

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Oakland Hall Inventory Number: CT-139  
Address: 2395 S. Solomons Island Road (2/4) Historic district: \_\_\_ yes X no  
City: Prince Frederick Zip Code: 20678 County: Calvert  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Prince Frederick, Broomes Island  
Property Owner: Louis L. and Hazel Goldstein Tax Account ID Number: 009036  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 25 Tax Map Number: 27  
Project: Dominion's Cove Point Expansion Project Agency: FERC  
Agency Prepared By: GAI Consultants, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Matthew Hyland Date Prepared: 5/17/2005  
Documentation is presented in: MAGI#0501395504  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: X A X B X C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_ yes Listed: \_\_\_ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff \_\_\_ yes X no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Oakland Hall, an ante-bellum Greek Revival style mansion dating from 1850, is a front-gabled, temple-plan dwelling, two-stories tall under a metal roof with two- and one-story extensions appended to the west and south elevations. The building stands on a continuous brick foundation. The exterior treatment of this frame building is weatherboard with corner boards. The façade features a full-height, pedimented portico with a glazed, compass arch window within the tympanum. Boxed columns support the pediment, which is ornamented with richly carved modillion blocks. The same pattern of carved blocks continues with a band of molded trim along the eave line on all elevations of the house to emphasize the cornice. A balustrade of jig-sawn balusters delineates the second-story gallery within the portico. The fenestration in the façade consists of full-height, 9/6, double-hung, wood sash windows and wood shutters. Other window apertures have 6/6, double-hung, wood sashes. The door aperture in the façade features an articulated frontispiece with a transom light, flanking side lights, and engaged columns. Four interior brick chimney stacks, with corbelled caps, pierce the slope of the roof near the eave walls.

A swimming pool has been installed near the house. A one-story, modern, frame building, which serves as a pool house, has been constructed near the pool. A wood handicap ramp has been constructed at the front of the house. According to the 1977 survey report, other features of the historic plantation landscape include a cemetery, a large log meat house, a privy, and a log building,

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Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: ___ A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G
MHT Comments:	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/12/06</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>6/8/06</u> Date

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which may have served as slave barracks.

The Sedwick Family Cemetery is located adjacent to a natural gas pipeline right-of-way and access road in the southeast quadrant of the tax parcel. This vernacular style cemetery contains approximately twenty-five burials laid out in a rectilinear grid. The sculptural features within the burial ground include carved head stones and one obelisk. The cemetery has a chain-link fence enclosure and features mature boxwood shrubbery and a mature specimen tree. The burying ground contains the grave of the Rev. John Cook Sedwick, a local preacher from the nineteenth century and builder of Oakland Hall, and the grave of Joshua Sedwick, another prominent member of the Sedwick family.

Preliminary historical research shows that this plantation is associated with a family prominent in the history of Calvert County. Although modern subdivision development has occurred in the vicinity of the plantation, the historic farm landscape remains intact and fallow. Through its 555 acres, it continues to convey its historic character as a large plantation. The Sedwick family appears in county court records as early as the mid-seventeenth century, particularly in the Port Republic area. For instance, the family claims to have held a 1660 patent to a large tract of land from Lord Baltimore. The plantation also conveys an association with the history of slavery and its associated relations between slaves and their masters in Maryland. For instance, preliminary research indicates that some Sedwick family slaves were the offspring of Joshua Sedwick in the nineteenth century. Later, Sedwick family members released some of their slaves to serve in all black regiments during the Civil War. Further historical research focused on this site may reveal greater insight into the social and economic history of plantation households in Maryland, ranging from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century. Furthermore, the property conveys an association with Louis Goldstein, former comptroller of Maryland and noteworthy twentieth-century Maryland politician. He lived here prior to his death.

Based on its architectural significance and local historical import, Oakland Hall is a NRHP-eligible resource under NRHP criteria A, B, and C at the state level. The resource conveys an association with significant local events, a locally prominent individual, a locally prominent family, and possesses distinctive architectural value. The property maintains its integrity. Alterations to the house, such as the handicap ramp, are reversible.

Oakland Hall is recommended as NRHP eligible under criteria A, B, and C. The NRHP boundary for this property follows the existing tax parcel boundary, which includes 555.45 acres. The NRHP boundary encompasses all contributing resources: the dwelling, the outbuildings, and the family cemetery.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

