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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Brydon Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

Borderside

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

at Branch Ave.
Oakland-Westernport Road (Md. Rt. 135),

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bloomington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Garrett

CODE

023

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Delbert E. Gnegy and H. Gus Muntzing

STREET & NUMBER

Golf Crest Manor

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Borderside stands on the northerly side of the Oakland-Westernport Road, Maryland Route 135, at the intersections of Branch and Lone Avenues in Bloomington, in southeastern Garrett County.

The house is a late nineteenth century Italianate style brick structure that consists of a two and a half story rectangular block with a three story tower centered on the principal facade (easterly side), a multi-level wing on the south side, and a one story porch across the length of the north side.

The gently sloping hip roofs are covered with tin sheeting and supported by sets of double brackets. The tower has a pronounced bell-curve Mansard roof. The brick is laid in common bond with six rows of stretchers and one row of headers. The foundation is made of cut stone. A one story porch appears to have been removed from the back or west side.

The principal facade of the main block is symmetrical with a semi-octagonal projection with three windows on either side of the tower and two windows above. Each side of the tower has a recessed area in which the windows are placed. Most of the windows have brick flat arches except for the first floor windows of the back or west side which have bracketed lintels. The windows have double-hung wooden sashes with four over four lights, except for the principal windows of the projection which have four over six lights.

The bulk of the exterior decoration is found on the tower. The entranceway has a semi-circular fan light with one pane and a keystone in the framing with a heavy entablature supported by acanthus leaf brackets above. Marks on the wall indicate that a railing ran around the entablature at one time. The entranceway is topped by a pair of hooded windows and a round headed recessed window in the third story. The sides of the tower have rectangular windows on the first two stories and round windows on the third. The present front door was added within the past decade, however, the original double doors are said to be in storage.

The interior, which is in good condition, has heavy natural finished trim characteristic of the style. The conversion for office use was done with some care to avoid damage to the structure.

The building is structurally sound and is situated on a tract of 4.77 acres. It retains enough of its original fabric to make preservation and/or restoration feasible and hopeful.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Borderside is by far one of the most formidable nineteenth century residences in Garrett County. Erected following the Civil War, the house is representative of the Italian Villa style, notably the square tower, the asymmetrically arranged rectilinear blocks, the smooth and uniform exterior walls, and the bracketed hip roof with a slight pitch. (Whiffen, p. 69). It also has the characteristic bay windows and verandas, one of which was removed in recent years. Borderside is an unusual building for nineteenth century Garrett County in that it is constructed of brick, a material not generally used in the county. The usual building material was wood and several good examples of Italianate style frame dwelling can be found throughout the county. Brick, however, seems to have been primarily limited to public buildings such as the courthouse and school buildings.

Borderside, also commonly known as Brydon Mansion, was the residence of William A. Brydon. It was built about 1870 when Western Maryland was coming into prominence because of its vast supply of natural resources. Brydon was an entrepreneur dealing in coal and lumber. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1867 and a representative of Allegany County in the years before Garrett County was formed. Brydon, a member of the first Board of School Commissioners of Garrett County, made a second, but unsuccessful bid for the House of Delegates in 1891.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.77

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	66581010	4371460	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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ronald Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Ind.

DATE

3/12/75

STREET & NUMBER

Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

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 Pearce

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

Aug. 21, 1975

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

10/29/75

ATTEST:

DATE

OCT 23 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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