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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

AA-240

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
"Batchelor's Choice"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
East side of Route 2, one mile south of jct. with Rtes. 408, and 422

CITY OR TOWN:
Near Lothian

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Edward William Digges, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Phone: 867-4550

CITY OR TOWN: Lothian, Maryland 20820 STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Map #68, B.D. #1, Parcel #215, Liber/folio #2080/332

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

According to the present owners, the first part of "Batchelor's Choice" was built in about 1700 by Henry Hall. Hall's descendants lived in the house for 200 years, and some of them still live nearby. The Digges acquired the house about 8 years ago and they have undertaken a careful restoration of it.

Two additions were made to the house, ca. 1810 and 1840. The kitchen has been rebuilt several times on different sites. The entire house is frame but each section of it exhibits a different style and feeling.

Part I (ca. 1700) has a three bay front. It is one room deep and 2 1/2 stories high. The plan has a hall and stair beside a single large room. An exterior chimney serves the north end of this room.

A wide entrance porch on the front of this section has four square columns under a pediment. The motif is repeated on the dormers. These details are 19th century additions. The dormers have 6 over 3 pane window openings. The second floor has 6 over 6. The exterior frames have carefully detailed, raised moldings.

The interior of Part I has relatively low ceilings (under 9 feet). The stair has a poplar bannister and newel post which were stained to look like cherry and walnut. The main room has a narrow, delicate, chair-rail. The mantel (similar to two at "Gowry Banks", AA-47-Q-a) has an intricate though rather primitive design made from an applique' of tiny pieces of wood.

Part II (ca. 1810) adjoins the south end of the first house and is served by the same stair. This section has 2 stories under a less steeply pitched roof. The ceilings are taller (about 11 feet) and the windows larger. The plan is one room; a parlor, with a chamber above. The chimney is on the south end. The parlor has a panelled wainscot and wide door and window moldings with a corner-square motif.

Part III (1840) contains the dining room with a chamber above. The moldings in this section are very plain. The kitchen is reached through an enclosed porch.

The exterior of the house is sheathed in horizontal wood-siding. The structure has been strengthened and repaired. Even so, there remains a visible sag in the oldest section. The plaster was replaced over much of the house. The floors and virtually all of the woodwork are original. The paint has been removed, layer by layer, and the original color duplicated.

The house is surrounded by several very large holly trees. It is not visible from Route 2 as it is at the end of a lane between woods and fields.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1700, 1810, 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for 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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF ~~PROPERTY~~ PROPERTY: 10 acres

Acreage Justification:

Large empty box for Acreage Justification.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



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"Batchelor's Choice"
West Elevation

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"Batchelor's Choice"
South Elevation

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