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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

PENNTERRA

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

SE of Creagerstown off MD 550

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast side of Maryland Route 550, 1/5 mile from
bridge over the Monocacy River

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Creagerstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE

021

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

Barry and Kathleen Lucey

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Thurmont

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court Square

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Pennterra is a 2 1/2-story, late eighteenth century house built of stone from a local quarry. Located south of Creagerstown, Maryland, this Georgian farmhouse faces southeast toward the Monocacy River about three-fifths of a mile northeast of the road. The five-bay main block as well as the original eighteenth century, two-bay kitchen adjacent to the northeast elevation show fine workmanship in stone. Two twentieth century additions, one at each end, duplicate the earlier masonry.

The proportions of Pennterra are pleasing. At each gable end of the main block, there is a double stack, brick chimney. Window and door openings have flat arches of gauged stone with a large keystone present over the door. There is a box cornice with a later bracketed frieze underneath. The window openings have 6 over 6 lights and the door has a rectangular transom. The exterior architraves of the doors reflect Greek Revival designs.

Pennterra has a simple plan of a central hall flanked by one room on either side. On the first floor, the parlor is to the southwest and the dining room between the hall and the kitchen. Because of the new southwest addition, one window beside the fireplace in the gable end has been made into a door, the other plastered over. The kitchen wing, which retains its large fireplace, has a straight stair adjacent to the northeastern gable end of the house. This stair now leads to a bedroom on the second floor of the kitchen since the attic was enlarged by lessening the pitch of the roof to the rear of the kitchen.

Most of the interior trim is not original. The dining room has retained its Georgian paneling surrounding the fireplace. Above the fireplace is a large, simple panel framed by an eared architrave. Most of the interior architraves have been replaced with Greek Revival moldings having corner blocks. The mantel in the parlor also reflects Greek Revival taste, but those of the second floor, dating from the latter nineteenth century, are good examples of bold, late Victorian compositions.

Some of the original staircase remains. Though the Georgian paneling remains on the first floor, the newel, handrail and balusters are late Victorian replacements. However, some balusters and the handrail as well as the scrolled step ends remain on the stair leading to the attic.

The owners are interested in accurate restoration of the major elements of the house. They have shown a continuing interest in carrying this work to completion.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
additions		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pennterra is a fine Georgian stone house built at about the same time as nearby Strawberry Hill (dated 1783). It was remodelled in the Greek Revival period and is still in good condition today. This house is an especially good example of the fine quality stonework often found in Frederick County.

Pennterra stands on a piece of land composed of three tracts: Fourth Dividend, Long Looked for come at last, and Resurvey on Paw Paw Bottom. Nicholas Carroll sold the first of these to Henry Griffith in 1784 and in 1796 Abraham Grushong (later Groshon) purchased it from Griffith's heirs. This large tract of land is also the same on which Strawberry Hill was built.¹

When Abraham Groshon died, all his lands were to be sold by his executors to pay his debts. In 1841 Elias Groshon, his heir and executor, sold the property to William Dutrow. In 1868 it was acquired by George W. Ogle, son of Benjamin Ogle, tenth Governor of Maryland.²

Ogle moved to Pennterra, where he made many improvements, in 1870. He lived in the house for eighteen years, after which he moved to another farm. His son, Lewis C. Ogle, purchased Pennterra from his father's estate in 1898.³

¹Frederick County Deeds WR 5/248 and WR 15/25, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

²Frederick County Will HS 3/297 and Deeds HS 13/94 and CM 1/420, Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

³T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County, Maryland (Reprint of 1910 ed.; Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967), p. 1584.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 10 5

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	8	2	98	5	90	43	18	20	40
ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING				

B

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING				

C

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING				

D

ZONE		EASTING			NORTHING				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE see continuation sheet

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May 1975

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce

DATE

10/24/75

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Active

John R. Adams

DATE

1/30/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Shirley M. Adams

DATE

1-21-76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

active

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