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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Evergreen is located on the west side of the road from Owensville to Sudley P.O. two miles south and east of Route Maryland 255.

The white, clapboard house is built in three sections, one room deep with varied floor levels. The overhang is at the belt course level.

Each section has its own staircase. Part of the oldest section was removed and the cellar filled in.

One room on the second floor can be entered from a window only. There are seven entrance doors. The seven fireplaces are in good condition.

In 1960 the front and garden porches were enclosed with jalousies soon to be removed to restore to the original appearance.

The kitchen building was originally detached. In the 1950's it was connected to the main house by a section into which was put a modern kitchen.

Most of the panelling and the hardware is original.

A detached smokehouse and workshop, in poor condition, were combined into a stable in 1967. The old milkhouse, also detached, has been restored.

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Land surveyed in 1663 for Thomas Parsons was known as "Parson (S) Hills" until 1816. It was believed that Gerrard Hopkins, progenator of Johns Hopkins, owned the estate before 1700.

Dr. Martin Fenwick purchased the property in 1816. A prominent planter and physician from St. Mary's County, his medical office still stands and is now used as a law office. The name of the property was changed to its present name by Dr. Fenwick.

In 1862 masses were said at Evergreen before the erection of the first Our Lady of Sorrow Church (Catholic) in nearby Owensville, Maryland, in 1866. Most of the owners of the home have been Catholics. The present owner is a direct descendant of John Carroll, the first Catholic Bishop in the United States, who founded Georgetown University in the District of Columbia.

Evergreen remained in the Fenwick family until 1937 when Dr. Charles G. Fenwick, a noted author and lecturer sold it to Mr. & Mrs. William H. Brooke. Mr. Brooke's ancestor, Robert Brooke, imported the first pack of foxhounds to Maryland in 1650. Mr. Brooke is an uncle of Mr. James Cawood, the present owner.

Dr. Charles G. Fenwick established an estate in Baltimore which he called "Evergreen" in honor of his family homestead which later became the campus of Loyola College.

Landscape architects have visited Evergreen to measure and copy the terraced gardens. Many old hemlocks, maples, tulips, poplars and boxwood surround the house.

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Evergreen is a two-and-a-half-story, white frame home on a high knoll facing east. It is generally 22 feet deep and 82 feet overall length. Successive generations of owners have built large, comfortable sections to the home, and three such sections are readily seen from the east view.

Examination of the woodwork, trim, and moldings is the most obvious indication of age and style throughout this house. There is much basic woodwork here to indicate period, although frequently overlaid with additions and remodelings. The earliest woodwork appears to date from the second and third quarters of the eighteenth century, and is found in the south section of the house. The midsection is of similar period and both are termed "colonial" in style. The last, north section which measures 22 feet by 28 feet is in the late Federal style and confirms the building date, 1853, assigned to this section by the owners.

A wide veranda extends across the east front of Evergreen, sheltering the second and third sections of the house. A gabled roof extends across the same two sections with the ridge running north and south. Brick chimneys flank this ridge. The north chimney, of the north room, of salmon pink, paste, brick, juts six inches and $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet broad from the weatherboard end wall, rising for two stories above the bed chamber fireplace. Then it recedes, underneath the weatherboarding of the gable end and pierces the roof again at the end of the ridge.

As seen from the east, the earliest section, the south end of the house, measures 24 feet, and is covered with 17-inch lapped siding with beaded edge.

A simple box cornice above the first floor gives evidence that this earliest section was one story. Where the new siding commences, laid over remnants of the old, a bulge indicates the shape of the framing of the gambrel roof that was there. Today the section has a second story.

There is a six-panel front door on the east elevation entering the earliest section stairhall, eight by fifteen feet. This stairhall has four doors, each with six fielded panels, H-L hinges, iron locks with small brass knobs. The staircase has a closed string course and an exceptionally low baluster with square rails only 18 inches high.

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A nub of a room on the extreme south end is ten by twelve feet and served Dr. Martin Fenwick, an eighteenth-century owner and country doctor, as his office. It has its small, south porch entry, and where that exterior wall of the office is encompassed by the porch it is stucced. A pair of wood benches flank this entrance.

