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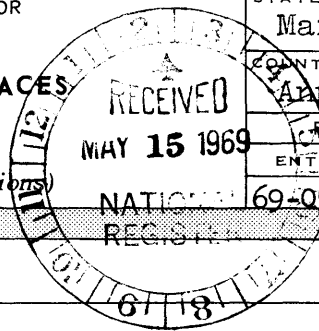
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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE:	Maryland	
COUNTY:	Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER	69-05-19-0009	DATE
		5/15/69

1. NAME

COMMON: Obligation

AND/OR HISTORIC: Obligation

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Route Maryland 2

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland 20776

CODE: 19

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Dr. Emily Hammond Wilson

STREET AND NUMBER: Route Maryland 2

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland 20776

CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House, Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21401

CODE: 19

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 212 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21404

CODE: 19

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Obligation is located on the west side of Route Maryland 2; 0.2 miles south of the junction of Mill Swamp Road and Route Maryland 2.

A building appears to have been standing in 1706, built on a tract of 664 acres patented in 1669 by Thomas Stockett. Francis H. Stockett, in his The Stockett Family (see: Bibliography #9), says the present brick house was erected in 1743 by Thomas Stockett III, a grandson of the first Thomas Stockett who immigrated to Maryland from Kent County, England.

In 1827 Joseph Noble Stockett, grandson of Joseph Stockett, made improvements to the house.

Construction details appear to belong to a manner of building predating 1743, and it may be conjectured that an earlier dwelling was over-built, possibly by raising a one-and-a-half-story structure to make the two-and-a-half-story house as indicated by changes apparent in the exterior brick walls. The color and texture of the early, one-story structure with brick laid in English bond can be easily distinguished from the later second-story brick work.

The square first-floor plan is divided into four rooms, the southwest one having a boxed staircase rising from the outer corner. There is a wooden lock of large size on the front door, and many pieces of early hardware throughout the house. The guillotine window sash are very early examples. There is a corner fireplace in the back parlor. The south facade has a center door sheltered by a canopy of recent date, and three windows irregularly placed, having nine over nine sash, topped with segmental arches. A different color range of brick appears in walls of the second story, and here the four windows of this south facade are symmetrically spaced, covered by flat lintels and having six over six sash. The gabled roof has a chimney at each end.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

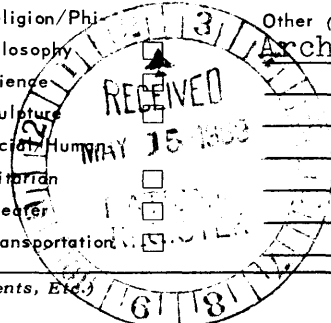
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

In 1658 three brother, Thomas, Henry and Dr. Francis Stockett, emigrated to Maryland and established themselves on a tract of the west side of the Susquehanna River. The site became the present town of Havre de Grace, Maryland. These Stockett brothers removed to southern Anne Arundel County where, in 1668-69, each gained a patent for 664 acres of contiguous lands bounded by a stream called Stocketts' Run.

Thomas, appointed High Sheriff of the county in 1668, was styled "Captain." He died in 1671; willed Obligation to a son, Thomas (1667-1732), who was active in county political affairs and was called upon to survey and settle cases involving land disputes. He expanded Obligation to 2,000 acres. Thomas Stockett III went to England, was robbed of all his possessions, and was befriended by a merchant who taught him about business. Thomas returned to Maryland and established a prosperous neighborhood store. His son, Dr. Thomas Noble Stockett (1747-1802) was well educated, scholarly; he joined the "Sons of Freedom" movement, was commissioned Surgeon with the Maryland Line and served at Valley Forge where hardships impaired his health. Returning to Obligation to recruit soldiers locally, he later resumed his medical practice and raised blooded horses.

His son, Joseph Noble Stockett (1779-1858), inherited Obligation, studied medicine but did not practice, raised horses and hunted foxes. He was a member of the South River Club. A staunch Federalist, he later became a Whig of the Henry Clay persuasion. Joseph Noble Stockett was married four times and had eight children.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776

Stockett, Francis H., Genealogy of the Stockett Family, 1892, Printed by William H. Boyle & Son, Baltimore, Md.

Forman, Henry C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, 1934, Privately printed, Easton, Md.

