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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Somerset
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### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

AUG 28 1973

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Sudler's Conclusion

AND/OR HISTORIC:

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Hood Road, 1 mile northwest of intersection of Md. 361

CITY OR TOWN: Manokin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First Congressional Dist.

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

COUNTY: Somerset

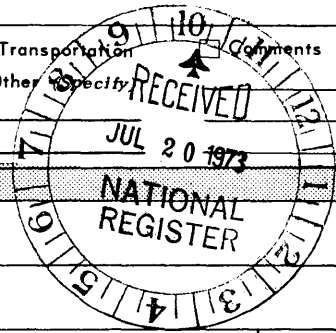
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#### 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	



#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Eberly

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Fairmont

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register

DATE OF SURVEY: 1968

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

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 initial stage of Sudler's Conclusion now constitutes the east wing of this two part house. Of a one and one half story height, having a single chimney enclosed within the east end wall, the house is of brick, Flemish bond, construction displaying a regular usage of glazed headers throughout. The original principle facade at the north elevation is three bays in length with a centrally positioned door flanked by a single window at each side. The former rear (south) facade was two bays in length with a centered door flanked by a single window at its east side. This door was filled in circa 1800 and a window installed flush to the west side of the former opening. At both front and rear roof slopes are two pedimented dormer windows, also installed circa 1800. At the east end elevation of this same block is a door positioned near the southeast corner. Near the northeast corner of this same elevation is a small window which has been bricked in. Both this window and the door, as well as a small attic level window (positioned close to the barge board of the north roof slope), constitute later installations. All original ground floor door and window openings are headed by segmental arches of header brick. At the east end elevation, at a line even with the front and rear eave cornices, is an indented two brick belt course with the bricks of both courses set on the diagonal. This same decorative treatment is seen on several other brick houses of this type and apparently was fairly popular with lower Eastern Shore builders of the first half of the eighteenth century.

Although renovated on the interior at an approximate date of circa 1800, Sudler's Conclusion, now undergoing a renovation by its present owners, displays several interesting features. Its plan is of the hall and parlor type with the hall being a rather narrow room extending the length of the north side. It has a tall but narrow fireplace opening at the east end, positioned close to the brick partition wall. This room is presently being renovated for use as a modern kitchen. The adjoining parlor is somewhat larger and has a more expansive fireplace opening, also the east wall, measuring approximately seven feet in length and six and one half feet in height. On each interior side wall is a small bake (warming) oven. The original brick hearth (now removed) protruded about four feet into the room flush with the floor level. Flanking the fireplace, on the right (south) side is a door opening into a small hall which leads outside. Flanking this is a small door which opens into a closet. The wall surfaces of this closet display evidence of its having formerly served as an enclosed stair. The top two treads (winders) are still in place and the bottom two treads (now removed), projected out into the room from the stair door.

While all interior wall surfaces are plastered there is  
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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)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Sudler's Conclusion is situated on a tract of land patented in 1789 by Thomas Leon Sudler. This tract, known as Sudler's Conclusion, was formed from parts of five tracts patented as early as 1665. A 1754 transfer of one of the tracts, Littleworth, mentions a building which may be the same house mentioned in the 1783 Tax Assessment owned by Mary Wheatley and described as "brick dwelling house with two rooms below in middling good repair".<sup>1</sup> This house was probably part of a transfer made to Thomas Sudler in 1789 from Jones Willis.<sup>2</sup>

The first definite reference to the house occurred in the Federal Tax Assessment of 1798 when Thomas Leon Sudler was the owner of "1 dwelling house built of Brick 28 feet by 24 feet, all one story high."<sup>3</sup> \*

The house remained in the Sudler family until 1815 when it passed along a chain of local Somerset County owners. During these years, the original 419 3/4 acre tract was reduced to its present 7.91 acres. In 1971 the house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eberly who are in the process of restoration.

Sudler's Conclusion represents one of Maryland's few remaining early eighteenth century dwellings. Its significance lies in its architecture. The diagonally set belt course on the east end is one of three found in Somerset County houses of the period. Other significant elements are the decorative interior details and the laterally partitioned floor plan. The house is so little altered that it is possible to reconstruct the original floor plan.