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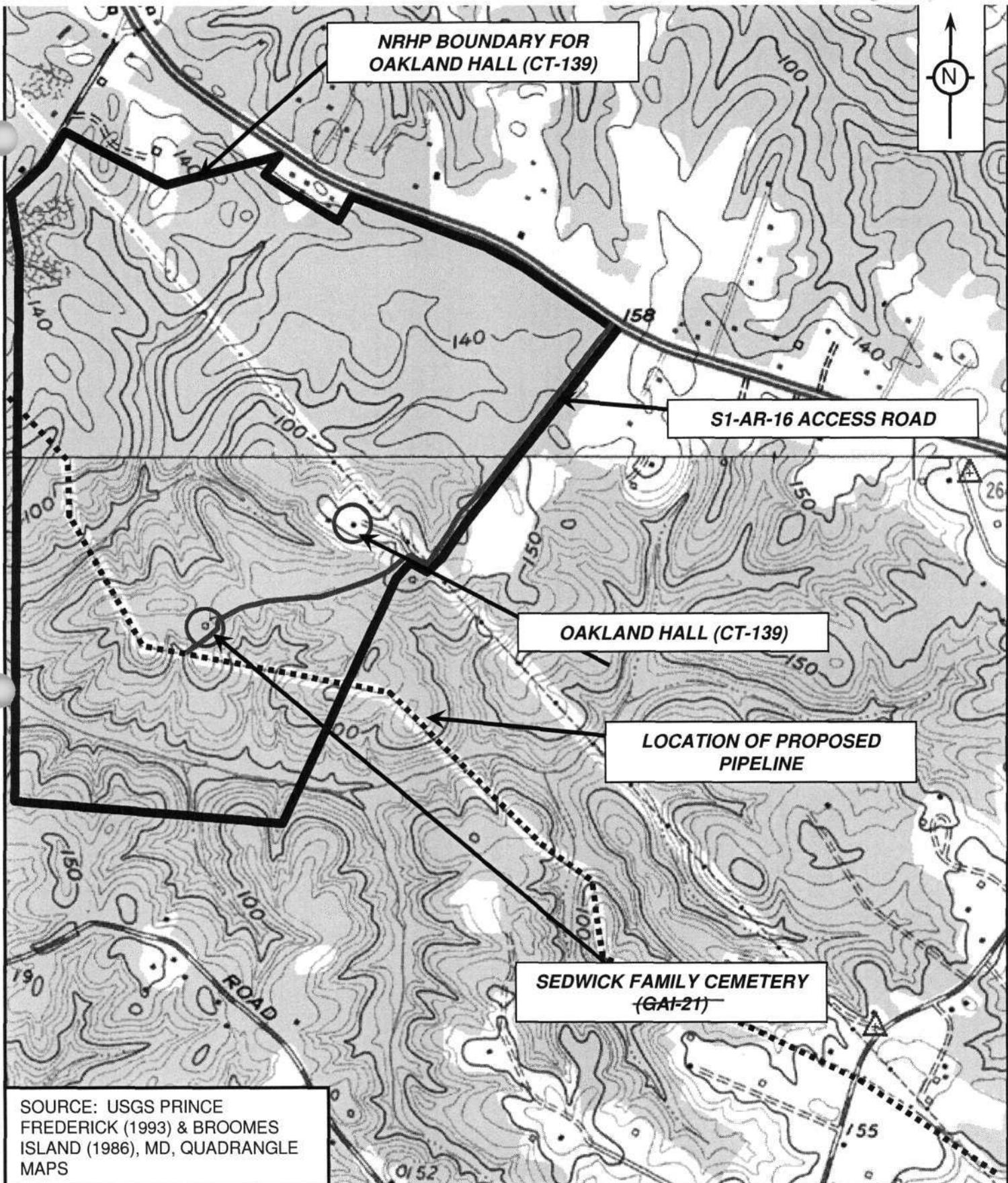
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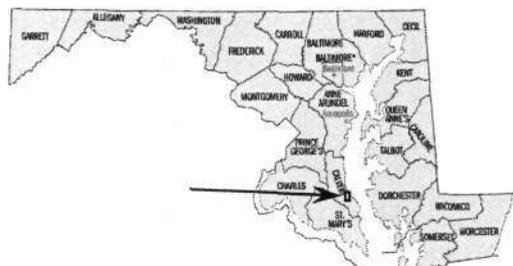
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SOURCE: USGS PRINCE  
 FREDERICK (1993) & BROOMES  
 ISLAND (1986), MD, QUADRANGLE  
 MAPS



**FIGURE**

LOCATION OF SEDWICK FAMILY  
 CEMETERY (GAI-21) AT CT-139  
 COVE POINT PIPELINE EXPANSION  
 PROJECT



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Port Republic vicinity, Calvert County CT-139

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Facade and N. elevation, facing W

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Sedwick Family Cemetery

Port Republic vicinity, Calvert County

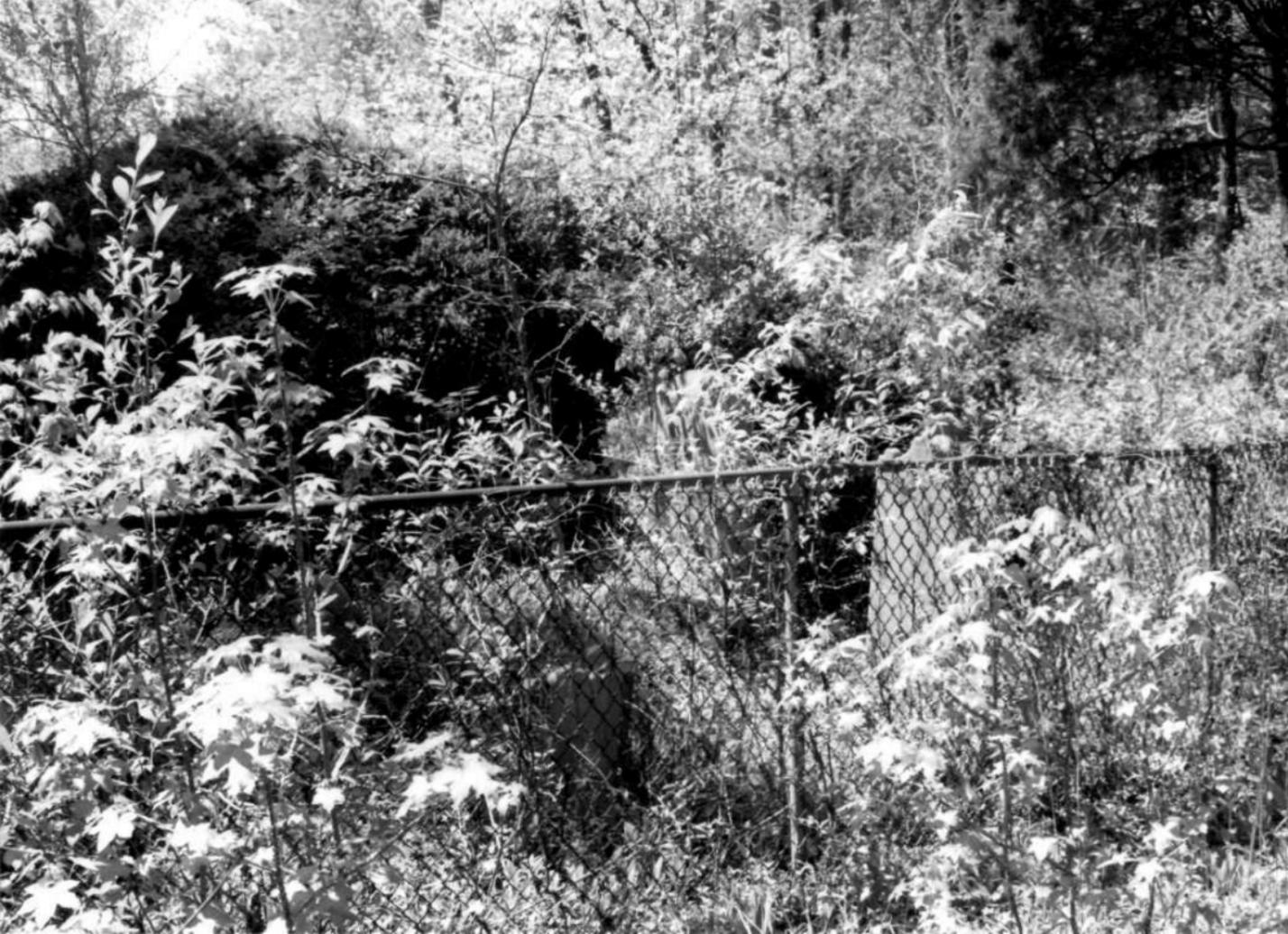
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## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-139**

