

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: R. Emerson Roberts House Survey Number: CT-501

Project: MD 2/4 N of MD 765 to N of Stoakley Rd Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on available information, the R. Emerson Roberts House, located at P.O. Box 194, Clay Hammond Road, Prince Frederick vicinity, meets the National Register Criteria for listing under criterion A for agriculture. The property, consisting of a large, c. 1905 frame, cross gable farmhouse and two tobacco barns and a corncrib dating to c. 1945, is representative of Calvert County tobacco culture in the 20th century.

Of the Maryland counties growing tobacco, Calvert County has retained the strongest ties to this 300 year tradition. Throughout the 20th century, up until the last decades, Calvert County has remained a largely traditional, rural farming community, characterized by small scale, family run tobacco farms. What had been a relatively steady market for tobacco collapsed in 1983, leading to a 60% decrease in acreage under cultivation. The traditional way of life represented by these tobacco farms has come under increasing pressure in recent decades not only from the collapse in tobacco prices, but also from the growth of the Washington Metropolitan area and high labor costs. Because tobacco cultivation in 20th century Calvert County has been characterized by modest farms, one would not expect high style resources. In addition, because the period of significance for tobacco cultivation extends well into the 20th century, and perhaps even up to 1983, tobacco barns which were built in the 1940s, 1950s and even later could be considered to contribute to the farmsteads.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form CT-501 and project file

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single family residence, Agricultural

Known Design Source: n/a



R. Emerson Roberts House
East (Principal) Elevation



Dwelling
N.E. Corner



Dwelling
West Elevation



R. Emerson Roberts House
Wing (ca. 1970)



Corncrib
East Elevation



Tobacco Barns
East Elevation