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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <i>Maryland</i>
COUNTY: <i>Montgomery</i>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUN 25 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Clifton

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Clifton

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
17107 New Hampshire Avenue, and Colesville Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Ednor

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Eighth

STATE: *Maryland* CODE: *24* COUNTY: *Montgomery* CODE: *031*

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dr. and Mrs. James W. Bullard

STREET AND NUMBER:
17107 New Hampshire Avenue, and Colesville Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Ednor

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, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE: *Maryland* CODE: *24*

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

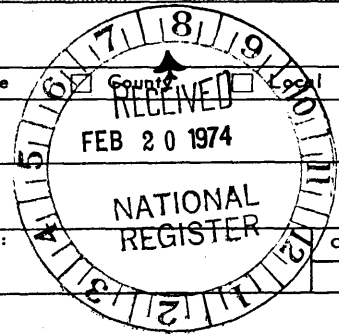
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clifton is located on the east side of Colesville Road, Maryland Route 65c, just north of the intersection of Ednor Road, Cedar Lane and Colesville Road, and south of the intersection of Maryland Route 108 and Colesville Road at Ashton, Maryland.

Clifton is a one and a half story gambrel-roofed brick structure with a lower north wing, also with gambrel roof. The main part of the house has four bays, with the entrance in the second bay from the south end. There are segmental brick restraining arches over each of the first floor openings; the windows in the main (west) facade are nine over nine with the frames flush with the outer wall plane. The brick is laid up in Flemish bond with glazed headers. Three dormer windows have six over six lights; their shed roofs are carried forward at the same pitch as that of the higher part of the gambrel roof.

The north and south ends have massive internal brick chimneys. On the south end, there are small windows on either side of the stack and a small window at the second floor level on the east end. On the first floor of this end, a funeral door is at the west side and a window, surrounded by a framed section, at the east side; the framed insert suggest a possible extension of the house southerly or another door at some past time. The north end has windows on either side of the stack in the attic and one at the west end on the second floor; at the ground floor level, there is a window in the west end and a door with an exposed wooden lintel (now opening into the north wing) on the east end. At the level of the boxed cornice, a three-brick tall corbel covers the end of the cornice; the present cornice and mouldings are reconstructed. The end chimneys also show signs of reconstruction above the second floor level.

The foundation is soapstone with two courses of brick, thicker than the walls above, laid atop it. The brick courses serve as an unmoulded water table.

The window and door frames have heavy sills and a bead around the interior edge of the framing.

The interior has been restored with some changes. The northwest room has a corner cupboard and panelled mantelpiece. In the northeast room, the mantle is a simple board and the arch of the fireplace is exposed within the panel surround. The southeast room has a plastered fireplace. In the southeast and northeast rooms, the windows are larger than in the west rooms. All rooms have a chair rail. The doors are all four-panel, with the panels projecting beyond the surrounding stiles. Baseboards have a bead along the upper edge. Walls are plastered directly on the brick. The roof is modern, with no ridgepole, common rafters, and milled sheathing boards.

The addition to the north has a boxed staircase with vertical beaded boarding in the northeast corner. The beams (now exposed) are hand hewn. The windows are six over six with smaller mullions than in the windows of the south part of the house. A fireplace in the south wall shares the north chimney of the main house block. A staircase with three risers connects the lower addition with the main house block.

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I. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) *after 1742*

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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>local history</u> |
| <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

Clifton is one of the few extant mid-eighteenth century buildings in Montgomery County. The date is important because at the time the county was part of the frontier as was the surrounding piedmont. The structure has survived in an excellent state of preservation retaining the majority of the original fabric.

From the viewpoint of architectural history the brick gambrel roof structure arouses great interest. The form, especially the roof construction, is not typical of this region, but rather of southern Maryland or the Eastern Shore. The explanation lies in the fact that the builder's family was from southern Anne Arundel County where brick gambrel roof houses were commonly constructed in the first half of the century, e.g., Larkin's Hill Farm.

Clifton also has significance in relation to local history for it is associated with the first settlement of the area. The first settler, James Brooke, arrived in the first quarter of the century. His wife's sister and husband, James Thomas, arrived shortly thereafter. The Brooke and Thomas families formed the nucleus of a Quaker community which by 1753 had been organized into the Sandy Spring Meeting of Friends. Clifton is contemporary with the origins of the meeting; its association has significance because the meeting house was not constructed until 1819.

The history of Clifton begins with another prominent Quaker, Richard Snowden (d. 1763). Snowden owned vast tracts of land in Anne Arundel, Prince George's and Montgomery counties and operated the Patuxent Iron Works, a major eighteenth century Maryland industry. One of the first tracts Snowden acquired was Snowden's Manor -- one thousand acres for which he received a patent in 1715. In the 1740's he sold part of it to Philip Thomas, the founder of the Quaker family. Thomas was Snowden's daughter's father-in-law. Two decades later Philip Thomas sold the tract to John Thomas as his ". . . indefeazable [sic] estate of inheritance. . ." Together with all Houses, Edifices, Buildings, Pastures Gardens Commons Rents Services Emoluments Cultivations and Improvements. . ." This last phrase coupled with the architectural assessment indicates that the building dates from circa 1760.

Since John Thomas had no children he willed the house and farm to his great nephew William John Thomas whose presence at Clifton is indicated in
(SEE CONTINUATION SHEET)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRIMARY SOURCES, *Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland*
Debt Books. (Frederick County).
Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington 1878 Including the County of Prince George (sic) Maryland. Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, 1878.
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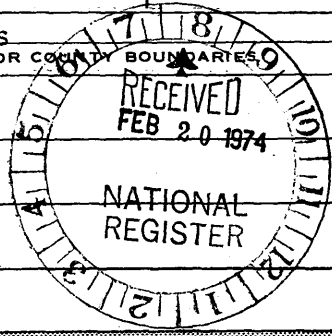
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 ° 08 ' 20 "	76 ° 59 ' 46 "				
NE	39 ° 08 ' 24 "	76 ° 59 ' 33 "				
SE	39 ° 08 ' 16 "	76 ° 59 ' 29 "				
SW	39 ° 08 ' 10 "	76 ° 59 ' 42 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 20 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:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION *Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission* DATE *January 1973*

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: *Silver Spring* STATE *Maryland (SEE CONTINUATION SHEET) 24* CODE

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*
 Title *State Historic Preservation Officer for Maryland*
 Date *February 14, 1974*

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

A. P. Montross
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *6/25/74*

ATTEST:
Charles A. Stewart
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

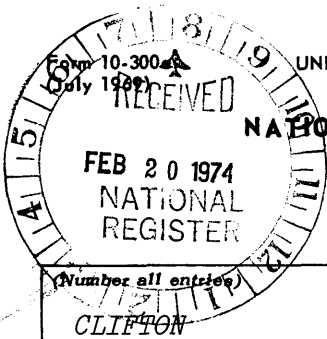
Date *6/21/74*

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#8. SIGNIFICANCE continued:

a 1865 map of Montgomery County and on a plat (1849) delineating the edges of his father's estate.¹ After the death of William John Thomas (d. 1884) the farm became the property of his son John Thomas who was the first to call the property Clifton. The last Thomas to occupy the house was his son, William John Thomas, who remained in the building through the mid-twentieth century.

#9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued:

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#11. FORM PREPARED BY continued

Nancy A. Miller, Historian
Maryland Historical Trust
2525 Riva Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

September 1973

¹S. J. Martenet, Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, Maryland, Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet, 1865 and Montgomery County Wills, Liber HH #3 facing folio 2412, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS continued

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1969 Federal

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