The mid-section of Evergreen, 20 feet by 22 feet, with three bays of windows across the east, is two-anda-half stories and contains a library 15 feet by 16 feet. as well as the dining room which has a two-piece chair rail and a late eighteenth-century style mantel. A stair passage flanks the west side of the dining room out of sight. This stair-case serves the principal access to the upper floor after this "newer" section was built. stair rail is of pine; it is round and plain. passage, several small rooms and a large comfortable bed chamber are over the dining room section. This chamber has doors with six fielded-panels, and H-L hinges. It has a simple, late eighteenth-century mantel and wide, pine floor boards. A six-panel door opens, from the central hall, directly onto a vista of the west lawn which falls steeply, usually at thirty degrees, sometimes at a sixty-degree slope to a wooded ravine watered by Tracey's Creek.

style period, reputedly built in 1853. The east entrance has a pair of wide, paneled, doors with a six-pane transom. The front hall 10 feet by 22 feet and a comfortable staircase rise three levels to the attic. The north room is 18 feet by 22 feet with two windows looking east and two windows overlooking the west lawn. A handsome midnineteenth-century mantel of soft, feathery, grey-colored marble, cut in rectangular slabs, distinguishes this room.

The stair rail of the north hall is a plain, round pattern, with slender spindles for rails and slim, turned newels. There is an open hall and one bed chamber on the second floor of this section.

West, behind the south section hall, and the library, two steps below, are two cell rooms under a shed roof, all of early period. One cell room is now a bathroom.

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A six-panel door with flush, beaded panels has one-inch stiles and opens between these cell rooms. Their corner fireplaces shared a common chimney built immediately behind the library wall. The unaltered cell room, 9 feet by 15 feet, has an eighteenth-century mantel shelf and piece, 3 feet 11 inches wide and 4 feet $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches high; and a two-piece chair rail, and a baseboard with simple beaded edge.

A nineteenth-century cookhouse 12 feet by 16 feet, with board siding and a steep roof extends behind the west facade of the dining room. The connecting passage has been replaced recently by a modern kitchen. Its large chimney is of soft salmon color brick, with corbeled haunches, and a wood interior lintel spans the cooking fireplace which has an iron crane and utensils; also exposed ceiling joists which measure four inches by five inches.

Unusually large tree box and-boxwood bushes, tall hemlock. oak and maple trees shade five acres of lawns.

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE

Martin Fenwick, a physician, came to Evergreen from St. Mary's County in 1816, under contract with several landholders of the Herring Creek and West River neighborhoods, to provide medical services.

The first of the Fenwick name in Maryland was Cuthbert Fenwick, an ancestor of Dr. Martin Fenwick, who came with Lord Baltimore in 1634, married an Indian princess, and settled down in St. Mary's County as a jurist.

The ownership of Evergreen passed by marriage to the Donaldsons. Dr. Fenwick's daughter, Harriet Fenwick, was married in 1845 to Edward Donaldson. Evergreen was inherited by their daughter, Harriet Fenwick Donaldson, who lived there until her death (c. 1939). The place was then sold out of the family to William Brooke. Edward Donaldson was born in Baltimore November 17, 1816, the son of John J. and Caroline Dorsey Donaldson. His mother was descended from Edward Dorsey of Essex County, England, who came to America in 1663 and received a grant of 2000 acres near Annapolis.

Edward Donaldson was appointed Midshipman, U. S. Navy, July 21, 1835. Until 1838, he cruised in the West Indies. In 1839-40, he was attached to the "Columbia' of the East India Squadron and took part in the attacks on forts on the Coast of Sumatra. He completed his Midshipman training in June 1841. In 1847 he became Lieutenant, U. S. Navy, and until 1860 saw duty aboard the "Dolphin," "Waterwitch," the "Merrimac" and special shore duty.

In 1860, Donaldson served aboard the "San Jacinto," cruising on the African Coast, and in 1861 he was stationed in the naval rendezvous in Philadelphia. He commanded the gunboat "Sciota" of the West Gulf Squadron and participated in the capture of New Orleans and the attack on Vicksburg. He was commissioned a commander July 1862. In 1864, he became executive officer of the Keystone State in the search for the Confederate cruiser "Sumter" in West Indian waters. Later, the same year, he commanded the "Seminole" in the Battle of Mobile Bay. July 1866 saw him promoted to Captain. He commanded the receiving ship at Philadelphia 1866-8. From 1868 to 1871 he served

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at the Brooklyn Navy Yard and was subsequently Commandant at the Naval Station at Mound City, Illinois. He was promoted to Commodore in September 1871, Rear Admiral in September 1876, and a few days later, at his own request, he was retired after 41 years on the active-duty list.

