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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Stansbury Mansion

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 1616 Eden Mill Road

CITY, TOWN: Pylesville — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Harford

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
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Donald Webb

Telephone #: 836-1448

STREET & NUMBER: 1616 Eden Mill Road

CITY, TOWN: Pylesville — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21132

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: GRG 715

Folio #: 562

STREET & NUMBER: 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air

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

This structure is unusual in that it is rather tall and narrow for a three-story building, appearing to be a transplanted townhouse. The dwelling is located on a hillside overlooking Deer Creek, and is three stories high with walls of common bond brick. The entrances are oriented east to west, although longer aspect of the house faces the creek. A modern addition is centered on the northern wall and is two stories tall. Iron support rods run north-south through these brick walls. Overall, the house is five bays by three, with the woodsilled-windows being 6 X 6. There are no windows at all on the western extreme. Doors are located on the eastern and western ends of the home on all three levels, all with three-pane transoms. The first floor entrance on the eastern end also features three-pane sidelights. The slate hip roof has a bracketed cornice and frieze, and similar cornices appear over the door as well. Double-deck porches shelter all of the doors , and these enclosures possess hip roofs and plain squared columns. Their bases are stone and are enclosed on the ground floor level, and stone steps lead to both of them. Two brick flues are located along the interior of the northern pitch of the roof.

The Interiors

The configuration of the interior is a room on either side of a central hall, which contains the staircase for all three levels. The walls are quite thick and the original walnut beams are still intact. The ground floor is exposed only on the southern side, and it originally served as the kitchen. The arched cooking hearth, dumbwaiter chamber and cooling pit still remain. A separate room at the western end of the first floor was used for cooling milk and it still retains the water troughs and the slate shelves. The upper floors still have the original flooring and inset windows. The staircase is of mahoghany and the balustrade is of cherry. The rails themselves are gently coiled. A most remarkable detail is that the windows beside the eastern entrances on the second and third levels are false. Other original features, such as bevelled glass panes and boxlocks, abound.

Located just west of the house is this brick structure, of the same common bond. It has doorways on the northern facade and is completely devoid of openings with the exception of louver holes in the brickwork. The roof is hip and slate-covered. The structure was divided into a privy, a smokehouse and slave quarters.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	X MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This area, which was patented in the 1780's, was near a Mingo Indian settlement. The tract was purchased at the turn of the Eighteenth Century by Elijah Stansbury, Sr., and construction of the house commenced in 1801. The elder Stansbury was a descendant of one Detmar Sternberg, who emigrated to America from Holland in 1658. Elijah, Sr., was a bricklayer by profession, and practiced his skills when he erected his dwelling, the bricks being made from native clay. James Stansbury aided in the construction of of the building. The Stansbury family was quite active in the American war effort during the War of 1812. Isaac Stansbury, who is buried in the small plot behind the house, was a lieutenant colonel in the United States forces; General Tobias Stansbury commanded the defending troops at the Battle of Bladensburg; Elijah Stansbury, Jr., participated the Battle of North Point as an artillerist. The latter was born in 1791 and forewent his father's trade to enter the military and later, politics, serving in the Baltimore City Council and in the Maryland House of Delegates in the 1820's. From 1848 until 1850 he served as the Mayor of Baltimore. The family retained the property until 1882, when Roger conveyed the house and the nearby mill to the first of a long series of entrepreneurs in the 1880's. The style of the house would do more justice to a street in Baltimore or Amsterdam, than to the actual rustic setting. It is quite narrow for a three-story structure, and the doors are oriented towards the narrower ends. It bears many features of the Federal style, and also some Dutch elements which correspond with the similar an estry of the Stansbury family.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.58

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on the north side of Eden Mill Road, opposite the Eden Mill, about 0.2 miles west of the intersection with Fawn Grove Road.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
August 9, 1976

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE
267-1212

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

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

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TITLE SEARCH

Libre		Folio	
GRG	715	562	In 1966, Ward Vaughn sold 2.58 acres to Donald Webb.
GRG	678	91	In 1965, Ward Vaughn acquired 135.10 acres from James T. Smith.
DGW	204	414	In 1927, the Fawn Grove Power and Light Company sold the tract to James T. Smith.
JAR	162	339	In 1919, James Sold 35 acres to the Fawn Grove Power and Light Co.
JAR	158	211	In 1917, Marshall Stokes conveyed the property to James T. Smith.
JAR	145	61	In 1914, Harry P. and Oscar Stokes sold the land to M. Marshall Stokes.
JAR	139	200	In 1913, J. Martin McNabb and Clarence H. MacNabb transferred 160 acres to Harry P., Oscar and M. Marshall Stokes.
WSF	102	116	In 1901, Howard S. Jefferson conveyed Miller's Fancy and St. Cloud to John Marsteller.
WSF	100	243	In 1900, Howard S. Jefferson received the property from John T. Anderson.
WSF	91	304	Otho Lee sold the parcel to John Anderson in 1897. Lee was named trustee following an 1896 court case, J. L. Griffith Lee v.s. George L. Anderson.
ALJ	49	473	In 1883, Roger E. Stansbury transferred 150 acres to George L. Anderson.
Will WSR	9	237	In 1879, James Stansbury left the property to John E. Stansbury.
WG	12	248	In 1861, Isaac Stansbury sold 136 acres of Spittle Fields to James Stansbury, which also included part of Miller's Fancy.
HD	24	243	In 1841, John E. Stansbury conveyed 20 acres of Miller's Fancy to Isaac Stansbury. The deed mentions that Elijah Stansbury had willed the property to John E. Stansbury.
JLG	0	656	In 1800, Patrick Doran sold 20 acres of Poor Dependence to Elijah Stansbury.
JLG	G	186	In 1778, Margaret Doran conveyed Richardson's Wilderness to Patrick Doran.