**Oakland Hall**

**2395 South Solomons Island Road**

**Prince Frederick, Calvert County**

**ca. 1855**

**Private**

Oakland Hall is significant as the long-time residence of Louis L. Goldstein (1913-1998). Goldstein was one of the most influential figures of the twentieth century in the State of Maryland. The scion of a Prince Frederick mercantile family, Goldstein dedicated his life to public service beginning in his twenties, serving as a member of the Maryland General Assembly from 1939 to 1942, as a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1947 to 1958, and as the Comptroller of Maryland from 1959 to 1998. With the outbreak of World War II, Goldstein enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1942, serving in the Asiatic and Pacific theaters, and was discharged after the war, in 1946, with the rank of first lieutenant. He was a captain (retired) in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Goldstein purchased Oakland Hall in 1958, and occupied it until his death in 1998. The property is still owned by the Goldstein family.

Oakland Hall is an excellent example of the Greek Revival, with some ornate details suggesting the late-nineteenth-century Italianate style. The two-story house telescopes from front to back, with a two-story main block, a full-width two-story rear wing with a one-story side wing and porch, and a one-story rear ell with a 1950s addition. The accepted history states that the house was constructed circa 1855, and underwent a complete renovation circa 1958. The wood-frame structure rests on a stretcher-bond brick foundation and is clad with cypress weatherboard siding. The dominating front-gable roof of the main block is covered in sheets of corrugated metal. The two-story, three-bay portico on the façade features paneled Tuscan posts, wood weatherboard siding, and a five-light lunette window with a keystone in the enclosed tympanum. The cornice of the main block is ornamented by Italianate-style scroll-sawn brackets with pendant drops. The screened second-story of the full-height portico has a sawn wood balustrade. There are two interior corbeled stretcher-bond brick chimneys on the north side of the main block, another interior chimney on the southern side of the rear wing, and a similarly detailed, but smaller proportioned interior chimney on the eastern side of the one-story side wing. The large window openings have 6/9 wood-sash on the first story of the main block, and 6/6 wood-sash windows elsewhere. Each window opening has wood sills, ogee-molded surrounds with back backing, and louvered wooden shutters. The secondary resources include a cemetery, late-1960s concrete-block pool house and in-ground pool, a historic privy, a historic meat house, and a non-historic metal shed, concrete-block well house, wood-frame chicken coop, and brick barbeque.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Oakland Hall  
other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 2395 South Solomons Island Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Prince Frederick \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity  
county Calvert

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

name Louis L. & Hazel Goldstein  
street and number PO Box 1110 telephone (410) 535-1405  
city, town Pr. Frederick state MD zip code 20678-1110

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 27:25  
city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 48 folio 133

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
 Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> structures
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		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u> Total
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>4</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

### SETTING

The property consists of 555.46 acres of heavily wooded land. The buildings are located on the south side of South Solomons Island Road. The large dwelling sits in a clearing amidst heavily wooded land, at the end of an almost three-quarters-of-a-mile gravel drive. The outbuildings include a late-1960s concrete-block pool house and in-ground pool, a historic privy, a historic meat house, and a non-historic metal shed, concrete-block well house, wood-frame chicken coop, and brick barbecue. The cemetery is located approximately 500 yards to the southwest of the house.

### PRIMARY RESOURCE

Oakland Hall is an excellent example of the Greek Revival, with some details suggesting the late-nineteenth-century Italianate style. The house telescopes from front to back, with a two-story main block, a full-width two-story rear wing with a one-story side wing and porch, and a one-story rear ell with a 1950s addition. The accepted history of the house states that it was constructed circa 1855, and underwent a complete renovation circa 1958. The wood-frame structure rests upon a stretcher-bond brick foundation and is clad with cypress weatherboarding. The dominating front gable roof is covered in sheets of corrugated metal. The two-story, three-bay portico on the façade features paneled Tuscan posts, wood weatherboard siding, and a five-light lunette window with a keystone in the enclosed tympanum. The cornice of the main block is ornamented by Italianate-style scroll-sawn brackets with pendant drops. The second-story of the full-height portico has a sawn wood balustrade and has been enclosed with screens. The porch deck and steps are constructed of stretcher-bond brick, and a wooden ramp leads from the front yard to the level of the porch. There are two interior corbeled stretcher-bond brick chimneys on the north side of the main block, another interior chimney on the southern side of the rear wing, and a similarly detailed, but smaller proportioned interior chimney on the eastern side of the one-story side wing.

The large window openings have 6/9 wood-sash on the first story of the main block, and 6/6 wood-sash windows elsewhere. Each window opening has wood sills, ogee-molded surrounds with back backing, and louvered wooden shutters. Single and narrow paired windows pierce the side elevations of the main block. The house's main entry is elaborately detailed, with a wide, single-leaf five-paneled wood door and an ornate wood surround. The surround has paneled pilasters with plinths and scrolled brackets with pendent drops, bead-and-reels, and sawn rosettes. The heavy ogee-molded entablature has a boxed cornice and egg-and-dart motif. The frieze of the entablature is adorned with a sawn rosette with a fleur-de-lis. The entry has narrow three-light sidelights and a wide four-light transom with finely detailed muntins.

