

BA-840A

Charles P. McCausland House
East side of Falls Road south
of Miller Road
Not accessible
1930

Constructed in 1930 as one of two gatehouses for a large estate owned by C. Wilbur Miller, this dwelling follows the style of the English Tudor period, with prominent steep roofs, brick walls and chimney, and casement windows.

Miller's mansion, Pleasant Hill, was erected in the 1920's and was the scene of much lavish entertaining for prominent guests and members of royalty. During the 1929 stock market crash, Mr. Miller, president of the Davison Chemical Company, declared bankruptcy and sold the 2000 acre estate. The mansion was never occupied again and fell into a state of ruins. The two Tudor-style gatehouses survive as private homes. The architects were the office of Joseph Evans Sperry with James R. Edmunds, Jr. as the partner in charge.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. McCausland

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Butler

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

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"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles F. McCausland

Telephone #: 666-2418

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

Butler

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5255

Folio #: 31

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

100-8407

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James R. Edmunds, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McCausland home is one of two gatehouses which are all that remains of the C. Wilber Miller mansion, Pleasant Hill, on the east side of Falls Road south of Miller Road. The Tudor-style mansion stood on property originally owned by Abraham Scott III. Erected in the 1920's by Mr. Miller who was president of the Davison Chemical Company, Pleasant Hill contained fifty rooms and twenty-two bathrooms. It was the scene of much lavish entertaining for prominent guests and members of royalty.

During the 1929 stock market crash, Mr. Miller declared bankruptcy and in 1935 abandoned his two thousand acre estate. The house was sold at auction, but, unfortunately, the purchaser never occupied it and it is now in ruins. The two Tudor-style gatehouses survive as private homes.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kimelman, Donald and Steven M. Luxenberg. "The Valley - Part III" in The Sun, Tuesday, July 22, 1975.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.8 acres ±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
For Valleys Historical District Project	September 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
1114 Bellemore Road	323-3798
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Baltimore	Maryland

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