

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Mudge-Brager-Weinhouse House Inventory Number: BA-2414
Address: 101 Woodholme Avenue City: Baltimore, MD Zip Code: 21208
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Cockeysville
Owner: Woodholme Manor LLC Co. Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 113 Tax Map Number: 68 Tax Account ID Number: 2200019872
Project: I-695: Reisterstown Road to 3,050 Feet West Soundwa Agency: FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA-3052
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: Woodholme Avenue Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
Woodholme Manor LLC at 101 Woodholme Avenue was constructed in 1896, according to the MIHP form for the Mudge-Brager-Weinhouse House, MIHP #BA-2414, prepared by the Baltimore County Planning Commission in 1989. The building was built on a twenty-five-acre parcel that had once been part of the Woodholme Estate owned by the Councilman Family. The Woodholme Manor LLC Building remains an excellent example of the Tudor Revival style, with a stone first story and stucco and half-timbered second story. There is one exterior chimney. Many of the original windows remain in place. The property was owned by Mr. Brager in 1960. The Mudge-Brager-Weinhouses House is not individually eligible, but is a contributing resource to the larger Woodholme Avenue Historic District. See DOE form for MIHP #BA-3052.

Prepared by: Anne Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist. Date Prepared: 4/23/2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments <u>CONTRIBUTES TO WOODHOLME AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT</u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/23/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/23/03</u> Date

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mudge-Brager-Weinhouse House

AND/OR COMMON

Weinhouse House; the Willows

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 Woodholme Avenue

3rd Councilmanic Dist.

CITY, TOWN

Pikesville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Baltimore Co.

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Barry Weinhouse and Mrs. Linda Weinhouse

STREET & NUMBER

101 Woodholme Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Pikesville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21208

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5475

Folio #: 251

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley 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

7 DESCRIPTION

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 Weinhouse dwelling is a large Tudor Revival house with stucco over stone, with some elements of half-timbering. The layout is asymmetrical and there are three bays projecting from the main block to produce octagonal rooms inside. The house is gable roofed and has a small stone, unsheltered entrance porch. The Tudor theme is more pronounced inside, with an oak-paneled foyer and Tudor-arched doorways. The fittings stem from the age of craftsmanship. The foyer floors are a close-grained pine said to be no longer obtainable. There is one fireplace surround formed by a large carved stone lintel salvaged from some Medieval building. The fireplace opening in the foyer is framed by the large flat orange bricks much used in Prairie-style houses. The present decor is a mixture of traditional and bold contemporary. The house is certainly the one shown in the 1910 Maryland Geological Survey county topo map and very likely the one shown in the Bromley atlas of 1898. It was probably constructed in the building season of 1896 to 1897.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

BA-2414

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
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<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 1896-1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Weinhouse home has been associated with a maximum of four families over its approximately 90-years of existence. Its first two families were prominent in the business world of downtown Baltimore. The House apparently dates from some point between 1896 and 1898; it is certainly indicated on the 1910 MGS Topo map, and definitely found in the 1911 Tax Ledger.

In May 1896, James B. Councilman and other family members sold 10.65 acres by bond of conveyance to Edmund Tileston Mudge for \$2,955. (1) The price paid suggests unimproved suburban land. The property was on the fringe of the large Councilman farm called Woodholme, an estate assembled about 1850 by John T. Councilman. (2)

The original tractnames here were "Simkin's Repose", "Addition to Simkin's Repose", and "Ashman's Delight." (3) In May 1898, Mr. Mudge received a deed to the same property from James B. Councilman and wife. The name Woodholme Avenue was used in that document. (4) The remaining Woodholme estate was large enough to serve as the site of the Woodholme Country Club, established in 1926. (5)

The 1898 Bromley atlas showed what is most likely the existing house, 1400 feet west of Reisterstown Road, marked as property of E. T. Mudge. (6) The Mudge tracts were a family colony, with the main home of the cluster called "Oakwood," a place with an access drive from Reisterstown Road.

