

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Dare House Inventory Number: CT-875

Address: Dowell Road Historic district:  yes  no

City: Dowell Zip Code: 20688 County: Calvert

USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: MD-4: Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey Agency: Maryland SHA

Agency Prepared By: Hardlines Design Company

Preparer's Name: Maria Gissendanner Date Prepared: 6/4/2009

Documentation is presented in: MIHT CT-875

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  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  no Listed:  yes  no

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Dare House was demolished sometime between the first survey in 1986 and the present survey in May 2009. Local residents claim that the fire department burned the house down in a training exercise, after it sat vacant for a number of years. There is nothing left of the house except for a cleared area on the lot where the house once sat.

NRHP recommendation: Not eligible under criteria A-C, not evaluated under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

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

MHT Comments: NO LONGER EXTANT

[Signature]  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

2/23/10  
Date

[Signature]  
Reviewer, National Register Program

2/26/10  
Date

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Dare House

## 2. Location

street & number Dowell Road  not for publicationcity, town Dowell  vicinity of  congressional districtstate Maryland  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Jesse Dare

street & number Box 50  telephone no.:city, town Dowell  state and zip code Maryland 20629

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse  liberstreet & number Main Street (MD 765)  foliocity, town Prince Frederick  state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town  state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CT-875

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

This turn-of-the-century house faces west toward Dowell Road. Set well back into a field, it is a two-story single-pile four-bay two-room-plan framed and weatherboarded house. Asbestos shingles have replaced the original siding. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There are two interior gable-end brick stove flues. The windows are glazed with six-over-six double-hung sash. There are one- and two-story rear extensions. An enclosed shed-roofed front porch conceals the original facade.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CT-875

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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-875

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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**Name of Property:** Dare House

**MIHP Number:** CT-875

**Location:** Dowell Road, Dowell, Calvert County, Maryland

**Surveyor:** Maria Gissendanner

**Date:** May 26, 2009

### **Addendum**

The Dare House was last surveyed in 1986. Between that time and the current survey it was demolished. The lot currently sits empty and all debris has been cleared. According to local residents, the house was maintained for several years as a "Haunted House," then used by the fire department for training and burned down. The property is located just north of the former U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base, now the Calvert Marina. There are several newly built and planned residential developments along Dowell Road, however no activity seemed to be taking place at this former house site.

**SOLOMONS  
CAWVERT COUNTY MAPS # 44, 46**

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DOWELL ROAD

ST JOHN CREEK

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LORE RD

BACK CREEK

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Solomons Island Quad, 1987

