

"CLOUD CAPPED"

Frederick Road at North Bend Road, Catonsville, Maryland.

The origin of the name, Cloud Capped, has been lost over the years, but it was certainly used prior to 1750.

During the American Revolution the property (90 acres) was held by the Baltimore Iron Ore Mining Company. Members of this long extinct organization included Charles Carroll, Samuel Moale, Samuel Chase, and Two Dulanys.

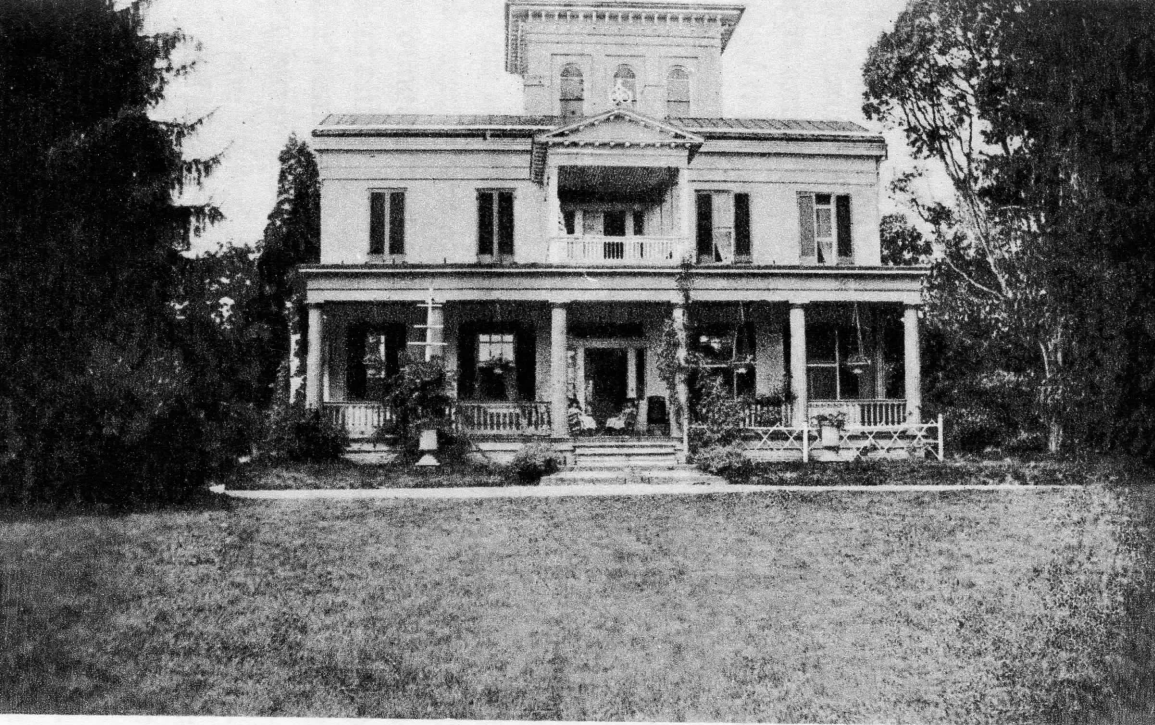
About 1800, the property came into the sole possession of Charles Carroll. On the Estate at that time was a brick house which is still part of the present mansion.

In 1845 the Estate, then consisting of 100 acres, was sold to ~~William H. Taylor~~. Robert Taylor. Robert Taylor's only son, Talbot J. Taylor, inherited the Estate and he and his large family lived there until 1886 when his wife Lavinia Kirkland Taylor died. Talbot Taylor had died in 1879.

The story has always been told that at the time of Lavinia Taylor's death, there were no children living home who were of legal age, so the property had to be sold according to the then existing Maryland laws.

In the late 1920's Puss and I went to see the house which was at that time being sold. We thought very seriously of trying to buy it and leave New York City and move to Catonsville. I have often wondered since how different our lives would have been had we made the move. It was a truly beautiful place.

To the best of my knowledge the house is now either a Museum or owned by the Government. It has been, and will be preserved as a sort of National monument.



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