

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bromwell House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast corner of Junction of Post and Burlin Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Miss Roberta B. Craig

Telephone #: 378-3494

STREET & NUMBER

RD 1

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21904

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk Of the Circuit Court

Liber #: BCH 1

Folio #: 427

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

CE-770

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Bromwell House was most likely built in the early part of the 19th Century. Bromwell, a Quaker, moved into Cecil County approximately in 1825 and lived in this frame house. The house is five bays long by two deep and built in four distinct sections. The original house was two-bays square and two-storeys in height with a side bay entrance. There quite possibly was a summer kitchen off the rear of this section. In the west gable is a brick fireplace. The mantel on the first floor has a slightly stepped molding beneath the shelf. The Pilaster design is similar to those of the Twin Oaks Farm. The exterior surface was covered with clapboard. The cellar reveals that the flooring was made from lumber that had been rafted down the Susquehanna (due to the pegs). The stair hall has an open string stair with a turned post and straight, narrow balusters.

In 1827, Mr. Bromwell became ill and relatives moved down from Pennsylvania. A one bay-square two-storey apartment was built for them on the west gable of the earlier house. The box cornice carries over from one side to the other. The roof is entirely covered with asphalt shingles, but once had a wood shingle roof. About 1850, another addition was built on the east gable end approximately the same size as the original house. Sometime during the late 1800's a small building (frame which had been used as a school) was moved to the rear of this latest section. The sash is 6/6 throughout with mostly louvered shutters. The shutters have strap hinges and pitels indicating that they are from an earlier building. There are several board and batten doors and some six and four panel doors also. One door has a nice box lock. The facade has a two bay one storey entrance porch.

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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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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 1825, 1827

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is interesting for several reasons. The land has been owned by descendants of William Bromwell since 1825 and a variety of old furniture among them an exception cast iron cookstove can be found in the house. The family farmed the land for many years and now the house is occupied by a tenant. The house has undergone very little change and would be a gem for a preservation minded person. The house from the road nearby appears to be much more ancient than it is close-up.

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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

George W. Lutz, III Field Histor'ian

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

June 1977

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Rising Sun

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.

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



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SOUTH ELEVATION

3/80 NEG. / MO. HIST TRUST

NEAR PORT DEPOSIT

PBT



BROMWELL HOUSE

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NEAR

PORT DEPOSIT

SOUTH
EAST

ELEVATION

3/80

PRT

NEG./

MD. HIST

TRUST



BROMWELL HOUSE CE-770

NORTH ELEVATION
NEAR PRR DEPOSIT

3/80

NEG. / MD. HIST. TRUST



Bromwell House CE-770

NORTH GABLE END -
EXPOSED FIRE WALL
NEAR PORT DEPOSIT

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