

North Bluff House
CE- 1053
Near Port Herman
Private

C. 1909

The North Bluff house commands an awesome view of the Elk River from its cliff top perch near Port Herman. With increased recreational interests in the late 19th and early 20th centuries structures such as this house and previous vacation ~~spots~~^{resorts} took advantage of Cecil County waterfront. This house was built with both the Colonial Revival and shingle style in mind.

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CE-1053

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 286

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

North Bluff House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Bluff Road west of Port Herman

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake Cityx VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James J. Zacovic

Telephone #: 885-5241

STREET & NUMBER

31 North Bluff Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 109

Folio #: 132

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 North Bluff House c. 1909 is a 2½ story five bay by two room ballon frame house that overlooks the Elk River near Port Herman. The house faces west with the main gable running north/south.

The frame block rests on a partial block foundation and is totally covered with wood shingle. The medium sloped composition tile roof has two 6/6 gable dormers and a central cupola. Two single story frame wings were originally poarches and later closed in as was the shed roof front porch.

The west facade has a central entrance and corresponding 6/6 sash windows with slightly beaded trim. The Tuschan columns that support the porch roof have been partially covered. The eaves of the main roof are extended and the rafter ends are slightly decorated. The dormers have extended eaves also, while the cupola has six pane lights in each side and a small roof top balustrade.

The gable ends are basically the same with 6/6 sash windows on the first and second floors. The south end has two 4/4 attic lights that flank the brick chimney stack.

The east side has a projecting single bay tower entrance with a irregular sheathing of fishscale shingles.

The interior has been generally remodeled but a central stair does rise to the second floor in the north parlor. A square newel post supports a molded handrail along with square balusters. A fireplace is found on the south north wall with the date 1909 set in stone. This is undoubtedly when the house was built.

A board and batten garage with shed additions is found to the east of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The North Bluff House is one of the larger and earlier vacation structures built outside Port Herman. With the increased recreational interests in the area in the late 19th century this and many other structures were built to accomodate summer vacationers. This structure was undoubtedly built with the well known shingle style in mind.

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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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/25/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

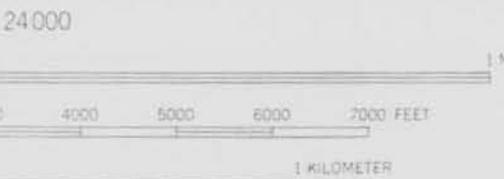
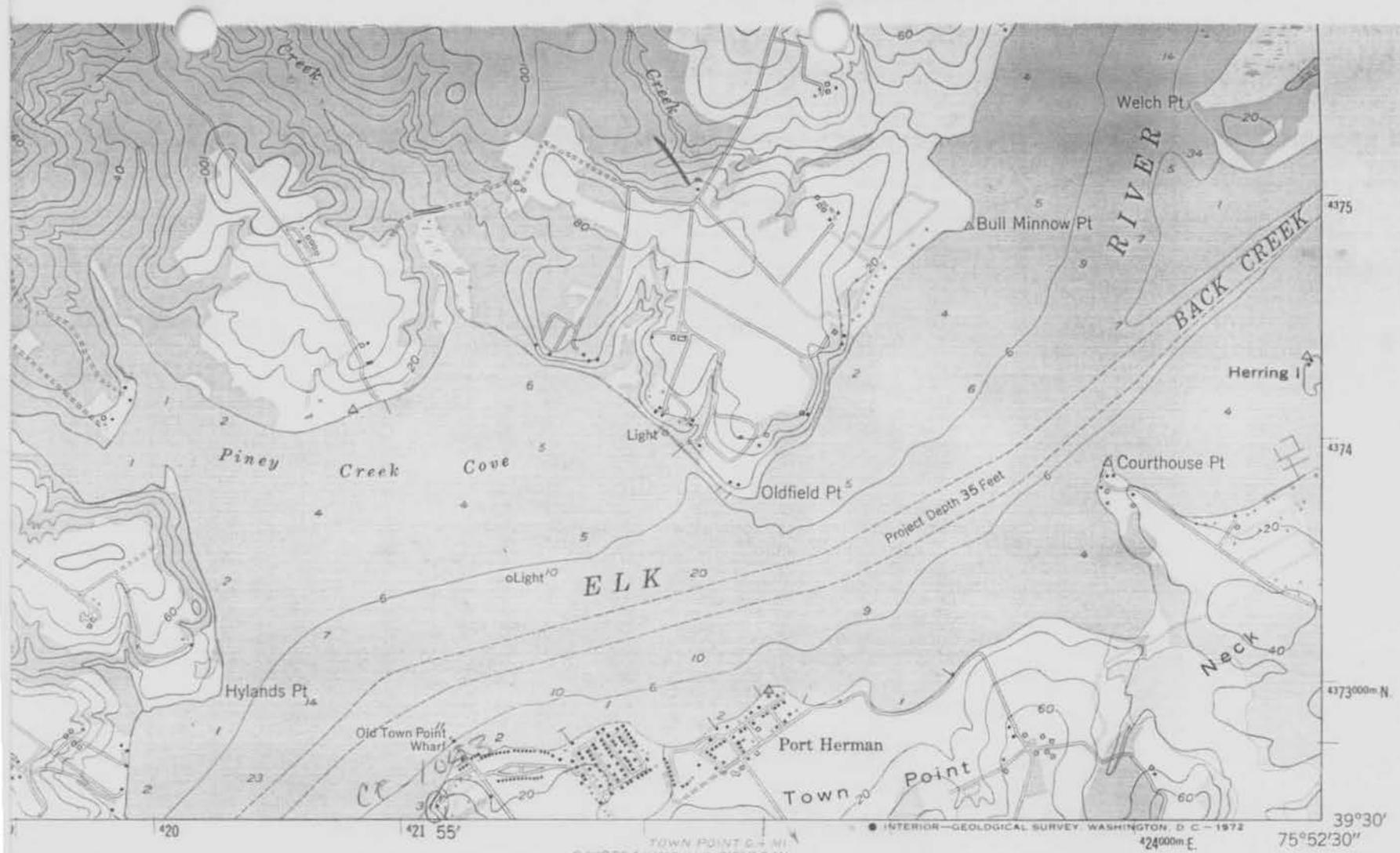
STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



VERTICAL DATUM: MEAN LOW WATER
 HORIZONTAL DATUM: NAD 83
 PROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER OF TIDE IS 2.6 FEET



CONFORMS TO NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
	U. S. Route		State Route

NORTH EAST, MD.
 SW/4 ELKTON 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3930—W7552.5/7.5

1953
 PHOTOREVISED 1970
 AMS 5863 III SW—SERIES V833

(SECTION)
 5862 IV NE

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12/28
North Bluff House
WEST ELEVATION

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NE PORT HERMAN, MD.

10/79 PBT NEG. - MHT

DEV. 154
Elizabeth E. Booth

12/1/79



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WEST ELEVATION

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NK PORT HERMAN, MD.

10/79 PBT NEG-MITT

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DEV. BY
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