

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cather House and Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cathers Corner Post Road southeast of West Nottingham

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

VICINITY OF

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 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

Donald B. Ayers

Telephone #: 658-6594

STREET & NUMBER

16 Post Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MarvaLnd

21904

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 357

Folio #: 558

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*burned
1992*

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cather House ^{AND TAVERN} AC. 1830-1840 is a two story three bay center stair single pile frame house at the intersection of Hopewell Road and the Post Road which has been known as Cather's Corner since the mid 19th century. The structure faces the road and southeast while the main gable runs on a NE/SW axis.

The original two story three bay by one room frame was extended to the southeast and northwest when the house was enlarged for hotel purposes. The roof was raised to a higher peak and a 2½ story two bay by two room frame addition was added to the south gable end. The original frame block rests on a fully excavated fieldstone foundation and is completely sheathed with asbestos shingle. The medium pitched roof is covered with imitation tin shingle.

The main (SE) elevation is presently five bays across. The norther three of five bays comprises the earlier block. A central entrance is flanked by 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds. A plain surround also frames the six panel front door. The second floor is lighted by three 6/6 sash windows that are aligned with the first floor openings. Brick interior end chimney once rose out of the peak of the roof but now rise out of the south roof slope since the roof was raised. The two bays to the south consist of a door opening in the southern bay and an adjacent 6/6 sash windows. Two second floor windows are aligned over the first floor openings. The first floor of the entire main facade is covered by a shed roof porch with tin roof which is supported by square posts with a rectangular stick balustrade and stick corner brackets.

The south gable end has two openings on each of the main floors. A double single pane sash window occupies the eastern bay and a single 6/6 sash is located to the west. The second floor is illuminated by two 6/6 sash windows and a 6/6 sash window lights the attic space. The eaves to the roof are extended with open eaves.

The interior has not been drastically altered in the last 20th century and remains with most of its third quarter of the 19th century woodwork. The front door of the earlier section opens immediately in front of the main enclosed stair. The stair is flanked by a room on either side whose mantels have survived. The southern room mantel has a thumb and astragal molded surround with plain frieze blocks and a molded shelf. The mantel in the north room is similarly arranged. The back (northwest) room which was part of the addition is one large room that stretches across the length of the original house with a large fireplace in the northeast wall. This room is separated from the southern addition by large flat recessed paneled doors with spoon-handled box locks. The southern room is basically plain. These large spacious rooms to the north and south were an obvious addition that

allowed the owner to operate a tavern.

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The second floor bedrooms were not seen. The attic stair was also enclosed with a beaded board door. The attic space was unfinished and revealed the earlier NW roof slope and the subsequent additions.

The only associated farm structure is a mid century timber frame barn across the road.

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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cather House ^{was Tavern} is located at the junction of the Old Post Road from Calvert to Port Deposit and the road to West Nottingham on its south side. The corner has been traditionally known as Cather's Corner since the family owned this property for ~~100 years~~ 99 years.

The Cather house also exhibits the usage of a traditional house form with an extension for an additional purpose, in this case a tavern.

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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 Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Commitee

DATE

10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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

Cathers Corner

WAS 293/277 Joseph T. Ayers & Naomi Garvin Ayers
 To
 8/2/1972 Donald B. & Ethel D. Ayers
 Being part of land...

WAS 163/18 Rush M. Nickell & Louise Horn
 Comm. of Marie Nickell
 To
 Grantors above
 119 acres

RRC 3/285 Arthur E. Arnett & Cora
 To
 12/29/1943 Rush M. Nickell
 119 Acres "The Meadows"

WEB 10/56 Anna M. Kennard, Widow
 To
 3/22/1938 Arthur E. & Cora Arnett

SRA 19/146 James Cather & Wife, Catherine
 To
 3/20/1933 Samuel T. Kennard
 Anna M. Kennard
 Samuel T. died Dec. 6, 1934

T
 HWL 10/152 Ella Orr Etc.
 Devisees & Heirs at Law of Martha Cather
 To
 4/28/1923 James & Catherine Cather
 120 Acres

WGP 3/99 James Cather and others
 To
 5/3/1919 Martha Cather
 Henry Cather, Deceased intestate on 4/15/1919
 120 Acres

JGW 14/268 William S. Evans, Trustee
 To
 7/14/1903 Henry Cather
 Circuit Court - 1902
 Hannah Cather
 120 acres
 Where Walter Cather died seized and possessed

WILL
 BOOK
 D 11/471 Robert Cather
 To
 7/23/1869 Walter Cather

E 12/81 And also by last will and testament of
 Jackson Cather Dec. 23, 1870

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JS 34/360

Eleanor Patten, Wm. Patten, and Sarah-wife

To

12/2/1834

Robert Cather

\$850.00 "The Meadows"

119 Acres

1867 Tax - Frame Dwelling 120 Acres \$7560

1853 TAX - FRAME DWELLING 119 A. \$ 3,570

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8/12/1845 Comm. Minute Book

P. 30

... CONNECT THE WALLACE
ROAD WITH THE ROAD
TO CATHER'S TAVEN TO
MAGRAN'S MEETING HOUSE

RISING SUN ROAD

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(HAVRE DE GRACE) 4363 N. SP.



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CATHER HOUSE & TAVERN

SOUTH ELEV.

NR WEST NOTTINGHAM

3/79 PDT

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