

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no _____

Property Name: Lyddane/Bradley Farm Inventory Number: M: 26-20

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: _____

Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes ___ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: _____ Date Prepared: _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
The Lyddane/Bradley Farm was federally determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Beth L. Savage</u>	<u>April 09, 1984</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 26/20
MAGI#
1651525540

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lyddane/Bradley Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Woodmont Country Club

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1201 Rockville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

— 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

Woodmont Country Club

Telephone #: 424-7200

STREET & NUMBER

1201 Rockville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland, 20852

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2138

Folio #: 31

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland, 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This T-shaped five-bay by four-bay house, situated on the grounds of the Woodmont Country Club amidst expansive lawns, tennis courts and club buildings, faces north.

Built on brick foundations, this formal Federal style common-bonded brick house has been painted white. There are two sections: a 1½ story two-bay east and a 2½ story three-bay west section. On the north elevation, there is a concrete slab before the northwest door and two concrete steps before the northeast door. The northwest door (on the north elevation) is a wide wooden paneled door surmounted by a two-light transom (which sits under a narrow projecting lintel). The northeast door (on that elevation) is a modern hollow door with three vertical lights and surmounted by a two-light transom. The west section has six-over-six double-hung windows, with heavy molded projecting cornices. The east section, first floor, has six-over-six double-hung windows; the second floor has paired six-light casement windows.

There are two roofs: the west section has a very low hipped roof covered by asphalt shingles. The east section has a gable roof covered by red raised seam metal. A thin cornice, supported by large scroll brackets, encircles the entire house. There are rounded dormers on the west and east elevations of the west section. There is a fire escape on the east wing, south elevation. The east section has an interior end chimney and the west section has two large internal end chimneys projecting above the east wall. The house was at one time surrounded by porches, with elegant large rooms and high ceilings.

There is a beautiful collection of farm buildings on the property, including several outstanding late 19th and early 20th century barns. There are several nice tenant cottages, a granary (corn crib), and a carriage house. East of the house, at a considerable distance, is a three story, five-bay by three-bay, barn which faces north. The north elevation has white novelty siding and the other elevations have white clapboarding. All the windows are louvered. The cross gable roof is covered by red raised seam metal roofing. There are three ventilators atop the ridge line of the barn with mushroom cap roofs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M: 26-20

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1858

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant brick house, with its surrounding farm buildings, is an excellent example of the farm complex of a well-to-do farmer of the mid-19th century.

In 1858, James and Harriet Lyddane purchased 282 acres of land from James and John Kilgour of Loudoun County, Virginia, for \$11,000.¹ The house was constructed soon afterward, and the family was living on the land by the time of James' death in 1864. Harriet continued to live on the farm with her children until her death in 1903, at which time one of her heirs initiated a suit to sell the property, claiming it was not susceptible of partition. The advertisement for the property described it as:

"282 acres, 1 rood and 38 6/10 square perches of land, more or less, improved by a substantial BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, of 12 rooms, in good repair, well shaded, with lawn in front, Stable, Corn House, a substantial Spring Dairy and other necessary outbuildings, and two Tenant Houses... About 250 acres of this land is in a high state of cultivation, well fenced and well watered, and the remainder is in good hard wood timber. This is one of the most desirable farms in Montgomery county. Its location renders it especially attractive as a dairy or stock farm, while the portion thereof fronting on the Turnpike and Electric Railroad is well adapted for subdivision purposes..."²

After the first public sale produced no buyer, the farm was purchased in 1905 by one of the Lyddane sons, William Robert, for \$21,000.³

Lyddane, however, sold the farm three years later to Oliver L. Mims of Swannanoa, North Carolina, for \$25,000,⁴ along with much of his personal property. Mims died intestate eight days later, and the farm was once again tied up in litigation. William R. Lyddane testified that he was 58 years of age, had known the land and lived on the farm for 50 years, and had farmed it himself for 25. He further described the house as 11 rooms constructed of brick and frame, the land "in a high state of cultivation" but the buildings were "very much out of repair." He noted outbuildings as follows: corn house and shed, stable, "cow house of 12 cows capacity," granary and sheds, meat house and two small tenant houses. Rockville Mayor Lee Offutt, in his testimony, agreed that "outside of the mansion house, the condition of improvements is very poor," and that the fair value rental of the farm would be about \$700 to \$800 annually.⁵ An assigned trustee sold the property to Joseph H. Bradley for \$8000.⁶

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, EBP2/400 (Recorded Oct. 21, 1865).
2. Equity Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, #2071.
3. Land Records, op.cit., 184/205 (Oct. 26, 1905).
4. Ibid, 200/47 (Aug. 12, 1908).
5. Equity Records, op. cit., #2434.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

