

HO-120  
BY HIS GRACE  
Glenwood  
Private

Circa 1790

Representative of the fine stone houses which dot Howard County, Maryland, By His Grace has not been changed and then "changed back" but has retained its original form which the Reverend and Mrs. Virgil Van Street, present owners, have enhanced and maintained.

Three bays wide and one room deep with south of center ground floor east door and central second floor west door which on this evaluation is ground floor, By His Grace features a wide brick chimney on its south wall, rectangular double-hung fenestration with six-over-six lites, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned on its exterior, and original mantles and wide random width floors in its interior.

By His Grace, with its simple and uncluttered lines is significant as a part of the neighboring New Year's Gift, constructed circa 1790 and also as a continuing landmark in the future history of Howard County.



**DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

By His Grace is a three bay wide, two bay deep three and a half story stone house on the east and two and a half story stone house on the west. Its gabled roof runs north-south, with a wide brick chimney centered into its south wall. A rectangular batten/wood east door is slightly south of center. Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung with six-over-six lites, decorated with flat stone lintels and flat wooden sills and shutters. Two four lite attic windows are placed in the south wall and a central 4 lite square attic window in its north wall. A shed roofed one story screened-in porch lies along the ground floor of the west wall of the house which is really the second floor.

The second floor (ground floor on the west elevation) holds a central open bible and cross paneled door and a dutch door in the north bay.

A one story brick garage lies along the south wall of the house which has now been converted into a service area with bath and work space. A nine lite rectangular door is centered into its east wall. A stone retaining wall runs north of the house from its northeast corner, balancing the one story brick addition.

The interior features wide, random width floors, a large stone fireplace on the ground floor with stretcher stone flat arched lintel and key-stone while fireplaces on the second and third floors feature stretcher brick flat arched lintels and keystone with original Georgian mantles. The stone fireplace at New Year's Gift with keystone marked 1788 is almost identical to the stone fireplace found here and may point to a similar time of construction. The living room fireplace is flanked by pilasters and surmounted by architrave and wide mantelpiece. Enclosed staircases from second to third floors and third floor to attic appear original to the house.

A pond lies west of the house which is surrounded by boxwood gardens.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century            |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** C. 1790

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

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| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

By His Grace probably dates circa 1788, the date of the construction of the stone house incorporated into New Year's Gift.

Owned by the late Ludwell Denny, Foreign Editor of the Scripps Howard papers, who also owned New Year's Gift, By His Grace was purchased by the Reverend Virgil Van Street in 1950. At that time Mr. Denny indicated to the Reverend Van Street that the two houses were very closely dated and built between the years 1780 and 1790. A keystone on which is inscribed the date 1788 decorate the fireplace in Villa de Speranza (New Year's Gift).

The stretcher stone lintel above the fireplace of By His Grace on the south wall is very similar to that which is inscribed with the date 1788 at Villa de Speranza.

For these reasons, the house probably dates circa 1790, and should be placed on the National Register as an outstanding example of this simple stone house architecture. Any future land mark legislation as well as the State Critical Areas Program should also include this outstanding building

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties, Md., p. 447  
 Interview with Mrs. Ellen Wakefield Ottenritter, at By His Grace, March 14, 1977.  
 Notes of the Reverend Virgil Van Street from the Howard County Historical Society, 1976.

**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		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

Please see Attachment 1,  
 Tax Map #21, p 4  
 219-179 9.5 acres

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Comprehensive Planning Section      DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 3450 Courthouse Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City      STATE: Maryland      21043

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

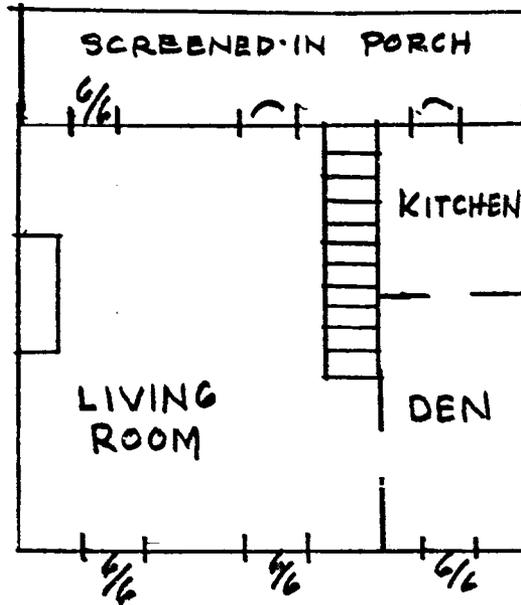
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National  State  Local

