

Marker:

RICHARD'S OAK

GENREAL LAFAYETTE AND HIS ARMY CAMPED AROUND THIS TREE APRIL 12, 1781.  
A CIVIL WAR CAVALRY UNIT LATER OCCUPIED THE SITE. THE OAK, OVER 500 YEARS  
OLD, WAS OWNED BY THE THOMAS RICHARDS FAMILY FOR OVER A CENTURY. ~~AT~~  
A HUGE LIMB FELL AUGUST, 1964 SPLITTING THE TRUNK. IN 1965 THE TREE  
MEASURED 85' in HEIGHT, 24' IN GIRTH AND 115' IN SPREAD.

TREE PRESERVED 1922 - 1960 BY HYTHEHAM CLUB, PORT ~~DEPOST~~ DEPOSIT.  
RESTORED 1965 BY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CECIL COUNTY.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Name Richard<sup>s</sup> Oak MHT# CE-225

Location Cecil COUNTY Richardson town

Rt # 1  
address or road#

First owner of record Richards family DATE ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Present owner (maintained by Cecil Co. Hist Soc.) DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Address owner - R.A. Johnson

Parcel or Deed # \_\_\_\_\_

Original use \_\_\_\_\_

Present use ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Tourist

Md. Map Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

Long. & Lat. reading \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of construction \_\_\_\_\_

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:

\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER of stories \_\_\_\_\_ type wall construction

Foundation-basement \_\_\_\_\_

Wall construction- \_\_\_\_\_

Water table, string course, other decorative work essential to walls

Chimneys \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

MHT# CE-225

Entrance type & placement \_\_\_\_\_

Windows \_\_\_\_\_

Shutters \_\_\_\_\_

Roof type \_\_\_\_\_

covering \_\_\_\_\_

Cornice, eaves \_\_\_\_\_

Dormers, cupolas \_\_\_\_\_

Porches \_\_\_\_\_

Wings, hyphens \_\_\_\_\_

Interior:

Stairway \_\_\_\_\_

Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Trim \_\_\_\_\_

Other notable work \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Physical condition \_\_\_\_\_

Environment \_\_\_\_\_

## References:

MHT Color slide # \_\_\_\_\_

MHT B &amp; W # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner contacted \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary:

Richard's Oak

General Lafayette and his Army camped around this tree April 12, 1781. A Civil War ~~unit~~ <sup>cavalry</sup> unit later occupied the site. The oak, over 500 years old, was owned by the Thomas Richards family for over a century. A huge limb fell August, 1964 splitting the trunk. In 1965 the tree measured 85' in height, 24' in girth and 115' in spread.

Tree preserved 1922-1960 by the Chan Club, Port Deposit. Restored 1965 by Historical Society of Cecil County.

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Enclosures: e.g. Map, Historical significance, sketch of floor plan, and angle of photos, etc.

CECIL WHIG, ELKTON, MARYLAND, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1966



## *Unveil New Marker At Richards' Oak*

Morton F. Taylor, past-president of the Historical Society of Cecil County, left, assists in removing the covering from the new roadside marker at Richards' Oak. The marker, dedicated at a ceremony Tuesday, April 14, replaced one that had been destroyed when a limb fell from the tree in August 1964. (Whig Photo By Frear)



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RICHARD'S OAK  
WEST ELEVATION  
NR HARRISVILLE

NEG. / MD. HIST TRUST  
3181 PBT

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Richard's Oak

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RICHARD'S OAK  
EAST ELEVATION  
NK HARRISVILLE

NEG. / MP. HIST TRUST

Tree fell down 1979



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Lafayette Park

Marker File



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Marker File