

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Addendum

MIHP Number: CT-879

Property Name: Jefferson House
Property Address: 119 Newtown Road, Dowell, MD 20269

The following additional information regarding the Jefferson House was provided by SHA in July 2010. The property was determined not eligible by MHT in consultation with SHA in March 2010. The Jefferson House is located in Dowell, a small community north of Solomons Island. Dowell was settled by African American watermen and farmers in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This settlement developed because Solomons Island was a 'sundown town,' where no African Americans were allowed after dark. Black watermen and shipyard workers bought property and built homes in neighboring communities, such as Dowell and Newtown. Most of the buildings in this area are single-story Ranch-style dwellings constructed ca. 1940-1950.

The house at 119 Newtown Road is located on a section of a five-acre parcel that J. Frank Broome purchased from Alexander Somervell, Jr. in 1887. In 1900, a black oysterman, John Broome, lived in the area. The land went through various owners in the early twentieth century. On November 15, 1947, Joseph Franklin Gross purchased the property and subdivided the parcel. In 1952, Gross sold the property containing 119 Newtown Road to Boyd and Thelma Jefferson; their heirs still own the property.

Most of the buildings in this area are single-story Ranch-style dwellings constructed ca. 1940-1950. The Jefferson House predates most of the other buildings on the street as it was constructed in 1920; it is also the only two-story building on the street. While unique to Newtown Road, the house is a common example of a rural vernacular frame house from the 1920s. The house has been altered with the application of aluminum cladding and a single-story hipped-roof addition on the north wall. The rear ell is likely original or an early addition.

NRHP recommendation: Determined Not Eligible by MHT in March 2010

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Jefferson House Inventory Number: CT-879
Address: 119 Newtown Road Historic district: yes no
City: Dowell Zip Code: 20269 County: Calvert
USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island
Property Owner: Boyd Jefferson Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 38 Tax Map Number: 44
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: MHT State Historic Sites Inventory Form CT-879
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)*

Jefferson House is located in Dowell, a small community north of Solomons. Most of the structures in this area are single-story Ranch-style dwellings constructed ca. 1940-1950. The Jefferson House predates most of the other structures on the street as it was constructed in 1920; it is also the only two-story building on the street. While unique to Newtown Road, the house is a common example of a rural vernacular frame house from the 1920s-era. The house has been altered with the application of aluminum cladding and a single-story hip-roof addition on the north wall. The rear ell is likely original or an early addition.

NRHP recommendation: Not eligible

Criterion A: The dwelling is not associated with any historical events. It was constructed when the area was still a rural community. The surrounding land was later developed in the 1940s after the establishment of the naval stations and increased tourism lead to the demand for more housing in the area. The significance of the site does not appear to be sufficient to warrant NRHP eligibility and is recommended as not eligible under Criterion A.

Criterion B: No important historical persons were associated with this building and it is recommended as not eligible under

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: *Not eligible individually, but Dowell should be evaluated as potential NRHP*

Jim Talum ✓ 2/23/10
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
B. Kuntz 3/9/10
Reviewer, National Register Program Date

Criterion B.

Criterion C: The structure is a common example of early-twentieth century rural vernacular architecture and its original appearance has been altered by the application of aluminum siding and the north end addition, the structure is therefore recommended as not eligible under Criterion C.

Criterion D: The property was 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