In 1903, E. Tileston Mudge conveyed his 10.65-acre parcel "for love and affection" to his son Arthur Phillips Mudge. (7) The family was in the wholesale paper business, operating under the name of Dobler & Mudge, and E. Tileston Mudge appears in the 1896 Polk city directory as a member of the firm with a home at Pikesville and an office at 113 Hopkins Place. (8)

Arthur P. Mudge appeared in the 1906 Polk directory with the profession of clerk, his home at Pikesville. (9) By the time of the 1910 Polk directory, the younger Mudge was a member of the firm, still living at Pikesville. (10)

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At the time the Becklevsille paper mill burned, the county weekly paper noted that all the mill's production had been purchased by Dobler and Mudge. (11) The company's full-page advertisement in the 1906 city directory stated, "All the paper used in this directory was furnished by Baltimore's Greatest Paper House." (12)

Edward Tileston Mudge died on January 7, 1926, at his Pikesville residence, appointing son Arthur P. Mudge executor and heir to the family share of the business of Dobler & Mudge. (13) The county paper reported that Mr. Mudge was 31 years of age and had been senior partner for 50 years, and had lived at Oakwood. He was buried at nearby Druid Ridge Cemetery. In addition to his son, he was survived by three sisters. (14)

In spite of having deeded the Woodholme Avenue tract to his son, the land and three suburban houses were all carried in E. T. Mudge's tax account in 1911, 1918, and 1923. The Woodholme Avenue house was assessed at \$7,000 in 1911. (15) It was carried as Dwelling #2 in 1918, and measured 45 by 52 feet, two stories, assessed value, \$9,360. (16)

By 1923, the house was assessed at \$10,000, a considerable value for the times. (17) When corrections and updates were made in 1926 to the basic 1923 tax ledger, the account of the elder Mudge showed that 4.35 acres and the \$10,000 house had passed to a new owner identified as "Brager." (18) In point of fact, Arthur P. Mudge had sold the 4.35 acres on June 24, 1924, to A. Stanley Brager and his wife Reada L. Brager for an estimated \$28,500, judging from the number of U.S. tax transfer stamps on the deed. (19) Arthur P. Mudge took over the original family house as revealed in the tax ledgers. The Mudge Paper Company still exists in 1989, but "Oakwood" would have been overrun by the I-695 project some time prior to its opening in 1962. (20)

The new owner, A. Stanley Brager was a partner in a prominent downtown store that took up much of the block bounded by Eutaw and Saratoga Streets. The company was listed in the 1896 Polk directory as "Albert A. Brager, fancy goods," its owner living at 1702 Madison Avenue. (21)

By 1906, it was the Albert A. Brager Department Store, with its owner living at 1739 Eutaw Place. (22)

The 1926 Polk directory showed that the store was called "Brager of Baltimore" and the partners were Albert A. Brager and A. Stanley Brager. The same directory showed that A. Stanley Brager lived at "The Willows,

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Woodholme Avenue, Pikesville," where his three-digit telephone number was Pikesville 245. (23) The corrections made in 1925 to the basic 1923 tax ledger showed that the Bragers promptly put in a \$1,000 "Add to house." (24) A separate entry showed that Mrs. Brager owned a "1923 Packard Touring" worth \$300. (25)

Mrs. Brager lived until December 24, 1947, and the Jeffersonian reported her death but included no biography. (26) A. Stanley Brager held on to the property and was listed as a widower when he sold in 1963 to Morton and Gilda Abrahams. (27) The Abrahams sold to the present owners in 1974. It was during Mr. Brager's ownership that the Baltimore Beltway was constructed south of the house below the crest of the hill.

Mr. Brager died in October 1968, and his obituary stated that he had been taken into the firm as a partner by his father Albert A. Brager in 1907. The store had gone in for lively publicity; not relying on printed advertising, they put on parades and events:

The Brager department store once advertised a white sale by painting an elephant with white paint.

A. Stanley Brager, according to the Sun, was "one of the first persons in Baltimore to own an automobile", starting with a Pope Toledo, switching to a Stanley Steamer, then a Pierce-Arrow, and then the Packard Touring Car found the the tax records. In the early 1920s, Mr. Brager became president of the store. His father lived until 1936, but the family sold the store in 1927, and A. Stanley Brager joined the Stein Brothers and Boyce brokerage firm. (28) His father spent his remaining years in charitable activities. (29)

In the Mudge and Brager period, the neighborhood had been fairly rural, although served by a trolley car. The tax ledgers show that the elder Mudge kept cattle, horses, and chickens, and had 13 acres of tillable land, 12 of pasture, and 3 of orchard, and 8 of lawn. (30) A stable came with the house when acquired by Mr. Brager in 1924. The property was well beyond the village of Pikesville, not entirely farm country, but much more rural than the planned villages such as Roland Park or Guilford where such spacious houses might enjoy only one acre of elbow room and offer little in the way of a vista.

