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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Gillespie House

AN/O/ OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: West side Houcks Rd., 1.0 miles north of intersection of Houcks Mill

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton Rd.

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Harford

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. William A. Gillespie

STREET AND NUMBER: Houcks Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Harford County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Belair STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk.#282, p. 195

**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:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Gillespie House is a two storey house of logs, covered with wood shingles, consisting of three sections. The two end sections are of two bays each and the smaller center section is of one bay; only one window opening occurs in each section of the second storey, however. The principal front faces approximately east. The north and center sections, probably the older portions, are 27 feet long; the entire structure measures 46'-6" long by 14'-4" deep. A modern external chimney rises from the north end, and a small single-flue chimney rises at the south end. Windows, generally, are 6/6, but the east window in the northerly section is a single six light sash. West windows, installed by the present owner, were taken from the second storey of the demolished ballroom wing of Verdant Valley Farm. A one storey shed roofed porch extends across the entire east front.</p> <p>Most surfaces have been refinished in a very simple, generally undatable manner. The log wall between the north and center sections has been removed. The plain stair rises to the second floor from the center section. The floors of the south section are a few inches lower than those in the two sections to the north. The second floor plan is similar to the first. The slim log roof rafters are mitred at the ridge, and they appear uniform above all sections, suggesting that the present roof was rebuilt after all three sections were standing, or that the older sections, perhaps (typically) 1½ storeys in height, were raised to their present two storey heights when the last section was built two storeys in height.</p> <p>A stone-walled cellar is beneath the southerly section only. Some crawl space has been dug under the center section, and the northerly section is on grade. All joists are of hewn log, and the log walls, covered with vertical boarding, are visible in the south end wall in the cellar entry.</p> <p>Northeast of the house stands a stable, approximately 16 by 20 feet, built into the hillside. Its basement or ground storey is of stone, opening on grade at the south side. Massive log joists support the first floor. Exterior walls are covered in asbestos shingles, and the shingles in the gables are on a surface about an inch beyond the surface of the first storey walls, indicating the presence of typical vertical boarding beneath them. The interior is divided into small rooms finished with modern materials.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">James T. Wollon, Jr.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>Local history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humon-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itorion	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Gillespie House is a two-storey log house which has been shingled. The exact age is uncertain. At</p> <p>This house is on lot 23 of The Manor. The 1782 sale this lot was bought by Richard Waters and at that time measured 160 acres. (-1) A certificate of survey was issued to John Stewart. (-2) A patent for this land was issued in 1793 to William Standiford. (-3) At that time, the lot measured 85<math>\frac{1}{4}</math> acres.</p> <p>Local legend suggests that this property has been in the Standiford family for some time. It is suggested that the land was originally occupied by Standiford shortly after a lease from Thomas Brerewood. In the leases from Thomas Brerewood, there is one in 1743 to John Standiford for 100 acres. (-4) The list of tenants in arrears in rent prior to the confiscation of the property is one Archibald Standiford, but no location is given for his residence. (-5)</p> <p>The 1798 Tax Assessment lists property belonging to Edmund Standiford in Harford County measuring 83 acres and containing a dwelling valued at \$105. (-6) This piece of property by description is appropriate for lot 23. Unfortunately the Harford County 1798 survey does not list neighboring properties so that one cannot be absolutely certain of the site of this land.</p> <p>The third generation of Standifords living on The Manor, Edmund Standiford sold this farm to Luther Sutton.</p> <p>The property is presently owned by William Allan Gillespie.</p> <p>References:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55,56.</li> <li>2. Certificate of Survey #470</li> <li>3. Liber IC#H folio 348</li> <li>4. Liber TB#C folio 453</li> <li>5. Henry Harford, Esq. - West Short Rent Rolls, p.94 in Claims, American Loyalists, Maryland 1786-87.</li> <li>6. Bush River Upper and Edin Hundreds p.27</li> </ol>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **85 acres**

**Acreage Justification:**

Acreage owned by present resident comprises farm and is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.**

ORGANIZATION: **My Lady's Manor Association**      DATE: **January 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Rt. 1, Box 42**

CITY OR TOWN: **Monkton**      STATE: **Maryland**

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

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Signature

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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COUNTY	Harford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY		
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE	

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Monkton

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
Maryland		Harford	

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland

SCALE: 1:24,000  
DATE: 1957

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.  
DATE OF PHOTO: January 1975  
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Maryland Historical Trust  
21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East (front) facade