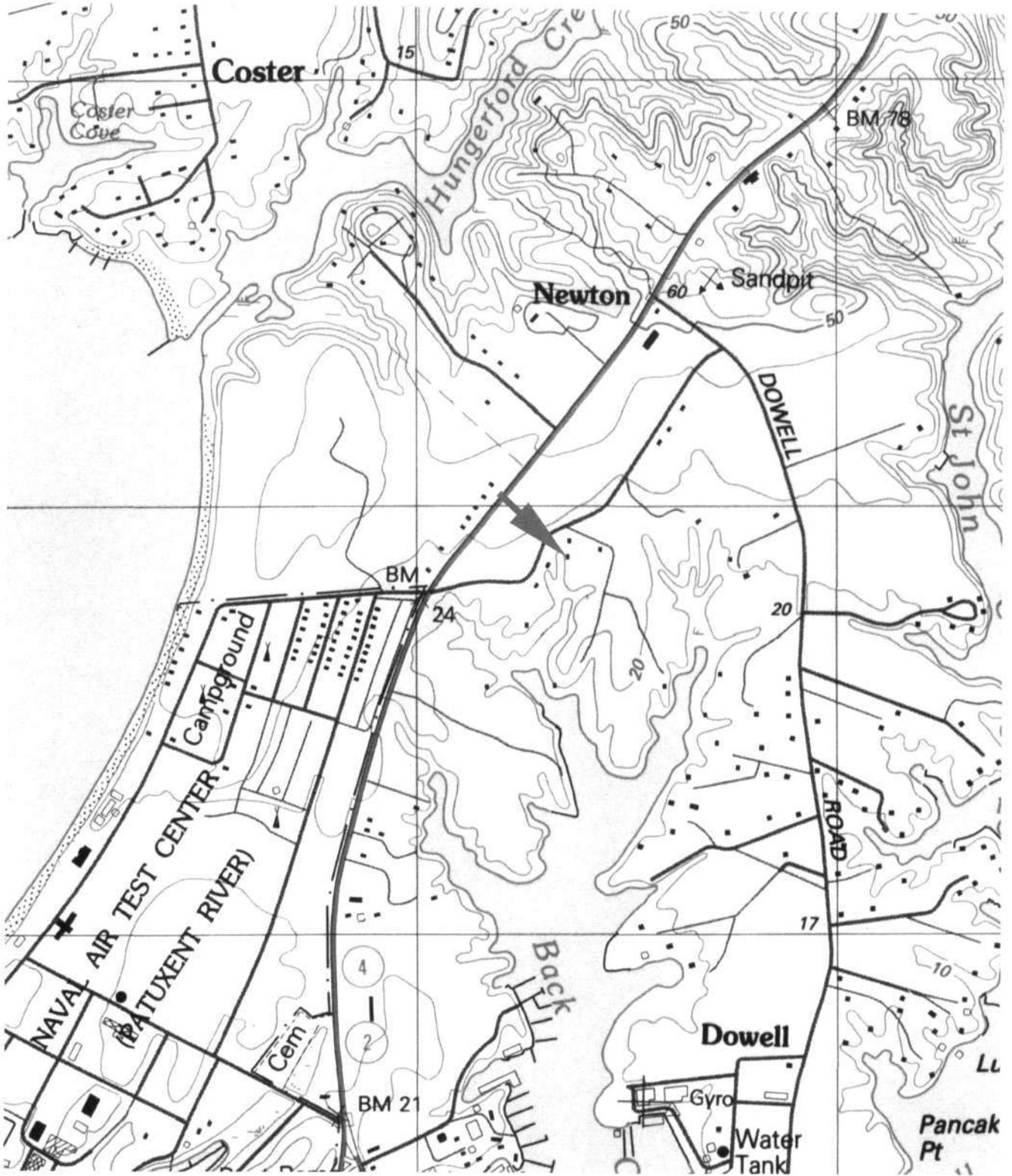
MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

