

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Woodburn Inventory Number: M: 23-116

Address: 16320 Batchellor's Forest Road Historic district: yes no

City: Olney Zip Code: 20832 County: Montgomery

USGS Quadrangle(s): Kensington

Property Owner: Edmund B. Cronin, Jr. Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 707;808 Tax Map Number: HS563

Project: Intercounty Connector Project Agency: SHA

Agency Prepared By: P.A.C. Spero & Company

Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: 10/1/1996

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form M: 23-116

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Woodburn, constructed circa 1800 with modifications in 1884 and 1930, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The period of significance of the property is circa 1800 to circa 1930, as the property is a good example of an early 19th century log structure, which continued to be enlarged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, exhibiting evolutionary building techniques. The main house, its outbuildings, and the property's setting retain excellent integrity. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. In addition, the property does not meet Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

[Property determined eligible under Criterion C via letter dated September 12, 1996. Keeper of the National Register concurred that the property is eligible on August 6, 1997.]

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u>
MHT Comments:	
<u>Edmund Cronin</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/14/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>10/14/03</u> Date

Property Address 16320 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney, Montgomery County, Maryland

Owner Name/Address Edmund B. Cronin, Jr., 16320 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney, MD 20832

Year Built circa 1800

Description:

Woodburn, constructed circa 1800, with modifications in 1884 and 1930, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1976 and 1979. Since the time of the previous survey, the property is unaltered.

National Register Evaluation:

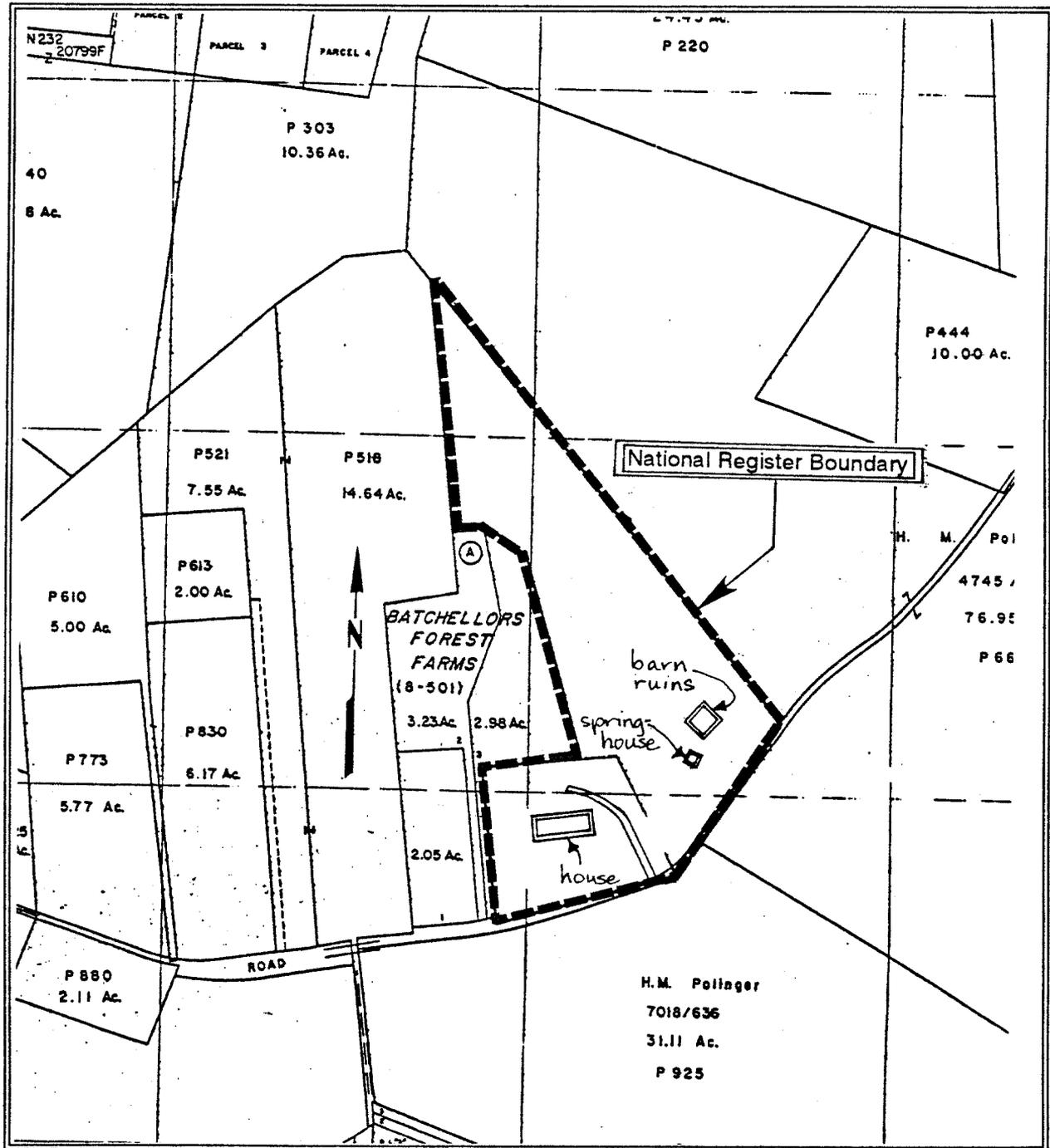
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of Woodburn at 16320 Batchellors Forest Road, follow the current property lines of parcels P707 and P808 on Tax Map HS 563. This approximately 6.47 hectare (16 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south and west by adjacent tax parcels, and on the east by Batchellors Forest Road. Contributing structures within the boundary include the house, a stone spring house and the ruins of a stone bank barn. A non-contributing garage and swimming pool are located within the proposed boundary. According to deed research, the original acreage of the property was several hundred acres, however, by the 1960s, the property had been reduced to its current size. The property is bounded on the north and east by open fields, on the south and west by more recent residential development.

