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Waverly Tenant House/ Sokel House
1003 Tollgate Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

This house was one of four tenant houses on "Waverly" farm, of which only two remain. Probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century, its substantial size attests to the prosperity of the farm, which was part of the tract called "Everly Hills".

The farm was purchased in 1866 by Herman Stump, U.S. Congressman and the first U.S. Superintendent of Immigration, and it was during his residence that the tenant houses were constructed. This part of "Waverly" was split off in 1967, when it was sold to Edwin Sokel. At the same time, ten other parcels of the farm were sold off, leaving the estate mansion on fourteen acres.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Waverly tenant house
AND/OR COMMON
Sokol House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1003 Tollgate Road
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<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
Edwin Sokel
Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse
Liber #: 741
Folio #: 192
STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main St.
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air,
STATE
Maryland 21014

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story shingled house with a gable roof was originally a tenant house on the farm called "Waverly" (the estate mansion is now owned separately by Patrick Sullivan-see HA-). Two bays wide and three bays long with a shed-roofed wing on the north side, the building is set on a hill so the basement on the north side and west end is a full story. The house with a central brick chimney is on a low stone foundation, and a three-bay porch spans the east end. The windows have 6/6 sash and plain trim and decrease in size with each story. The roof has a plain boxed cornice with gable returns.

The east or front facade has an entrance on the south bay, flanked on the north by a window. The second story and gable both have two windows. The shed-roofed porch with square posts and balusters covers the first story as well as the one bay-wide addition on the north, which is flush with the east end. The wide central stone staircase approaches from the side and then turns on a straight axis with the house.

The south side has three windows in each story which are not aligned and two 6-light basement windows (and one in the west bay that is blocked up).

The west end is blank except for two gable windows. Except for the three windows in the second story, the north side is covered by the addition. This has a door flanked by eight light windows on each side in the first story of the east end, and a concrete block basement section under the porch. The north facade of the addition has windows of various sizes in the first story-a small six light window in the center bay flanked by three 8-light windows in the east bay, and a larger six light window in the west bay. The basement is concrete block in the east; the west shingled portion has a six panel door and a replaced window. (Through the window, it is possible to see the original exterior wall with two windows and a four panel door.)

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was one of four tenant houses on "Waverly" farm--built on the "Everly Hills" tract--of which only two are left. Probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century, its substantial size attests to the prosperity of the farm. (In 1866, Herman Stump-U.S. Congressman and first superintendent of Immigration-bought the property from William Norris,¹ and the houses were probably built by him.)

The reduction in window height in proportion to its height on the facade is unusually stylish for this type of building, as are the grand porch steps, which were probably added with the porch. Also, the central chimney plan is not common in this part of the county. Thus, although the house itself is not unusual, it is an anomaly among tenant houses.

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FOOTNOTES

¹ Liber WHD 17, Folio 288.

² Liber 741, Folio 192.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Harford County

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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
Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE
May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014

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

WAVERLY TENANT HOUSE

Title Search

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1. 741/192 March 7, 1967 Grantor: Elmer M. & Loretto M. Spearing
Grantee: Edwin C. & Catherine Sokel
Acreage: 0.923 Acres
2. GCB 294/348 December 10, 1945 Grantor: Ernest L. Wheeler & Bankers
Trust Co., Trustees
Grantee: Elmer M. & Loretto Spearing
Acreage: 73.71 Acres
3. Will Records
AJG 21/349 1944 Devisor: Mary F. de V. Stump
Devisee: Elmer Spearing
Acreage: "Waverly"
4. DGW 181/114 December 23, 1922 Grantor: Bessie L. Renwick
Grantee: Mary F. de V. Stump
Acreage: 190 Acres
5. DGW 181/113 December 23, 1922 Grantor: Mary F. de V. Stump
Grantee: Bessie L. Renwick
Acreage: 190 Acres
6. DGW 178/222 March 29, 1922 Grantor: Bertram N. & Margaret B. Stump
Grantee: Mary F. de V. Stump
Acreage: 190 Acres
7. Will Records
JA 15/303 1917 Devisor: Herman Stump
Devisee: Bertram N. Stump
Acreage: "Waverly"
8. WHD 17/288 May 9, 1866 Grantor: William B. Norris, Trustee &
Sophia Johnson
Grantee: Herman Stump
Acreage: 180 Acres of "Everly Hills"
9. ALJ 5/135 November 24, 1854 Grantor: John & Sophia Johnson
Grantee: William B. Norris
Acreage: 180 Acres
10. HD 11/213 December 1, 1827 Grantor: William B. & Amanda A. Norris
of Baltimore City
Grantee: Sophia Johnson
Sum: \$1000
Acreage: Amanda Norris' share of "Everly
Hills" = 160 Acres

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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| 11. | HD 3/326 | July 6, 1819 | Grantor: Avarilla Norris
Grantee: Sophia, Clarissa & Amanda Norris
Acreage: 160 Acres of "Everly Hills" |
| 12. | HDW/286 | October 25, 1811 | Grantor: John Sanders, Trustee
Grantee: Averilla Norris
Acreage: 140 or 160 (?) Acres of "Everly Hills" purchased by Jacob Norris dec., of John Norris |



WAVERLY TENANT HSE.

Sokal House

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South end, west side



WOWERLY TENANT HOUSE

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January, 1979

East side, north end