**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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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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:  
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust      DATE: May 9, 1969

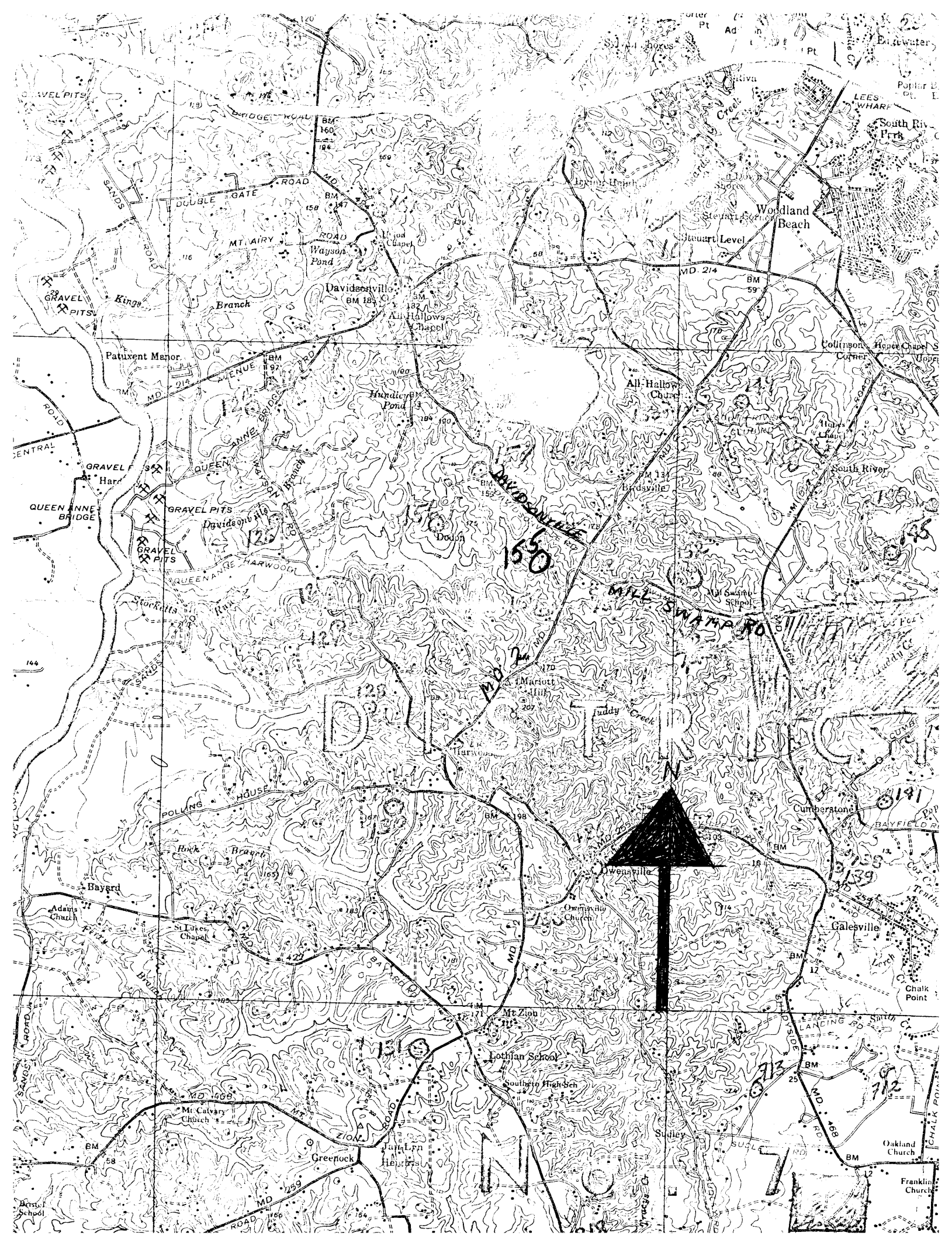
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**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/>    State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Orlando Ridout IV</u> Orlando Ridout IV</p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer for Maryland</u></p> <p>Date <u>May 9, 1969</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><i>Ernest Allen Connelly</i> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>May 15, 1969</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><i>William J. Stewart</i> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>May 15, 1969</u></p>
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Maryland Code: 19

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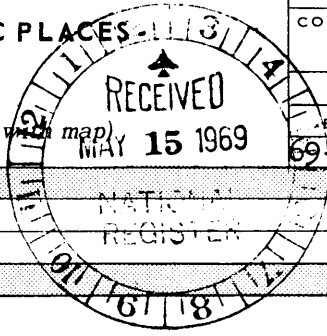
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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Maryland Geological Survey, Anne Arundel County; Kenneth Weaver, Director. Compiled from U.S.G.S. topographic map.			
SCALE: 1=62500			
DATE: 1949. 1967 Limited Revisions, Roads & Housing Development			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			