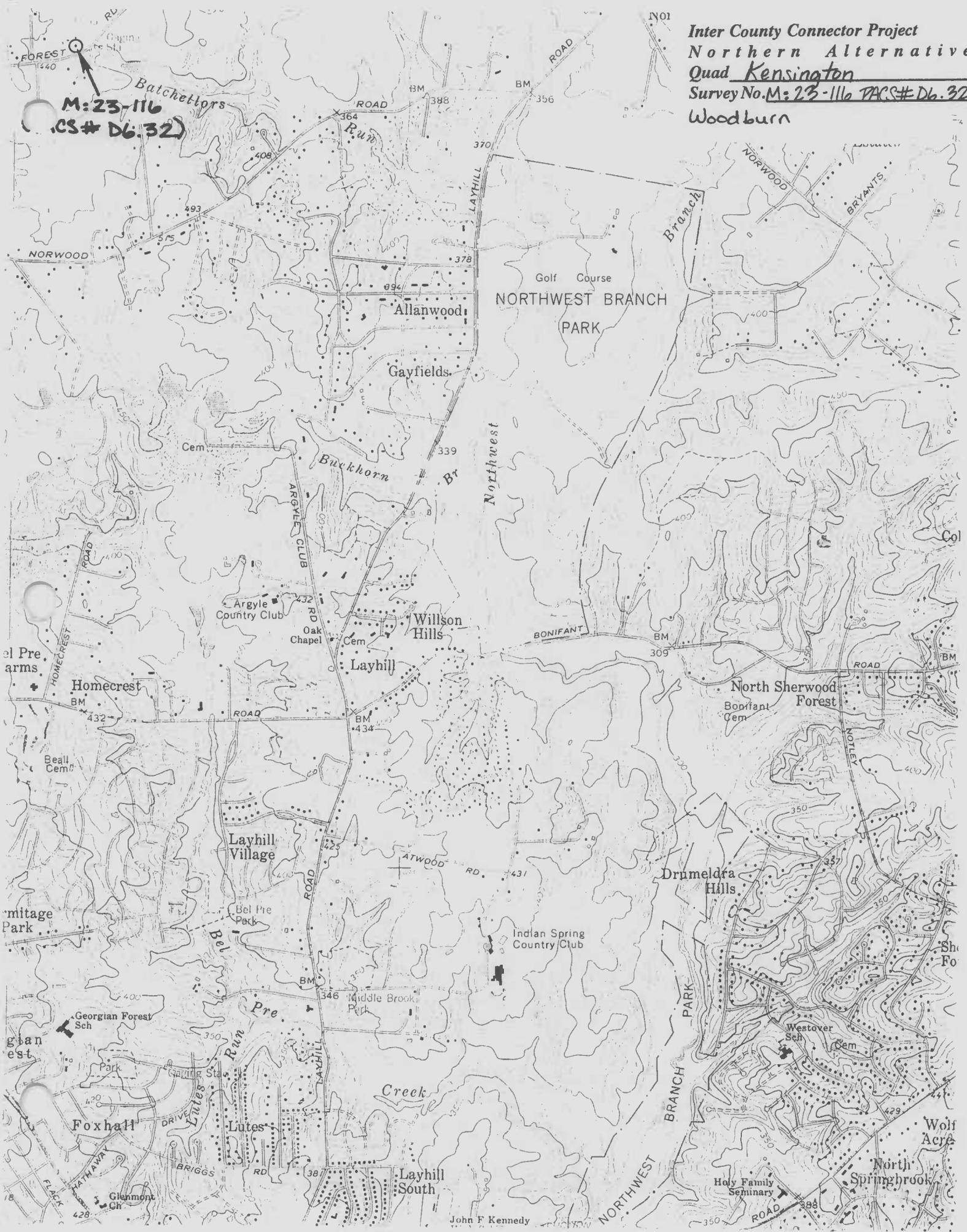
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



**Inter County Connector Project
Northern Alternative
Quad Kensington
Survey No. M: 23-116 PACS# D6.32
Woodburn**

**M: 23-116
CS# D6.32**





1 M-23-116

2 Woodburn

3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

5 February 1996

6 PAC Specs and Company, Towson MD 21204

7 16320 Catehills Forest Road, south facade

8 1 of 4



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and barn
coins
- 8 3 of 4



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5 February 1996

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716320 Batchellors Faest Road, Springhouse

8 4 of 4

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Woodburn
2. Planning Area/Site Number 23/116 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 16
H-6
4. Address 16320 Batchellors Forest Rd.
Olney, Maryland
5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use private residence; agriculture
 Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC Federal State x County x Local

(Title and date: 1976; Inventory of Historical Sites)

6. Date log early 19th century
addition; 1885
7. Original Owner Samuel Ellicott
Mahlon Kirk II
William & Alice
Dinwiddle
8. Apparent Condition later addition; 1930s
- a. good
- b. altered
- c. original site

9. Description: This log and frame, eight bay by three bay house was built in sections and faces south: the west two bay log section was built about 1880; a frame four bay two and a half story house was built by Dr. Mahlon Kirk about 1885 to the east of the original structure. The house now has white aluminum siding. There is a screened shed roofed porch west of the original log house. There is a south porch that extends the length of the 1885 structure and wraps around to the east elevation. It has a shed roof and is supported by 8 chamfered posts. The log house has six-over-six double hung windows. The east section has two-over-two double hung windows. Windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The west gable roof has raised seam metal covering. **The east gable roof has black asbestos shingles.**
10. Significance: Woodburn is a log house which grew into a more complex structure, and which was inhabited by 4 generations of a well-known Quaker family. It is a charming example of an informal yet substantial life style once prevalent in upper Montgomery County. In 1813 John Ellicott bought 397 3/4 acres of land from Charles Burnett of Georgetown. On Ellicott's death c. 1815, Mahlon Kirk held a mortgage on the estate, later purchasing the property on which a log dwelling stood. Kirk probably rented the log cabin from Samuel Ellicott (heir of John) prior to 1849 and farmed the land. The Mahlon Kirk family owned Woodburn for the next 90 years. When Kirk died in 1860, his wife Eliza ran the farm until her death in 1883. Two Kirk sons made their marks in the community: Richard operated Fair Hill School and Mahlon II taught in Benjamin Hallowell's school in Alexandria, then practiced dentistry. Mahlon Kirk II built a new wing on the house about 1885. Woodburn was inherited by Mahlon III in 1911; in 1930 the house and 65 acres were sold out of the family. It has since had 4 owners.
11. Date researched and researcher Leslie D. Cronin 11/78 Candy Reed, Arch.
Description
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage 16.098 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 23/116
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Woodburn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16320 Batchellors Forest Road

CITY, TOWN

Olney

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edmund B. and Leslie D. Cronin

Telephone #: 774-6068

STREET & NUMBER

16320 Batchellors Forest Road

CITY, TOWN

Olney

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4152,4668

Folio #: F052,486

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE
Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:23-116

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 log and frame house, eight bays across and three bays deep faces south and appears to have been built in three distinct periods. The west two bay log section is earliest, a frame four bay addition was erected to the east of the original log structure; a second addition was made about 1930.

The west, log, section is one story and is now sheathed by white aluminum siding. It has a paneled door which faces south and has six-over-six double hung windows. This section has a steeply pitched gable roof covered by raised seam metal roofing. At the west elevation there is a massive fieldstone chimney base with a brick stack; the crane is intact. There is a curved wall diagonally opposite this fireplace. A one story screened porch with a shed roof has been added to the west elevation.

The center frame section is four bays, two and a half stories in height, and is covered by white aluminum siding. A door occupies the third bay proceeding east. It is wooden paneled and is surmounted by a three light transom. Windows in this section are two over two double hung and are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. There is a single two over two gabled dormer window. This section has a gable roof which is covered by asbestos shingles. There is a single interior brick chimney.