The two-story rear wing has a front gable roof covered in sheets of corrugated metal. Greek Revival in style, the wing has a two-story porch running the depth of the north elevation. Similar to the two-story porch on the façade of the main block, the side porch has paneled Tuscan posts, a brick floor with side-entry steps, and thin balusters on the screened second-story. The ogee-molded boxed cornice of the wing is finely detailed with dentil molding and returns. The wing is pierced by single 6/6 wood-sash windows with wood sills, ogee-molded surrounds with back backing, and louvered wooden shutters. A one-story addition was constructed on the southern elevation of the rear wing. It has a hipped roof covered in sheets of corrugated metal and a wrap-around screened porch. The overhanging ogee-molded cornice is finished with sawn water leaf and dart motif.

The one-story ell attached to the west elevation of the rear wing is clad with wood weatherboard siding. Comparatively modest in detailing, the ell has a gable roof with corrugated metal sheets and a boxed cornice. It is pierced by a single 6/6 wood-sash window and a six-light and paneled wood door. The one-story 1950s addition on the west elevation of the ell sits on a concrete-block foundation, and is constructed of concrete block that is molded to appear to be weatherboard siding. It has a gable roof covered with sheets of corrugated metal, an exterior-end stretcher-bond brick chimney on the west side, and rowlock brick sills. The wide window openings have 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The single-leaf entry, accessed by brick steps, holds a six-light and paneled wood door.

### SECONDARY RESOURCES

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The secondary resources include a cemetery, late-1960s concrete-block pool house and in-ground pool, a historic privy, a historic meat house, and a non-historic metal shed, concrete-block well house, wood-frame chicken coop, and brick barbeque. The meat house sits on concrete-block piers, has a front-gable roof covered with sheets of corrugated metal, and is clad with wood weatherboarding. It has a wood box cornice, and a one-leaf door constructed of vertical wood boards. The privy sits on wood posts that rest directly on the ground, and that have been shored up with concrete blocks in places. It is a front-gable structure covered in sheets of corrugated metal, is clad with wood weatherboard siding, has a wood box cornice, and a wood screen door. The weatherboard siding of the privy has been attached to the structure with wire nails.

The cemetery is approximately forty by fifty feet, and is enclosed by a twentieth-century metal chain-link fence. It is overgrown, and some of the formerly ornamental shrubs in the center of the enclosure have grown wild. This cemetery contains roughly twenty graves, all of which seem to belong to the Sedwick family, owners of the Oakland Hall property prior to Goldstein. The most recent grave dates to 1953, and the oldest readable marker belongs to an I. Sedwick, who died on January 17, 1799.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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**Specific dates** ca. 1855; 1958 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1855

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Oakland Hall, at 2395 South Solomons Island Road, is significant as the long-time residence of Louis L. Goldstein (1913-1998).(1) Mr. Goldstein, in his capacity as a member of the Maryland General Assembly from 1939 to 1942, as a member of the Maryland State Senate from 1947 to 1958, and as the Comptroller of Maryland from 1959 to 1998, was one of the most influential figures of the twentieth century in the state of Maryland. The scion of a Prince Frederick mercantile family, Mr. Goldstein dedicated his life to public service beginning in his twenties. The outbreak of World War II (1941-1945) interrupted his political career. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1942, serving in the Asiatic and Pacific theaters, and was discharged after the war, in 1946, with the rank of first lieutenant. He was a captain (retired) in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He bought Oakland Hall, built circa 1855, to serve as a home for his family in 1958, and occupied it until the time of his death in 1998.(2) The property is still owned by the Goldstein family.

### ENDNOTES

(1) All biographical information concerning Louis Goldstein is taken from: "Louis L. Goldstein, Maryland Comptroller of the Treasury," Maryland State Archives Home Page (Annapolis, MD: Maryland State Archives, 2003 [cited 19 December 2003]) found at <<http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/mdmanual/08conoff/former/html/msa01579.html>>.

(2) The purchase date of Oakland Hall is from: Philip T. Goldstein, interview conducted by Gerald M. Maready, Jr., Prince Frederick, MD, December 15, 2003.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 555.45

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Broomes Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Oakland Hall is located at 2395 South Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house, along with its historic outbuildings and cemetery, is noted on Tax Map 27, Parcel 25. It has been historically associated with Parcel 25 since the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 11/5/2004

