

HO-406

MT. PLEASANT

~~Marriottsville~~

Private

Woodstock

18th and 19th centuries

Mt. Pleasant was the home of Samuel Brown, commissioner to Howard County in 1873. While Ivy Hill, HO-410 was being thoroughly searched by Union soldiers during the Civil War, who were looking for Confederate General Bradley T. Johnson, the good General was bathing in the attic of the three bay wide, one room deep gabled roof log cabin section of Mt. Pleasant. The farm also was used as a sub-station of Doughoregan Manor for the storage of arms and ammunition during this time.

Circa 1865 Samuel Brown and his sons built the three bay wide, one room deep gabled roof frame structure whose east bay rectangular entrance faces south, and was later connected to the south wall of the log cabin. Home of patriots and descendants of the original Patuxent Ranger Brown, it is of outstanding historical significance to Howard County, furnishing in addition Howard County's Bicentennial Tree, a lovely tulip poplar.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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| 1. NAME | | | | | |
| COMMON: Mt. Pleasant | | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 10520 Old Frederick Road (MD 987) | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Woodstock | | | | | |
| STATE Maryland | | | COUNTY: Howard | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input 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 | | <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 <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <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: Ruth Davis and Francis Louise Browne | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 10520 Old Frederick Road | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Woodstock | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| | | | 21163 | | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| | | | 21043 | | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Map 10, Blk 24, P. 43 | | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS /394/550 | | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory | | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: 1977 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust | | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle | | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis | | | STATE: Maryland | | |
| | | | 21401 | | |

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Pleasant is a three bay wide, one room deep gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure facing south connected by a one bay wide 2-story high connector, to a three bay wide, one room deep, three story high log house which faces west.

A one and a half story gabled roof addition lies on the west side of the house, one bay wide and one bay deep with rectangular double-hung windows holding two-over-two lites. A two lite attic window lies in the A formed by the gable roof on the west wall.

A two bay wide, two bay deep gabled roof kitchen wing lies on the north wall of the log cabin. Shed roof open one story high porches run along the east wall of the log cabin and kitchen and the south wall of the 1865 frame house.

The three bay wide house facing south holds one second floor east and west wall window in the south bay. An interior brick chimney is centered into the west wall of this house with an exterior brick chimney lying west of it serving the one and a half story gabled roof west addition.

Fenestration on the main house is rectangular, double-hung, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled with two-over-two lights, while that of the log cabin and kitchen wing is characterized by six-over-six lights. Entrances are located in the central bay of the west wall of the log cabin covered by a gabled roof shelter and in the north bay of the east wall of the kitchen wing. The west wall of the gabled roof two story high connector holds a first and second floor rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights. No apertures appear on its north wall.

A wide brick chimney rises from the north wall of the log cabin, whose west wall holds third floor six lite windows.

The south entrance door located in the east bay is rectangular, flanked by three lites and surmounted by a four lite transom.

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B. 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) circa, 1775, 1865

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" 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 | <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

Located southeast of the original dwelling of Thomas Brown of Good Fellowship, descendents of this early settler, known also as the Patuxent Ranger Brown, live in this charming farm house built around an 18th century log cabin three bays wide and three stories high. The grandfather of present owners the Misses Ruth and Francis Brown moved away from Howard County as a young man with his family. Loving Howard County, he soon wished to return and settled on the Herman property southeast of Mt. Pleasant, which is now owned by Mr. Owings, circa 1832. (This property has outbuildings with exceptional old locks.) Grandfather Brown then jumped to this house, the south wing of which he and his boys built on the south wall of the log cabin, circa 1865. Through the years they had added and torn away until the present form we see today emerged. Grandfather Brown's father lived in the adjoining house, called Good Fellowship.

During the War Between the States it was brother against brother and very true in the Brown family. Grandfather Brown had a sister, Kitty Brown who was being courted by a Union soldier, Captain Faithful who was stationed at Frederick. He would come down and court her in the log cabin. At one time Grandfather Brown was quite frightened as his son, a confederate soldier had come home to be cleaned up - deloused. He was concerned as his son left only a few hours before Captain Faithful arrived at Aunt Kitty's door and he was warned that his sister might mention the visit and have her Union soldier following after her nephew with great speed but Aunt Kitty "was quiet on all matters".

Another event happened at Mount Pleasant during this war. While Union soldiers were searching Ivy Hill for General Bradley T. Johnson of the Confederacy, General Johnson was taking a bath in the attic of the famous log cabin, and spending the nite with Samuel Brown. He was an exceptionally pleasant man, and when asked by Samuel Thomas Brown, (he was the brother of Ruth and Louise's father Frank de Sales Brown, both of whom were attending the general by furnishing wood for the fire to heat the water) "Why can't I join the army?", the general replied, "You are more valuable as you are". And so he was as a messenger, a gawky, inconspicuous farm boy carrying very important messages for the Confederacy, the central mail box being an ice house in Marriottsville village. Once suspected of being such a messenger, he was detained overnite in the ice house by Union soldiers but after talking to and observing the boy, they let him go, saying, "He's just a gawky young farmer boy who doesn't know a thing".

