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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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| 1. NAME | | | |
| COMMON: Tenant House of James McHenry's Farm | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Mantua Mill Road at Green Road | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | COUNTY: Baltimore | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) <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 | OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | | |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC 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"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | _____ |
| Comments: _____ | | | |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: James McHenry | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon | | STATE: Maryland | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Towson | | STATE: Maryland | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 1205/558 | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: None | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | STATE: | |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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

The McHENRY TENANT HOUSE is a two storey stone house, three bays in length, with a gable roof and a stone chimney flush with each end. The simple, rather wide wood cornice extends up the rakes. The approximate dimensions of this house are 20 by 30 feet, and it faces southeast, hereinafter called south. A two storey rear wing, one long bay in length, extends behind the center bay of the main house, and a one-storey shed-roof porch extends across its rear wall.

The front door is in the center bay; a 6/6 window is in flanking bays, and in each bay of the second storey. North of the chimney, through the west end, is a former doorway, now walled up in stone, and a door to the cellar, beneath sloping hatch doors, is through the east wall south of the chimney. Small windows flanking the chimney light the attic. Steel lintels support masonry above the front openings, which has been extensively re-pointed; stone jack arches support masonry above other openings. All elements of the front door and front windows are modern, but original, narrow beaded frames remain in the rear windows.

The first storey consists of a single large room with a fireplace at each end. Enclosed winding stairs extend to the second floor in the northeast and southwest corners. Doors are of six unmoulded raised panels. Mantels consist of an architrave surround, with applied backband; the single plane of the architrave is wider at the hear, suggesting a frieze, above which mouldings support a simple shelf. The west fireplace is closed. The single room was undoubtedly divided into two, but modern finishes cover evidence of the partition.

In the second floor are two rooms, the westerly one being two bays in length, probably in imitation of the original floorplan below. Only the

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <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

This house, located on the east side of Mantua Mill Road at the intersection of Green Road, is a traditional farmhouse, substantially built, although modest in size. It was probably built as the principal dwelling of the farm, not as a tenant house.

The house was part of the Bellevue estate (q.v.) which belonged to John T. Johns and was sold after his death to Nicholas Rufus Gill, a prominent Baltimore attorney. Only the smallest details (nails, etc.) hint at a possible construction date in the first quarter of the 19th century. There are no references to a stone house of similar proportions in either the 1798 Federal Direct tax assessment or the 1783 county assessment. However, in 1787, John Gill left to his son, John Gill, Jr., land on the south side of Western Run known as Hickory Bottom and mentioned that it was his son's dwelling-place. Whether this was the present tenant house is purely conjectural, and since the 1823 tax mentions improvements but offers no better clues, it is best to conclude that the structure was built between 1815 and 1830 as its architectural elements and style attest.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Will of John Gill: Will Book 5 folio 467, Hall of Records.
Federal Direct Tax Assessment of 1793.
Baltimore County Assessments: 1783, 1823, 1876, 1896.

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 | |
| NW | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | |
| NE | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | |
| SE | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | |
| SW | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: entire farm: 100 acres

Acreeage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION: Worthington Valley Historical District Project DATE: Jan. 1, 1976

STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemore Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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northeast stair extends to the attic, where rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge. Collar beams were similarly joined, but most have been removed.

Unaltered windows are finished with plain wood jambs, the inner edge of which is flush with the plaster, and beaded.

The unfinished cellar, accessible only from the outside, extends under the entire original house; log joists support the first floor.

The cut nails, and original detailing which remains, indicate a construction date of ca. 1815-1830, although the possibility of earlier basic construction should be considered.



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James McHenry stone tenant house Worthington Valley Bldg Co OK Feb 1974



Mc Henry Spring House

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James T. Wollon, Jr.