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville MD 21032  
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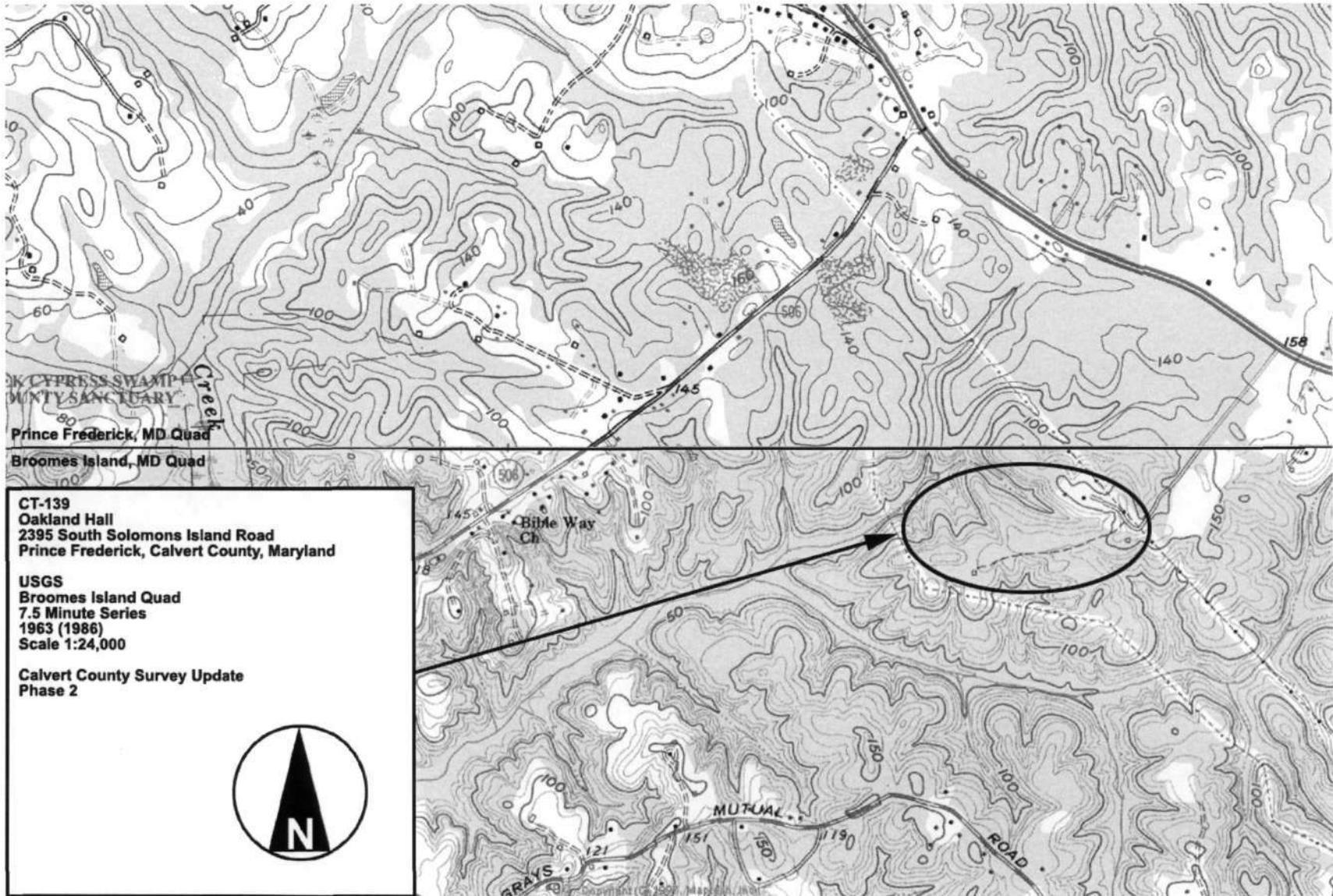
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USGS  
Broomes Island Quad  
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Scale 1:24,000

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Facade, looking west

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detail of facade entry

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rear additions, looking south

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rear wing, northwest corner

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Main block, south elevation

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side wing, facing northwest

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north elevation

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Privy, north elevation

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outbuildings, north elevations

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meat house, north elevation

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West elevation of house, from poolhouse

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Oakland Hall, 2395 S. Solomons Island Rd  
calvert county, MD

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cemetery, looking northwest

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IN MEMORY

OF

WILLIAM SEDWICK,

CONSISTENT AND

PIETOUS SEDWICK,

BORN 1758,

DIED 1838,

AGED 80 YEARS.

WAS BURIED

IN THE

CHURCH

YARD

ON

THE

15TH

DAY

OF

SEPTEMBER

1838.

WAS

INTERRED

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cemetery grave marker, looking south

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cemetery grave marker, looking south

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Oakland Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Solomons Island Road (Maryland Routes 2,4)

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Louis L. Goldstein

Telephone #:

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VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: AWR 38/322

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**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
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UNALTERED  
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ORIGINAL SITE  
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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OAKLAND HALL

## Preliminary Report

Oakland Hall is a large and impressive example of the Greek Revival "temple", which according to Stein and others was built in the 1850's by Reverend John Sedwick. Sedwick's will (VCC 1/340) mentions Oakland Hall as his "home place," but no other documents have as yet been produced.

The house is two full stories high, three bays wide, and two very long bays in length. The plan is longitudinal. Additions of one and two stories telescope to the rear (west) in three distinct stages. The last would appear to include an early kitchen.

The front (east) is demonstrated by a full portico containing a second story gallery. Square columns support the large pediment which is decorated with a fanlight window and dentil-brackets. A tall and richly carved door frame includes a transom and sidelights. It is located on the south side suggesting a side-hall plan. Very tall, 9/6 sash windows suggest the high ceilings within.

There are two large interior chimneys on the north side of the building which serve fireplaces on both floors. A single story addition is on the south side of the building, and it has been decorated with Victorian gingerbread.

In addition to the house, the plantation which revolved around it is survived by a large log meathouse, an early privy, and a log cabin which appears in an early Twentieth Century photograph, which is in the possession of Beatrice Smith in Barstow.

Some distance from the house (c. 100' east of gasline right-of-way) is a family cemetery containing the grave of Reverend John Sedwick and many members of his family.

According to research done by the present owners, Oakland Hall was built c. 1850 by the Reverend John Sedwick on land which was granted to Thomas Sedwick in 1650. It is said that the construction timbers are chestnut, pine oak, and cypress (part of Battle Creek Cypress Swamp and the largest cypress in Maryland are on the property) that were cut and sent to Baltimore by boat for dressing. The house is, in fact, situated among a stand of oak trees and is serviced by several outbuildings which include a log meathouse and log cabin.

Oakland Hall derives its form from the Greek Revival phase of the Federal Period. Although that period is generally conceded to have ended with the Civil War, the 1850's building date attributed to Oakland Hall is late but, nevertheless, makes it a part of that period. Although there are several houses in the county which exhibit elements of the Classical Revival, Oakland Hall may be its best and its only example of the Greek Temple mode. There are elements of the building which are more Roman in nature, and there are indeed additions exhibiting Gothic taste. All three revivals found credibility during the first half of the Nineteenth Century.

