

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Cedars, Cedar Hill

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 2924 Davidsonville Road  not for publication

city, town Davidsonville  vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

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

name Gail McQuoid Enright

street & number 2924 Davidsonville Road telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 21035

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2568

street & number South Street folio 868

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-853

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Cedars is located on the west side of Davidsonville Road approximately 1000 feet northeast of Governor's Bridge Road. It is situated back from the road on a high knoll which affords a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. The house faces east. The original central section was built in the late 19th century and according to family tradition was enlarged five years later.

The present front view has a steeply gabled facade, two stories high, with three bays on the first floor in the gabled area. The door has four lights above three horizontal panels. To the right are two windows having vertically divided two-over-two lights. On the second floor are two evenly spaced windows. Centered in the gable is a six-over-six attic window. The gable has a 12 inch overhang, and a plain box cornice with bed molding. The rear section of the house has a projection to the south.

Extending across the full width of the first floor is a shed roof screened-in porch. Its front is supported by five inch square chamfered posts. The chamfering stops for seven inches beginning 25 inches above the floor.

The north side reveals that the front gable section crosses into a north-south oriented gable roof. Since the front roof ridge is higher, the roof becomes complex and joins the main roof by being dropped with a small hip construction. The overhang of the north-south gable is carried four feet down the wall of the front (eastern) section. This too has a box cornice and bed molding. The western end of this facade is extended with another addition. Here the eaves and overhang are joined by miter at the same level as the rear extension roof line. The eastern section (that is formed by the front end gable) has two windows on each floor having the same type windows as the front, i.e. two-over-two. The central area (below the north-south gable) has two windows on each floor. The lower windows are six-over-six; the upper windows are new, one-over-one. The rear or west end has one smaller six-over-six window on each floor.

The rear of the house reveals that the gabled addition extends halfway across to the northern side. On the first floor is one six-light hinged window on the rear and another on the western side of the addition. The western side also has a two panel door. The second floor has a six-over-six window on the rear side. The remaining area of the rear (western end of the house has an open shed roof porch. The house has a twelve-light, one panel door to the left of center. To the right of the door is a six-over-six window with a small six-over-six on the second floor directly above. Set high to the left of the door, is a six-light smaller window. A second small six-over-six is located above this area.

The south facade of the house has a new brick chimney centered in the gable. There are four-over-four windows on each side of the chimney above which are fixed four-light windows set on the diagonal. The area formed by the front gable addition has the same two-over-two vertically divided windows as its front and north side. Shutters remain on the upper level. This area also has a carport.

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-853

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 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

### 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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-853

2568-868 deed 3/8/1973  
GTC1181-191 deed 1/20/1958  
WMB40-493 deed 11/21/1926  
SH30-415 deed 4/30/1887

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	Zone	Easting		Northing			

B	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	Zone	Easting		Northing			

C	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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D	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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E	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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F	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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G	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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H	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Davidsonville Survey Team

organization Davidsonville Area Civic Association date 11/17/84

street & number 1521 Themes Drive telephone 798-6145

city or town Davidsonville state Maryland 21035

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.

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Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

The present owner, who is a direct descent of the builder of the house, explained that the front porch originally wrapped around this side. As it had deteriorated, it was removed and the open attached carport was built with flooring of reused bricks.

The owner explained that the original house was only the central area. The front gable was added to make a parlor with higher ceilings with two chambers above. When this was done the original front window was blocked in and the room could be reached only by a side passage. The present owners reopened the wall with a pair of louvered doors which now allows direct access to the present dining room. They removed trim from a second floor passage to encase this new opening. It matches the molded trim of the door and windows which have the top corner blocks with molded circular centers (bulls eye).

The dining room has original random width beaded wainscoting. The original door in this room leads to a closet under the stairway. This door is six feet six inches by three feet two inches. It has four raised panels and a metal box lock. The trim throughout this first floor room is plain and unmitered. The baseboard has a simple curved tapered back top.

The room now used as a sitting room has a recent enlargement to the south where the new exterior chimney was added. The chimney now serves the space heating wood stove. In this room on the inner wall is the original closed string stairway. It has a very heavily turned newel post. The plain handrail and balusters are fairly new.

The kitchen is located in the rear extension. None of the original fabric remains with the possible exception of the windows.

The upstairs passage is open to the stairs and has the original balustrade with closely set, heavily turned balusters. This passage opens to the newer transverse hall which affords access to the newer two front bedrooms. These have the same molded trim as the parlor. The doors have box locks and decorative patterned hinges. In this newer hall is the trap door to the attic.

The attic reveals the remains of the front section of the original cedar shingle roof, which is now covered by the front gable addition.

There is a bedroom left of the top of the stairs and over the dining room which has its inner corner cut off. This jog is explained later. To the south and over the recently extended central area is a bedroom which has recently had its ceiling raised and is finished with molded trim.

The bath has been made from an earlier bedchamber over the kitchen. The owner explains that the original roof had been lower and was raised as the original family grew to allow for another bedchamber. To gain access to this, the aforementioned corner had to be cut off of the earlier central chamber. This makes a wedge-shaped passage entered from the rear of the stair passage (or hall).

See Continuation Sheet 7.2

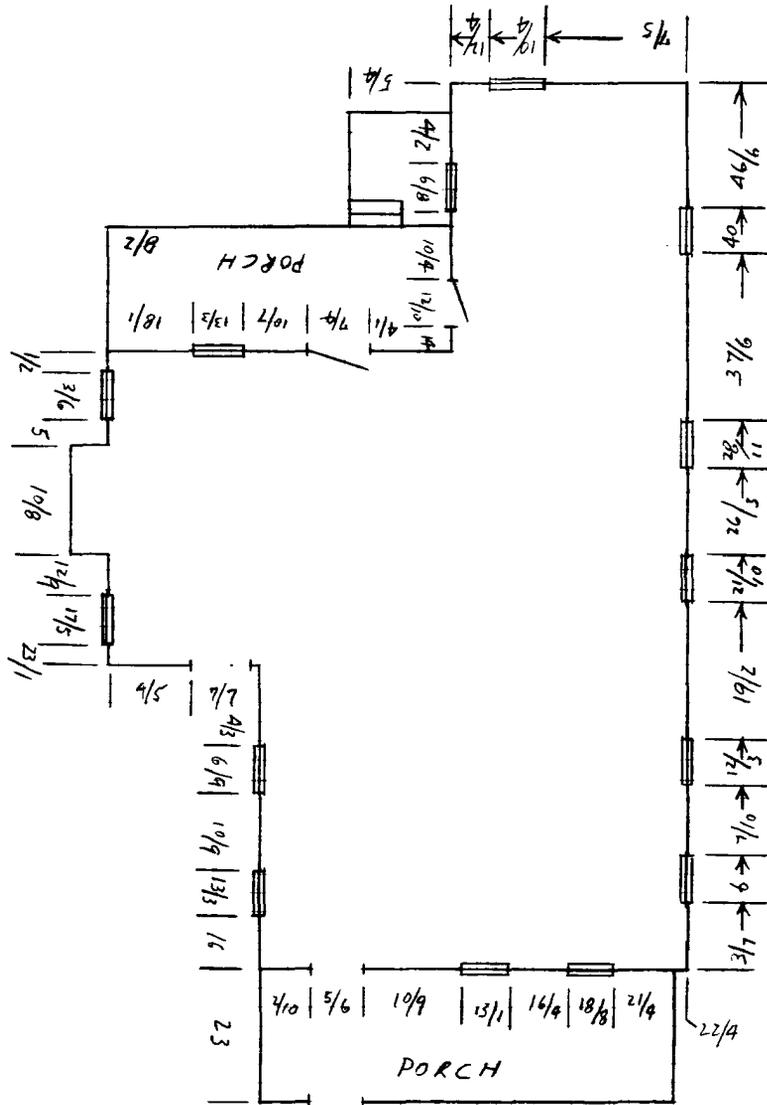
The basement has been partially dug out in more recent times to allow installation of a furnace, hot water heater etc. The soil is compacted stone and lime-like clay. Here one can see the original random width pine floors overhead. The joists are circular sawn. A brick foundation prevents viewing from the ell toward the front of the house. There is some ironstone used in the pier supports.

The foundation of the house is in common bond brick. In some areas this has been parged. The original horizontal siding has been covered with shingles. These are soon to be replaced. Galvanized gutters exist on all sides.

The two remaining outbuildings were a smokehouse and a milk house. Next to the milk house is another foundation.

