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WILTON
Vicinity of Newport
Private

Eighteenth and nineteenth
centuries

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY #0903435230

1 NAME

HISTORIC

WILTON

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

(Trinity Church Road)

STREET & NUMBER

West side Md. Rte. 232, 1/8 mile northwest of Ryceville Road.

CITY, TOWN

Newport

VICINITY OF Dentsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

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

Ronald E. Newhart

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte Hall

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 174

Folio #: 174

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P. O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata, Maryland

STATE

20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Ch-593

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wilton is a two story frame farmhouse that except for obviously earlier end chimneys appears to date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The two main chimneys and other features provide evidence that this modest and unassuming structure began as a one story, two room dwelling that was raised to two stories and extended on two sides at various later dates. Its present architectural styling, except the chimneys, is fairly typical of modest rural farmhouses of the post-Civil War period.

Facing south, the house is three bays wide at both floor levels. A transomed entrance door occupies the center first floor bay and is flanked by two windows of six-over-six sash. Above are three windows, also of six-over-six sash. A one story porch with square posts and shed roof extends the full width of this elevation. Centered on the front slope of the roof of the house is a centered cross gable that frames a small round arched window with fixed sash. At each end of the main block stands single exterior chimneys with brick tiled first floor shoulders and free-standing stacks. The design of the chimneys suggest an eighteenth century date. Both stacks were extended when the house was raised to its present height.

Prior to the raising of the roof a lean-to addition was built across the rear elevation of the earlier house. Appearing to have been constructed in the early nineteenth century, it has a single exterior chimney at its east end with stepped shoulders and free-standing stack. Following the raising of the roof of the main block the house was again enlarged by the addition of a second shed addition on the west end that included in its plan a single room and a porch. All of the exterior walls are sheathed with lapped boards. The two shed roofs are covered with tin and the roof of the main block and porch with wood shingles.

About 25 yards southwest of the house stands a large chimney that undoubtedly served a detached kitchen that has been destroyed. It has a base constructed of common ironstone, deep brick tiled shoulders and a stack that stood free of the building to which the chimney base was attached. This chimney appears to be contemporary in date of construction with the two oldest chimneys of the house.

On the north side of the driveway approaching the house stands a small, two bay, eighteenth century tobacco barn that retains several interesting features. The most important of these is its original, free-standing and removable "ladder supports" that held the horizontal posts on which the tobacco sticks were hung. This is an extremely rare feature, not believed to have survived elsewhere in the count. The barn, of post and beam construction, has later sheds on the sides, vertical board sheathing and a tin roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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
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1. GAH #4, folio 242. Land records of Charles County, La Plata, Md.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Wilton is located on a 140 acre tract of land identified as Parcel 19, Maps 66 and 75, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976.)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

August, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

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
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WILTON; View from S.E.
J. R. Rivoire, 1978

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WILTON; S. Front of Barn.
J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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WILTON; Former Kitchen Chimney

J.R.Rivoire, 1978