MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 5-109

1 NAME

HISTORIC
"Prospect Hill"

AND/OR COMMON
McDowell Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
McGrady Road just east of Red Toad Road

CITY, TOWN
Rising Sun

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Clayton McDowell

Telephone #: 658-6423

STREET & NUMBER
186 McGrady Road

CITY, TOWN
Rising Sun

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21911

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk of hte Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 312
Folio #: 659

STREET & NUMBER
Ceilc 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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1000-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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: Paul B. Touart	
ORGANIZATION: Cecil County Committee	DATE: 11/03/81
STREET & NUMBER: Cecil County Courthouse	TELEPHONE: 398-0200
CITY OR TOWN: Elkton	STATE: Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

"Prospect Hill" CE-1235

WAS 312/659 5/22/1973	Clayton Lee McDowell To Clayton Lee & Grace McDowell
CK 6/268 3/18/1913	Mary J. McDowell, et. al To H. Clayton McDowell This was by death of Henry C. McDowell
JTG 8/443 11/12/1895	George Gifford, David Gifford Benjamin Gifford, Executors of Benj. Gifford To Henry C. McDowell $6,400.00 "Prospect Hill" 109 acres
HHM 3/197 4/17/1854	William Bryson, New Castle County, De. Lydia Bryson To Benjamin Gifford $2,000.00 109 acres "Prospect Hill"

It being the same land which was patented by the State of Maryland to one John Cather 12/4/1793 JC H/404 which was conveyed to Robert Cather by Hiram McCullough, a trustee in chancery and by the said Robert Cather to the aforesaid William Bryson July 13, 1850 for $1,800.00. Part of New Conanght Manor.

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House on McGrady Run - McDowell
McCullough

This Indenture made this twentieth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty between Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife of Cecil County in the State of Maryland of the one part and William Bryson of New Castle County in the State of Delaware of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife for and in consideration of the sum of Eighteen Hundred dollars current money to them in hand paid by the said William Bryson at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they the said Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and do by these presents do give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said William Bryson his heirs and assigns all that tract piece parcel of land called Prospect Hill situate lying and being in Cecil County aforesaid and Beginning at a white Oak tree standing on or near a line of land formerly owned by one John Stephenson and running thence North Sixty six degrees and three quarters East One Hundred and nine and a half perches to a Spanish Oak a corner of land owned by James Orricks thence South thirty three degrees East twenty one perches to a Hickory thence South twenty seven and one half degrees West fifty one perches to a stone thence South two degrees East one Hundred and fifty one perches and three quarters to a stone in a line of land formerly owned by William Kirkpatrick thence South Forty two degrees West twenty three and one quarter perches to a Beech by a Run thence North Seventy six degrees West Seventy and one q[illegible] perches to a stone thence North fifty five degrees East five and three quarter perches to a stone, thence with the land formerly owned by the said John Stephenson to the place of Beginning. Containing one Hundred and nine acres of land more or less being the same tract piece or parcel of land which was patented by the State of Maryland to one John Cather by Patent dated on the fourth day of December in the year Seventeen Hundred and ninety three and recorded in Liber I. C. No. 16. folio 404. one of the Record Books of the Land Office of the State of Maryland and which was conveyed to the said Robert Cather his heirs and assigns by Hiram McCullough Trustee of the Court of Chancery by his Deed of conveyance bearing date on the twenty Eighth day of June in the year Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and fifty to which said Patent and the said Deed of conveyance duly executed acknowledged and recorded or to be recorded among the Land Record Books of Cecil County aforesaid reference is hereby made for a more particular and accurate description of the said tract piece or parcel of land together with all and singular the buildings and improvements woods ways waters watercourses rights liberties privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right title and interest both at law and in Equity of them the said Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife of in to and out of the same and every part and parcel thereof. To have and to hold the said tract piece or parcel of land and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said William and

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The State of Maryland

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Al. Hanson Chan.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that Whereas the Intendant of the Revenue was by Law vested with full power and authority and was directed to sell and dispose of certain Manors in this State: In Pursuance whereof the said Intendant exposed the same to sale and a certain John Cather of Cecil County became the purchaser of part of New Connaught Manor lying in the said County, And Whereas a Certificate of Survey of the said part hath been returned to the western Shore Land office containing one hundred and nine acres called by the name of Prospect Hill, and it appearing by a receipt endorsed on the said Certificate that the purchase Money hath been fully paid to the treasurer of the western Shore. The State of Maryland Doth hereby grant unto the said John Cather the said tract or parcel of Land called Prospect Hill lying and being in Cecil County aforesaid. Beginning at a white oak tree standing in or near a line of John Stephensons Land and running thence North sixty six degrees and three quarters East one hundred and nine perches and an half to a spanish oak a corner of Jas. Orricks Land thence South thirty three degrees East twenty one perches to a hickory thence South twenty seven degs. and an half West fifty one pers. to a stone thence South two deg. East one hundred and fifty one pches and three quarters to a stone in a line of Wm. Kirkpatricks Land, thence South forty two deg. West twenty three perches and one quarter a beach by a Run thence North seventy six deg. West seventy pches and one quarter to a stone North fifty five degrees East five perches and three quarters a stone thence with Land of Jno. Stephenson by a straight Line to the beginning containing one hundred and nine acres of Land — according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned into the Land office bearing date the twenty ninth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty seven and there remaining together with all Rights profits Benefits and privileges thereunto belonging. To Have and to Hold the same unto him the said John Cather his Heirs and Assigns for ever given under the great Seal of the State of Maryland this fourth day of December seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Witness the Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire Chancellor

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Bryson his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said William Bryson his heirs and assigns prior.
In testimony whereof the said Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first herein before written
Signed Sealed and delivered
In presence of
Wm Cosgrove
David Archibald

Robert Cather Seal
Hannah Cather Seal

State of Maryland
Cecil County Sorrit

Be it remembered that on this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty before the subscribers two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Cecil County aforesaid personally appeared Robert Cather and Hannah Cather his wife they being personally known to us to be the identical persons who are named and described as and professing to be Parties Grantors to the aforegoing Deed of conveyance or Instrument of Writing and did acknowledge the said Deed of conveyance or Instrument of Writing to be their act and deed. And the said Hannah Cather wife of the said Robert Cather did sign seal execute and acknowledge the said Deed of conveyance or Instrument of Writing before us out of the presence and hearing of her said husband and being by us privately examined apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband whether she doth execute and acknowledge the said Deed of Conveyance or Instrument of Writing willingly freely and voluntarily and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of or illusage by her said husband or by fear of his displeasure declares and acknowledges that she doth.
Acknowledged before and Certified by.

Wm Cosgrove
David Archibald

October the 1st 1850 —
Received of the grantee named in the foregoing Deed, One Dollar being the stamp duty required by Law for the same.
A. C. Holladay Clk
of Cecil County Court

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — 4 LANE 6 LANE

Light-duty

Medium-duty — 4 LANE 6 LANE

Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route

State Route

ERVAL 20 FEET
AN SEA LEVEL

MARYLAND

RISING SUN, MD.-PA.

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"PROSPECT HILL" FARM
SOUTH ELEVATION
NR PRINCIPIO
6/80 PBT
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PROSPECT HILL
NORTH ELEVATION
NR PRINCIPIO
6/80 PBT
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"PROSPECT HILL" FARM
BARN INTERIOR
6/80 PBT
NR PRINCIPIO
NEG./ MD. HIST TRUST