

CAPSULE
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8308 Thornton Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert J. O'Connor

Telephone #: 321-1311

STREET & NUMBER

8308 Thornton Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 4310

Folio #: 421

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>Jan., 1979</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Most of the original fabric of this building has been altered or replaced. However, oral history and records suggest that this building was once part of the large estate of the Rider family.

The two story stone (Gneiss) main block is three bays wide and two bays long with several additions to the South and West. A gable end roof tops the main block and is covered with wooden shingles. The exterior walls contain wide pointing (Approximately 2") between stones of random size, varying in colors ranging from light brown to charcoal.

Fenestration is somewhat irregular in placement, as the openings are off center on the main block. The east facade has the first opening in the northernmost bay measuring 4 1/2' from the end, while the southernmost opening measures 9' 3" from that end. 8/12 sash windows on the upper level of this facade with louvered and paneled shutters are characteristically interchanged on the other facades. Each window has beaded mouldings and rounded sills.

The northern end features a massive exterior chimney measuring 22" deep and 11' 3" wide. Other dominant characteristics include the asymmetrical shoulders (one being flat on the east side and the other round) and a centrally located 6/6 sash window.

A wing extending from the main block has the appearance of a one room up/one down type house. The wall construction, fenestration, etc., is the same as the main block.

A two car garage stands 5' from this projecting wing and is also of similar construction. This building is characterized by two large wooden arched doors.

There was limited interior access. However, examination of the full basement below the main block reveals stone walls, sawn joists covered with white wash, and wire nails. Although this evidence does not support the theory of this being a 19th century building, it has been reported by the owner that the interior has been gutted twice.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 See below

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	WAYNE L. NIELD, II HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.
ORGANIZATION	D. G. Owings

STREET & NUMBER	DATE
CITY OR TOWN	TELEPHONE
	STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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CHAIN OF TITLE FOR # 8308 THORNTON TOAD
Parcel 424, Map 70

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
4310	421	June 8, 1964	Richard L. Godine & wife	Robert J. O'Connor & wife
Beginning...center of Thornton Ave. at distance of 340.58 ft. southwesterly from the end of North 75° 2' East 306.58 ft. line of land...990/175, December 21, 1936 Cambridge Court, Inc. to Burton P. and Hugo R. Hoffman...containing 5.07 acres.				
3650	230	December 21, 1959	Frank Markoe, Jr.	Richard L. Godine & wife
1866	499	September 1, 1950	James Frenkil & wife	Frank Markoe, Jr. & wife
1549	387	March 22, 1947	Helen Walter Thomsen & hus.	James Frenkil & wife
1014	53	October 7, 1937	Burton P. Hoffmann & hus.	Helen Walter Thomsen
1000	286	May 22, 1937	Cambridge Court, Inc.	Burton P. Hoffmann & hus.
990	175	December 21, 1936	Cambridge Court, Inc.	Burton P. Hoffmann & hus.

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5494/759
45.58A
P.798

P/O P.477

BALTIMORE COUNTY MD.
5242/635
10.00A
P.766

BOARD OF EDUCATION
4942/553
9.58A
P.765

MARTHA SYMINGTON
4173/314
14.53A
P.610

MARTHA F. SYMINGTON
1663/374
62.97A
P.48

FRANIS G. MARBURG
1407/37
105.62A
P.51

ARTHUR C. LEVERING
3560/609
13.29A
P.9

CARL F. WALLACE
299/826
49A
P.11

FRANCIS G. MARBURG
1407/37
34.74
P.55

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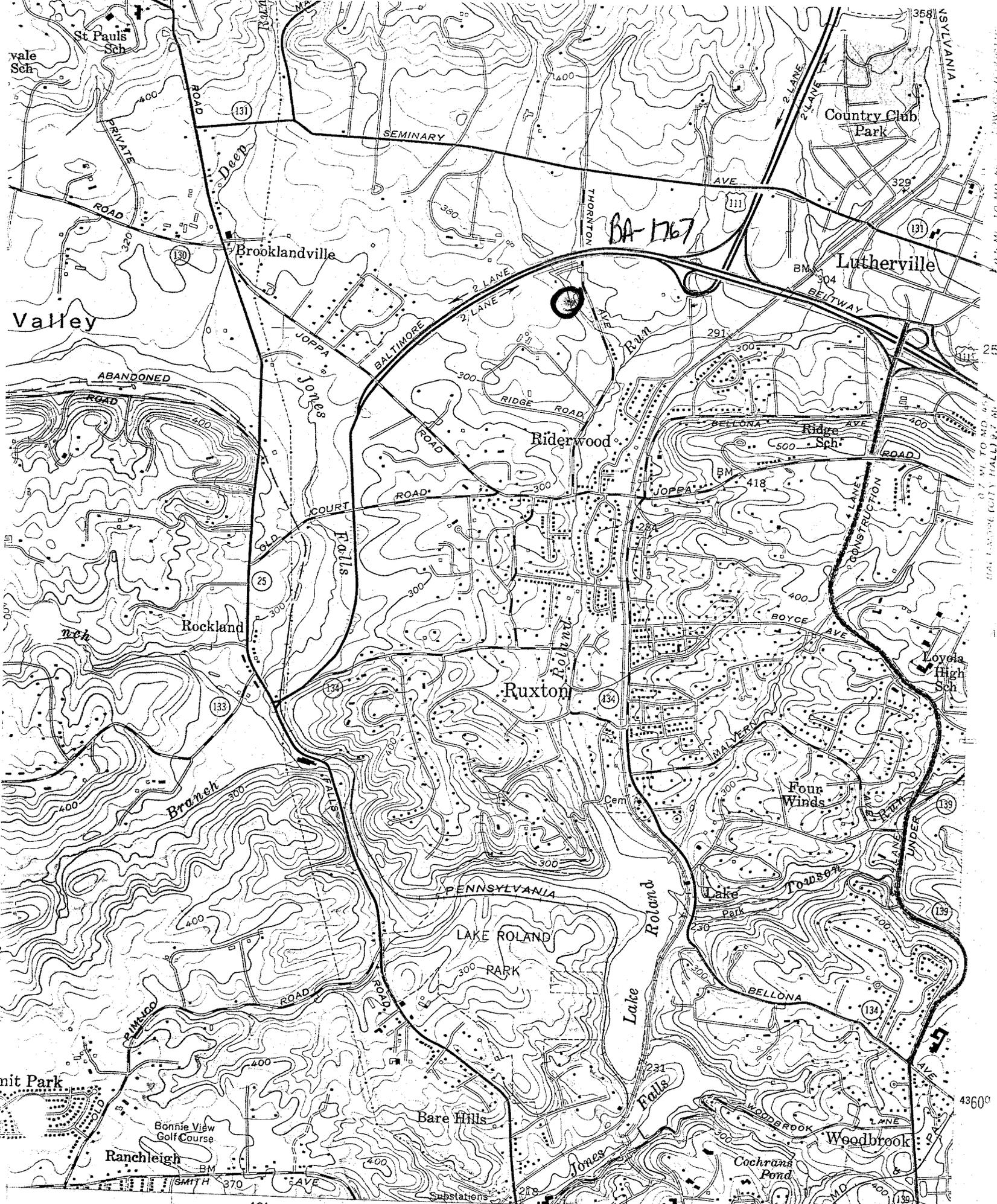
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JULY 1, '78



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INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. - 1958-NS
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MR 4867

BALTIMORE (JUNC. U.S. 1) 4.5 MI.

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76°37'30"