He died in Baltimore May 15, 1889. He and his wife are buried at Christ Church, West River, about two miles from Evergreen.

The Fenwicks were of the Catholic faith and their influence must have lasted through the Civil War period. In 1862, Father Adrian Vans de Braak, of the Redemptorist Order, from St. Mary's Church in Annapolis, visited the West River neighborhood. He found the Fenwick family quite willing to form the nucleus of a new missionary parish. Hence masses were said at Evergreen for several years until Our Lady of Sorrows Church was built in the village of Owensville in 1866. The parish is bursting with members today, having started a century ago from a mere handful of worshipers. The people of this neighborhood were originally predominantly Methodist and Episcopalian, evolved from the Quaker Community.

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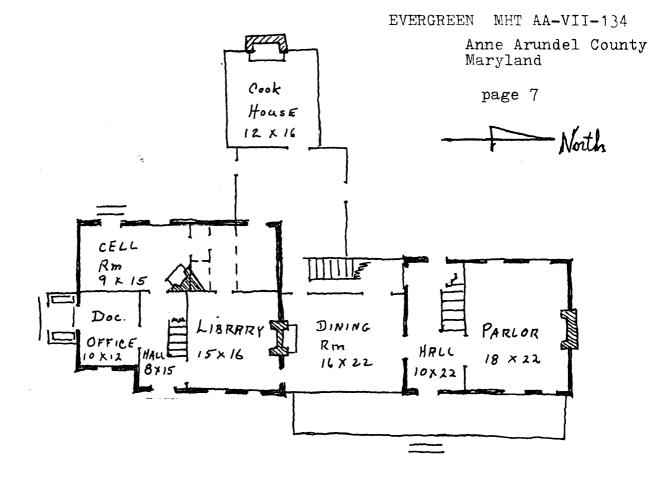
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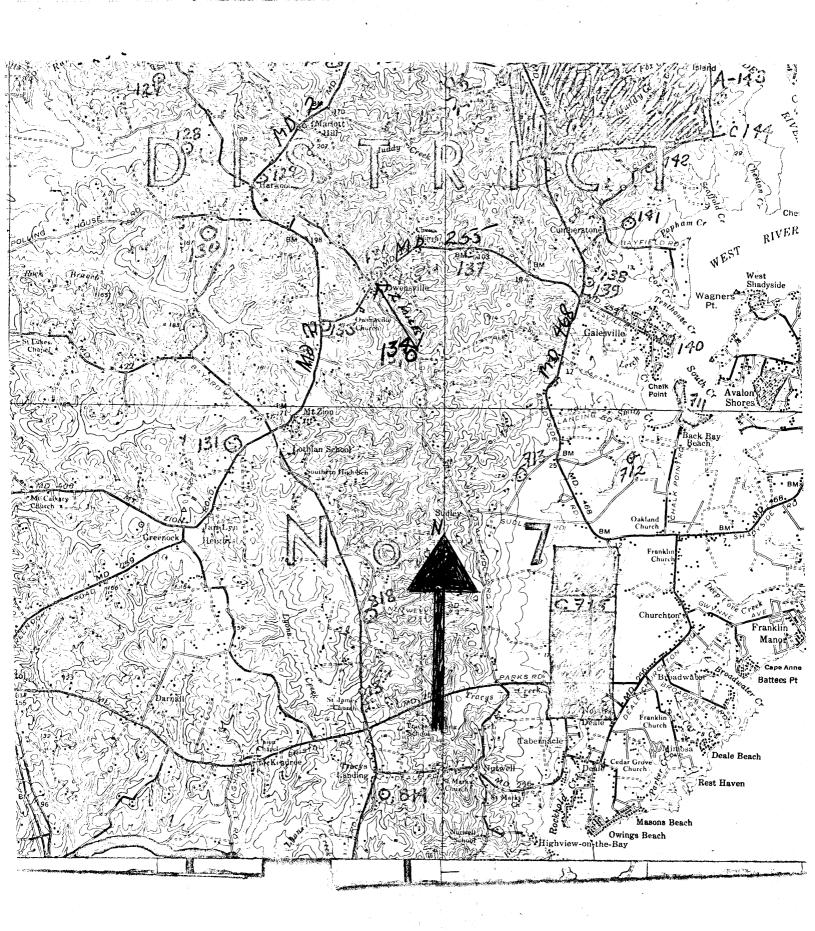
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