Such mini-estates form part of a pattern of Baltimore's mercantile elite establishing rural retreats, not especially for farming, beyond the confines of the city--a pattern detected as early as 1760 by Charles G. Steffen in his recent study of gentlemen's estates as the forerunner of suburbanization. (31)

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29. "Albert A. Brager Dies at Age of 76," Sun, March 27, 1936.
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

No known published sources.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.46

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the north by Woodholme Avenue; slightly irregular four-sides figure, Tax Map 68, Block 19, Parcel P113.

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

STATE	N/A	COUNTY	N/A
STATE		COUNTY	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE	
John McGrain, Planner II		October 5, 1989	
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE	
Office of Planning and Zoning		887-3211	
STREET & NUMBER		CITY OR TOWN	
401 Bosley Avenue		Towson	
STATE		STATE	
MD 21204		MD 21204	

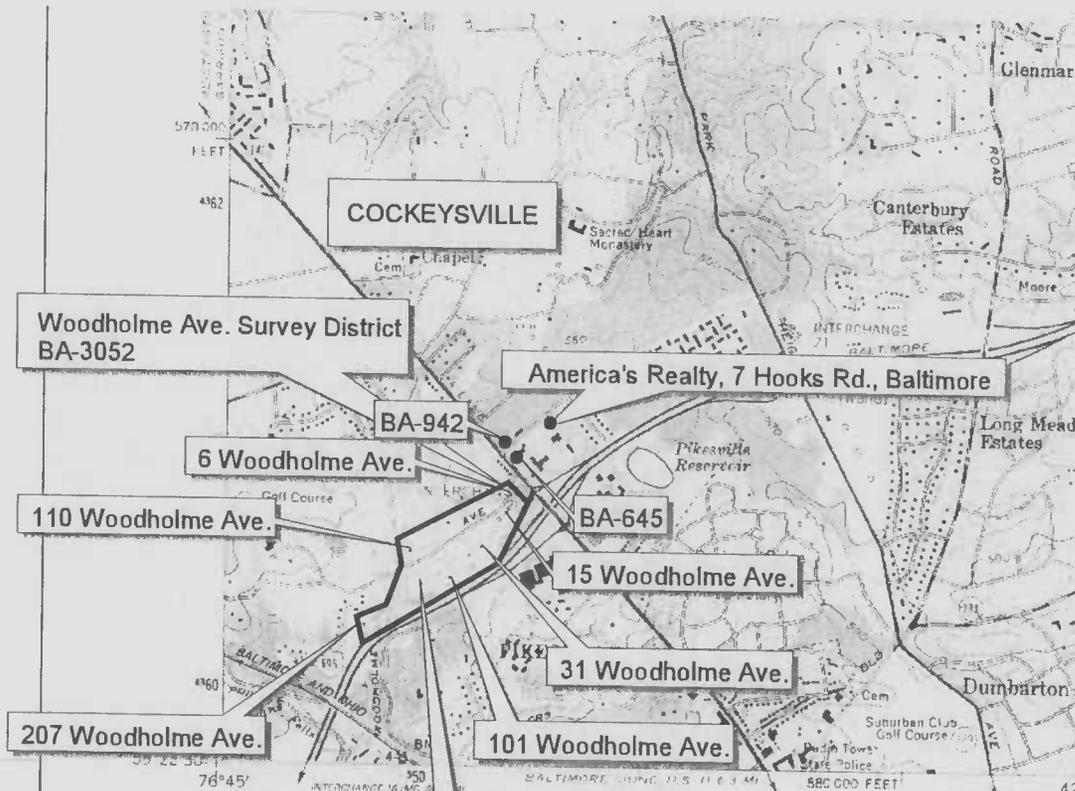
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Cockeysville USGS Quad, 1:24,000

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5852 IV SE

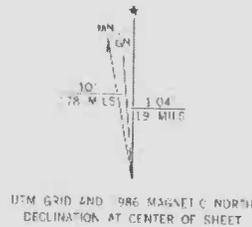
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photographs taken 1943. Field checked 1944
Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1957

Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on
Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
1927 North American Datum

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983
move the projection lines 7 meters south and
27 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks



USGS Topo Quad Index





PA 2000 / PA 3052,

1111 30 - BRIDGE - WEINHOUSE HOUSE

WADSWORTH AVE. SUEVA DISTRICT

PALM SPRING COUNTY, MD

APR. 1950

IND 510

1111 30 - BRIDGE - WEINHOUSE HOUSE

EXH 2 SOUTH FACADES

10. 11. 1950