The vertical thrust of the building and the heavy or massive portico place it among those buildings associated with the Greek Revival. It is pointed out by H. Morrison in Early American Architecture (as well as others) that both the Roman and Greek styles offered a definite symbolism to the young Republic of the United States, which could be associated with the ideals of an ancient republic. Furthermore, the trials and tribulations

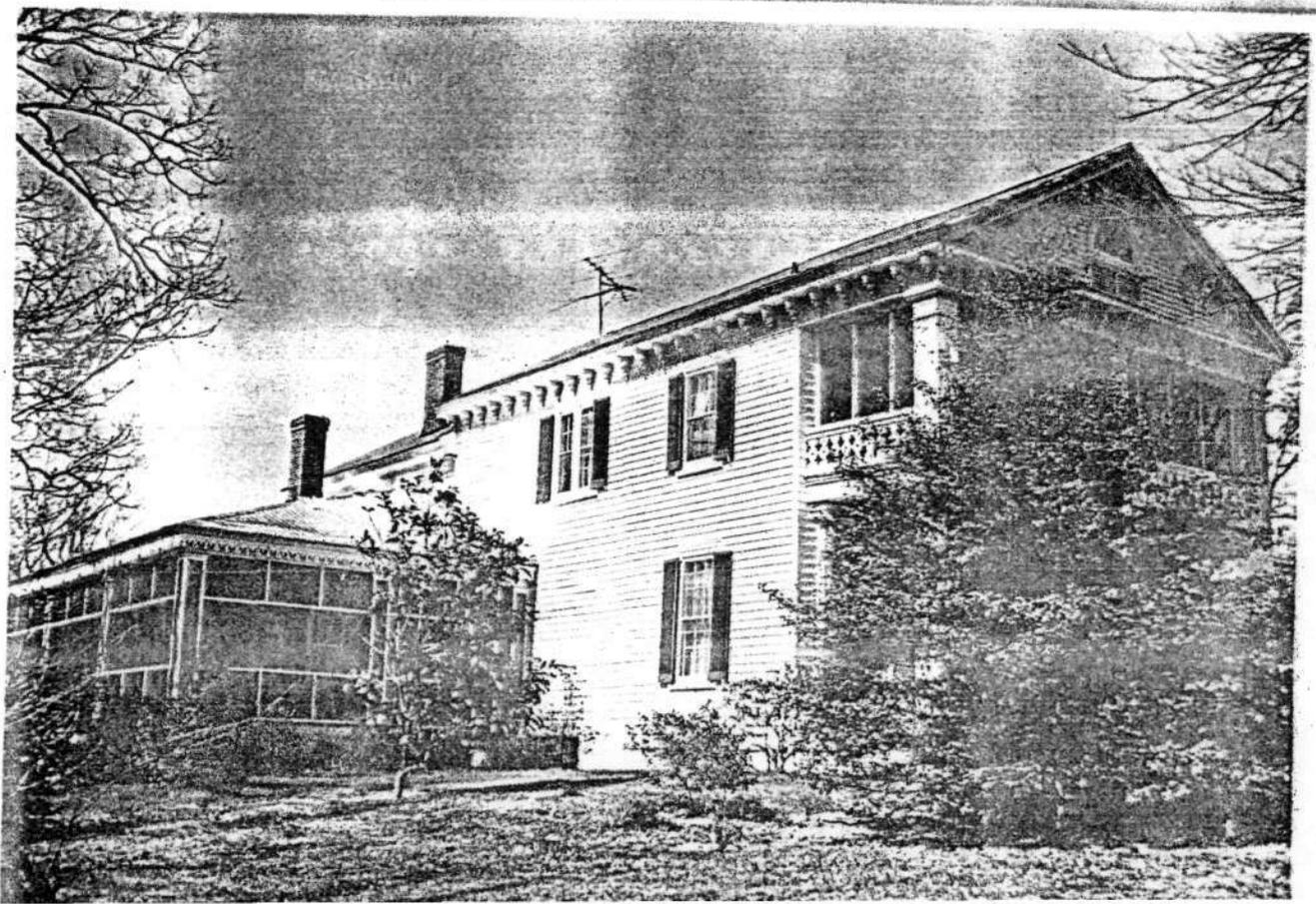
of modern Greece in her fight for independence during the 1820's gave an impetus to this association that is expressed in many American art forms.

While the Greek Revival saw its hey day, 1820-50's, the Classical Revival itself finds its beginnings in the United States in the 1780's with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Latrobe, and others asserting the Roman style. Jefferson's State Capitol in Richmond (1784-1790) was based on the Roman Maison Caireé. Oakland Hall bears a resemblance, not only in the fact that both are obviously classical, but in the relationships between the main block and the portico what is already a longitudinally, oriented building is accentuated by the portico. Perhaps an even greater resemblance can be found in Jefferson's designs for the pavillions at University of Virginia (1820-1822) particularly in Pavillions II and IV which employ both the Ionic and Doric orders. In both of these buildings and in Oakland Hall, one finds longitudinal plans, high porticos, high ceilings indicated by tall first story windows, and pediments vented by fanlight windows. At Oakland Hall, there are ornate brackets which suggest the dentils seen in the pediments and beneath the eaves of Jefferson's buildings.



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that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to in open Court.

D. J. Bafford  
Register of Wills.

Filed and admitted to probate, March 22<sup>d</sup>, 1904.

D. J. Bafford, Register.

I, John Cooke Sedwick, of Calvert County, in the State of Maryland, but now temporarily residing in Luray, in Page County, in the State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs before it shall please Almighty God to call me hence, do hereby publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1st, and principally, I commit my soul unto the keeping of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried in the old family burying ground (if at all possible) on my home farm in Calvert County, in the State of Maryland, and my grave to be arched on sides either with brick or thick round planks, the planks if used to be not less than two inches in thickness, white oak preferred. The grave to be built something after the order of those of my dear ones who have been so recently buried in the same burying ground.

And further, I desire and direct that a neat and modest marble tombstone be erected at my grave at as an early a date as practicable, to mark the spot where my body rests.