STANSBURY MANSION FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, GROUND, FIRST, SECOND LEVELS

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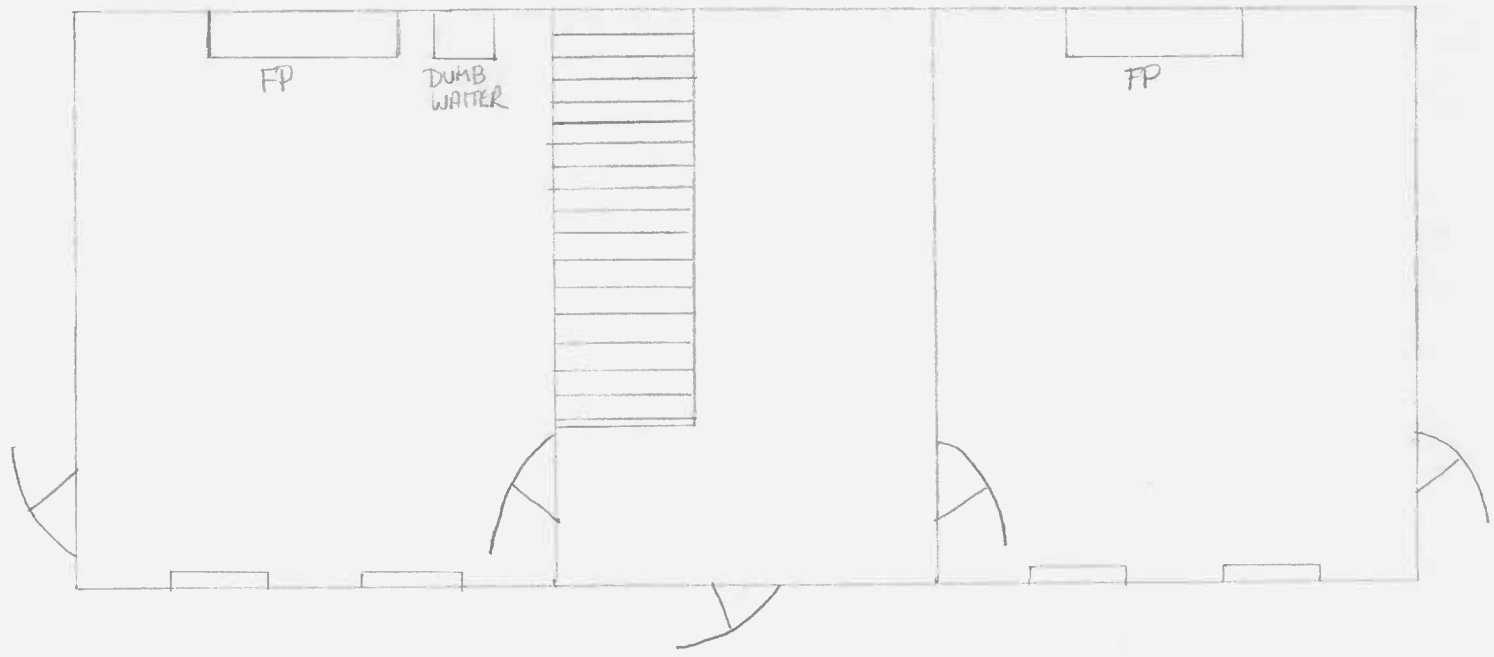