The east, frame section is two bays across the south elevation and three across the east elevation. It, too, is covered by white aluminum siding. A projecting two story gabled pavilion is located on the north half of the east elevation. A door is centered on the east elevation between the pavilion and a window. The door is paneled and surmounted by a three light transom. There are two-over-two double hung windows in this section. These are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. On the south elevation, at the second story, there is a double window composition of narrow one-over-one double hung windows. A two-over-two gabled dormer window is centered above the double window on the south elevation. This section has a gable roof which is slightly higher than the roof of the center section with a returned cornice; it has asbestos shingle covering. This section has a brick chimney on the south elevation.

There is a porch on the south elevation which begins at the center section and continues around to the east elevation, stopping at the projecting pavilion. It has a shed roof with raised seam metal covering and supported by eight chamfered wooden posts.

Also on the property are a stone spring house, the remains of a large brick and stone bank barn, and an enormous elm tree (maybe the largest in the state) which shades the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woodburn is an early 19th century house which grew into a more complex structure, and which was inhabited by four generations of a well-known Quaker family for many years. It is a charming example of an informal yet substantial life style which was prevalent in upper Montgomery County.

Charles Burnett of Georgetown in 1808, in three separate transactions, purchased a total of 397 3/4 acres of land on tracts called "Snowden's Manor Enlarged", "Bradford's Rest", and "Batchellor's Forrest", for a total of \$3,531.¹ Each of these tracts contained improvements. Burnett sold this land at considerable profit 5 years later to John Ellicott;² Ellicott also purchased the right to erect dams across the North West Branch from a neighbor.³ John Ellicott died not long afterward, and his heirs requested that Mahlon Kirk of Montgomery County be appointed "true and lawful attorney to recover... sums of money...from the estate of John Ellicott..." Kirk apparently was successful in that venture, later held a mortgage on the property, and in 1849 purchased from Samuel Ellicott (heir of John) for \$2,400, 407 1/2 acres of land which had been the property of John Ellicott and on which was located the subject dwelling.⁴

The Mahlon Kirk family owned Woodburn for the next 90 years. Mahlon Kirk may have come to Maryland and rented the log cabin section of the house from Ellicott prior to 1849. In the 1850 Census, Mahlon Kirk is listed as age 66, a farmer, born in York, Pennsylvania. His wife Eliza, 55, and their children still at home were Mary (31), Uriah B. (28), and Rachel (25). Kirk died in 1860, and Eliza ran the farm until her death in 1883.⁵ Two Kirk sons made their marks in the community: Richard, together with his wife Mary W. Farquhar, operated the Fair Hill School in Olney; Mahlon II both attended and taught in Benjamin Hallowell's School in Alexandria, but left to practice dentistry and add to the store of scientific knowledge in mathematics.⁶

Mahlon Kirk II came to Woodburn to live permanently about 1885, and built a new wing to the right of the log cabin. He became involved in the agricultural community. Woodburn was inherited by Mahlon III after his father's death in 1911; Mahlon II had directed that "there (should) be no division of the farm (Woodburn) until the youngest heir has reached the age of 21 years, and then I trust such arrangements will be made, as will keep intact the land of this farm, that it may go in a body to such descendent, as will preserve this old homestead where four generations have lived lives of love, harmony and honor."⁸

Mahlon IV built a modern home soon after his marriage in 1919, and the farm was divided into several parts. The house and 65 acres were

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

sold in 1930 to William and Alice Dinwiddie,⁹ who made extensive improvements to the house. Although William died at Woodburn not long after retiring there, his wife remained there until her death in 1961. The house and 16 acres was left to her brother Allan F. Brooke, who immediately sold it to the Hatzes family.¹⁰ The Hatzes sold the house and 4 acres to the present owners in 1971; the other 12 acres were subsequently added to the purchase.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, O/77; O/150; N/355.
- 2 Ibid., Q/417 (1813)
- 3 Ibid., S19/248 (1815)
- 4 Ibid., STS4/162.
- 5 Sandy Spring Annals, Sept. 12, 1883.
- 6 Farquhar, Roger B., History and Homes of Montgomery County, Md., (Washington, D.C., 1962), p. 325.
- 7 Ibid.
- 8 Will Records of Montgomery County, HCA8/451.
- 9 Land Records, op. cit., 498/303.
10. Will Records, op. cit., VNB 137/809; Land Records, 2912/62.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Montgomery County Will Records
Sandy Spring Annals
Farquhar, R.B., Old Homes and History of Montgomery County,
(Washington, D.C., 1962), p. 324-6

Maps: Martinet and Bond (1865)
Hopkins Atlas (1879)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16.098 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Leslie D. Cronin	Candy Reed Arch. Description
ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE 11/78
STREET & NUMBER Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN Dickerson	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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 11 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

Woodburn



Maryland State Archives

Iron Pipe markers at corners not guaranteed by this survey.

