

BA 1601  
Wickcliffe Tenant House  
(Maryvale Sisters' House)  
1128 Green Spring Valley Road  
Lutherville, Md.  
private

c. 1850

Now used as a home for the Headmistress of Maryvale School, this tenant house was originally on part of the estate "Lystra." The easterly portions of the house date at least from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

WICKCLIFFE TENANT HOUSE

(SITE - Razed, 1/23/98 - JKC, See Vertical File)

AND/OR COMMON

Maryvale Sisters' Home

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1128 Green Spring Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Lutherville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**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"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Telephone #: 747-4201

STREET & NUMBER

Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Ilchester

— VICINITY OF Ellicott City

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21083

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Building

Liber #: 5098

Folio #: 248

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The MARYVALE Sisters' House is a two storey frame farm house, six bays in length, its south facade closely oriented to the road. In form this house appears to be a typical five-bay house of the late nineteenth century with a pediment in the roof centered on the principal front; and with an extra bay at its east end, its form and height equal to that of the main house. The original section of the house is the easterly room, one bay in width; it probably dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Its chimney is on its west side. The room adjacent to the west -- immediately east of the center hall -- is only slightly later and it shared the same chimney. The north wing behind the east room is part of this early house. About 1875 the center hall and west room were added, the gable centered above the new principal entrance unifying the whole as a typical house of the period. The north wing behind the west end dates from the twentieth century.

A one storey porch shelters the south front and extends around the east end. 1/1 windows have louvred blinds and a dormer is on either side of the pediment in the roof.

The east room -- the original section of the house -- is void of almost all historic details, the fireplace in the large chimney closed. A turning stairway is enclosed south of the chimney, the door to the closet beneath it retaining its BALDWIN PATENT hinges. The room to the north, probably the kitchen when first built, has very plain detailing and a closed fireplace at its north end. The room between the original east room and the center hall of ca. 1875 retains a mantel of that latter period with plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. Weatherboards are exposed at the back of a cupboard south of the chimney. The center hall is narrow and it contains an open stair to the second floor, its rail supported by plain rectangular balusters and a turned newel of moderately stout proportions. The west parlor has modern finishes.

The second floor plan is similar and the two steps down from the center hall into the room immediately to the east suggests the two different building periods. The four-panel doors and two-plane beaded architraves throughout the second storey date from the ca. 1875 period.

The attic is accessible by the enclosed stair from the east room; the two east rooms of the attic are plastered on circular-sawn lath whereas the attic is unfinished above the center hall and west room. The straight-sawn rafters are mitered at the ridge.

The only cellar is beneath the east parlor, presumed to be the second portion of the house.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The easterly portions of the MARYVALE Sisters' House date at least from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. In the late nineteenth century the house was lengthened to its present size, its gable emphasizing the entrance, disguising the assymetry in its length and recalling that picturesque feature of the Gothic-revival period.

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WICKCLIFFE TENANT  
HOUSE

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The land on which the Maryvale Sisters' house stands was originally part of the estate "Lystra".<sup>1</sup> Burlington Carlisle had acquired this property from David Carlisle in 1837 and by 1850 there was a house on his property.<sup>2</sup> In 1858 he sold the cottage and 2 3/4 acres to the Slingluffs for \$2,150. Within a year the Slingluffs sold 2 1/4 of those acres to George Brown (Alexander Brown's father) who was then enlarging his "Brookland-wood" estate. Alexander's son George and his wife Francis lived in this cottage while their house "Fernwood" was being built (c. 1880).<sup>3</sup> Subsequently George Brown's daughter, Colgate Smith, occupied the cottage, and when George Brown's heirs sold the cottage, they stipulated that Colgate Smith be allowed to remain in the cottage until the end of the year.<sup>4</sup> Actually the Brown family would have preferred to retain ownership of the cottage for Colgate Smith, but the Sloan's refused to buy "Fernwood" unless the cottage was included.<sup>5</sup> So in 1903 Robert and Louise Sloan bought Fernwood and the cottage, a total of 97.5 acres. In 1913 fifty of these acres were sold to Catherine Wickes who owned land and was building the castle "Wickcliffe" on an adjoining hill. For many years the Wickes' chauffer "Cousins" lived in the cottage.<sup>6</sup> He was followed in 1942 by Ted Martinson, the Wickes' butler.<sup>7</sup>

From 1951 to 1975 after the property had been acquired by the Catholic Educational System, and the School Maryvale instigated, the cottage housed its various caretakers and their families. Today the cottage serves as the home of Sister Marie Neuberth, headmistress of Maryvale and several other Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.<sup>8</sup>

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md. Liber 24, folio 122.

<sup>2</sup> J. C. Sidney, Maps of the City and County of Baltimore, Md., from original surveys (Baltimore: James M. Stephens 1850.) Maryland Historical Society.

<sup>3</sup> Interview with Mrs. H. Benthall Marshall, granddaughter of George Brown.

<sup>4</sup> BCLR, 254/4991.

<sup>5</sup> Interview with Mrs. Marshall.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Interview with Sister Marie Neuberth, F.N.D., headmistress of Maryvale.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Building, Towson, Md.  
 J. C. Sidney map of City and County of Baltimore, Md. from original surveys; Baltimore, James M. Stephen 1850.  
 Dawn F. Thomas and Thomas W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore, The Maryland Historical Society, 1978).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**


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


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STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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<u>Deed Search</u>	<u>Wickcliffe Tenant House (Maryvale Sisters' House)</u>		<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>		
1837	RK 2981/497		David Carlisle	Burlington Carlisle
1858	16	325	Burlington Carlisle	Mary and Jesse Slingluff
1859	24	122	Mary & Jesse Slingluff	George Brown
1903	254	499	Carroll Brown trustee for George Brown II	Robert & Louise Sloan
1913	406	218	Robert & Louise Sloan	Catherine Wickes
1944	1335	315	Safe Deposit & Trust Co. Trustee for C. Wickes	Ottalie Cochran
1945	1393	324	Ottalie Cochran=	Title Inc.
1945	1393	330	Title Co.	Trinity College
1970	5098	248	Trinity College	Sisters of Notre Dame





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