

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Baltimore
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ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Foulke Farmhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Shaw House

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
West side Maryland Route 20 (Old North Point Road)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Sparrows Point

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Baltimore CODE: 005

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Bethlehem Steel Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Sparrows Point Plant Administration Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Sparrows Point

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Chesapeake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Towson

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**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: CODE:

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaw House (currently known as the Foulke Farmhouse) is a large (28' x 56'), rectangular frame house sitting in the midst of a vegetable farm on the west side of Old North Point Road (Md. 20) roughly three miles from the southern terminus of the highway. It is three hundred yards north of North Point Creek a tributary of Old Road Bay at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay.

The gable end of the house faces east and is three bays wide. The door in the southernmost bay has a rectangular transom and sidelights. The large pane first story windows have two over four sashes which extend downward to a level equal with the door sill. The second story windows have a two over two sash. A paired window exists in the attic gable.

The south facade, now the principal facade, is four bays wide. The eastern central bay contains the door sheltered by a shed roof which is supported by turned posts. The west facade has one window on each floor positioned at the southern end of the facade. On September 12, 1814, Eleanor Shaw used the unassuming second story window to make a hurried exit escaping the improper advances of a British Soldier. A covered access to the cellar exists below the windows. On the north facade a one story addition extends from the middle of the wall around the corner of the west facade. The second story windows exist above the addition. The remaining fenestration consists of one window on the first floor at the eastern end of the north facade.

The present owner placed asphalt shingles over the original clapboard.

There are two chimneys one on the west gable end and another on the south face of the roof.

It is probable that the west end of the house was constructed prior to the eastern section. The cellar exists only underneath the west end. The floor is paved in brick with fieldstone walls with a stone chimney base. The cellar construction supports the concept of the construction of the house in two stages.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> James T. Wollon, Jr., ATA, to the Maryland Historical Trust, April 12, 1973, and architectural opinion of J. Richard Rivoire, Maryland Historical Trust.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	<u>local history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Shaw House rests with its association with the War of 1812. During the Battle of North Point the British army occupied the house. General Ross held a staff meeting in the building prior to the Battle of North Point (Sept. 12, 1814). Although the American forces fell back, the casualties inflicted on the British army, including the fatal wounding of General Ross, advance on Baltimore.

The Shaw House is the one of the very structures on Patapsco Neck which is directly associated with the Battle of North Point. As one of the last farms in the area it provides a link for residents to their agricultural heritage in the face of rapid industrialization. The local significance of the Shaw House as an embodiment of the original character of Patapsco Neck as well as a direct link with a military event of national impact gives this farm house an impact far beyond its simple facade.

The Shaw family lived on the farm from the mid 18th century until 1885. A small cemetery marks their presence.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Public Schools. Baltimore County in the State and Nation.

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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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian mh

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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"Farmhouse that Survived Invasion." The Evening Sun (Baltimore), February 3, 1953.

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Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society.



27'30"

(MIDDLE RIVER)

25'

Wildwood Beach  
Claybank Pt  
Back River  
Neck  
Cedar Pt

Greenhill Cove

Lynch Pt

Edgemere

SPARROWS POINT QUADRANGLE  
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RIVER

SHAW HOUSEE C K

New Hope Ch

North Point Creek

Lodge Forest

Penwood Ch

Black Marsh

Light

OLD ROAD BAY

Fort Howard Sch

Shallow Creek

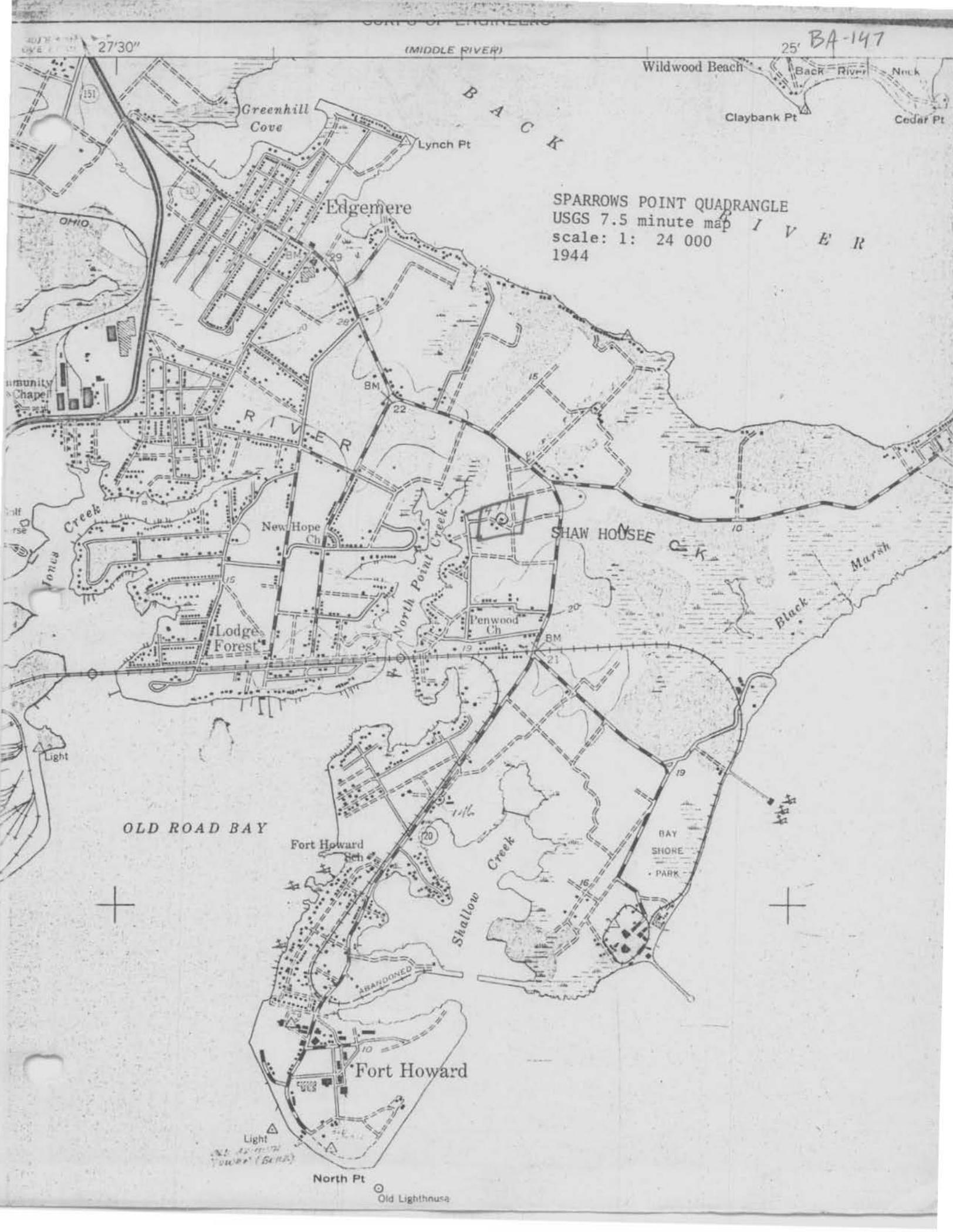
BAY SHORE PARK

Fort Howard

Light

North Pt

Old Lighthouse





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