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DATA SHEET

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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Strawberry Hill
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

5 E of Creagerstown off MD 550
STREET & NUMBER Northeast side of Md. Rt. 550, 1/2 mi. southeast
of Old Frederick Rd. Intersection

CITY, TOWN Creagerstown VICINITY OF Sixth
STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Frederick CODE 021

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Preston Kolb
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Creagerstown VICINITY OF STATE Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Court Square

CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Strawberry Hill, a two and one-half story Georgian farmhouse built of sandstone, is located northeast of Maryland Route 550 about one mile south of Creagerstown, Maryland. The main block, which faces southeast, is five bays long, two deep and has a broad steeply pitched roof with box cornice. Attached to the southwest gable end there is a one story four-bay kitchen wing with a bake oven and stone chimney. The main block has a large interior, stone chimney in each of the gable ends.

All openings have stone gauged flat arches including the central door with its four-light rectangular transom. The windows have six lights over six with pegged frames and quarter round molding. Those of the second floor are smaller than the first.

The masonry of Strawberry Hill has been well executed. Large stones set at the corners of the house resemble quoins. On the second level of the southeastern facade there are cut stones between the windows which form an unusual and interesting diamond pattern.

Strawberry Hill has the same plan as nearby Pennterra, but just the reverse. A straight stair ascends to the right of the entrance. The balusters are diamond-shaped, but there is no paneling under the staircase. Some of the interior trim has been removed. The chair-rail remains in the parlor (southwestern room), the central first-floor hall and partially in two bedrooms over the parlor. The two first floor fireplaces are of stone. In the parlor, the mantel is Victorian and there is a fireback cast with German writing.

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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 1783

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Strawberry Hill is, architecturally, one of the finest houses in the Creagerstown Election District in Frederick County. It is a well-executed Georgian stone house with good original detail on the exterior. An unusual diamond pattern is set into the stone facade on the south-east.

A date stone on Strawberry Hill reads 1783. At that time the property, called "Fourth Dividend," was owned by Nicholas Carroll who sold it in the following year to Henry Griffith. In 1796, Abraham Grushong (or Groshon) purchased 341 acres of this tract from Griffith's heirs for \$ 444. It then passed to John Groshon and John Wagner.¹

In 1832, David Hull purchased Strawberry Hill from Wagner's executors. The land surrounding it was farmed by him and his family until his death in 1897. His sons were Daniel and Charles William Hull. The former built the other stone house on the property and the latter farmed it until a year after his father's death when it was sold.²

Strawberry Hill bears many architectural similarities to nearby Pennterra, which was built at about the same time. The land history of the two houses is similar also, both of them standing on tracts owned by Nicholas Carroll and sold to Henry Griffith in 1784.

¹Frederick County Deeds WR5/248, WR15/25, 24/305, JS41/508 and Frederick County will GME1/13. Frederick County Courthouse, Frederick, Maryland.

²Frederick County will JLJ16/380, Frederick County Courthouse.

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