

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Houghton Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Sylmar Road North of Route 273

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Rising Sun

* VICINITY OF

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ronald B. Houghton

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STREET & NUMBER

Rd1

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

* VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21911

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 251

Folio #: 132

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

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 Houghton House is a house built in two sections. The earlier part which is the east end of the house was built C. 1820 while the west end was built about 1860. The house has a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles with a box cornice at the eaves. The exterior surface of the house has a stucco coating. Across the facade is a one story front porch built during the mid to late 19th century. The house has a stone foundation with full cellar. The cellar reveals a central beam with hewn logs for floor joists resting upon it. The fireplace supports are not arched but are columns of stone, rectangularly shaped on per chimney or fireplace. Each side of the facade of the house has a central entrance. The chief difference between the two different periods of construction is that the older part of the house is built of stone while the newer section is frame with wooden siding beneath the stucco. The door sill to the stone side of the house and the lintel for the cellar entrance are Bort Deposit granite. The door frames on the stone side have a single bead along their inner edge. The stone side has an inside end chimney in each gable end built of brick. The new side has one in its west gable wall. The window sash is 6/6. The house is approximately six bays long by two deep.

There are three old outbuildings; a C. 1830 summer kitchen smokehouse, a bank barn C. 1870 and a corn crib carriage shed combination. All of these are of frame construction, mortice and tenon. The timbers for the barn were cut with a circular saw while the others exhibit up and down Marks.

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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 checked="" 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 Houghton Farm is important for two reasons. The most obvious is that it has been a productive agricultural enterprise for nearly two hundred years. It also has several outbuildings, used in the farm, which are in excellent condition. The other importance of this farm stems from early reports that the first settlers built their first dwellings on this farm. To the east of the farmhouse is the remains of a stone foundation which could have been connected to one of these early structures.

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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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Cecil Historical Trust

DATE

Jan. 1977

STREET & NUMBER

RD2

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CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

STATE

Maryland

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