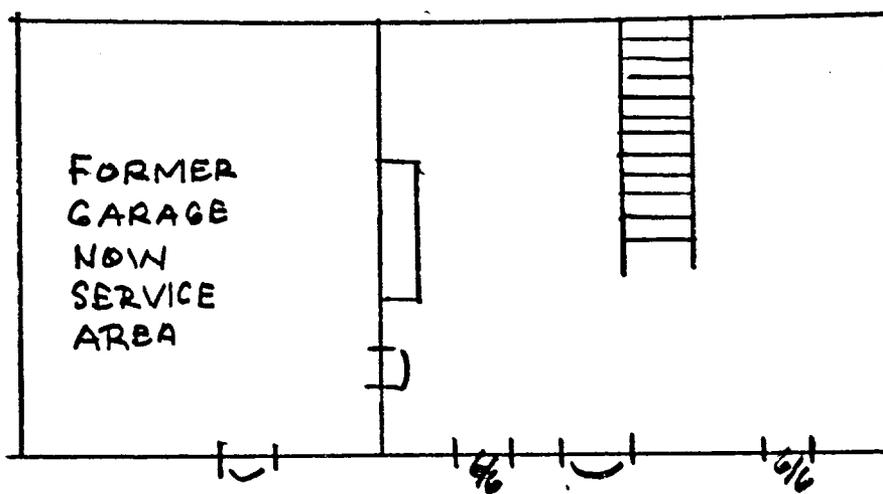
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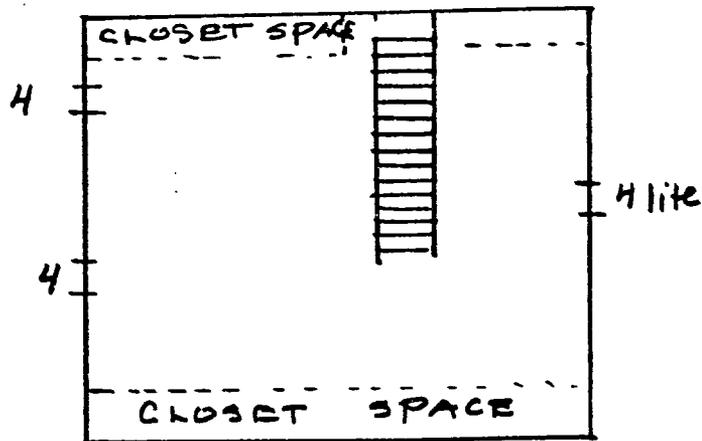


PLAN - 1ST FLOOR

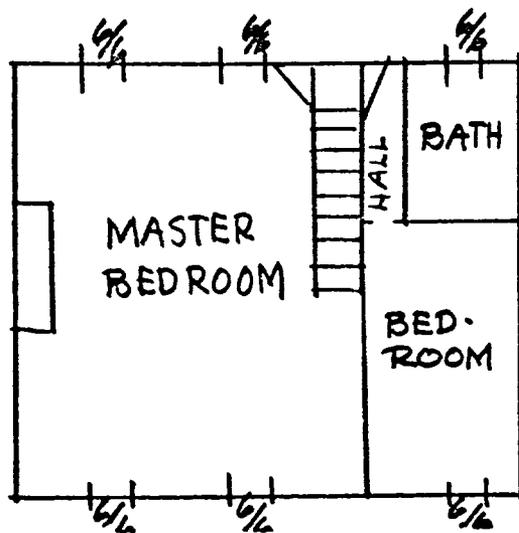


PLAN - GROUND FLOOR

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PLAN - ATTIC



PLAN - GROUND FLOOR

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ANNE B DUNN  
364/499 PAR II  
86 81A  
P1

BEN DUNN  
270/178  
2711A  
P1

MAP 20-  
P.17

MAP 20-P. 20

Attachment 1

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Tax Map #21

LITTLE

COLTAIN

EVERETT D. MARSTON & WF  
& ROBT. W. DOUGLAS & WF.  
517/677

VIRGIL  
VAN STREET  
219/79  
8.97A  
P.4

MILLIE BEANE  
217/100  
246 WA  
P.C

154.42A.  
P.2

JOS. M.  
DELLA RATTI  
580/688  
9.96A.  
P.132

P.102

J. GARRETT  
REILLY  
257/518  
278.63A.  
P.13

97

P.91

P.109 P.93

JOHN M.  
BEANE  
215/202  
35 27A  
P.26

M GEMMILL  
ELLINGSWORTH  
230/459  
8148A,  
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Attachment 2

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U.S. Geological Survey Map

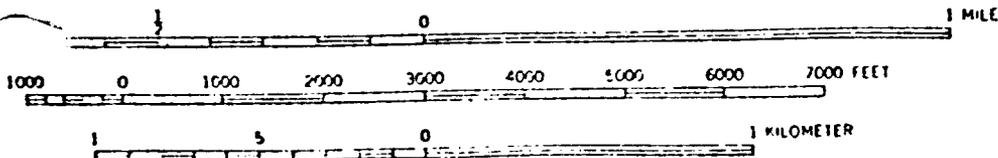
Woodbine, Maryland Quad

LOOD PRONE AREA

Roxall Mills

SUNSHINE 2.1 MI.  
BROOKVILLE 5 MI.

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION



DIST. 5 HO-120  
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CB THOMPSON