And further, should it not be done in my lifetime, I desire and direct that a neat marble tombstone be erected at an as early a date as practicable at the grave of my late wife, Mrs. Mattie N. Sedwick, who was born in Pendleton County, State of West Virginia, Sept. 18th, 1859, and died in the Lord January 20th, 1900. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. - P.S. 116-15. The aforementioned tombstone to be placed at this grave to be in keeping with those already erected in said graveyard.

And further, I desire and so direct that my grave be located near those of my dear departed loved ones, and if practicable in the same row, and on a line with those of my first and second wife, under the weeping willow tree near the little cedar, as the enclosed diagram may more explicitly indicate.

And further, I wish and so direct that this said burying ground be kept perpetually in a neat and decent order, and further as the old fence that encloses this burying ground is becoming somewhat dilapidated, I wish and direct that the same be replaced with or by a new, strong and substantial railing, and if said railing fence be built of wood that sound and substantial locust posts be used, set at a proper depth in the ground, and the plank used to be paved of sound locust timber, white oak or chestnut, not less than one inch in thickness, and the whole fence kept painted or whitewashed perpetually. The work of building said fence to be superintended and passed upon when finished by my brother, Thomas W. Williams.

And further, in no event shall this burying ground ever be sold, but kept as such in the or our family forever.

2d. After my debts and funeral charges are paid I desire and bequeath as follows, viz.:

I give and bequeath to my three daughters, viz., Mary Louisa, Phoebe May and (Nellie) Elizabeth Freeman Sedwick, the proceeds of two life insurance policies now carried by me on my life, one for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life

Association of N. Y., now called and known as the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of New York, and one for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (which last said policy is now in the hands of my brother-in-law for safe keeping, Harry S. Johnson, of Portsmouth, Ohio). The said two life insurance policies aggregating the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), and the said three children to share and share alike in the distribution of the same.

I make this disposition of the aforesaid insurance policies for the reason that I have heretofore during my life given to my daughter, Florence C. Sedwick Copp, a life insurance policy in the Maryland Life Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md., to be used and treated by her as she desired.

3rd. Further, I give and bequeath to my daughter Florence C. Sedwick Copp, aforesaid, the hair chain that was made of her mother's hair, with gold mounting.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Louise the organ or its equivalent in money, or whatever she may desire instead, of the same value, with the understanding that the said organ may be used by the other above named children at their option so long as they all remain together as one family.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe May the gold ring that was worn by her mother, with the inscription inside "John to Mattie", and also the little walnut writing desk, and a certain pedestal that she has desired to have, and any additional amount in money or its equivalent to make her share equal in value to that of Mary Louise.

I give and bequeath to my dear little daughter (Nellie) Elizabeth Freeman Sedwick my gold watch and little iron bedstead.

I give and bequeath to my three above named minor children the rest of my household furniture, together with my books, to be kept intact and to be

used by them, so long, as they may desire, or in case a division of the household furniture and books be necessary, then the of am above named children are to share and share alike in the equal distribution of the same.

4th. I give and bequeath to my three grand children, viz: Hazel Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent; to Frank Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent in lieu of the colt I promised to give him; to Fritz Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent.

5th. All the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal, not herein disposed of, I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughters, viz, Florence L. Sedwick Copp, Mary Louisa, Phoebe May and (Nellie) Elizabeth Freeman Sedwick, share and share alike.

6th. It is my wish and desire that my home place, "Oakland Hall," be saved for my said children, together with my books and household furniture thereof, and not sold so long as they all may desire, except if necessary the out lying fields, and that any other property be first disposed of if necessary for the payment of any of my debts, to be sold by my executors.

7th. And further, it is my wish and desire that my brother, Thomas W. Williams, shall act as guardian to and for my said minor children, and hereby request that he be constituted and appointed as such.

8th. It is my wish and desire, and I hereby constitute and appoint, my daughter, Florence L. Sedwick Copp, and her husband, Dr. G. D. Copp, of Durango, Colorado, executors of this my last will and testament (and recommend if necessary they confer and advise with John B. Gray, of Calvert County, State of Maryland, who perhaps knows more about my financial condition and worldly affairs than any other living man), hereby revoking all other and former wills heretofore made by me, and ratifying and confirming this and none other as and for my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this (20th) twentieth day of December, in the year 1902.