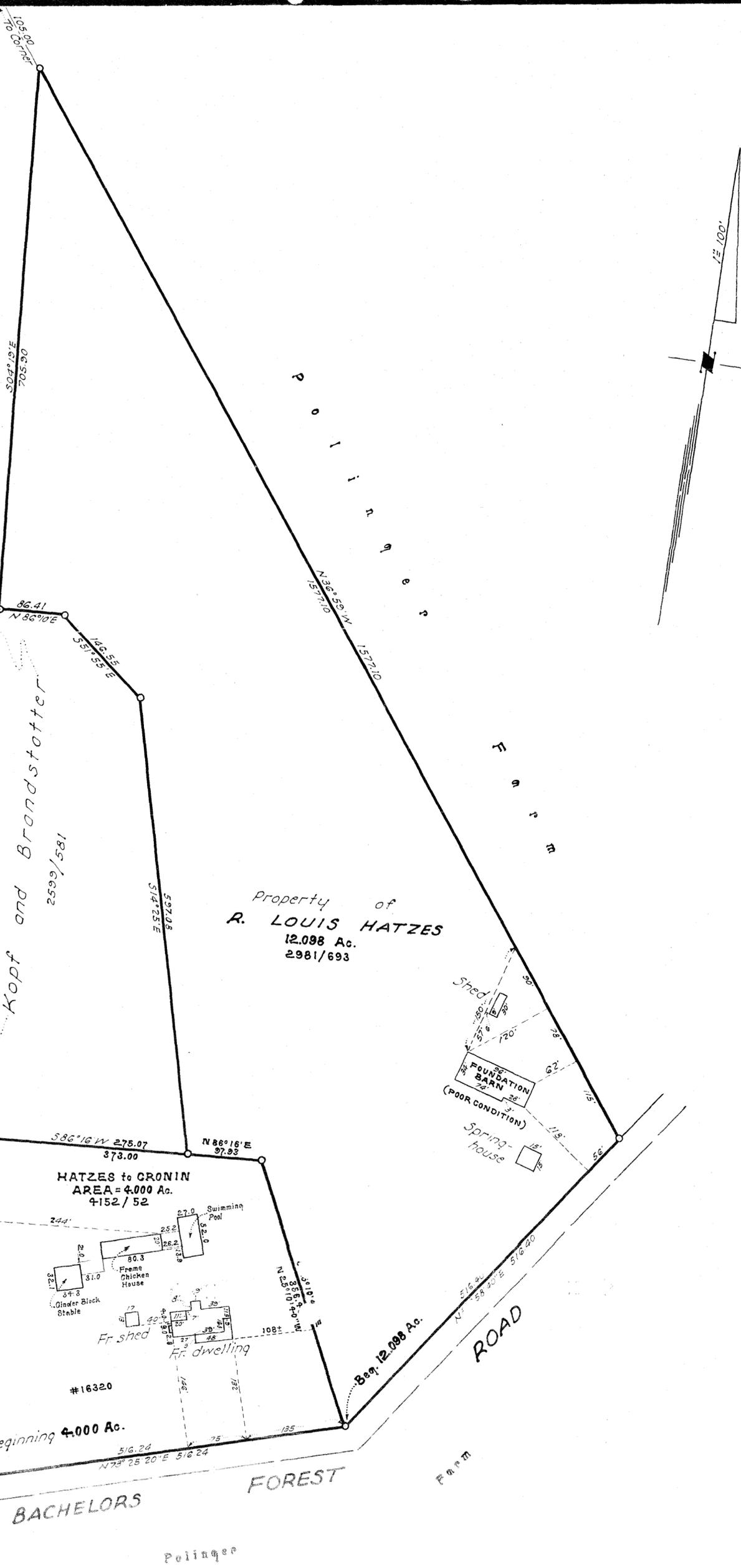
R. K. MADDOX COUNTY SURVEYOR MD. REG. #528

Date: July 18, 1975

R. K. MADDOX COUNTY SURVEYOR MD. REG. #528

Date: November 11, 1971

Date: July 13, 1971



ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that this plan is correct, and that iron pipes shown thus ~~are~~ are in place, also the position of all existing improvements on the above described property has been carefully established by a transit-tape survey and, that unless otherwise shown, there are no encroachments.

