

CLVT-187  
Parker House  
Island Creek Vicinity  
Private

c. 1870's

The original section of this house consisted of a one and a half story frame block with a side passage, single parlor design. To the east gable end was attached a smaller one story kitchen. According to local tradition, this house was built by ex-slaves, the Parker family, and as such represents the house types built by them when they were able to acquire land.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CLVT-187  
MAGI # 0501875504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CT-187

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Harold Parker House**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **North side of Williams Wharf Rd.**

CITY, TOWN

**Island Creek**  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**1**

STATE

**Md.**

COUNTY

**Calvert**

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                 | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT               | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION               |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                        |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Ralph Morgan**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Box 114-A**

CITY, TOWN

**(Island Creek) St. Leonard**  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Md. 20685**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Calvert County Courthouse**

Liber #: **JLB 82** Map **33**  
Folio #: **514** P. **75**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

**Prince Fredrick**

STATE

**Md.**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**None**

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present form of this house is the result of numerous additions over time. The dwelling began as a modest, one and a half story frame structure, with the principal block containing a side passage and single parlor, with a smaller one story kitchen attached to the east gable end. That block was two bays in length across the facade and one in depth. A large brick chimney ascended the wall between the parlor (or dining room) and the kitchen, with fireplaces opening into each room. This original section was probably built soon after slavery in the late 1860's or 70's. In the last two decades of the 19th century, the kitchen was heightened to two stories and a two story block of one bay in length and width was attached perpendicular to it. This block was balloon frame. Perhaps at this time, or later, a small one story log structure was moved "from woods nearby" (according to the present occupant, Haywood Parker) and attached by way of a breezeway to the kitchen. In very recent years a one story shed addition has been attached along the entire length of the west gable end of the original block. This addition is made primarily of mass-produced and synthetic materials. Each of these sections reflects the building methods and materials common to that era, thus the entirety of the structure gives a brief history of building in southern Maryland.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |   |   |

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Parker family

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to local oral tradition, this house was built by members of the Parker family soon after slavery. Like the houses at nearby Ben's Creek, this dwelling represents the houses built by Negro landowners when they were able to acquire land after freedom.

**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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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.

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



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Parker House

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N. Length (Rear)

H. Parker House

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Mantle

Proctor House

CT - 187

Island Cook, cont.

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