

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Maryland</b>
COUNTY: <b>Baltimore</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Stone Hall**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Nicholson's Manor**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Cuba Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Cockeysville**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Second**

STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24** COUNTY: **Baltimore** CODE: **005**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Salina C. Hulings**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Stone Hall, Cuba Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Cockeysville**

STATE:  
**Maryland**

CODE:  
**24**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Baltimore County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Towson**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Towson**

STATE:  
**Maryland**

CODE:  
**24**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Maryland Historical Trust**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Annapolis**

STATE:  
**Maryland**

CODE:  
**24**

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COUNTY: Baltimore  
ENTRY NUMBER:  
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<b>7. DESCRIPTION</b>	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
<small>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</small>	
<p>Stone Hall, a 248 acre estate, was originally part of a 4200 acre tract called Nicholson's Manor. Stone Hall is located on Cuba Road, one-half mile north of Shawan Road in Baltimore County.</p> <p>The house was built in four sections; the initial stage consisted of a one and one-half story, one bay wide fieldstone structure built before 1783. In a 1783 tax assessment a thirty pound improvement was mentioned, which is believed to have been this portion.</p> <p>The exterior walls of the one and one-half story section clearly indicated that the north and south wings were later additions. Construction of this first house probably occurred sometime between 1783 and 1798, when the property value increased by approximately three hundred pounds. Clearly, it was built before 1807, when Thomas Gist, the owner, left his wife land called Nicholson's Manor including the "dwelling plantation" (Gist Family Manuscripts).</p> <p>The main block at the north end is a two and one-half story A-roofed fieldstone structure. It is four bays wide and one room deep. The windows are of 9/9 sash and have wood lintels. The third bay from the north end is the main entrance, covered by a classically-inspired portico. The second story bay above which lights the flanking stairway landing is positioned slightly lower than the other three windows and there are three irregularly spaced and foliated windows. There is a single chimney enclosed within each end wall. The east facade of the building is the same as the western elevation, except for the entrance door which is headed by an elliptical fan-light. It is believed that this was the original entrance because of its design and because the interior staircase faces it. A modillioned cornice continues around the four sides.</p> <p>The centrally positioned portico with its closed denticulated pediment over the main entrance of the west principle facade is supported by four square wooden columns with two matching pilasters framing the stucco area, framing the door.</p> <p>A one and one-half story fieldstone addition at the south end was initially used as the kitchen. It now serves as a hyphen connecting the main block.</p> <p>In the 1930 addition, the roof ridge runs opposite that of the main block. An enclosed chimney is at the east end.</p> <p>Three domestic dependencies stand in close proximity to the main house. Included in this voucher is a barn, carriage house and blacksmith shop.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                      |  |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>locally historic</u>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                      |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The local historical importance can be seen through its owners. The initial tract was patented by William Nicholson of Kent County, Maryland, in 1719. In 1754, the land was sold at public auction in equal 1050 acre plots to Roger Boyce, Corbin Lee, Brian Philpot, and Thinsey Johns. (Provincial Court Records Book EI Number 9). The Philpots sold a 360 acre parcel of land (1775) "with the privledges and appurtenances" to Thomas Gist, Jr. (Baltimore County Land Records d. anno. N.F. 418) on which the present Stone Hall is located. Gist was a colonel in the Baltimore Militia during the Revolutionary War. His brother, Mordecai, one of the organizers of the Baltimore Independent Cadets, (Fifth, Maryland), was an aide to George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

In the later part of the nineteenth century, the land was bought by William C. Gent. The land passed through several owners until Garnet and Salina Hulings bought the property in 1930.

Stone Hall is an example of the Federal style. It is one of the few remaining manor houses of its type in the Worthington Valley of Maryland.

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Stone Hall

#7. DESCRIPTION continued

The one and one-half story original section is a single room with a carved fireplace and built-in cabinets. A narrow, winding staircase connects the upper room to this room.

The main portion of the house is divided by a central hallway. A curved staircase leads to the second floor. The present drawing room is to the north of the hall. It has a decorative carved cornice and carved, wooden fireplace. The dining room also has a carved fireplace mantel.

The original kitchen is now a study. The floors were stone until the 1930 improvements, when a wooden floor was put in the room. A large stone fireplace with a wood mantel was originally used for cooking. The upper story is believed to have been used as servants quarters.

#9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Maryland:  
Baltimore County Land Records  
Baltimore County Tax Assessment Map

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary Sources:

Hall of Records; Annapolis, Maryland:  
 Baltimore County Land Records  
 Baltimore County Mortgage Records  
 Baltimore County Patent Records  
 Baltimore County Wills  
 Federal Tax assessment of 1783 and 1798  
 Gist Family paper G 130, G 180

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39° 30' 41"	76° 42' 12"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	39° 30' 45"	76° 41' 47"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	39° 30' 28"	76° 41' 44"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	39° 30' 24"	76° 42' 07"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 82 acres

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

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Ruth Friedman**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **January 24, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
 Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date February 13, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**  
*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

1. NAME		
COMMON	AND/OR HISTORIC	NUMERIC CODE <i>(Assigned by NPS)</i>
Stone Hall	Nicholson's Manor	
2. LOCATION		
STATE	COUNTY	TOWN
Maryland	Baltimore	Cockeysville
STREET AND NUMBER		
Cuba Road		
3. MAP REFERENCE		
SOURCE	DATE	SCALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map Hereford Quadrangle	1958	1:24,000

REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW

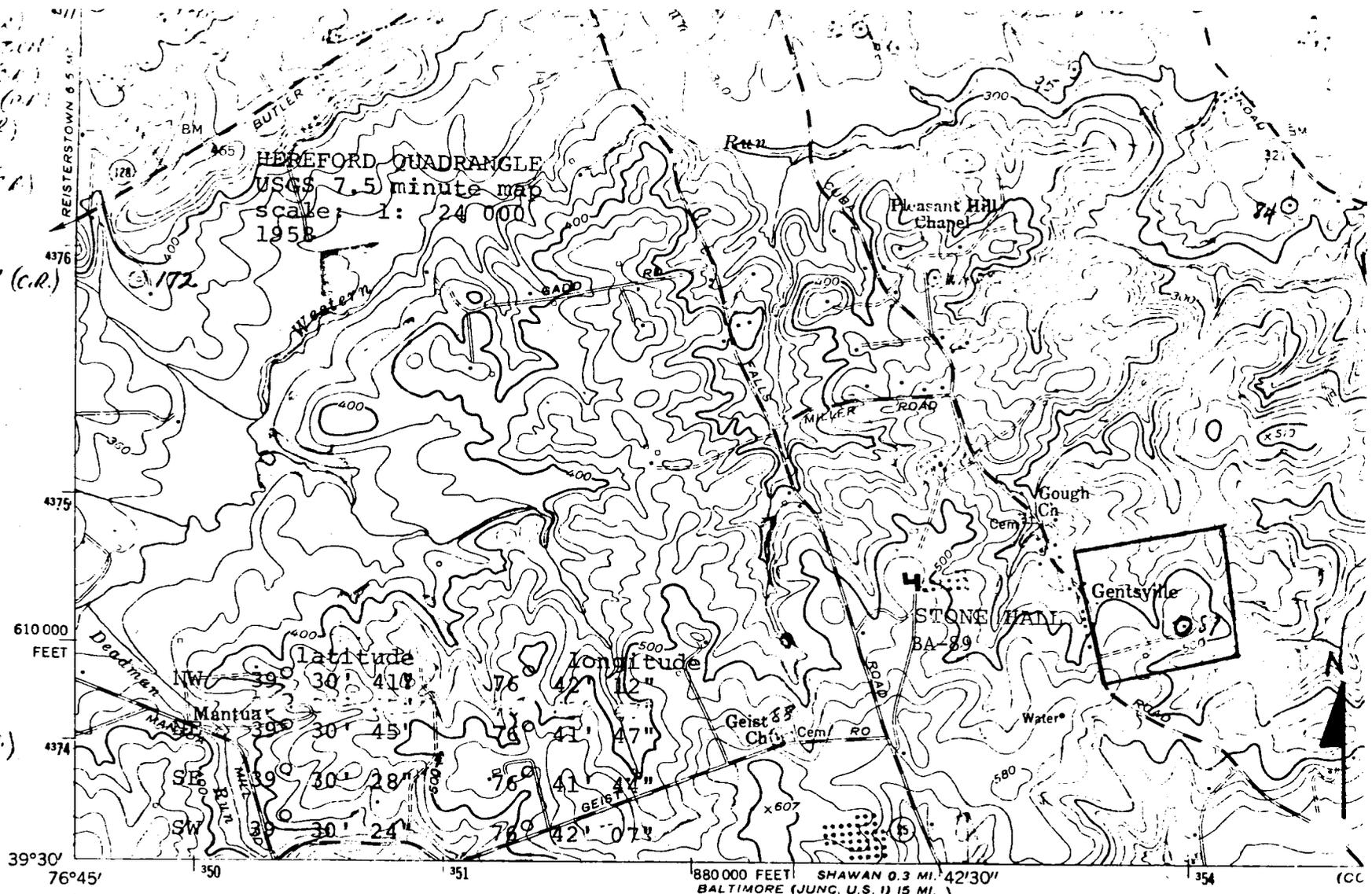
14: MEADOW STAIRS (C.R.)  
 15: STONE HALL (C.R.)  
 16: WESTERN HOUSE (C.R.)  
 17: "SHILOH" (C.R.)  
 18: "REGULATION" (C.R.)  
 19: "CONFESSION FARM" (C.R.)  
 20: "BELHAVEN" (C.R.)

172: MEADOW RUN BARN (C.R.)

89: STONE HALL (C.R.)

88: GEIST MENNONITE MEETING HOUSE (C.R.)

(REISTERSTOWN)  
 5662 IV NE



Mapped by the Army Map Service  
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and U. S. Soil Conservation Service  
 Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods 1944. Aerial photographs taken 1943  
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1958  
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue  
 Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)*

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<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
<b>STATE</b> Maryland	<b>COUNTY</b> Baltimore	<b>TOWN</b> Cockeysville
<b>STREET AND NUMBER</b> Cuba Road		
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
<b>PHOTO CREDIT</b> Nancy Miller	<b>DATE</b> December 1972	<b>NEGATIVE FILED AT</b> Maryland Historical Trust 2525 Riva Rd., Annapolis, Md
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>		
<b>DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.</b>		

West elevation



BA-89

Maryland  
Baltimore County  
District VIII  
Cuba Road near Marble Hill

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Stone Hall

030089.1204

early 1700's

Built on land grant received by Richard Geist in 1684;  
birthplace of his son Mordecai Geist, who became a  
Brigadier General in the Revolutionary War.

Portico and cornice indicate Greek influence in Colonial  
architecture.

color slides

(First HABS Report)  
E. Frances Offutt  
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE  
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965



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