

CHAS-38  
YATTEN (Frailty)  
Mt. Victoria  
Private

circa 1840

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHAS-38

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAI # 0100395104

1 NAME

HISTORIC

YATTEN (Frailty)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North end of West Hatton Road

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Victoria

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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

Mrs. Annette R. Slowinski

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4400 Edmunds Street, N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

20007

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 298

Folio #: 224

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 house, known as Yatten, located almost in the center of its rectangular shaped 167 acres, is a large four-part frame structure. The oldest part, the two and one-half story center section, is in the regionally characteristic late-Federal style. Built circa 1840, it was renovated and enlarged in this century but nevertheless retains the theme of its original architecture.

The center block is three bays wide on both side elevations. The entrance door, located on the south elevation, occupies the first bay from the west end. The remaining bays contain windows of nine-over-nine sash. Across the second floor level of the same elevation are three windows of six-over-nine sash and, on the front slope of the gable roof, two pedimented dormer windows. The entrance door, including a four-pane transome, is sheltered by a handsome Greek Revival-style portico with a flat roof supported by square fluted columns. The north side of the house is fronted by a two-story galleried porch with dentiled cornice, square posts and balustrades added in the 1940's. The location of the entrance door and the fenestration is essentially the same as the south front except that a door was installed between the two windows closest to the west end of the second floor to provide access to the porch gallery.

At the east end of the house stand two exterior chimneys. Of brick construction they rise for two-storys, continuing above the attic gable in free-standing stacks. The two chimneys differ slightly, the southeast chimney having smaller stepped weatherings and a wider stack. The base of this chimney is also somewhat deeper than its companion and included a fireplace in its back wall that presumably served a small addition or wing that formerly stood here. This wing, of which no other discernable evidence remains, might have been part of the original kitchen-service wing or, more likely, the office of the builder, Zephaniah Turner, a practicing attorney. In recent years, long after the wing had been removed, the fireplace opening was partially bricked in and the lower portion of its base rebuilt to create a firepit for roasting oysters. Between the two chimney bases is a one-story frame pent. The construction date of the pent is unknown, but the interior door opening into it appears contemporary with the main block. However, if a wing stood against the back wall of the southeast chimney, as indicated by the former fireplace, the combination of the two would have presented some construction difficulties. It is possible that the pent, which houses a modern bathroom, was added after the wing was removed.

At the east end of the main block stands a two-part, one-story frame wing incorporating the original semi-detached kitchen. This structure, the largest part of the wing and located at its east end, retains its exterior end chimney. Like the chimneys of the main  
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**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 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 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**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Yatten is located on a 167.10 acre tract of land identified as parcel 13, Map 80 of the 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, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

February, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

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.

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

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block it has stepped weatherings and a free-standing stack. The part of the wing closest to the main block, possibly a renovated version of the original hyphen, has a door and double unit window on the south side and three windows on the north side. These windows, and the two windows on each side of the kitchen, have modern double hung sash of six-over-six panes.

At the opposite end of the main block is a one room deep, one and one-half story wing constructed in the 1940's. The north wall of the wing, like that of the east wing, is positioned flush with the north side of the center block. Three bays wide on the side elevations, it has pedimented dormers that extend below the top of the outside walls. A chimney constructed of old brick, located on the north side of the roof flush to the west end wall of the main block, provides fireplaces to the two principal rooms of the wing. The exterior trim and siding of the main block and wings is consistent throughout, indicating that most if not all of the house was renovated when the west wing was constructed.

The interior of Yatten is one of its most distinguishing features. True to its late Federal styling and circa 1840 date, the interior woodwork of the main block, though of a fairly simple design, reflects then current tastes in interior treatments. The first floor end hall and adjoining double parlors (originally separated by a double or triple leafed door that was later removed to create a single large room) have attractive paneled doors and bold one-piece window and door trim in the early-Empire style. The windows and doors all have corner blocks with raised "bulls-eyes." The two matching mantels in the former double parlors are of a basically Georgian style with crossetted surrounds, narrow frieze rounded at the ends, and narrow cornice shelves with dentil blocks. These mantels are of twentieth century manufacture and were introduced during the 1940's renovation. One of the two original mantels, both with molded pilasters supporting a wide molded frieze with paneled end blocks, is in the second floor bedroom of the west wing. The other is stored in a shed adjacent to the house.