John Cooke Sedwick

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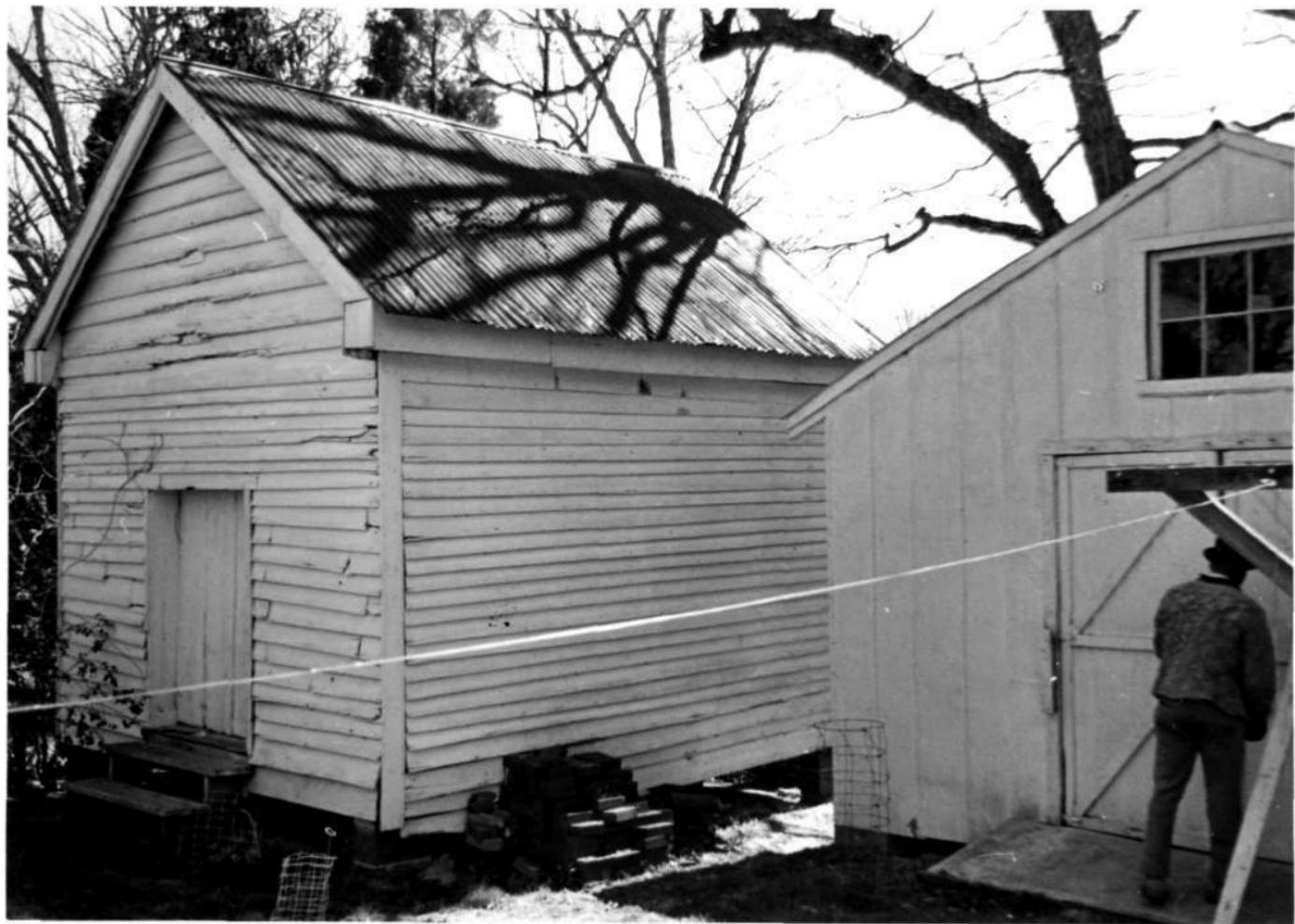


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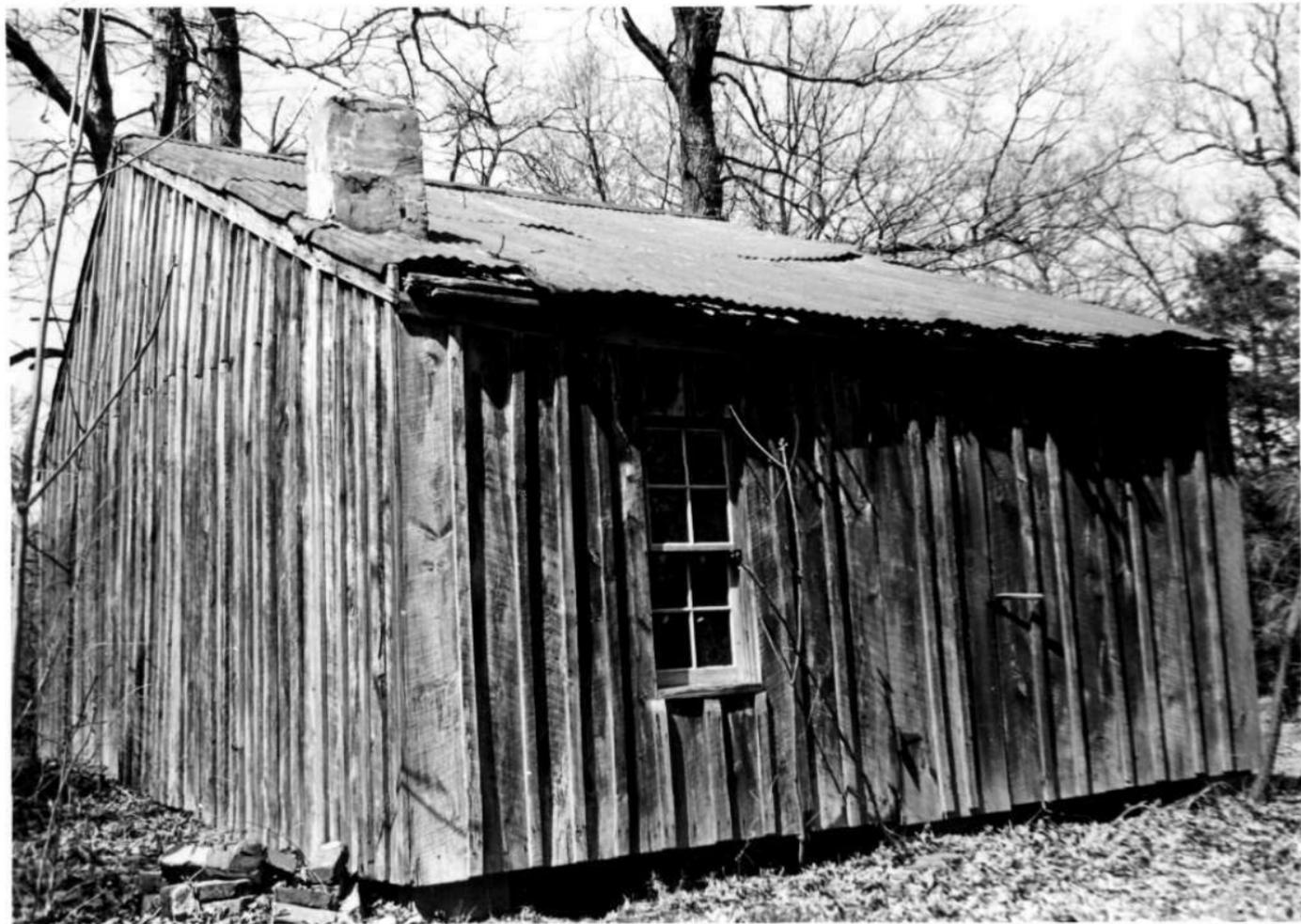
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