

HO-137  
BROSENNE's STONE HOUSE  
Ellicott City  
Private

Circa 1840

Brosenne's Stone House faces north on the south side of U.S. Route 40. It is a five bay wide, two room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone house with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. A three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone building rests along the larger house's east wall. A gabled roof vestibule covers its central bay.

The interior of the large stone house features a central hall and original staircase and mantelpieces, wide attic floor boards and tongue and groove attic trusses put together with pegs and marked with roman numerals.

Vertically aligned and proportionally scaled fenestration is decorated with flat arched stretcher stone lintels and projecting stone sills. Fine stone work is also seen in the building's stone quoining.

Known as the Pine Orchard Hotel in the nineteenth century and an old tavern along the Baltimore - Frederick Turnpike, it may well have begun as a sumptuous private home for one of the early Howard County settlers.

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MAGI # 1401375404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brosenne's Stone House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

10281 Baltimore National Pike (U.S. Route 40)

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED (Residence)	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO (Commercial)	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME c/o Mr. Joseph Goldberg  
Anthony C. Liberto, etal

Telephone #: 465-1637

STREET & NUMBER

10281 Baltimore Nat'l Pike

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 24, p. 670  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 498

Folio #: 630

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Brosennes Stone House faces north on the south side of Route 40 4/10 of a mile west of its intersection with Centennial Lane. It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, high pitched gable roof (running east-west) fieldstone structure with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls.

A one story high, three bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west), stone structure rests on the east wall of the house and is believed to be the earliest building of this architectural complex. A gabled roof vestibule enters into the central entrance of its north wall.

The north elevation of the main building, holds a central rectangular open bible and cross paneled door, surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by two, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding the two-over-two horizontal lights, decorated with flat arched, stretcher stone lintels and flat wooden sills. All the windows on each elevation of this house are similar to these.

This main stone house also features an interesting stone water table and fine stone quoining. The five second floor windows on its north elevation are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned.

Two wide stone steps on the east side of the north wall lead to the cement landing of the one story high, flat roofed, open porch, held by three wooden doric columns on brick piles which runs along the three east bays of this wall.

The interior features a central hall, off each side of which, on the first floor, are two rooms, the west of which has been made into one large room. Two mantles are located on the west wall of the first and second floor and one on the first and second floor of the east wall. A fine staircase with curly maple tapered spindles is representative of early nineteenth century staircases.

The south elevation features a stone patio with three stone steps leading to the central rectangular entrance, surmounted by a one light transom and flat arched, stretcher stone lintel. An interesting roman arched stone lintel over the wide, rectangular cellar door is placed east of the entrance.

Mr. Brosenne excavated the basement and constructed two large fireplace openings.

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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 checked="" 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 Circa 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Brosenne's Stone House is architecturally and historically significant.

Architecturally it is one of the fine, well proportioned, well scaled, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone houses of Howard County with central hall and double pile (two room deep) organization on a grand scale, indicating its builders were persons of some importance.

It features vertically aligned, proportionally scaled fenestration, and exceptionally fine stone work in its flat arched stretcher stone lintels and projecting stone sills. The wide attic floorboards and marked tongue and groove attic trusses put together with pegs is a further indication of an early building date. This roof construction is reminiscent of that found in the John Due House, HO-161 with roman numerals indicating where each piece was to be joined. It is believed that this was assembled on the ground first, then marked for placement in constructing the roof. Conservatively, the building dates from circa 1840, though it is probably older than that.

Historically, the building is also significant. Located on the Baltimore-Frederick Turnpike, it became a stop for those traveling along the road and was known in the nineteenth century as the Pine Orchard Hotel.

Many stories abound but few are documented. Initially, it was probably the residence of a prominent Howard County settler, very likely a member of the Dorsey family. When the road from Baltimore to Frederick was opened, it then became a tavern or stage stop. This developed into its becoming The Pine Orchard Hotel. Today it has reverted to what is believed to have been its original use - a graceful residence for those who operate the adjoining commercial enterprise (liquor store) which occupies what is believed to have been the earliest structure. An old carriage house, south of the stone house was torn down by Mr. Brosenne.

