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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Garrett
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ENTRY DATE	SEP 20 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Tomlinson Inn and the Little Meadows

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Stone House, Braddock's Fourth Camp

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~North side of U.S. 40, 3 miles east of Grantsville~~ on

CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville *vic* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Garrett CODE: 023

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Mountain Meadow</u>



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Norma E. Wilson

STREET AND NUMBER: Tomlinson Inn

CITY OR TOWN: Grantsville STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 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: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tomlinson Inn is located on the north side of U.S. Route 40 three miles east of Grantsville, Maryland, in the Little Meadows valley.

Huge by Garrett County standards, the Tomlinson Inn's proportions are almost barn-like. The large stone rectangular gable roof structure built on a hillside is three stories plus attic on the down hill side and two stories plus attic on the other. Two large, internal chimneys are located at either gable end; these have very broad stacks being almost one half the width of the end walls. Rising five or six stone courses above the roof, the chimneys are covered with single piece, semi-circular spark guards which look like half of a round pipe. The chimneys are the house's most distinguishing characteristic after its size. The north, or uphill side, has six irregular bays, two of which are doors on the first floor, and five irregularly placed windows on the second story. On the end wall toward the highway, similar six over six windows are located apparently between the flues of the chimney, while the north end wall has a door and windows arranged with what appears to have no relation to the chimney whatsoever. The end walls show evidence of a heavier cornice; while the front of the house definitely did have a porch across it. There was also some attempt made by the original builders to make quoins at the corners.

There are two large red barns and a garage on the property.

To the north of the Inn is the Little Meadows Valley which, today, is a picturesque mountain meadow that has remained largely untouched by civilization.

The boundaries of the Tomlinson Inn and the Little Meadows extend from Chestnut Ridge to Meadow Mountain, in order to preserve the historic character of the Mountain Meadow and environment of the Inn which remains unchanged.



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#7 Description continued

The Tomlinson Inn and the Little Meadows are bounded on the west by the ridge line of Chesnut Ridge, on the east by the ridge of Meadow Mountain, on the north by the northern end of the Little Meadows approximately one-and-one-half miles northeast of U. S. Route 40, and on the south by a line roughly one half mile southwest of U. S. Route 40. The boundaries are specifically defined by the four corners expressed in latitude and longitude.

This National Register nomination is intended to emphasize the inn which can be specifically located in place and in time. The acreage included with the nomination is intended, first, to recognize the existence of a largely unchanged historic environment. Because the environment of the inn included an important eighteenth century military site, which is documented in primary sources but cannot be pinpointed as a building it is felt that the extent of the boundaries is justified. Because of this line of thought the nomination is presented as a building and a building and a site, not a district.

The people of western Maryland consider Braddock's march to Fort Duquesne an extremely important part of their heritage. Recognizing the site of Braddock's Fourth Camp in the Little Meadows on the National Register would be of great local significance.

The historic connection between the Little Meadows and the Tomlinson Inn is governed, as are most considerations in a mountainous region, by geography. The valley between Meadow Mountain and Chesnut Ridge is historically a stopping place on a journey through the Garrett County Allegany Mountains. Braddock's army encamped there and Jesse Tomlinson built two inns. The first one whose site is unknown was replaced by the Tomlinson Inn immediately after the construction of the National Road.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" 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)

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tomlinson Inn was one of the earliest hostelryes on the National Road, America's first federally financed highway. The road began in Cumberland and reached the Little Meadows by 1815. Three years later, Jesse Tomlinson built an inn, the Stone House, along the newly opened road. Tomlinson had previously operated a tavern, The Red House, on Braddock's Road located to the north. The tavern on the National Road, operated by tenants, not the Tomlinson family, flourished for several decades. Albert Gallatin who as Secretary of the Treasury had urged the creation of the National Road, stayed there. In 1845, James K. Polk stopped at the Inn on the way to his inauguration. Citizens of near-by Grantsville used the Inn as a social gathering place.

Jesse Tomlinson (1753-1840) who built the Tomlinson Inn was an enterprising frontiersman, accumulating vast land holdings in what is now Garrett County. He represented his region in the Maryland Legislature and served as post-master. He was instrumental in founding Grantsville. Shortly before his death he transferred a twelve hundred acre tract including the Stone House and the Little Meadows to his daughter. The Tomlinson family retained the land until 1867.

The Little Meadows valley has eighteenth century historical associations. General Braddock's army encamped at the Little Meadows, June 17-18, 1755, on the march from Fort Cumberland to Fort Duquesne during the French and Indian War. While at Fort Cumberland, Braddock had sent an advance party to clear a trail (Braddock's Road) through the mountain wilderness to the Little Meadows and to establish a camp site there. Braddock and the army comprised of British and American soldiers including George Washington struggled over the mountains and through dense woods to the Little Meadows, the army's fourth camp after leaving Fort Cumberland. It took ten days to cover the twenty-four miles.

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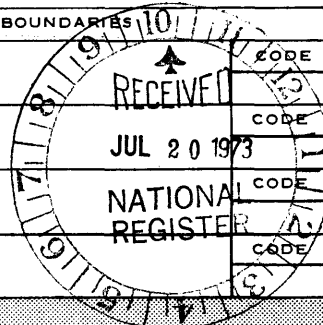
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	39 ° 42 ' 55 "	79 ° 05 ' 02 "		0	0	
NE	39 ° 42 ' 25 "	79 ° 04 ' 03 "				
SE	39 ° 40 ' 52 "	79 ° 05 ' 18 "				
SW	39 ° 41 ' 23 "	79 ° 06 ' 19 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **897**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
William Morgan and Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Dec. 13, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 January 10, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert H. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 9/20/73

ATTEST:
Wm J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 9 19 73

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#8 Significance (continued)

At a Council of War held at the Little Meadows, Braddock decided to speed up the army's advance by dividing the army. Approximately twelve thousand troops would proceed allowing the baggage trains and heavy equipment to follow at a slower pace. Although not present at the Council, George Washington had previously suggested such a division to Braddock.

The army continued westward from the Little Meadows to Fort Duquesne where, on July 9, 1775, the outnumbered French and Indian force overwhelmed the English army.

George Washington was familiar with the Little Meadows since he had visited it a year before. In the late spring of 1754 Washington and a party of Virginia militia were on a frontier expedition which included making repairs on the Ohio Company's frontier trail. They spent two days at the Little Meadows mending a bridge. After leaving the Meadows, but while on the same expedition, Washington encountered a numerically superior force of French and Indians who defeated the Virginian's party at Fort Necessity--the incident that started the French and Indian War.

The Ohio Company trail Washington was repairing had been laid out in 1752 by two Maryland frontiersmen, Thomas Cresap and Christopher Gist, and a Delaware Indian, Nemacolin. This trail which Braddock's army followed crossed through the Little Meadows.

In spite of the historical documentation, no known archaeological traces of the Ohio Company trail or Braddock's Fourth Camp exist in the Little Meadows.

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