The main stair, rising in four flights to the attic from the north end of the hall, has slender turned posts, plain spandrels and a slightly rounded handrail supported by square balusters. Beneath the first flight of stairs is an enclosed stair leading to a single basement room. Both the stair and cellar room were installed by a previous owner. Three separate flights of steps lead off from the first landing of the main stair: one to the second floor of the west wing, the second to the door opening onto the gallery of the north porch and the other continuing up to the second floor level of the main block. There are two bedrooms on the second floor of the main block, as well as a large room at the front of the hall that was later altered to provide closets and a bathroom. Both bedrooms have fireplaces and the woodwork, including reeded window and door surrounds with decorated corner blocks and mantels with molded pilasters supporting a molded frieze with raised panels, is especially

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noteworthy. The third floor contains one large bedroom and a bath. The woodwork in these rooms is the same as that in the second floor of the west wing, suggesting that this level was completely renovated in the 1940's.

The east wing of the house is accessible from the northeast first floor (former) parlor. Both rooms contained in the wing were completely renovated in recent years and have paneled wainscoting and molded trim in natural pine. The ceilings of both rooms were removed and opened to create "cathedral ceilings." In addition, the original kitchen fireplace has been rebuilt and reduced in size from its earlier dimensions.

The first floor level of the west wing includes a dining room, an ell-shaped kitchen and a small rear stair to the second floor. The dining room, which has a fireplace on its east wall, has "Georgian" style woodwork with arched cupboards flanking the mantel, chairrails, paneled wainscoting and a ceiling cornice. The second floor contains two bedrooms and two baths. The trim in these rooms continues the theme of the trim of the main block, although it is not as bold nor as sophisticated.

The grounds immediately surrounding Yatten are attractively landscaped and include numerous shade trees, magnolias, a semi-formal boxwood garden off the east end of the east wing, and many varieties of flowering plants, trees and shrubs. Proximate to the house are several outbuildings. One, a two-story garage built in this century, stands a short distance from the end of the west wing. Two others, a small cabin and a storage shed, stand about 20 yards north of the house. Both of the latter structures are believed to pre-date the main house by several decades. The cabin, built of hewn logs chinked with saplings and mortar, was initially a low ceilinged one-story structure with a brick chimney at its north end. In the early part of this century the roof was removed, the ceiling raised, a frame second floor added and a shed roofed addition built at the north end. The cabin is presently undergoing extensive repairs and is to be returned to its original one-story height. The storage shed is of plank construction with dovetailed corners, its walls reinforced by saplings threaded through the planks from top to bottom. The construction of this building, whose original function is unknown, is similar to the oldest part of Linden (Phase I, circa 1730-50; NR) also in Charles County.

There are no other known early buildings remaining on the Yatten property. The several barns, sheds and a two-story tenant house that stand on the property were all built in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: HATTEN

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: ADJACENT TO WEST HATTON

CITY OR TOWN: MT. VICTORIA

STATE: MD      CODE:      COUNTY: CHAS      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: MRS. J. WM. ROBERTS

STREET AND NUMBER: HATTEN

CITY OR TOWN: MT. VICTORIA      STATE: MD      CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CHAS. CO. COURTHOUSE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LA PATA      STATE: MD      CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:      Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:      STATE:      CODE:

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COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

MAIN BLOCK FRAME WITH "A" PLAN ROOF  
 3 BAYS & DOOR AT W. END, 2 1/2 STOREYS  
 & 2 DORMERS. FLAT ROOFED FRONT PORTICOE  
 & FLUTED POSTS. 2 CHIMNEYS EXTERIOR  
 E GABLE.

ORIG. KITCHEN & "A" ROOF, 1 STOREY,  
 2 BAYS, & FIREPLACE E GABLE EXTERIOR  
 (REPLACEMENT) CONNECTED TO MAIN  
 HOUSE BY 1 STOREY 2 BAY HYPHEN.

W WING 20 FT. LENT, ~~20 FT. LENT~~,  
 2 STOREY & 2ND. FLOOR WINDOWS  
 EXTENDING DORMER LIKE ABOVE EAVE.  
 CHIMNEY W GABLE.

