

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Brown-England-Rolfe House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Little New York Road 1/2 mile west of Sylmar Road

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**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

D. Rolfe

Telephone #: 658-5653

STREET & NUMBER

217 Little New York Road

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21911

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 194

Folio #: 265

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPPOSED		

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

The Brown-England-Rolfe house c. 1855 is a two story three bay by one room hall/parlor five course common bond brick house in what is known as Little New York. The house faces south and Little New York Road with the main gable running east/west.

The brick house rests on a partial fieldstone foundation and is covered with a medium sloped tin roof with extended eaves and sloped soffits.

The south facade is laid with stretcher bond with a molded brick cornice. A centrally placed entrance is flanked by single pane sash windows. The front door has been replaced and a "dolonial" surround applied. The second floor is lighted by a three single pane sash windows. Shell motif shutters dogs remain without their shutters.

The east gable end is a plain five course common bond brick wall with two four pane attic lights.

The west end has a plain brick wall except for the arched wooden datestone. 18\_5 is all that is legible and is assumed to be 1855 since the house appears on the Martenet Map and the house seems a little late for 1845 but that is a possibility. The west wall is continuous and includes the two story two bay by one room kitchen that has a gable roof now but was a flounder addition to begin with. The sash have been replaced as well. A side entrance occupies the southern of the two bays. The door is a replacement. A recent single story kitchen has been attached to the gable end of the original wing.

The first floor of the main block used to be divided into two rooms, a hall and parlor but has since been enlarged with the removal of the interior partition. An enclosed winder stair rises in the northwest corner. A five panel door is attached to the door frame. A small three panel door is attached to the closet door frame below the stair. The stair rises to the second floor and another enclosed winder with four panel door rises to the attic. Partitions on the second floor have been added to increase the number of bedrooms. The rest of the house has been extensively remodeled, and original woodwork and details were removed.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		

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SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A small community developed around the Philadelphia and Baltimore Railroad as it passed into Maryland in ~~Sylmar~~ <sup>THE RAILROAD</sup> continues southward and crosses Little New York Road, just east of this house. Mount Hope Church was also located nearby. The Brown-England-Rolfe House is one of the more substantial structures in the immediate area.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

11/10/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County -committee

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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Goat Hill

Cooper Sch

Speedway

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND  
MASON AND DIXON LINE  
CHESTER CO  
CECIL CO  
MASON AND DIXON

CE 1136

BM 415

514

Run

0 1136

Run

Stone

Stone

High Sch

Rising Sun (BM 388)

PENN CENTRAL

Harrisville

Brookview Chapel Cem

New Bridge Ch

Krauss Cem

RISING SUN QUAD



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South Elevation  
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England - Rolfe House

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West Elevation

Near Rising Sun

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