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Greencroft
14018 Greencroft Lane
Not accessible
Circa 1910

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Greencroft

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
14018 Greencroft Lane

CITY, TOWN
Cockeysville

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
X STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Frederick F. Mueller

Telephone #: 628-2031

STREET & NUMBER
14018 Greencroft Lane

CITY, TOWN
Cockeysville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 5497
Folio #: 803

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Towson

STATE
Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Greencroft is a square two and one-half storey stone house with a pyramidal roof, appearing to date from ca. 1905-1920. Its principal (south) facade is expressed as five bays in the traditional arrangement,the principal entrance centered in the first storey. The other facades are expressed as three bays. A one storey hipped-roof porch of the Tuscan order extends across the south and east facades and a small stone pantry, one storey with a hipped roof, extends from the north facade. Windows are 1/1 and are flanked with louvred blinds. The roof extends beyond the walls in a wide overhang supported by modestly-curved horizontal brackets resembling elongated modillions. A wide gabled dormer is in each roof slope, containing two six-light sashes side-by-side. A plain brick chimney rises through the roof east and west of the peak.

Internally, a center hall extends hàlfway through the house with an open stair to the upper floors, its moulded handrail supported by a square chestnut newel, turned balusters above the closed string, paneling and dentils below, all in a colonial-revival mode. Rooms flank the hall in the traditional manner, although the easterly partition of the hall has been removed. Corner-block trim surrounds windows and doors.

A large bank barn stands some distance to the west, its south side having the taller upper or loft storey of braced-frame construction cantilevering over the stone ground storey walls sheltering doors and windows to the stalls within the ground storey. The loft storey, accessible from grade on the north, retains its original hewn timber frame, all joined with mortise and tenon. The log rafters at the ridge are mitered. Most of the straight-sawn vertical sheathing

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greencroft is unusual for its period in its rubble stone construction. It is an example of the colonial revival style which had its origins in the Centennial period of 1876 and became very typical during the early 20th century.

The house first appears on the 1911 tax assessment of John D. Starr who had purchased the property, a part of the historical Nicholson's Manor, in 1908. Before that, the tract was known as Willow Mill farm and belonged to Thomas H. Matthews who also owned the mill. The bank barn dates from the mid-19th century. It is listed on the 1896 tax assessment which also indicates that there was a "large stone mansion" with outbuildings and two tenant houses on the property as late as then. The mansion and other structures have disappeared.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1896, 1911.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5 Acres ±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN
Baltimore

STATE
Md.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description, Continued

is missing and the barn will soon disappear, if not by vandals by deliberate razing as a safety hazard. The barn probably dates from the middle of the 19th century.