THE CEDARS  
(Enright's)

Exterior  
Dimensions



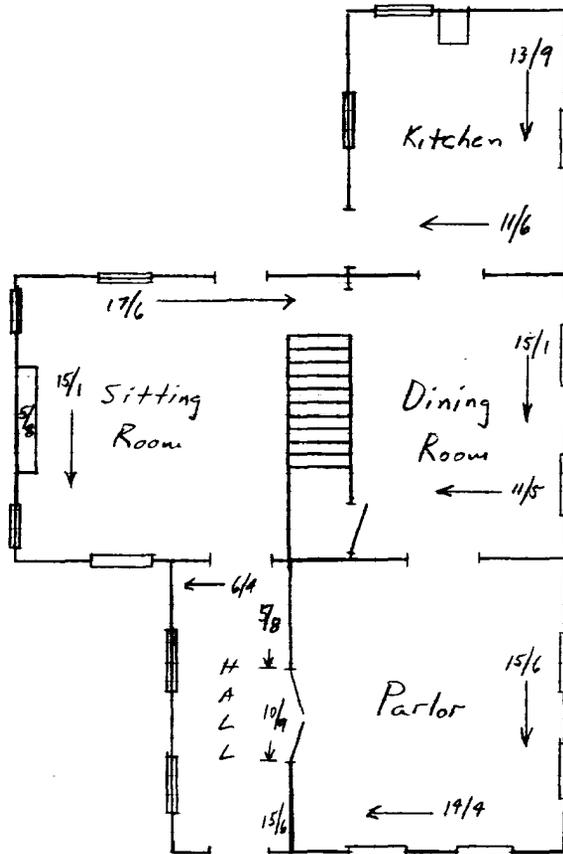
Scale  
1 Foot

East

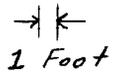
FRONT

THE CEDARS  
(Enright's)

Interior  
Dimensions



Scale



FRONT

Gail McQuoid

2924 Davidsonville Road MP Blk Pch  
 Deed Reference 2568-868 54 4 90  
 24.16 Acres

2568-868 3/8/1973

To - Gail Meredith McQuoid  
 From - Virginia W. T. Meredith

Misc Deed Information:

Between Franklin D. Meredith  
 Personal representative of the estate of  
 Virginia W. T. Meredith of Dekald  
 Co. State of Georgia and Gail  
 Meredith McQuoid remaining  
 Part of 46.75 acres parcel described  
 in deed from William E. Kirk to  
 Virginia W. T. Meredith 1/20/1958  
 recorded GTC 1181, Folio 191 except  
 parcel containing 17.71 acres conveyed  
 to Leroy Koch & Ruby K Koch recorded  
 LNP 1926, Folio 516 & except 4 acres  
 conveyed to Franklin Meredith by  
 deed of this date herein entered to  
 record of record

Recorded 3/13/1973

Hail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Rd.

GTC 1181-191 11/20/1958  
To: Virginia W.T. Meredith  
From: William E. Kirk

Misc Deed Information:  
1st Election District, 46  $\frac{3}{4}$  acres,  
beginning at south gate post,  
said gate post standing at entrance  
to said property & running thence  
in a straight line so as to include  
dwelling house ground thence in  
until it reaches the line of  
Property of Wm. Townsends  
thence in a southerly direction  
along & with line of Wm.  
Townsends Property to public  
road leading to Governors  
Bridge thence easterly direction  
along & with Governors Bridge  
Road until it intersects public  
road leading to Davidsonville  
to Suttard thence along  
Davidsonville/Suttard Road  
northerly to beginning. Deed

Lail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Road

GTC 1181-191 - 1/20/1958  
Continued

Deed Information Continued (1):

Described 12/21/1926  
WMB 40-493 to Rebecca  
J. Townsend from Daniel W.  
Townsend widw  
1<sup>st</sup> Tract:

Beginning at stone gate post of  
tract one in deed dated 12/21/1926  
from Daniel W. Townsend widower  
to Rebecca J. Townsend and  
running further along 1<sup>st</sup> line  
Westaly until intersects line of  
Property of Wm. Townsend then  
north along line with line  
until intersect Wm. O. Tucker's  
Property eastaly Public Road to  
Davidsonville & Rutledge.