6. Land Records, op.cit., 200/419 (Nov. 14, 1908).

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Joseph and Anna Bradley lived in Washington, D. C., where he operated the Columbia Sand and Gravel Company. Initially they used the farm (which they called "Rosemont") as a summer place, but later moved out to the country year round. In the next decades, the Bradleys purchased considerable additional acreage, including the Veirs farm which fronted on Montrose Road. The dairy farming operation was accomplished by tenant farmers through the 1940s. Joseph Bradley died in 1925, and Anna conveyed "Rosemont" to their daughter Mary ten years later.⁷

Mary and her husband Law Watkins also used the farm as a summer place. Law was the associate director of the Phillips Gallery. In 1948, the Watkins family sold over 500 acres fronting on the Rockville Pike to the Town and Country Golf Club, Inc.,⁸ which 9 years later sold the property to the Woodmont Country Club.

The "Mansion house" now houses employees of the Club, and the farm buildings are used for storage.

The porches which once almost surrounded the house have been removed.

FOOTNOTES:

7. Land Records, op.cit., 598/457 (August 7, 1935)

8. *Ibid.*, 1204/571 (Nov. 8, 1948) and 1209/111 (Nov. 26, 1948).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land, Equity, and Orphan's Court Records

Interview: Mary Bradley Watkins, (972-8630), 1979.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 282 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

282 acres 1 rood and 38.6 perches was the acreage of the original farm (1858).

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

STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Candy Reed
Eileen McGuckian	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	September 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland 20753

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, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438~~

Sugarloaf Regional Trails
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:26-20
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Lyddane/Bradley Farm
 2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/20 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15
 I-16
 4. Address: 1201 Rockville Pike, Rockville

MAGI #1651525540
(#assigned 1/86)

5. Classification Summary

Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
 Ownership private Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
 Public Acquisition N/A Historical Sites
 Status unoccupied
 Accessible no Federal State x County x Local
 Present use entertainment, park

6. Date: 1858 7. Original Owner: James and Harriet Lyddane

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This T-shaped, two-and-a-half story, five bay by four bay house faces north. Constructed of common bonded brick, now painted white, there are two distinct sections: east and west. The west section has six-over-six double-hung windows and the east section has six-over-six double-hung windows at the first level and paired six light casement windows at the second level. The west section has a hipped roof covered by asbestos shingles and the east section has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal roof.

10. Significance: This elegant brick house, with its surrounding farm buildings, is an excellent example of the farm complex of a well-do-to farmer of the late 19th century.

In 1858 James and Harriet Lyddane purchased 282 acres and constructed the house. After James death in 1864 Harriet continued to lived on the farm with their children until her death in 1903. One son, William Robert, who had farmed the land for his mother, bought the farm, and described the land as being in a high state of cultivation, but the outbuildings -- corn house and shed, stable, "cow house of 12 cow capacity", granary and sheds, meat house and two small tenant houses as being "very much out of repair". It was sold in 1908 to Joseph H. Bradley, owner of the Columbia Sand and Gravel Company. He and his wife Anna purchased more land and maintained a large dairy farm. Joseph died in 1925 and Anna conveyed the estate to her daughter Mary in 1935. Mary and her husband Law Watkins, Associated Director of the Phillips Gallery, used the farm as a summer place, selling it in 1948. It was sold to the Woodmont Country Club in 1957.

11. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckian-9/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
 15. Acreage: 282 acres

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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: (Woodmont Country Club)						
AND/OR HISTORIC: Lyddane/Bradley House						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: 1201 Rockville Pike						
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville						
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery			
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>						
<input 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 <i>(Specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <hr/> <hr/>
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY						
OWNER'S NAME: Woodmont Country Club Corp.						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION						
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):						
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS						
TITLE OF SURVEY:						
DATE OF SURVEY:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local						
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			

2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The east wing is of two bays and has an entrance in the west bay. Brickwork, sash and trim are identical to the main house except that the loft windows are half-sized, and the bracketed cornice is reduced in scale. A narrow, internal chimney stack projects above the east wall.

There is a beautiful collection of farm buildings on the property, including several outstanding late-nineteenth and early twentieth century barns. There are several nice tenant cottages, a granary (corn crib), and a carriage house.

According to Miss Rose Dawson, the place was once the farm of Joseph Bradley, and was owned by Mary B. Watkins (mother of Law Watkins) before she moved to her present farm at Mt. Ephraim.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. 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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/13/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____



NAME LYDDANE / BRADLEY FARM (WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB)

LOCATION 1201 ROCKVILLE PIKE, ROCKVILLE, MD

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PHOTO TAKEN 5/13/75 MDWYER

M:26-20



NAME LYDDANE/BRADLEY FARM - BARN (WOODMONT C.C.)

LOCAT: 1201 ROCKVILLE PIKE, ROCKVILLE, MD.

EACADE NW

M: 26-20

PHOTO TAKEN S/13/75
M. DWYER