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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on a small tract of land in Urbana Frederick County, the Stancioff House is approached by a private drive on the northeast side of Md. Route 355, 1/4 mile northwest from the intersection of Md. Route 355 and Md. Route 80. Urbana is approximately 7 miles southeast of Frederick, Maryland.

Pleasantly situated the three-story frame house is distinctly different from other houses in this region and is readily identifiable for its great size (105' x 30'), clerestory roof and two story full length galleried porch.

The principal facade is nine bays in width at the first floor. Two entrance doors, occupying the third bay in from each end, have late Greek Revival-styled architraves that frame multi-paned over and side lights. The seven flanking windows all have doublehung sash of six over six panes. On the second floor are seven windows of six over six sash and three doors, the latter of smaller proportions than those below and providing access to the porch gallery from various second floor rooms. Above the lower slope of the roof are four narrow clerestory windows. This roof plan, unusual for a private residence, is believed to date from the reconstruction of the house about 1846.

The front porch, slightly altered at various times, has tapered square posts with flush vertical panels. A balustrade with molded rail initially extended across the front and sides of both levels but was removed on the first floor prior to the acquisition of the house by the present owners. The porch rests on high brick foundation walls and is fronted by a wide centrally positioned series of steps. On the upper slope of the front roof are three equally spaced chimneys; on the upper rear slope are two chimneys corresponding in position to the center front and west chimneys. The east end of the house has two windows of twelve over twelve sash and one window of nine over nine sash, the last possibly a later introduction. At both the second thd third floor levels there are two windows of twelve over eight sash each. On the west end each floor level is two bays in width; the two first floor windows are of six over six sash, while those of the second and third floors frame sash of twelve over eight panes. The rear, north elevation repeats the fenestration and first floor door placement of the principal facade, excepting that there are no second floor doors. The brick foundation walls, enclosing a full cellar, are exposed on both ends The west end foundation wall has been and across the rear. altered to provide for a garage beneath that end of the house.

The floor plan of the Stancioff House reflects its history as both a school and private home. Each of the two south entrance doors open into large stair halls that extend

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stancioff House is of particular interest because of its unusual plan and for the fact that it is said to have originally stood on the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg, Virginia, and moved to its present location in 1846 at the direction of the Reverend R. H. Phillips. While there is no known archival documentation to substantiate this claim, the present owners did record accounts of the dismantling of the house and its subsequent transportation by barge down the Rappahannock and up the Potomac to Point of Rocks and its re-erection on the present site, as given to them by two nieces of Reverend Phillips who were still living in Frederick in 1949.

It is known that the Reverend Phillips established a Female Seminary here between 1846 and 1850, which largely accounts for its unusual plan, but by the mid-1850's it had become a military institute for boys. However, by the end of the 1850's it apparently had resumed its role as a Female Seminary. A regimental history of the 155th Pennsylvania Volunteers published in 1910 records the use of the house as a resting point for Union Troops marching toward the Battle of Monocacy on September 16, 1862:

One of the rendezvous affording a night's shelter for the broken down and foot-sore inexperienced soldiers was a Young Ladies' Seminary building recently vacated. There were many rooms and dormitories in the building, also a fine orchard of ripe apples and peaches adjoining, and plenty of limpid water, all of which made it for a night's lodging a most welcome discovery. the rooms on the different floors were occupied by the soldiers who had dropped out of the ranks from exhaustion. The fatigued occupants retired very The Confederates of Longstreet's Corps had occupied this building a few nights previous. had written their autographs, and many unpatriotic inscriptions, with burnt sticks, on the beautifully, white-plattered walls. They had registered their names, ranks, and regiments conspicuously; some

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the depth of the house. At the east end is a single large room, formerly used as a ballroom and once partitioned into double parlors. Connecting the dining room to the east hall is a short cross hall at the front. To the left of the west hall are two rooms, presently used as a library and den. Altogether there are eight first floor rooms, including halls, kitchen, and powder room (see plan). There is also a full cellar and numerous rooms on the second and third floor. Principal alterations made to the house by the present owners, many of these dating from within a few years following their acquisition of the property in 1946, include the basement garage, supporting columns in the former ballroom (present drawing room), a central corridor on the second floor through the central portion of the house, and modifications to accommodate the present kitchen, ground floor bathroom, and one other of the remaining five bathrooms.