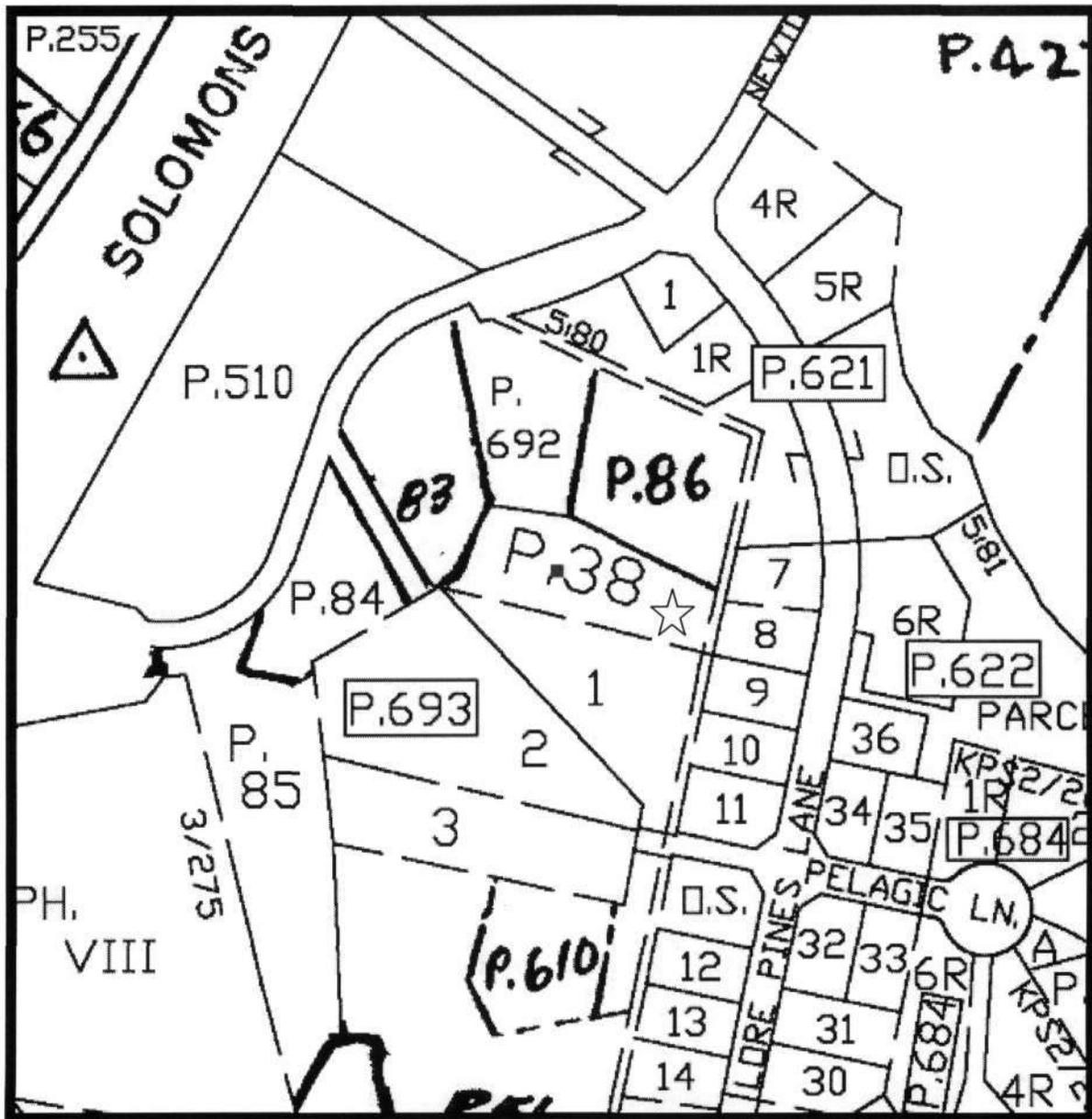
Reviewer, National Register Program

Date



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119 Newtown Road

Solomons Island Quadrangle, Maryland
USGS 7.5' topographic series, 1987



119 Newtown Road, CT-879
 Tax Map 44, Parcel 38 (marked by star)
 Dowell, Calvert County, Maryland
 Source: <http://www.dat.state.md.us/>



CT-879

119 Newtown Road / Jefferson House

MD-4: Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Gissendanner

May 26, 2009

MD SHPO

Facing northeast towards dwelling

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119 Newtown Road/Jefferson House

MD-4' Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Crissendanner

May 26, 2009

MD SHPS

Facing southeast towards dwelling

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Jefferson House IMPORTANT: Owner did not want the house recorded.

2. Location

There are no photographs.

street & number ^{///} Newtown Road _____ not for publicationcity, town Solomons vicinity of ^{Dowell} congressional district

state 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Boyd Jefferson

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town Dowell state and zip code Maryland 20629

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, 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-879

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 house faces west, toward Newtown Road from a recessed site. It is a two-story single-pile framed and weatherboarded house with a gable roof and a side-passage-parlor plan. There is a two-story rear ell and a one-story porch built onto the north gable-end wall. The windows are glazed with six-over-six double-hung sash.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-879

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
<input checked="" 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: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state 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.

SOLOMONS
CAWERT COUNTY MAPS # 44, 46

NEWTOWN

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DOWELL

NEWTOWN RD.

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ST. JOHN
CREEK

MD 214

SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD

GALVERT CO
ST MARYS CO

CT-879
Jefferson House
Solomons Island Quad, 1987

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Myrtle Pt

