

Within My Lady's Manor NR Historic District

CBT 3175304

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Melbourne Farm BCBS #397 & The Purdus-Moore Barn

AND/OR HISTORIC: Purdue-Klein House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North side of J.M. Pearce Rd., 1/4 mile southeast of intersection with

CITY OR TOWN: Sheppard Rd.

Monkton

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Baltimore

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <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 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: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Klein, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: J.M. Pearce Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk. 5114, p. 436

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory, Baltimore County

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Set against a hillside, facing slightly west of south, hereinafter called south, Melbourne Farm is a two storey stone house, stuccoed and scored in imitation of ashlar, four bays in length, with a two storey east wing of stone stuccoed, three bays in length. North walls of both house and wing are aligned (but not bonded, apparently, as evidenced by a crack and other irregularities in the walling) but the south wall of the wing is recessed approximately six feet, with a porch structure at both floors filling to the full depth of the principal structure; the wing's roof is symmetrical above the wing and its porches, slightly below the roof of the main house. The basement of the house and its wing is above grade on its south or principal front.

Set high in the west gable of the house, just beneath the flush stone end chimney, is a dated stone:

W E P
1808

The date is consistent with all remaining original features; it makes Melbourne important in the relative dating of other houses and details in the region.

A stone flush end chimney rises from each gable in the main house, but the east end chimney of the wing has been removed above the basement level. A modern chimney rises against the east wall of the main house. The south front cornice of the main house is similar to the cornice of nearby Verdant Valley Farm, including the unusually shaped blocks representing modillions. The north or rear cornice is conventional, with wooden bed and crown mouldings, fascia and soffit.

The two-plus-basement storey porch in front of the east wing has simple detailing, dating from the 20th century, undoubtedly a simplified ~~detailing, dating from the 20th century, undoubtedly a simplified~~ replacement of the original.

Windows of the main house are 9/6 in the first storey, 6/6 above. The principal entrance, sheltered by a two bay porch, one storey in height, is in the second bay from the west end. It gives access to the hall containing the principal stair which rises, with landings, to the third floor. The moderately-sized turned newel and round rail appear to date from the latter half of the 19th century, and the outline of a half rail may be seen on the outer walls of the stair. The plain pilastered mantel of the west room appears, likewise, to date from the late 19th century. Some original architraves, with backband, six-panel doors, paneled door and window jambs and some chair rail remain in place through the house.

Most of the wing has been refinished in the 20th century, including the attic. The door between the main house and the wing has a paneled jamb and other original trim, although the jambs appear to be in place upside down. The wing has no fourth or west wall, being built against the main house. Its general character, and typical contemporary practice, suggests that it was built as part of the same building effort, but in sequence, after the main house. The east gable of the main house had two small windows, partly beneath the wing's roof, now closed with concrete block.

North of the wing's (former) chimney, a winding stair rises from basement to the third floor. The chimney survives in the basement storey

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1808

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>Local history</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<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 house at Melbourne Farm is of significance because it is one of the early stone houses on The Manor which is accurately datable and from which relative dating of other houses can be made.

The Perdues were among the early settlers on The Manor. (-1)

In the 1782 auction, Robert Smith acquired lot 90. A patent to this lot was issued to Walter Perdue in 1802. (-2) That he was resident on this land prior to 1802 can be noted in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment. He is noted to own 508 acres on which were several houses and outbuildings. (-3) The original house is said to have burned down and was replaced by the present house in 1803 (date stone).

Walter Perdue became court clerk and certified the 1823 Baltimore County Tax Assessment, District Five. This records his ownership of lots 90, 91 and 92.

This house itself is not only of architectural significance, but the interesting swimming pool beside it, which was built in the enclosure made by the foundations of an old burned-out barn, is also of great interest as it represents an adaptive modern use of ancient structure.

Across the road stands a large imposing stone barn on the Moore property which is thought to be of the approximate vintage of the Melbourne farm house.

References:

1. Liber TB#D folio 213
2. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55-56. Return Book for Reserved Lands, pp. 19-22.
3. Item #1833

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.

ORGANIZATION: My Lady's Manor Association DATE: January 1975

STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

only, with a large cooking fireplace, with its crane in place. Chimneys of the main house have recesses at the basement level, beneath the fireboxes above.

The main house measures approximately $24\frac{1}{2}$ by 44 feet; the east wing, exclusive of the porch, which is 6 feet wide, measures approximately 18 by $21\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

Several early outbuildings remain, including:

- stone privy, with shed roof, 7 feet square
- stone meat house with pyramidal roof and external fireplace, 16 feet square
- stone walled garage
- stone spring house, two storeys, with a series of interior troughs, 14 by $20\frac{1}{2}$ feet
- stone walls of a former barn, now enclosing a modern swimming pool
- stone retaining wall, with stone steps, immediately south and west of house, extending to, and coincidental with, former barn walls

The Perdue-Moore Barn

The Perdue-Moore Barn is of stone, set into a hillside, with a low storey accessible from the downhill or south side and a high storey above, accessible from the uphill or north side. The entire south side is of framed construction, and, originally, the first storey wouth wall was recessed behind the second storey wall.

Measuring about 38 feet by 60 feet, wide double doors on the north side give access to the interior of the upper level. Two storeys of narrow ventilating slits, splayed on the interior, flank the doors; louvered windows provide additional ventilation on the west end.

The stone masonrywork is of good quality. The fields of the walls are laid in rubble fieldstone, but the corners are laid with irregular but well shaped fieldstone quoins.

Inside, most of the original, hewn timber framing survives. The original stalls and other fittings of the lower level have been replaced, however.

James T. Wollon, Jr.

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

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1957			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Property boundaries where required. North arrow. Latitude and longitude reference. 			

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

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.			
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Melbourne Farm - South (front) facade			





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MELBOURNE FARM