

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC "RECORD HOUSE" "ROSS OFFICE"

AND/OR COMMON STORM HOME

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 103 Record Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN Frederick, Maryland STATE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present structure was built in the spring of 1910 on the site of one of Frederick's most interesting landmarks. It is early 20th century architecture with stretcher bond brick, is 2-1/2 stories with wooden porches across the front of the home. Windows are one light over one.

The interior of the home consists of vestibule with open stairway to the landing ample living room, dining room, and kitchen. Bedrooms are on the second floor.

The present home was built by Mr. J. Alleine Williamson. The home was sold to Mr. Edward D. Storm, present owner.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
C1910		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Historic		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site on which the house stands was purchased on April 30, 1752 by John Darnell, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Frederick County for 12 lbs. from Daniel Dulaney of Annapolis. It was 120 ft. to breadth and 390 ft. in length. Plans were made for the building of a Court House and a prison for Fredericktown to the west of the site. John Darnell or his heirs were to hold the property forever after paying purchase price and six shillings annually for 21 years from May 10, 1751 after that of the purchaser. This contract was broken in August 1783 by John Darnell, son of the purchaser. He sold the lot for 425 lbs. to William Ritchie, Clerk of the Circuit Court at that time. Lots were then improved with a one story home. Mr. Ritchie resided here until his death on September 18, 1814. It was during this time the Repudiation of the Stamp Act was housed here as Mr. Ritchie kept the Court records in his home. In May of 1823, the property was sold to Dr. William Tyler. It served as the Rectory of All Saints Protestant Episcopal Parish and Dr. John Johns, who subsequently became Bishop of Virginia, occupied the home. Then it came into the possession of the legal fraternity. About 1865 it was purchased by William J. Ross and remained in his possession for many years. His sons, Charles W. Ross, Sr., John Newman, Benjamin Reich and Richard P. Ross occupied the building. The property was sold to Mr. J. Alleine Williamson who demolished the original structure and built the present home in the spring of 1910.

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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
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ross, III	
ORGANIZATION	Landmarks Foundation	DATE September 1973
STREET & NUMBER	1611 N. Market Street	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Frederick, Maryland	STATE

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.

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