DATE *July 13, 1971*
R. K. MADDOX - REG. LD. SURVEYOR MD. NO. 528

R. K. MADDOX COUNTY SURVEYOR MD. REG. #528

PLAT OF SURVEY & BUILDING LOCATION

PARTS OF TRACTS OF LAND CALLED
"SNOWDENS MANOR ENLARGED"
& "BRADFORDS REST"

OLNEY DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY MARYLAND
SCALE: 1" = 100'

R. K. MADDOX
COUNTY SURVEYOR
ROCKVILLE, MD.

Revised: July, 1971
Revised: Nov., 1971
Revised: July, 1975

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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:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Woodburn

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
16320 Batchelor's Forest Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Olney

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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)
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (Yes): <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Edward B. Cronin, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
16320 Batchelor's Forest Road

CITY OR TOWN: Olney STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

and was one of the first to push this reform of the county government beginning in 1938. He served on the charter committee until his sudden death on election day in 1946. His death occurred in front of the polls at Olney. He challenged the activities of a Democratic organization worker, said to have been illegally engaged within 100 feet of the polls. What words passed between them is not known, but it is known that Tarleton collapsed and died almost instantly. His passing was generally looked upon as martyrdom in a good cause in which he firmly believed.

The youngest son of Alban and Sadie Brooke was Allan F. who married Lilly H. Emerson in October, 1925. Following his brother Edward into the District of Columbia Government, he had been employed there for many years, and in 1951 was Director of the Sales Tax Division. He lives on a part of the old Willow Grove acreage, across the fields from his birthplace, in a commodious modern home. They have one grown son.

This old Brooke homestead, was sold with 9

acres, around the house in 1957, to Mr. Albert L. Lauer, Head Auditor of the U. S. District Court, of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lauer writes, in 1961 "we have found it to be a real joy to live in such a charming old homestead."

The rugged old house contains 13 rooms, six bedrooms on the second, and two on third floor. On the first floor to the right of entrance hall is a dining room and parlor on left and a sun porch. Five fireplaces are throughout the house, and a summer kitchen at the rear has been made into a "pine panelled," family room.

Mr. Lauer is a native of Washington, D.C., and his wife is from Baltimore and they are blessed with two daughters and four sons—daughters, Jacquelyn and Kathryn and sons Albert, Jr.; Christopher, Michael and Gregory.

Mrs. Brooke, widow of Tarleton Brooke, sold this home a few years ago to Mr. Albert L. Lauer, the present owner in 1961, and she now makes her home at Woodburn.

Alice Brooke Dinwiddle died, August 26th, 1961, at Woodburn.

Woodburn

THE name Kirk has been well known in Pennsylvania since early colonial times. Like several other families from the Keystone State, the Kirks came to Montgomery County before the middle of the nineteenth century. Four generations occupied the family home shown below. It is believed that the low one-story log structure at the extreme left is at least one hundred and fifty years old.

This charming country house is located on the Batchelor's Forest road to Sandy Spring, which road intersects the Washington-Olney road, Route 97. The house stands on a knoll north of the roadway and faces toward the south, having a pleasing view over a green meadow in which flows a never-failing brook.

Mahlon Kirk I, born November, 1783, a son of Timothy Kirk and his second wife, Mary Cadwallader, was the first of this name to come to Montgomery County from York, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Brown of Baltimore, a

daughter of Uriah and Mary Brown, in June, 1817. It is believed by his descendants that he and Elizabeth came to Woodburn quite a few years before the deed, dated July 31, 1849, by which Samuel Ellicott conveyed to Mahlon Kirk, for a consideration of \$2,400, four hundred seventeen acres of land including parts of Batchelor's Forest, Bradford's Rest, and Snowdon's Manor.

In 1871 Kirk bought a tract of twenty-two acres north of the Batchelor's Forest road from Sallie P. Brooke, widow of Roger Brooke VI, who owned the adjoining farm, Willow Grove. It is believed that Mahlon I and his wife came to Woodburn long before the deed from Ellicott, and may have rented the farm and lived in the old log cabin shown to the left while building an addition to the house.

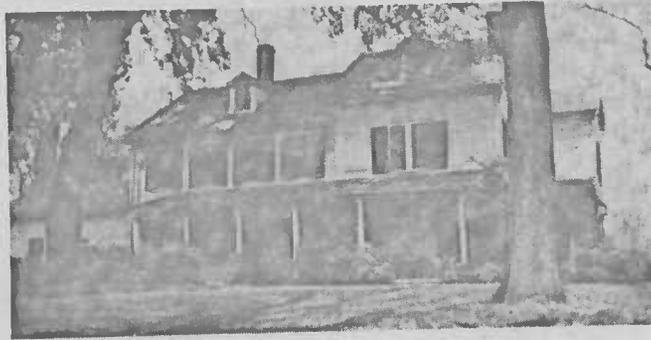
Mahlon Kirk I died in April, 1860, and his widow who died nine years later showed that she was quite capable of carrying on a large

farm during those trying times. For instance, one afternoon a platoon of Confederate soldiers came to the farm, intending to make off with all the horses. She knew they had stripped many of the other farms of suitable cavalry mounts. Widow Kirk met the men with disarming courtesy, inviting them into the house to have something to eat. While giving them a real treat, she "tipped off" her men, and the horses were soon hidden in the deep pine woods safe from discovery. The soldiers, their hunger well satisfied, found only one old plow horse in its stall, and galloped away.

