plate. Not found in 1798 tax list. Close to Reisterstown Road and parallel to it, suggesting that it does not pre-date the 1787 turnpike survey.



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