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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
"Locust Farm"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Entrance on west side of Rte. 424, 1/2 mile north of jct. with Governors

CITY OR TOWN:  
Bridge Road

Near Davidsonville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Anne Arundel

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Benjamin Watkins III

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Davidsonville STATE: Maryland 21035

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Annapolis, Maryland

CITY OR TOWN: Map #49, AD.#2, Parcel #57, Liber/Folio#F.S.R. 119/552 STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Maryland Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

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 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

Two highways have been built across the boundaries of "Locust Farm" in the last 30 years, leaving only a third of its original acreage intact. Beef and dairy cattle have been raised there for several generations. The house and barns have a prominent location on a hill-top just south of Rte. 50.

The house at "Locust Farm" was built in 1848 by the great-grandfather of the present owner. The builder, whose name was also Benjamin Watkins, was a physician who gave up his practice and turned his full attention to farming after accidentally mis-diagnosing a patient.

The house was situated near a much older dwelling which was considered too small and run-down to be habitable. All that remains of this structure is its stairway, incorporated into the new house as the basement steps. The treads and bannister are very worn but still intact. The spindles are gone but the holes where they were set into the treads are still visible.

The present house is frame, 2 stories, 5 bays, standing on a full, brick lined basement. The plan has a center hall with two large rooms on each side. There are two interior chimneys on each end, serving four fireplaces on each level, including the basement. The owner remembers that the cooking was done in the basement in winter and the food sent upstairs on a dumb-waiter. In spring, seven or eight men were required to carry the huge iron cook-stove outside to the summer-kitchen. The process was reversed in the fall. The summer-kitchen, no longer standing, was a rough, wooden building with unscreened windows. The meat house, still in use, is located in the yard behind the house. It has board-and-batten siding with a hand-wrought iron latch and strap hinges on the door.

The exterior of the house has been covered with asbestos shingle and the design of the porches changed. The interior details are simple and virtually unchanged. Much of the original furniture is still there.

The house is in good condition. It is an unusual variation of the traditional side-hall, double-parlor plan, making it quite large and impressive.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF PROPERTY: 109 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Amy Hiatt

ORGANIZATION: Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning DATE: July 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Arundel Center

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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"Locust Farm"  
East Elevation



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"Locust Farm"  
West Elevation

0 0 1 75



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aa-26-N-a <sup>map 2</sup>

"Locust Farm"

Meat house

S.E. corner