

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CLARA/IDA/FRANK BIRD HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3853 Solomons Island Rd. not for publication

city, town near Birdsville vicinity of congressional district

state MD county AA

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name George W./Nora W. Long map 59/parcel 157 (1.746 a.)

street & number 3853 Solomons Island Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Harwood state and zip code MD 20776

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 1826

street & number folio 356

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

state federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-2070

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-2070

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input 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 _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

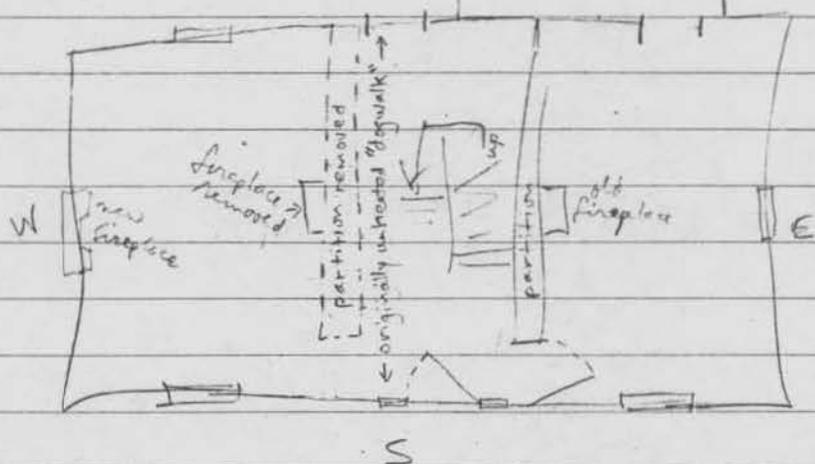
This house was occupied during the early 1900's by Clara, Ida, and Frank Bird, sisters and brother of John Bird who lived in the house identified as "Dr. Wm. P. Bird" on the 1878 Hopkins Map, west side of Rt. 2 south of All Hallows Church. (That house is gone now.) Lemon Owens, born 1910, remembers Clara and Ida were quite old in his youth, 1920-30's.

The current owner, George Long, believes Clara Bird was deeded the property c.1900 by "Judge Julian Moss" (?). He found an old silver napkin ring engraved "Clara" buried in his yard near the well.

George Long purchased the property in 1964 from Arthur Owens, brother of Lemon Owens.

S. Wetherill notes
7/87

AA-2070
BIRD HSE.



1' deep beaded eaves
on el and cross gable
undersides lined with
4" side beaded boards

new chimneys west
and north (exterior)

2-story I-hse with el, 3-bay facade, centered shed dormer.
entry doorway with lights above and half way down sides.
asphalt-shingle siding
black walnut floors! - like fine furniture
full-width front porch with 4 classical columns

The "el" section appears older than the larger front block
which faces south.

El, facing east:

3-bay, side gable

brick foundation

6/6 windows with old wavy glass

prob. was a chimney at ridge, inside north gable end wall

(There's a lump under asphalt shingles at that point)

larger cross-gable front section (attached to south gable end of el):

facade and entrance face south

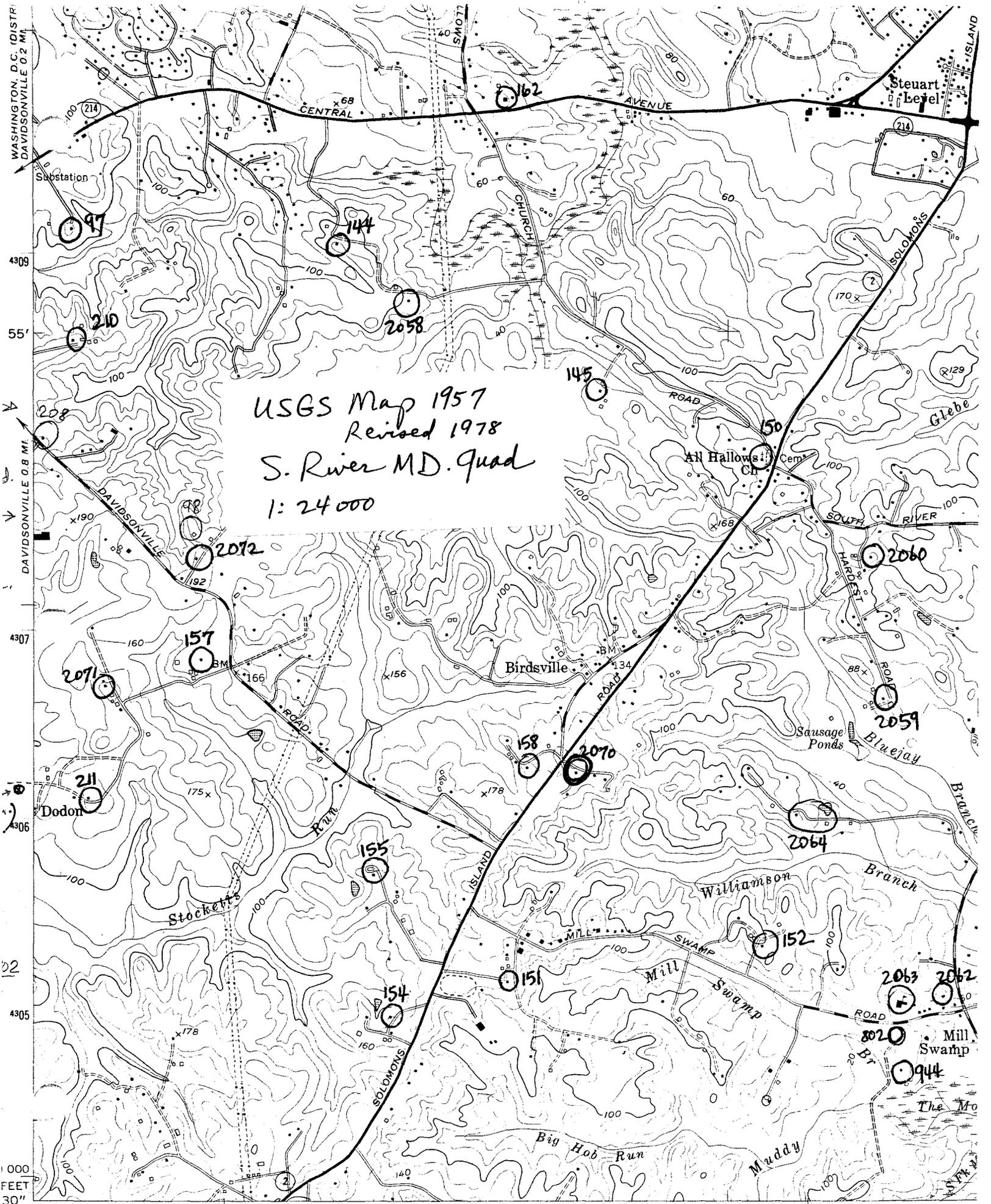
3-bay, center stair-hall with rear exit door to left of stairway
in north wall, west of where el attached.

2/2 windows, larger than in el.

brick foundation

orig. fireplace against stair wall of right hand (east) parlor

matching fireplace in left parlor, removed; also partition wall
betw. stairhall and left parlor removed.



USGS Map 1957
Revised 1978
S. River MD. Quad
1:24 000

Mapped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey

AA 2070 - Clara/Ida/Frank Bird House



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CLARA - IDA - FRANK BIRD HSE.

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S corner



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N corner



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SE elev.