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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ewing Mill Property

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1455 Colora Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Earl Barrett

Telephone #: 658-5261

STREET & NUMBER

1455 Colora Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21917

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 48  
Folio #: 200

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

**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 Ewing Property consists of two residences with associated farm structures. The mills once associated with the property have been removed. The main residence was built in two primary stages with a number of subsequent additions. The first two story three bay by one room c. 1830 house faced south with a east/west gable orientation. It is presently the rear wing to the front block which is also a two story three bay by one room section. This addition dates from the third quarter of the 19th century and faces west with a north/south gable orientation.

The entire house rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with asbestos siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with composition tile shingle. The present front block has a central cross gable.

The west (main) elevation is symmetrically arranged with a central entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows. The heavily molded four panel door has a two light transom and three light sidelights with a panel below. Three ~~second floor~~ 6/6 sash windows illuminate the second floor and a pointed 2/2 sash lights the attic. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits sloped. A hipped roof porch covers the central three bays and supported by chamfered posts with curved brackets.

The north and south gable end wall of the western block have a single 6/6 sash window on each floor and on either side of the interior end brick stove stacks. The earlier frame house extends eastward and perpendicular to the front block. The earlier house is covered on each side except the east gable by gabled and shed additions. A frame ell kitchen is attached to the north side of the earlier frame main block. All exterior house elements follow along the same lines as the main house described previously.

The more significant interior is the rear wing which contains datable woodwork from the second quarter of the 19th century. The central hall has a swollen newel post which supports an oval handrail that rises sharply before each landing. Rectangular stick balusters also support the handrail. The hall is flanked by a room on each side. The front porch on the south side of the earlier house was enclosed and converted into a kitchen. When the orientation of the house was turned westward another center hall without stair and parlor was added. All woodwork in the addition definitely dates from the third quarter of the 19th century. The western room of the main house was incorporated into the main elevation with a change of roof arrangement. Interior brick stove stacks rise out of each gable end. The interior of the later addition obviously dates from a later period. With four panel doors and with ogee molded insets around each panel. There are no mantels.

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The other residence on the property is a 1 1/2 story three bay by one room fieldstone tenant house c. 1880. The house is built into a south slope and the basement is exposed on the south side. The roof is raised by frame and the second floor joists extended beyond the plates to include a porch on the front and a protective eave on the back of the house. The roof is covered with a slate and the gable ends with horizontal weatherboards. The south (main) elevation has central entrances on both floors with flanking 6/6 sash windows with extended wood lintels and plain surrounds. The first floor door has only one flanking window to the east. The front porch roof extends farther east than the main block and the structure is enclosed beyond the end wall of the main block; stone on the foundation level and frame on the first floor. 6/6 sash windows illuminate the one bay by two bay room.

The east and west gable ends have two 6/6 sash on the first floor and two 2/2 attic sash that light the attic and flank the interior end brick stove stacks. The eaves are extended.

The north side of the house has one 6/6 sash in the eastern addition and one 6/6 main block window. The rear eave is left without a soffit.

The interior of the structure was not seen.

The associated agricultural buildings for the farm are located within a 100 yards north of the main house. A large frame barn dominates the rise it is perched on. The fieldstone foundation supports a timber frame and gabled slate roof. A gable straw shed extends eastward from the main block and is supported by stone piers. A stone silo stands to the north of the eastern ramp. It has a double sloped conical roof. A corn crib and wagon house are on the south side. The only other 19th century structures is a single story neatly laid stone dairy with frame roof. A central entrance is flanked by two 6/6 sash windows. Another 6/6 sash and attic window shed light through the gable ends. The roof is covered with composition tile shingle.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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

Ambrose Ewing and John S. Ewing, the owners of the Mt. Pleasant tract of land south of Colora in 1877 inherited the property from their father Amos Ewing Junior. ~~in 1877~~ Ambrose appears on the atlas patron list as owning 175 acres. He is listed as a miller which corresponds to the Grist and Saw Mill adjacent to his house on the map. Although the mill has been removed the remaining complex of domestic and agricultural structures is very significant. The main farmhouse is a ~~unique~~ <sup>3 1/2</sup> example of changing house orientations by using the same two story three bay center hall frame form. Its continued use substantiates the overall impact this house type had on domestic vernacular building in the 19th century. The tenant house is a much rarer form for Cecil County building and only a few structures have an incorporated front porch with support from the extended floor joists. This practice is ~~certainly~~ not unusual for pent eaves. The outbuildings are fairly common forms throughout Cecil County except for the circular stone silo.

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee MHT

DATE

5/12/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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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.

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



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40'  
4391  
490  
4388

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660 000 FEET  
(MD.)

Rising Sun



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EWING MILL PROP.

WEST ELEV.

NR COLORA

3/79 PBT

NEG. / M.D. HIST TRUST



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EWING MILL PROPERTY

SOUTH ELEVATION

NR COLORA

1/80 PST

NEG. / MR. HAST TRUST



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EWING Mill PROP.

WEST ELEV. OF TOWER  
ITSE.

NR COLORA

1/80 PRT

NEG. / MR. GIST TRUST



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EWING MILL PROP.

SOUTH ELEV. OF TENANT HSE

NA COLORA

1/80 P135

WEG. / MD. HIST TRUST



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EWING MILL PROPERTY

SOUTH ELEV.

NE COLORADO

1/80 PBT

NEED MD. HIST TRUST



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EWING Mill Property  
NORTH EAVE  
HA COLORA  
1/80 PBT  
NEG. / MO. HIST TRUST



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Ewing Mill Property

NORTH EAVE

~2 COLORA

1/80 PAT

NEG./MD. HIST TRUST



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EWING MILL PROPERTY  
SOUTHWEST ELEV. OF BATHEN  
NR COLORADO  
2/80 PBT  
NEG. / MR. HIST TRUST



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EWING MILL PROPERTY

SOUTH ELEV. OF  
MILK HOUSE

NE COLORADO

1/80 PBT

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