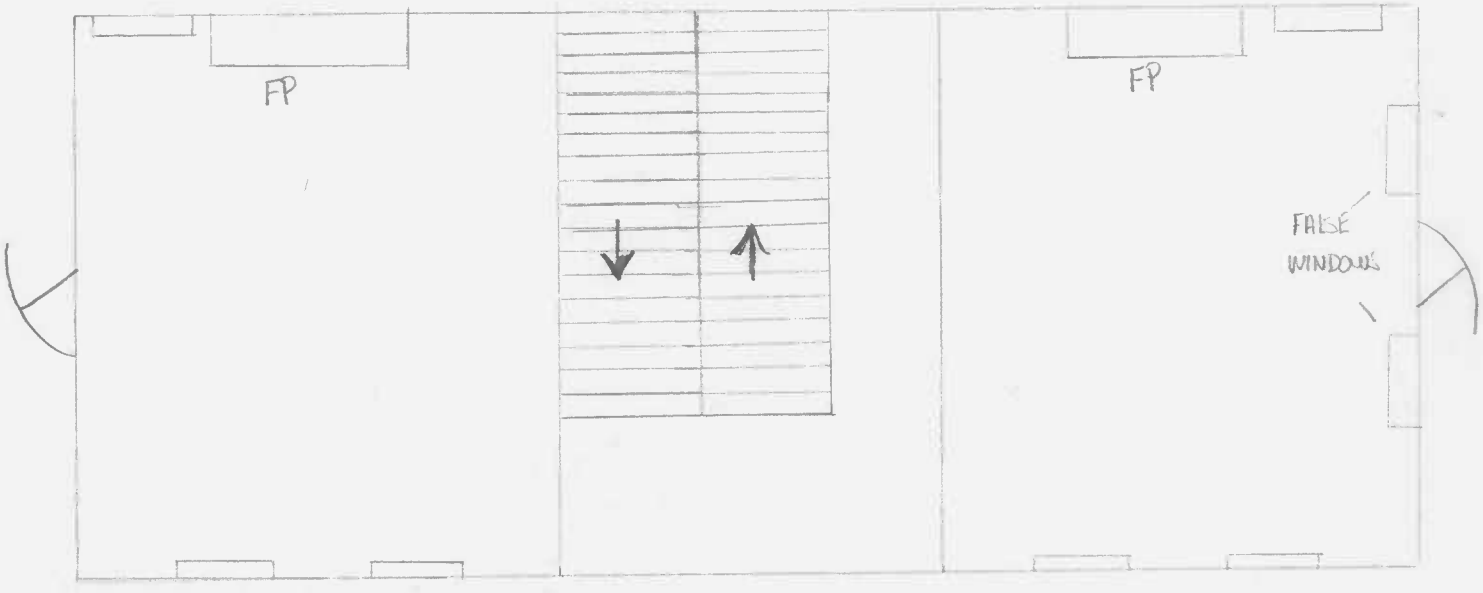

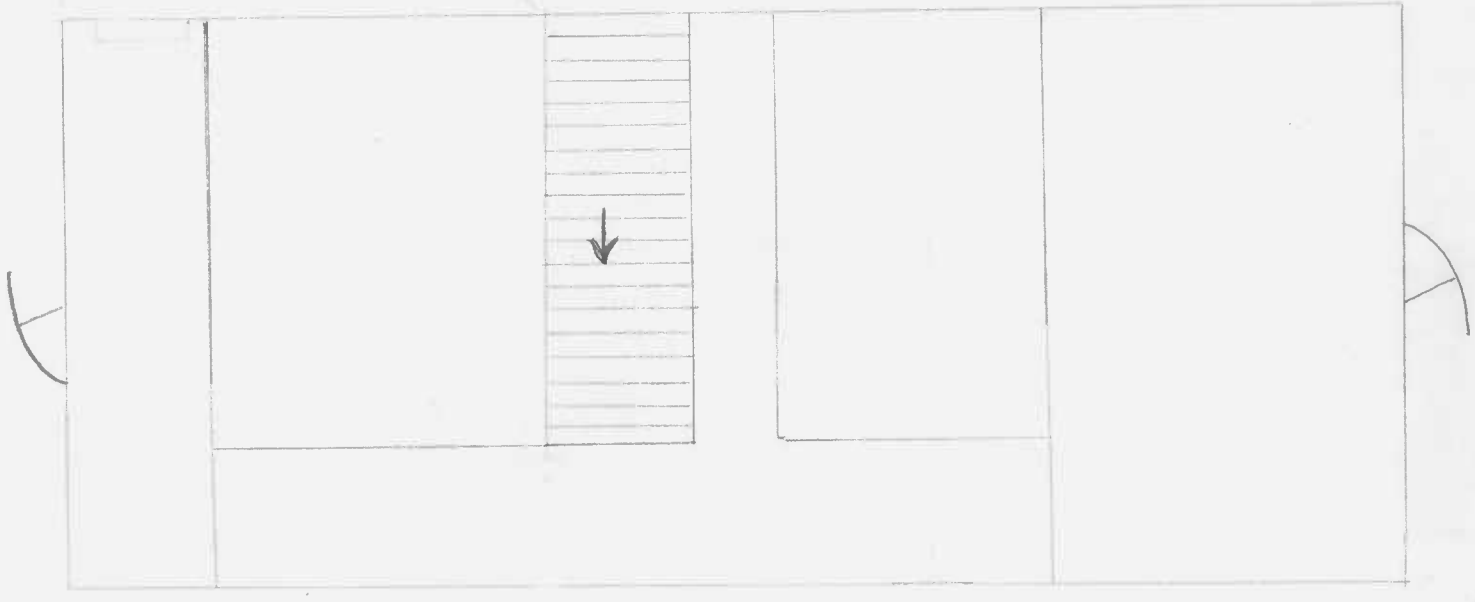

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Western side