

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard Walter Williams House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Westerly Road not for publication

city, town Poolesville vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state Maryland county Montgomery

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 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Elizabeth Brown Allnut et al

street & number 21134 Westerly Rd. telephone no.: 349-4879

city, town Poolesville state and zip code Maryland, 20837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4530

street & number folio 323

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION

M:17-29

CONDITION

(Check One)
 Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)
 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)
 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story stone building with a hipped-roof. The four bay, main(west) facade has a doorway in the second bay from the south. The door has a transom light overhead, and panelled reveals. Over the windows there are heavy stone lintels. The porch across the west and part of the south facades has been added.

Chimneys are varied in design. The one on the north end is interior and has a brick stack. The one on the east facade is exterior with a two story stone base and a brick stack. The one on the south end is also exterior but with a one story stone base and brick stack.

Near the house are a log corn crib and a ruined bankbarn, now used as a sheep shelter.

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Significance

Survey No.

M. 17-29

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
pre-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**

Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and report.

The R.W. Williams house is significant as a good example of the Italiante influence in rural architecture. This was obviously the home of a prosperous farmer. The house is constructed of rough cut red sand stone taken from the property.¹ This is one of two very similar houses built sometime between 1841 and 1863 by John McGill Williams.² John built the houses for his two sons; one for John T. Williams and this one for Richard Walter Williams.³ The Williams, a well-to-do family, were among the early settlers of Maryland. Thomas Williams first established the Williams family here in 1665. John McGill Williams purchased considerable acreage here beginning in 1818, and once had a residence here himself (a mile or two from this house). However, he moved to Georgetown later in life. Upon his death in 1865, he left to his son, Richard Walter Williams, "the plantation whereon he now dwelleth in Montgomery County, Maryland known by the name of Part of the Forrest..."⁴

Richard Walter Williams, listed on the 1850 Census as a farmer with real estate valued at \$2,500, lived here with his wife and their many children until his death in 1890. That part of the farm, "on which my dwelling house now stands" was left to his wife, Hester C. Williams and his son, Walter Williams.⁵ Then, in January of 1902, Hester and Walter conveyed the property to their daughter and sister, Lucie W. and her husband, Joseph N. Allnutt.⁶ They continued to farm the land, raising corn, wheat and cattle. They added a frame addition to the rear of the house which no longer stands (it was torn down about 1950). A decendent, Mr. Roger Williams says that he also remembers a kitchen with a covered walk way leading to it which was torn down many years ago.

In December of 1933, Joseph and Lucie Allnutt conveyed

See Attachment Sheet A

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the property to Joseph Kenneth Allnutt and Richard Walter allnutt, brothers.⁷ They also farmed the land raising carn, wheat and cattle. Richard later died in 1982 and the house is now the property of his wife, Elizabeth Allnutt and other.

¹Conversation with Mr. Roger Williams, 2/7/84.

²The date given is based on the Tax assesment Records for those years and the fact that the house does appera on the 1865 map of the county.

³Conversation with Mary Ann Kephart, 2/20/84.

⁴Will JWS 1/201, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

⁵Will RWC 15/282," "

⁶Deed TD 19/418, Montgomery County Lnad Records.

⁷Deed 562/287, " "

SIGNIFICANCE

(Check One or More as Appropriate)

- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box 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	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 4 Oct 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NAME R. WALTER WILLIAMS HOUSE

*17-29

LOCATION WESTERNY Rd. OFF EDWARDS FERRY Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE W.

PHOTO TAKEN 10/4/73 M. DWYER



#17-29

NAME R WALTER WILLIAMS HOUSE

LOCATION WESTERLY Rd. NEAR EDWARDS FERRY Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE S.W.

PHOTO TAKEN 10/4/73 H. DWYER



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NAME RW WILLIAMS - LOG CORN CRIB

LOCATION WESTERLY RD POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 10/4/73 MDWYER



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NAME RW WILLIAMS - LOG CORN CRIB

LOCATION WESTERLY Rd POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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