Two sons of the first Mahlon followed their father to Montgomery County, both leaving records of important accomplishments. One of these, Richard S. Kirk, married Mary Willis Farquhar. Together they took over the Fair Hill School in Olney. The other son, Mahlon II, born November, 1825, probably in York, attained considerable distinction. He possessed an unusual personality and remarkable mentality. In October, 1855, he married Elizabeth Townsend, of that "blue-stocking" family of Philadelphia, and lived in that city for approximately thirty years, at Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets, then the most highly regarded residential district of the city.

He was another young man fortunate to have obtained his early education, especially in mathematics, at the Benjamin Hallowell School in Alexandria. He taught in the school for a while and was released with regret by Friend Hallowell in order to study dentistry. He was eminently successful in this profession, and while practicing dentistry, he continued to exercise his mathematical proficiency. Called upon by learned scientists to aid them in making abstract calculations, he developed new formulae.

When Dr. Kirk came to Woodburn to live permanently about 1885, he built a new wing to the immediate right of the low log cabin. He was delighted with his new surroundings, and entered into neighborhood activities of the county with enthusiasm. He joined the Farmer's Club and was credited with introduction of new breeds of swine, poultry and sheep and with improvement of the local herds of Alderney and Jersey milk cows. One of his sisters, Sarah, came to the neighborhood, married Charles Stabler of "The Manor" in 1853 and remained the balance of her long life. Dr. Mahlon Kirk died in 1917 and Elizabeth Kirk in 1869. They



NO. 121 E-9 LOWER LEFT CA. 1800 LOGS
RIGHT-HAND MAHLON KIRK CA. 1880 FRAME

had three children. Mary T. Kirk died in 1925 at the age of seventy. Her sister, Frances, died in 1924, at the age of sixty-five. The only son of the doctor was Mahlon III, born in September, 1867, who married Mary Woodward of Washington in December, 1892. They lived with Dr. Kirk, taking over management of the place before the latter's death.

Mahlon III and his wife were a popular couple in all neighborhood affairs. He managed the farm with success, and died in February 1926. His widow, Mary W. Kirk, lived for some time in San Antonio, Texas, near a daughter-in-law, the widow of her son, Francis, who died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving two children. Another son named Mahlon, the fourth to bear the name, remains on the old plantation.

Other children of Mahlon III and Mary W. Kirk are Evelyn J., Lawrence, and Mahlon IV referred to above, who married Eleanor Clark of Howard County. Their daughter, Corinne, met a tragic death in a fall from a horse when she was fourteen. Mahlon Kirk IV soon after his marriage in 1919 built a modern house across the county road from the old home. After the death of Mahlon III the farm was divided into several parts. Mahlon IV acquired from the estate of his father 150 acres east of the highway contiguous to his new home, which he called Woodburn.

Eleanor Clark Kirk, wife of Mahlon IV, died July 15, 1959. He married again, his present wife is Mary S. Rohn Kirk.

The Woodburn house was sold with sixty-five acres in 1930 to William Dinwiddie, then a resident of St. Louis who had married Alice Brooke of Willow Grove in 1929. They changed the name of the old homestead to Greenbough and immediately repaired the house making exten-

sive improvements and adding modern conveniences.

William Dinwiddie had a distinguished career as a newspaper editor and was a war correspondent in Manchuria for the *New York World*, and *Harpers Magazine* during the Russian-Japanese War in 1904. He then sought retirement in the United States. (See Avon story.) He enjoyed Greenbough for only a few years, leaving two children by a former marriage and his widow.

Alice Brooke Dinwiddie died on August 26th 1961, and the old home, reduced to a few acres surrounding the house, was left to her brother Allan F. Brooke and his wife Lilly Brooke. Their modern home, built some years ago, on some acreage from Allan's birthplace, "Willow Grove,"—is only a few hundred yards, from "Woodburn" on the "Batchelors Forest" road, to Sandy Spring.

On October 15th, 1961, the historic old "Kirk" homestead, was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. R. Louis Hatzes, from Allan & Lilly Brooke—to which they have moved with their family of four

young children. Mr. Hatzes is General Agent of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, one of the older companies—founded in Philadelphia in 1878.

