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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

** Brooklandville House

AND/OR COMMON

Valley Inn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Falls Road at Hillside Roads NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Brooklandville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Baltimore

CODE

005

3 CLASSIFICATION

LBF 6/23/77

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: *historic*

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John A. Hatfield, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Brooklandville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21022

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Baltimore County Landmarks

DATE

1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Valley Inn is a stone structure, two and one-half stories in height, six bays in length, its principal facade to the south facing the former railroad, its west end close to Falls Road. Extending north from the west end is a two story shed-roofed wing, three bays in length, its taller west wall continuous and flush with the west end wall of the principal structure. The wing is contemporary with the principal structures, indicated by the unbroken stonework of the continuous west wall, the absence of a stone wall between the two sections, the detailing of both sections, and the functional requirements of both sections together. Built as a combined commercial and residential structure, the wing contained a public room in its first story with a kitchen in the basement below. The general form of the structure and its details indicate it to be a traditional building, dating from circa 1830-1840, with only slight influence of current style.

Principal formal entrances are in the second and fifth bays of the south front, and a secondary public entrance was centered on the west side of the rear wing, now relocated to the southern bay of the rear wing. Other bays contain six-over-six windows with narrow beaded frames and louvered blinds. Semi-circular windows flank the west chimney to light the attic above the principal part of the structure, and two dormers, each containing six-over-six sash, are in the southern roof slope. Brick chimneys rise flush above each gable end, and a third rises flush with the tall northwest corner of the rear wing. Jack arches consisting of five roughly worked stones support the masonry above each opening and the semi-circular arches of the attic window are formed by similarly worked stones.

The wood cornice, largely original, is of characteristic mouldings, self-returned at the ends, with a tapered bargeboard trimming the gable ends.

A one-story porch extends along the west side of the entire structure, its flat roof accessible by a door, apparently an original feature, through the west end of the principal part of the structure. A similar porch extended along the south front, now replaced by an enclosed, one-story dining room. Another porch extended along the east side of the rear wing, now removed due to the construction of one-story additions containing dining rooms and kitchens.

The eastern half of the principal part of this structure contained a pair of identical rooms, the separating partition now removed. A chimney breast with fireplace is centered on the east end of each room, but only the southeast fireplace is open with a mantel in place; that mantel consists of plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. Stored in the attic is a mantel with engaged Tuscan columns supporting an architrave, a frieze with end blocks, a bed moulding, and a boldly projecting shelf.

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The western half of the principal part of this structure contains a larger room, and a narrower stair hall to its north, beside the rear wing. A chimney breast with fireplace is at the west end of the room; its mantel consists of pairs of Tuscan colonettes supporting a plain frieze with projecting end blocks, a bed moulding, and a boldly projecting shelf. The stair rises, with intermediate landings, at the west end of the hall in the northwest corner of the main structure; most of its simple detailing is modern.

In the second story, the northwest hall opens to a narrow hall extending to the south within the first bay west of center. A small room occupies the space at the south end of the hall; the space above the southeast room is identical in size on both floors, but the space above the northeast room is divided into two rooms by a partition which appears to be somewhat later in date. Each chimney contains a fireplace surrounded by a mantel consisting of an architrave, plain frieze, and simple shelf.

The rear wing consists of a single room in each story. An enclosed winding stair formerly connected the basement and first and second floors in the northeast corner of the rear wing, beside the chimney; it has been removed. A large fireplace is in the basement, its closed flue stopping against the hearth of the fireplace in the first story, indicating the latter to be a later alteration. The rear room of the first floor, being a utilitarian public room, was probably heated by a closed stove. There is no fireplace in the second story of the rear wing.

The cellar and attic, except for the kitchen area of the former, is unfinished. Most exposed structural members are of straight-sawn material, but an occasional hewn face indicates that the timber was hewn to a workable shape prior to its being sawn to dimensional sizes. Rafters are half-lapped at the ridge but they are not pegged, possibly the cause of several failing joints.

Windows and doors throughout are trimmed with simple architrave material of a routed profile with a bead along the inner edge; top corners meet at plain corner blocks. Interior doors are of six raised but unmoulded panels. The deep exterior jambs of exterior entrances are paneled to reflect the former eight-panel doors, now stored in the basement. The eight panels are arranged as six smaller panels of equal size above, with a pair of taller panels below the lock rail, the latter with a Carpenter-patent lock. Transoms are above each principal exterior entrance. Modern chair rail and cornice surround some first story rooms, and some interior doors and associated trim are also of recent date.

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In the former basement kitchen beneath the former northeast porch, a nine-light sash hinged as a casement opens inwardly; a wide exterior door formerly opened to the falling grade on this side of the building. Six-light sash, hinged as casements, are (or were) in the northern bays of the main structure's cellar, protected externally by iron bars.

Original lathing is of hand-split material, attached with cut nails.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1832

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Valley Inn was originally known as Brooklandville House. Its history is closely associated with the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad which crossed the property just to the south. Constructed in 1832, the Green Spring Valley branch was one of the first railroad lines in the United States. Its regular service was by horse-drawn carriage for almost twenty years until steam locomotives came into use.

John R. Gwynn opened a tavern here, advertising in 1832, that "Persons who ride in the cars, and others who ride in carriages or horseback will find this one of the most pleasant rides from the city."¹ Citing the beautiful countryside and the healthful water which flowed from two springs near the Inn, he stated that "his table shall at all times be well supplied, his bar with the best liquor, and every attention shall be paid by his servant and himself to those that may honor him with a visit."² Gwynn purchased the property from Mary Carroll Caton, daughter of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, who owned the Brooklandwood estate, now St. Paul's School for Boys, which is a short distance to the north.

The architecture of the Inn illustrates its special uses. The front entrance was on the south, facing the train tracks. The first floor had no central hallway as in a dwelling, and the details of woodwork and mouldings were simple as befits a commercial establishment. There was a tavern room which opened directly on Falls Road, and in the basement below it was the kitchen with its large cooking fireplace.

At one time, there was also a post office in the Inn. An 1857 ad in the Sun for the public sale of the Brooklandville House suggests that the "fine, airy chambers above" would make a perfect summer boarding house for city dwellers wishing to escape the summer heat."³

During Prohibition, the Inn was used as a tearoom and a small branch of Abercrombie and Fitch, the New York sporting goods store, but this venture lasted only a short time. When Prohibition was repealed, the John A. Hatfields, by then the owners, returned it to its original use as a restaurant and tavern. Their son, John A. Hatfield, Jr., continues to operate the Valley Inn, a widely known Baltimore County landmark.

¹Gontrum, pp. 25-26.

²Ibid.

³Baltimore Sun, October 29, 1857.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.5 acres more or less

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	35, 64, 40	4, 36, 35, 3, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr., AIA sdh

ORGANIZATION

for John A. Hatfield, Jr.

DATE

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

301-323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce 4/14/77
 SHPO

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Robert B. Rettig

DATE 11/23/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE 11.17.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER