

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG: 87A-001

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Brookefield Boundary Marker (preferred)
 other Taylornton Boundary Marker

2. Location

street and number Croom Road (MD 382), south of White's Landing Road not for publication
 city, town Naylor X vicinity
 county Prince George's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Helen J. Suit
 street and number 15909 Croom Road telephone
 city, town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613-7322

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4649 folio 754
 city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 158E-4 tax parcel n/a tax ID number 0263731

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> </u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> 1 </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: commemorative		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u> 1 </u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is set on the west side of Croom Road (MD 382), south of the intersection between Croom Road (MD 382) and White's Landing Road in Naylor, Maryland. The marker is situated adjacent to the roadside on a steeply sloping berm. The marker is surrounded by wild flowers at its base. A brown metal highway sign locates the marker for passers by.

MARKER

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is a rough-dressed granite obelisk, rising approximately two feet high with a width of approximately one foot. Inscriptions on the south face are deteriorated. The marker reads, [*sic*]:

[*Illegible*]
[*Illegible*]...of Tho Gant
[*Illegible*]
[*Illegible*]...Proved by y Oath
John Rook, John Smith
[*Illegible*]...Col Jordan & Luke Gardner
Before Phillip Lee &
Thomas Brooks Efq
By Commiffion
of the Chancery
Court

INTEGRITY

The Brookefield Boundary Marker retains a high level of integrity. The marker presents a moderate level of integrity of materials, workmanship, and design due to deterioration. The marker's integrity of location and setting are retained due to the stone having not been moved and the surrounding area remaining primarily agricultural in nature. The marker remains a historic feature of the landscape, maintaining its integrity of feeling and association.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>

Specific dates	c. 1715	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1715		

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is located on the west side of Croom Road (MD 382), just south of where White's Landing Road intersects Croom Road in Naylor, Maryland. Brookefield was one of the earliest and largest land tracts patented in Prince George's County. The marker represents a boundary dispute, the resolution of that was settled by the Maryland Chancery Court.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is located near the agricultural village of Naylor in southeastern Prince George's County along Croom Road, between Nottingham Road on the north, and Candy Hill Road on the south. In 1650, Major Thomas Brooke patented the Brookfield tract, a large parcel encompassing land bounded by Mattaponi Creek on the north, the Patuxent River on the east, Deep Creek on the south, and a stone marked T.B. on the west (associated with the village of T.B.). Croom Road, a significant north-south route believed to have been established by Native Americans, became an important thoroughfare in Prince George's County. By 1745, the road was officially recognized and, in 1794, appeared on *Dennis Griffith's Map of Maryland*.¹ It is along Croom Road that the Brookefield Boundary Marker is located.

Colonel Thomas Brooke was the eldest son of Major Thomas Brooke and Eleanor Hatton. He was born approximately 1659 and resided at Brookfield, a plantation he inherited by terms of his father's Will.² Brookfield, 2530 acres in all, was the largest of the many land grants received by the Brooke family from the Lord Proprietary.³ The extent of the boundary agreement between the men listed on the stone, and the owner of

¹ Marina King, "Croom Historic Survey," Maryland Historical Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Form (April 1986), 8:1.

² Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975), 83. Available from The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Subscription database. <http://www.ancestry.com>, (accessed November 12, 2007).

³ Effie Gwynn Bowie, *Across the Years in Prince George's County* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975), 81. Available from The Generations Network, Inc., 2007. Subscription database. <http://www.ancestry.com>, (accessed November 12, 2007).

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the land the marker was erected, cannot be accurately surmised. The Brookefield Boundary Marker is associated with the non-extant marker in T.B., Maryland. This marker was located at the intersection of Branch Avenue (MD 5) and Accokeek Road (MD 373). Of note is the relation between two of the men listed on the marker. Phillip Lee married Colonel Thomas Brooke's daughter, Sarah Brooke.⁴

⁴ Gunston Hall Plantation, "Descendants of George Mason, 1629-1686 Person Page 16," <http://www.gunstonhall.org/masonweb/p16.htm> (accessed November 12, 2007).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hopkins, G.M. *Prince George's County, from Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington*. Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878.

Martenet, Simon J. *Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, Maryland*. Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet, 1861.

Prince George's County Land Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property n/a
Acreage of historical setting n/a
Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is located on the south bank of Croom Road (MD 382), south of the intersection between White's Landing Road and Croom Road (MD 382). The marker is associated with Parcel 80 as noted on Tax Map 158.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
 DHCD/DHCP
 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

The Brookefield Boundary Marker is associated with 16101 Croom Road. Specific records related to the placing of this marker could not be located. Listed below are the three latest records pertaining to 16101 Croom Road.

Deed 391: 478
March 23, 1933

Marie Fletcher Perrie to Harold Ellis and Bernice Alvine Suit. Beginning for the same at a point known as the Landstone, it being also the beginning of J. H. Waring's land, the said stone being on the west side of main road leading from Nottingham to Margraders Ferry.

Deed NLP 4649:736
August 3, 1976

Harold O. Suit, Carolyn B. Baden, Margaret Ann Francingues, Helen J. Suit, Elaine S. Baden, and Claire B. Watson, to George T. Burroughs.

Deed NLP 4649:754
August 3, 1976

George T. Burroughs to Helen J. Suit.

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Photo: Brookefield Boundary Marker, view looking south down Croom Road. (November 2007)

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Photo: Brookefield Boundary Marker, view of the façade (southeast elevation), looking northwest.