Mrs. Hatzes, named Maylon, was married to Mr. Hatzes in September 1950—and the children are, Nanette, aged 9; Robert L. Jr., aged 8; Therese, aged 5 years; and Helene age 2 years. This family will be a most valuable acquisition to the neighborhood, although they have lived in Montgomery County for 17 years.

The low structure to the extreme left of the long house, built of logs, is sheathed inside to a height of four feet on the first floor and on the slope of the rafters on the second floor. It has a stone fireplace seven feet wide, four feet high, and three feet deep with a brick hearth, and the old crane is still in place. Exposed hand-hewn oak beams are in the ceiling.

The main house which faces the south has two halls and two stairways. The front hall enters from the right or east end of the house; and another, from the porch in the center part of the main house.

Woodlands

IN the western-central part of Montgomery County stands the brick house which is associated with some interesting and talented persons. With few interruptions to its serenity since the War between the States, the old manor house seems to doze in solitude. "The groves were God's first temples." In the ancient village of Clopper on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad two miles northwest of Gaithersburg, it stands serenely isolated.

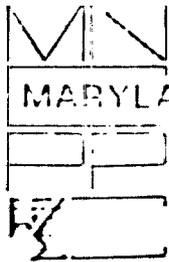
From 1811 until after 1870 there was much activity around this old plantation of the Cloppers and Huttons. The village acquired its name from Francis Cassatt Clopper who, in 1811, purchased a plantation of nearly 500 acres upon part of which the old house stands. Clopper was born in Baltimore in 1786. He married Ann Jayne Byrne, a lady of Irish lineage, in 1811, and built the large right-hand main part of the mansion in 1812.

As his name indicates, Francis Cassatt Clopper, was related to Alexander J. Cassatt, for



NO. 118 E-6 LEFT-HAND PART CA. 1800
LOGS AND FRAME. STUCCO MAIN RIGHT-HAND
FRANCIS C. CLOPPER 1811 BRICK-STUCCO

many years the powerful president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and to Mary Cassatt, one of America's outstanding painters and etchers between 1890 and 1926, the time of her death. As shown by a date, 1834, and initials, F.C.C., cut into a stone of the old mill wall, Clopper built



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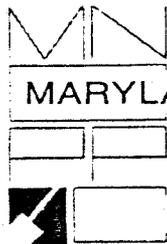
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

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The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

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Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
Montgomery County Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

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Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
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APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the sites will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/31	Tyson House (Mrs. W. Chandlee House)	18600 Brooke Rd., Ashton
13/32	Brinklow Store & Post Office	18930 New Hampshire Ave. Brinklow
15/40	Rawlings Mill House	1820 Tucker Lane, Ashton
15/44	Pat Cuff House	1515 Ednor Rd., Ednor
15/48	Chimney Ruins	Oak Hill Rd.-North of Rt. 198, Spencerville
15/51	Drayton	16000 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring
15/57	Murphy Ford Log House	16500 Block of Batson Rd., Spencerville
15/70	Harriet Lea House	18900 New Hampshire Ave., Brinklow
23/1	Gaither/Gray House	24241 Hipsley Mill Rd., Gaithersburg
23/2	Leamon/Faucett House	24405 Hipsley Mill Road, Gaithersburg
23/3	Dennis Thomas House	24501 Hipsley Mill Road, Laytonsville

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
23/91	Chandlee Miller's House	19320 Chandlee Mill Road, Sandy Spring
23/94	Avalon	1601 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Sandy Spring
23/96	Brooke Grove	End of Brooke Grove Road North of Rte. 108, Olney
23/98	Olney Historic District	Crossroads of Georgia Ave., and Rte. 108/Olney- Laytonsville Road
23/99	Samuel White House	4000 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Olney
23/107-2	Hyatt/Barnesley House	16640 Georgia Avenue, Olney
23/108	Brooke Manor/James Barnesley House	16300 Georgia Avenue, Olney
23/113	Norbeck Historic District	Crossroads of Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Rd.
23/116	Woodburn	16320 Batchellors Forest Road, Olney
23/117	Flint Hill I	Norbeck Road, Sandy Spring
27/8	Oak Lea Farm	14700 Argyle Club Road, Silver Spring
27/14	Houses at Layhill and Atwood Roads	Vicinity of Layhill and Atwood Roads, Silver Spring
28/4	Phillip T. Stabler Farm (Ruins)	New Hampshire Avenue near Rte. 108, Ashton
28/21	Bonifant Houses & Cemetery	1111 and 520 Bonifant Road, Layhill



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LOCATION BATCHELOR'S FOREST RD OLNEY, MD

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