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Ford House
Shady Side

late 18th cent. to
early 19th cent.
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ford House

AND/OR COMMON

Robert Atwell House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1432 Ford Road, off East West Shady Side Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Shady Side

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bernard V. Parrette

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4205 Van Ness St., NW

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel

Liber #: 2165

Folio #: 563

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The **Ford** well house is located on the south side of Ford Road in Shady Side. A hedge shields the house from the road and the lawn in back of the house slopes down to Parrish Creek and the Shady Side Boat Yard. The dwelling, which faces north, has several large cedar trees around it.

The structure is a story-and -a-half, three bays wide and one room deep, weatherboard dwelling on a low brick foundation. A one story kitchen joins the west elevation. The north elevation is used as the main entrance now, although the original entrance probably faced the water. Considered to be the oldest house in Shady Side, the dwelling has a gable roof of medium to steep pitch and exterior chimneys on the gable ends; the west chimney rises between the main block and kitchen wing. Gabled dormers are on the front and rear slopes of the roof. Several weatherboard additions are connected to the house. There is a one story shed on the west wall of the kitchen, an enclosed porch with a shed roof extending across the south (rear) elevation, and perpendicular to the porch a one story addition on a brick foundation extends south from the east elevation. The latter addition was perhaps built as a summer kitchen.

The fenestration of the principal facade is irregular. The main entrance, with a window on either side of it, occurs west of the center of the facade. The first story windows, having 6/6 light, double hung sash are close to the ends of the house. However, the east dormer is directly above the doorway. The windows and doors are flanked by board shutters with half moon designs.

Behind the house is a square, one story weatherboard outbuilding - probably a dairy - covered with a curved pyramidal roof which has a rectangular cupola with ventilators and a tiny shingled roof. A low brick foundation underlies the building.

The surveyor was not able to see the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 *late 18th, early 19th c.*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Very little is known about this small, story and a half, frame house on Parish Creek. The east or main section, having large brick chimneys on either end and unevenly spaced fenestration, is believed to be the oldest dwelling in Shady Side. The name Ford is associated with the house in the mid to late 19th century. A square, one-story outbuilding under a curved pyramidal roof is behind the house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.399

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Marion Morton Carroll- Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION A. A. Ct. Office of Planning and Zoning DATE August, 1978

STREET & NUMBER Arundel Center TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Addendum to Ford House MHT inventory form:

The exterior walls of the main block of the house are covered with beaded weatherboard siding. Some boards have been replaced. The beaded boards are secured with double struck nails (circa 1790 - 1810).

The interior of the house has been altered; very little original or early trim survives, making it difficult to date the dwelling based on surviving interior finishings. The plan may have been a hall and parlor plan, based on the exterior fenestration. A partition wall divides the first floor of the main block. An enclosed stair, entered from the rear of the house, rises against the partition wall to the second floor. A simple square newel post and balusters, typical of the early 19th century, is located on the second floor. The roof was not accessible from inside, so rafter connections and nails were not examined. A partial basement was accessible. The joists are hewn. One joist which runs from the front of the house to the rear (as do the others), is massive and appears to have been reused.

Based on the architectural evidence examined, the Ford House was built in circa 1800.

Updated by Donna M. Ware
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Robert Atwell
Parrish Cook

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1 1/2 frame, white weatherboard
 2 peaked corners front & back
 extra chimney, so gable
 part of cedar.

small square frame dairy or outhouse

house has shed across mid side
 and an A roof low wing

James C Rhoades?



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Ford House
Shady Side
North front
Marion Carroll
July, 1978



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Ford House
Shady Side
south elev.
Maxim Carroll
July. 1978