EAVE CORNICE MAIN BLOCK DENTILED.  
 DORMERS & "A" FRAME ROOFS.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 4/30

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: Md CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

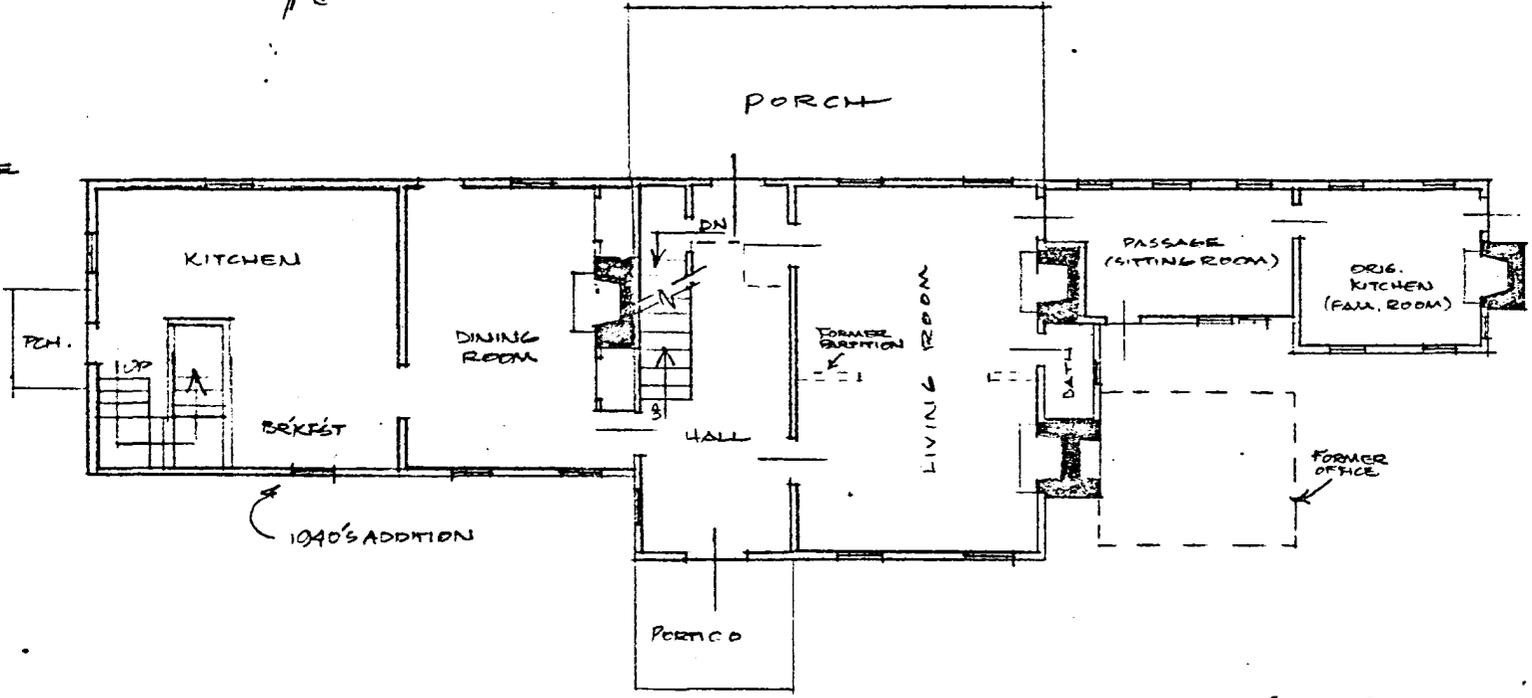
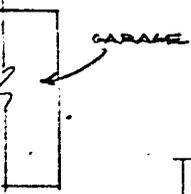
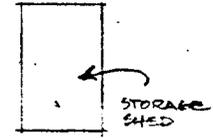
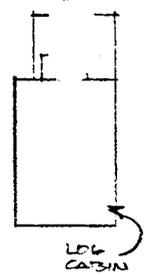
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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YATTEN; View From N.E.

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PLACE  
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