Being same Property conveyed to  
Rebecca J. Townsend from Daniel  
W. Townsend WMB 40-495  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tract:

Hail M. David  
2924 Davidsmoelle Road

GTC 1181-191      1/20/1958  
Continued

Deed Information Continued (2):

Being balance of 43 acres  
Conveyed unto Daniel W. Townsend  
to Daniel J. Woodward dated  
12/3/1907 G-W 57-216 Daniel  
W & wife Martha B. Conveyed  
20 acres of 43 acres

Benjamin S. Sackett & Louise  
P. Sackett wife 8/12/1924  
WNW 89-429

Boundary agreement between  
Rebecca J. Townsend & others of  
Anne Arundel Co. NHH 666-138

Lail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Road

WMB 40-493

12/21/1926

To: Rebecca J. Townshend

From: Daniel W. Townshend, widower

Misc Deed Information:

For & In Consideration of long & patient service rendered unto my household, especially to me & my deceased wife by the said Rebecca J. Townshend & in consideration of the sum of \$50.00 & other goods & Valuable Consideration thereunto moving from the party of the record part unto the party of the 1st part the receipt whereof thereby acknowledge etc.

2 lots of land situated in AACo.

(exact same property description as 1181-191) It being part of

identical property situated in 2nd

District of AACo. Conveyed to Daniel

W. Townshend by Frank H. Stockett

trustee by deed 4/31/1887 SH 30-415

Recorded 12/24/1926 11 A.M.

Lail McQuard  
2924 Davidanville Road

SH 30-415 4/31/1887  
To: Daniel W. Townshed  
From: Frank W. Stockett, trustee

Misc Deed Information:

Opinion of A.A. Co. Circuit Court  
2/12/1886 between Frank H.  
Stockett executor of Mary Hayden  
Sellman Complainant & Thomas  
R. Kent & others, sold on 4/2/1886  
to Daniel W. Townshed two  
lots of land in 2nd Election District  
of A.A. Co. supposed to contain  
140 acres as shown on plat  
but when surveyed 119 1/2 acres  
Lot # 3 comprising part of land  
called "Charney's Resolution"  
beginning at banded stone begining  
station of land conveyed by  
Thomas S. Platt & others to  
Thomas R. Kent by deed 6/12/1856  
bearing South 14° 30 minutes West  
121 3/4 perches to center of Public road

Gail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Road

SH 30-415      4/31/1887  
Continued

Deed Information Continued (1):  
Leading from Lovejoy's  
Bridge through said land  
toward South River, these  
runners lastly & bounding on  
Center of said road for a distance  
of 74 1/2 Poles to Center of Public  
Road leading from head of  
South River toward Davidsonville  
these runners northaly 102  
Poles until it intersects line  
of aforesaid deed runner westaly  
& northaly bounding line 61 Poles  
to begin line 46 3/4 acres  
Beginning for Lot # 4 the same  
compassed of part of the following  
Description that is to say, begining  
at a found stone starting at the  
end of the 9th line of land conveyed  
by Thomas H. Platt & others to

Gail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Road

SH 30-415 4/31/1887  
Continued

Deed Information Continued (2):

Thomas R. Kent by deed 6/12/1856  
& survey from thence & bounding  
on the said Conoyona ~~5~~ North 150  
West 4 1/2 poles to a stone end of  
last line of said Conoyona thence  
Survey Westly & Northly & bounding  
on & with the — line of said  
Conoyona for 144 poles to Center  
Public road leading from the  
head of the South River toward  
Davidsonville thence Survey  
Southly & bounding on & with Center  
of said road for 102 poles to  
Center of intersection of Public road  
leading from Lorrains Bridge  
through said land toward  
South River thence Survey  
Eastly & bounding on & with Center  
of said road for 160 poles until

Gail McQuoid  
2924 Davidsonville Road

SH 30-415      4/31/1887  
Continued

Deed Information - Continued (3):  
it intersects the aforesaid 9<sup>th</sup>  
line of the aforesaid deed there  
being said road running &  
forming said line North 20°  
West 17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Degrees to beginning  
Contain 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres at & for the  
sum of \$2500.

(Trustee is Authour's' self).

Recorded 4/18/1887



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CEDARS/CEDAR HILL  
ANNE ARUNDEL CO.  
RONALD E. HOLLAND  
MD HISTORICAL TRUST  
FEBRUARY 1984

SOUTH ELEVATION



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EAST ELEVATION



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NORTH ELEVATION



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RONALD E HOLLAND  
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SOUTH ELEVATION



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OUT BUILDING SOUTH  
ELEVATION