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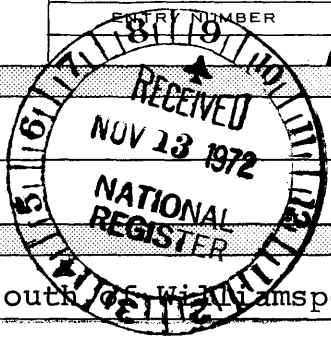
Form 10-300
(July 1969)

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:	Washington
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1970



1. NAME

COMMON:
Rose Hill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Rose Hill Manor

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West side Maryland, Route 63, 1/2 mile south of Williamsport

CITY OR TOWN:
Williamsport *vic.*

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	24	Washington	043

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Richard K. Hershey

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rose Hill Manor

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Williamsport	Maryland	24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Hagerstown	Maryland	24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Annapolis	Maryland	24

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rose Hill is located on the west side of Maryland Route 63, one half mile south of Williamsport, Maryland.

Rose Hill is a six bay, two story, Flemish bond brick house. It has a hip roof and a "widow's walk."

A pedimented pavillion that extends outward from the wall plane comprises the two central bays. A small elliptical window sits in the pediment.

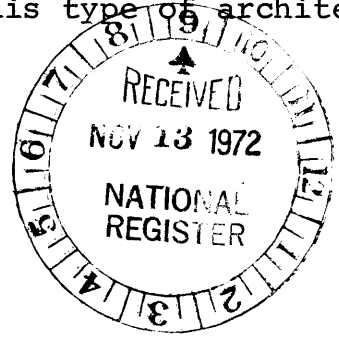
The windows have six over six sashes and flat stone arches with keystones. The basement windows have flat brick arches. There is a wooden belt course (20th century) and a simple cornice.

The main entrance, centered in the pavillion, has a semi-circular fanlight with lead tracery that is Federal in feeling. A brick arch surrounds the fanlight. A pair of rectangular, three-pane side lights and the door support the fanlight.

A four bay, two story wing of a smaller scale extends out from one side of the house.

On the interior, Rose Hill is noted for its large center hall and the attached hanging staircase. The interior details, e.g., the entablatures over the first floor doors, reflect the taste of the Adam-inspired Federal period.

Other Maryland houses such as Montpelier (National Register) and Tulip Hill (National Register) have facades similar to Rose Hill's. These buildings, however, are in southern and central Maryland. Rose Hill is the outpost of this type of architecture in Western Maryland.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rose Hill, near Williamsport, Maryland, is one of the finest Federal period houses in the western part of the state. In addition, it ranks with the best Federal buildings in central and southern Maryland. Buildings of contemporary period and with a similar degree of architectural refinement are virtually non-existent in Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties.

The mystery surrounding the unusual architectural character of Rose Hill is confounded by an inability to assign a definite date or builder to the house. In 1802, a Prince George's County resident, Thomas Owen Williams, bought the property (664 acres) for ten pounds per acre, an unusually high price for land in western Maryland at the turn of the nineteenth century.¹ The previous owner, Samuel Ringgold, had inherited the property from his father, Thomas Ringgold, a wealthy merchant in Chestertown. At his death, Thomas Ringgold divided his enormous land holdings among his numerous children, giving his son Samuel over ten thousand acres in Washington County.² Samuel took over his inheritance after he reached his majority in 1791.³

Although Thomas Owen Williams owned the 664 acres in Washington County, he kept his residence in Prince George's County until his death in 1818.⁴ However, an 1808 map indicates a substantial house on the land.⁵ His son, Otho Williams, inherited the tract which remained in the hands of his descendants throughout the nineteenth century.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Nancy Miller, Historian, Maryland Historical Trust,
2525 Riva Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Primary Sources:

Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland

Assessment of 1783. Washington County, Marsh Hundred.

-see continuation sheet-

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
NW	39°	34'	49"	77°	49'	24"			
NE	39°	34'	48"	77°	48'	52"			
SE	39°	34'	34"	77°	48'	52"			
SW	39°	34'	34"	77°	49'	24"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 116.58 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:
Arthur Townsend, Associate Director for Field Services, & staff

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: June 30, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 for Maryland

Date July 10, 1972

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

Robert K. Littley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:

W. Monty
Keeper of The National Register

Date 4 4 73

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Federal Direct Tax Assessment. 1798. Prince George's County, New Scotland, Oxen, Bladensburg Hundred.

Kent County Probate Records.

Patent Records. Washington County.

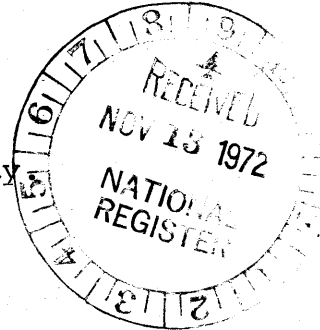
Prince George's County Probate Records.

Provincial Court Deeds. Washington County

Washington County Probate Records.

Washington County Land Records.

Varle, Charles. "A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland." 1808.

Secondary Sources:

Biographical Directory of the American Congress 1774-1949.
Washington: Government Printing Office, 1950.

Footnotes (for 8-Significance):

¹Washington County Deeds, Liber 0 folio 459.

²Kent County Wills, Liber 41 folio 301. 1770.

³Samuel Ringgold represented Washington County in the Maryland Assembly beginning with a seat in the House of Delegates (1795). He was elected to the House of Representatives (1810-1815, 1817-1821) from the Sixth District. Ringgold's house, Fountain Rock, was an elaborate structure (demolished) that has been attributed to Benjamin Latrobe.

⁴Prince George's County Wills, Liber TT folio 1.

⁵Charles Varle, "A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland," 1808, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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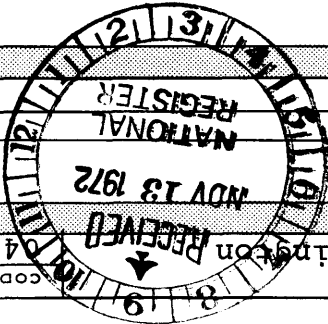
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COUNTRY:	Washington
NO. CODE	043

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
USGS 7.5 minute map, Williamsport Quadrangle
SCALE: 1:24 000
DATE: 1953

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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4388
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4386
35'
4384
MARTINSBURG 10 MI.
FALLING WATERS 2 MI.
III SW (EVESVILLE)

WILLIAMSPORT QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale: 1" = 24,000'
1953

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Williamsport

FALLING
WATERS

Williamsport
lat. Station 39° 34' 48"
long. 77° 48' 52"
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long. 77° 48' 52"



BERKELEY CO
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PENNSYLVANIA
Powell Bend