Most of the interior woodwork throughout the house is of a simple Greek/Revival-style although there has been some replacement of doors and windows that apparently occurred about 1850-55.

The only domestic dependency still remaining on the property is a former smokehouse that has been converted for use as a private chapel by the Stancioffs.

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

recording disloyal epigrams and other epitaphs on Abraham Lincoln. The Union troops (about one hundred in number) who found shelter in the hospitable seminary also took burnt sticks and recorded tributes far from complimentary to one Jefferson Davis and the Southern Confederacy, indulging at the same time in loyal cartoons of Lincoln, Washington, etc. The names of John M. Lancaster, Theophilus Callen, Newell D. Loutsenheiser, Thomas P. Tomer, James I. O'Neil, Robert P. Douglass, Hugh Leonard, James Finnegan and John Crookham, all of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth, are among those now recalled as having duly recorded their names, ranks, etc., that night on the walls of the parlors of the seminary.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Private McKenna, of Company "E" especially distinguished himself on this occasion as a lightning artist, and was given three cheers by the comrades who witnessed his performance, and unanimously voted Regimental artist.

Before resuming the march the next morning, the seminary orchard was invaded by the visiting Union soldiers and the ripe apples and peaches liberally appropriated at breakfast.

The graffiti scratched on the walls by the Confederate soldiers were found by the Stancioffs when they began removing wallpaper over the mantle in the northwest first floor room. Satyrical drawings and messages are still legible, covering almost the entire wall area above the mantle, and remain in a nearly perfectly preserved state.

Following the Civil War the property was acquired by Sam Hinks, the "Know Nothing" mayor of Baltimore (1854-1856). At his death it was occupied by his descendants until purchased by Colonel Brien, a Confederate veteran, who remained here until 1912.

The property was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stancioff in Mr. Stancioff, who died in 1974, was born in 1897 in St. Petersburg, Russia. His father was a Bulgarian Minister to Russia and later Bulgarian Foreign Minister, and for a short time Prime Minister. His mother was a lady in waiting to Princess Clementine, daughter of Louis Philippe. Ivan Stancioff was educated in France and began his career as an oil-technologist. His political involvements led to his appointments to diplomatic posts in Sofia, Rome, and in 1942 as Consul General in Romania to organize refugee work. In 1944 he was appointed to discuss armistice terms with the western allies but was prevented from doing so by the Russian take-over of Bulgaria. eventually made his way to the United States, arriving here with his American wife and children in 1946. His wife, Marion Mitchell Stancioff, the present owner of the property, was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil of American parents (her mother was from Baltimore City and her great grandmother from Baltimore County). Mrs. Stancioff was a founder of the British Wood Engravers Society (1923) and has prints in the British Museum, among others She is now working on an historical and anthropological study of visual symbols which work is coupled be her civic involvements and the completion of her husband's memoirs.

¹ Regimental History of the 155th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, 1910, pp. 69-70.

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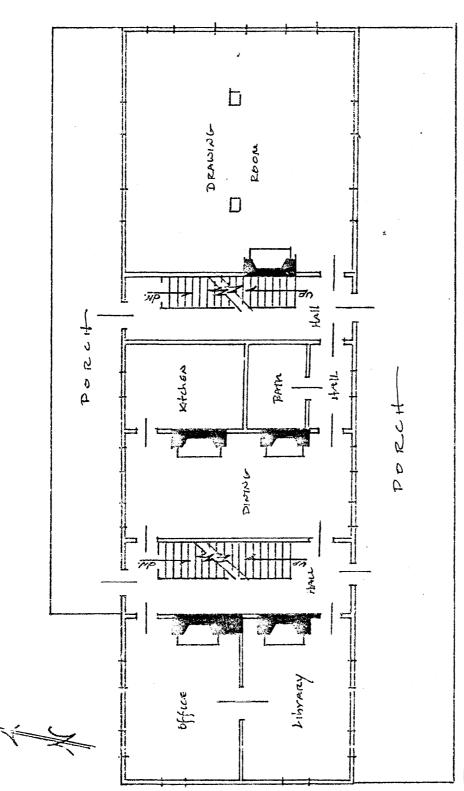
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