Later Grandfather Samuel Brown served as commissioner. His name is on the jail house in Ellicott City with two others who served. (continued)

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Mt. Pleasant - Significance - continued

At the beginning of the Civil War, Mt. Pleasant served as a sub-station to Doughoregan Manor for keeping firearms and guns to give to farmers for protection should any uprising or disorder occur. There were probably other stations located in other parts of the County to serve in this way.

Finally, a Bicentennial tree is located south of the house, "the most beautiful tulip poplar tree which I've ever seen", said Senator Clark when asked for his recommendation.

For these reasons, Mt. Pleasant should be considered for inclusion to the National Register, State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark legislation.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Md.
Baltimore, 1972.

Interview April 12, 1977 with Misses Francis and Ruth Brown at
Mount Pleasant.

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 | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 10, Blk 24, P 43

394-550 232 Acreage and Improv.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

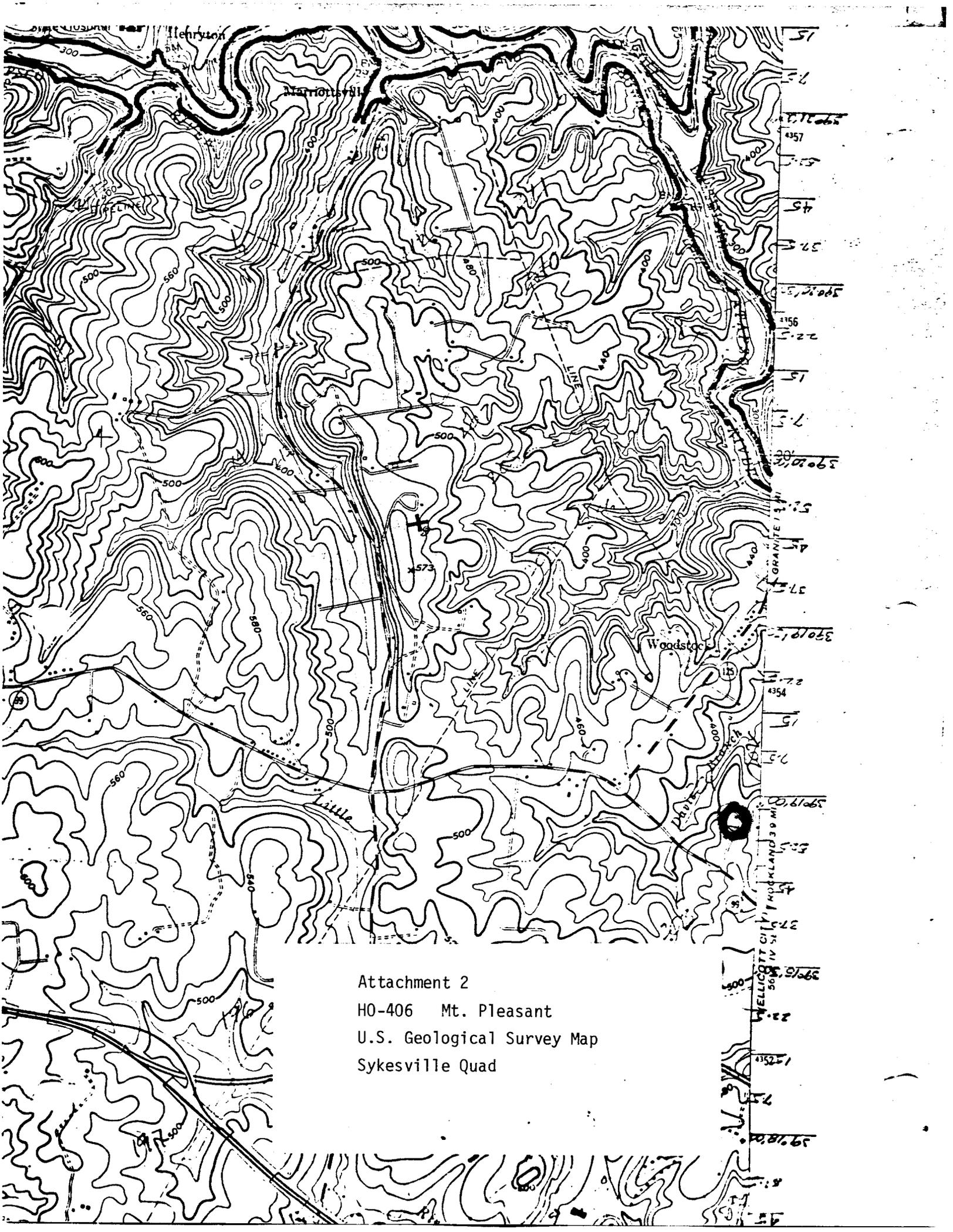
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|--|-------------------|-------|
| NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist | | |
| ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section | DATE | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City | STATE Maryland | 21043 |

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____



Attachment 2
H0-406 Mt. Pleasant
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Sykesville Quad

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