Architecturally, it is beyond question a notable building, built on a grand scale. Historically, it is notable as a tavern - hotel along the old Baltimore - Frederick Road. Located on U.S. Route 40 which is presently stripped zoned for commercial use, this old stone house stands in a precarious situation. For these reasons, the Brosenne Stone House should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Sites and the State Critical Areas Program.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .867 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 24

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 498, folio 630

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

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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Brosenne's Store

RT 40 where it meets with RT 174, Elbert City

large stone building - 5x2 bays -

Very steep A roof -

Now used as store - (probably was  
an early tavern on  
the National Pike)

was Mary Tavern

located by MAB 7/21/70

tax map # 24, p. 670

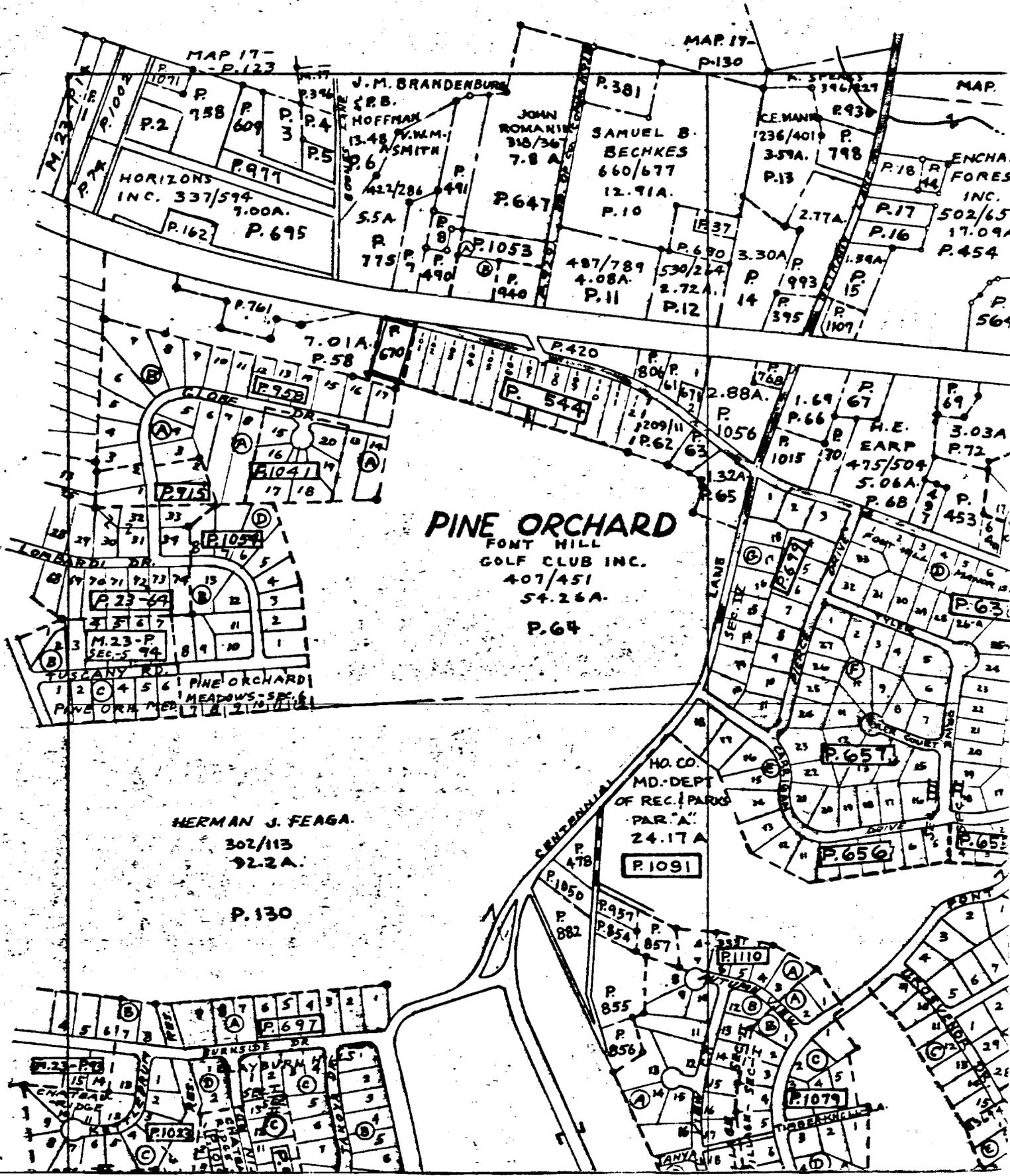
Martin J. Brosenne & wife

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Attachment 1  
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Brosenne's Stone House  
Tax Map 24







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