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CRAIN'S LOT
Mt. Victoria
Private

early 19th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: CRAIN'S LOT

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: South side of Mill Run Road

CITY, TOWN: Mt. Victoria ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__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	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Mrs. Eloise Crain

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: Mt. Victoria

CITY, TOWN: Mt. Victoria ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 163

Folio #: 711

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Charles County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER: Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN: La Plata

STATE: Maryland 20646

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	X DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Crain's Lot, one of Charles County's more interesting examples of Federal architecture, is located on the south side of Mill Run Road, approximately two tenths of a mile west of the junction of Mill Run Road and Mt. Victoria Road. Now occupied by tenants and in deteriorating condition, Crain's Lot is an early Crain family property and is part of their 1,200 acre Mt. Victoria estate.

The house consists of a two-story, five bay, one room deep main block with a hyphened kitchen wing at the east end. The main block displays a handsome facade featuring a centered pedimented portico of Doric styling. Its roof, supported by a grouping of three tapered columns at both outside corners, has a dentiled and banded frieze. Small closely spaced dentil blocks also decorate the inside of the molded pediment. The tympanum was once embellished by an applied Adamesque garland, but only its outline and fragments remain. The entrance door sheltered by the portico is no less sophisticated, consisting of a single leaf door of five horizontal panels framed by a large transome and smaller flanking sidelights. These windows are one of the most outstanding features of the house, framing leaded casements of an elaborately executed design employi an oval sunburst and stylized diamonds in the transome and, in the sidelights, interlocking circles and diamonds. This elevation of the house has two 9-over-6 pane windows to the left of the door and two 6-over-6 windows to the right. Across the second floor level are five windows aligned with the openings below and all framing sash of 6-over-6 panes. All of the windows have louvered exterior shutters. The fenestration and door location of the front is repeated on the rear elevation. The door, however, has only a transome and this has been broken out and the opening boarded over. Sheltering the door is a pedimented portico of the same basic design and proportions as that of the front but lacking the details that decorate the latter. At each end of the main block stands a single exterior chimney with stepped weatherings. Only the east end chimney stack is original and stands free of the gable wall. The west chimney was of the same design but the stack was rebuilt flush to the house. To the left of the east chimney is a one-story frame pent with a small window in its east wall. The house is sheathed with lapped boards that do not appear to be original, and the roof of the house and porches are covered with tin. The low foundation walls are of brick, patched in areas with cement and concrete.

Extending out from the east end of the house is a one-story, frame, kitchen-curtain wing. The connecting section, built with its north wall flush with that of the main block, is a circa 1900 addition or replacement of an earlier hyphen. It has a centered door and one window on the south side and four windows on the north side. The roof has overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. The kitchen,

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__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

Crain's Lot is located on a 1,247.5 acre tract of land identified as Mt. Victoria, parcel 38, Tax Map 83 of the Charles County Tax Maps (revised January, 1976).

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant
ORGANIZATION	Charles County Planning Department
DATE	June, 1978
STREET & NUMBER	Charles County Courthouse
TELEPHONE	645-6537
CITY OR TOWN	La Plata
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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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of one and one-half story height, is original to the main house. It is one bay wide on both side elevations and has a large exterior chimney at its east end. To the left of the chimney base is a narrow door and, in the gable, a small casement window to the right of the chimney stack. The exterior walls of both parts of the wing are sheathed with German (novelty) siding.

The first floor room configuration of the main block consists of a centered stair hall with one room to each side. The same configuration is repeated on the second floor with an additional small room at the front of the hall. There are two small bedrooms in the attic. The woodwork throughout the house, while not unattractive, is not nearly as "sophisticated" as the detailing of the entrance door and north portico would seem to suggest. The stair, which rises in four flights to the attic, is its most attractive feature. The hall and the rooms to its left all have woodwork of a fairly standard Federal design, with one-piece molded trim and "bulls eyes" decorating the windows and doors. The rooms to the right of the hall all have detailing of a later type, being of a more Empire-Victorian design. This would tend to support other evidence that the house was built in two stages, the hall and the left rooms being the oldest part. The existing hyphen contains a single room, as does the kitchen, the latter featuring a large cooking fireplace.

Standing a short distance from the east end of the house are three dependencies: a well house, a dairy and a smokehouse. All three have pyramid roofs. While the dairy and smokehouse are evidently contemporary with the oldest part of the main house, the well house is of early 20th century date. The grounds surrounding the house, which includes large shade trees and other plantings, is enclosed by a Victorian-style picket fence.

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: CRAINS LOT

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~N~~ S. SIDE MILL RUN ROAD FROM

CITY OR TOWN: MT. VICTORIA

STATE: MARYLAND | CODE: | COUNTY: CHARLES | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☑	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☐	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☑	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☑	Restricted ☐
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
					No: ☑

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐	Comments	☑
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☑	Other *(Specify)*	☒	DESERTED	
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐				
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: BENNETT CRAIN

STREET AND NUMBER: MT. VICTORIA

CITY OR TOWN: THOMPKINSVILLE | STATE: MD | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LA PLATA | STATE: MD. | CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

STATE: COUNTY: FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☑ Deterioroted ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unoltered ☑	(Check One) Moved ☐ Originol Site ☑

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A LARGE FRAME DWELLING IN A THREE PART CONSTRUCTION: MAIN block, hyphen, KITCHEN.

THE MAIN BLOCK (W. END of OVERALL COMP.) IS TWO STOREY + ATTIC, IS FIVE BAYS IN LENGTH WITH CENTER DOOR AT THE 1st. FLOOR LEVEL. THE ROOF design IS "A" WITH A SINGLE 2 FLUE CHIMNEY AT EA. GABLE END (EXTERIOR). THE W CHIMNEY STACK IS FLUSH WITH THE ATTIC GABLE WHILE THE E CHIMNEY STACK IS FREE STANDING. THERE IS ALSO AT THE E CHIMNEY A 1 STOREY FRAME PENT FLUSH WITH ITS S SIDE EXTENDING TO THE SE CORNER of THE MAIN BLOCK. THE MAIN FRONT DOOR HAS A OVERHEAD TRANSOME AND FLANKING SIDE LITES WITH AN ELABORATE LEADED GLASS DESIGN. THE FRONT PORCH COVERS THE FRONT DOOR, ~~IS~~ HAS A "A" FRAME ROOF AND ROUNDED POSTS. THE EAVES AND FRONT GABLE (N) of SAID PORCH POSESSES A RATHER ORNATE DENTIL MLDG. WITH A ADAMS STYLE CIRCLE of VINES ON THE GABLE WALL.

THE HYPHEN HAS A "A" ROOF, IS ONE ROOM (CONTAINS MODERN KITCHEN) AND 3 BAYS IN LENGTH. THE HYPHEN EXTENDS FROM THE E GABLE (NE ½) of THE MAIN BLOCK TO THE KITCHEN. THE KITCHEN IS ONE BAY IN LENGTH WITH A LARGE CHIMNEY WITH FREE STANDING STACK AT ITS E GABLE END.

IN A STRAIGHT LINE RUNNING N-S FROM THE E GABLE END of THE KITCHEN ARE THREE CHARMING OUT BLDGS. FROM N to S: ① A WELL HOUSE WITH HIPPED ROOF + LATTICED WALLS; ② A DAIRY HOUSE WITH LATTICED VENT. WINDOWS ABOVE DOOR; ③ SMOKE HOUSE. THE RATHER LARGE LAWN IS ENCLOSED BY A INTERESTING VICTORIAN PICKETT FENCE.

NEEDS AND IS WORTHY of RESTORATION.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☑	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitorian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

DATE 4/30

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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