- \* 1. Federal Direct Tax Assessment  
Somerset County  
Great Annessex Hundred.  
Particular list of Dwellings.
- 2. Somerset County Land Records. H/524,
- 3. Federal District Tax Assessment  
Somerset, Great Annessex Hundred  
List of Particular Dwellings

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland  
Somerset County Land Records  
Somerset County Probate Records

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Tax Assessment of 1783. Somerset County.

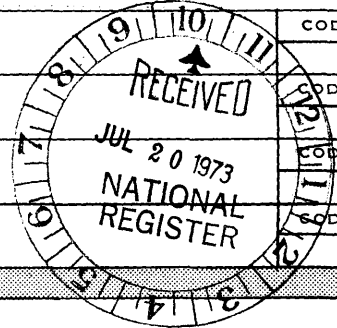
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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	
NW	38° 07' 20"	75° 46' 52"		0	0	
NE	38° 07' 28"	75° 46' 36"				
SE	38° 07' 13"	75° 46' 21"				
SW	38° 07' 03"	75° 46' 37"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 51.2 Square Acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Louise L. Hayman, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 2/15/73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road (see cont. sheet 2)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer

Date February 20, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

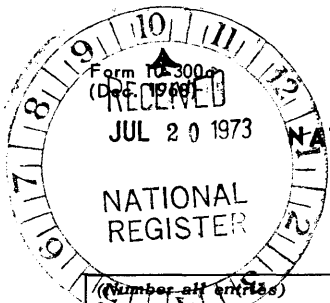
Robert M. Utley  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/28/73

ATTEST:  
[Signature]  
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8/23/93

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7. DESCRIPTION

evidence that the fireplace wall had been originally sheathed with large fielded pine panels. The exposed ceiling joists of both this room and the hall display a very wide bead on their lower edges. The floor boards of this level are apparently original although they have been repaired and patched, especially in the fireplace and stair areas.

The attic level, now reached by ascending the main stair of the later west wing, has suffered several major renovations. Its initial floor plan consisted of a hall (east end) flanked by two small chambers to one side (west). The two partition walls were of vertical painted boards. The present arrangement is of two chambers, partitioned laterally. The roof collars display the same beaded edge as the ceiling joists of the first floor. In both cases the area above is sheathed with lapped boards. The small area above the roof collars is gained by a narrow "stair-ladder" positioned against the south wall of the chimney stack. This ladder is enclosed within a small closet flanking the former stair. At the west end of the attic is a small gable window which was now been sealed shut. Its original purpose was to serve the former south bed chamber. It is not known whether this window was flanked by one lighting the north chamber since that area has been altered with the introduction of a door opening into the later addition.

The frame two story west wing was probably erected circa 1840. It has a single stair hall at the east end flanked by a single parlor on the west side. This same floor plan is repeated at the second floor level. The addition is two bays in length at both the front (south) and rear (north) elevations with the transomed entrance door positioned toward the east end of both facades. A single chimney is enclosed within the west end wall with its rear (exterior) face exposed at the first floor level. The south wall of this wing is flush to the south wall of the first stage and extends back about three quarters the depth of the west end elevation. Within several years of the erection of this wing a small two story outshut was constructed against the east end of the north wall. It contains an exterior cellar entrance at the first floor level and a small closet chamber above.

Standing in close proximity to the east end of the house are two domestic dependencies, one a log smokehouse and the other a frame tobacco barn. Both date circa 1800 and both are in a ruinous state. At a short distance from the northwest corner of the west wing of the house is a small private cemetery with most of the graves dating from within the first half of the nineteenth century.

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7. DESCRIPTION

Sudler's Conclusion was recorded during a 1971 architectural recording survey of Tidewater Maryland architecture sponsored by the Maryland Historical Trust and the St. Mary's City Commission (St. Mary's City, Md.) resulting in architectural drawings of the house and a site plan of this small complex. This material will eventually become part of the National Park Services HABS collection at the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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