

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:  
White Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
White Hall Road, .5 miles north of Rt. 50

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cambridge

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Vincent C. Bambrick

STREET AND NUMBER:  
White Hall, Rt. 2

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

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:

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

White Hall is a seven bay long stuccoed brick dwelling with a pedimented portico across the three central bays. The central entrance has a modern millwork architrave and the portico has square columns supporting an unadorned frieze and a vast pediment with lunette window. The latter was installed since 1934, when a photo was published in Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland by H. Chandler Forman. On each end of the structure is a tall stuccoed chimney with vaulted hood. Behind the central bay of the house is another chimney. On the southeast side is a two story wing and behind the central portion is another portion of the house.

Both stories have windows with 9/6 sash and louvered shutters. There is no beltcourse.

Originally, when the house was built, it was a three bay long dwelling with side entrance, similar to but smaller than, Indian Purchase. Like the latter it had a gable facade. The wings appear to have been added in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

The interior of the original part consisted of a side stair hall and a parlor, with another wing. On both sides were added one large room. Between the stair hall and parlor and the parlor and dining later arches were built to replace the earlier doors. Un-precedented in a house of such sophistication is the fact that the interior walls of the two wings are exposed painted brick. The stair, mantel, and some of the trim are very good examples of the Federal style.

The house stands on a well-groomed slope of ground which extends eastward toward the waters of White Hall Creek. One tomb stone survives in the basement bearing the name of "Susan F. (Nicholson), wife of Jacob C. Nicholson who departed this life Aug. 10, 1858, Aged 54 years 2 mos."

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian                       16th Century                       18th Century                       20th Century
- 15th Century                               17th Century                       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Invention<br><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Literature<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-<br>losophy<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-<br>itarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Besides being one of the outstanding Federal period buildings, white Hall also boasts important personages who lived there.

" On Jan. 1, 1817 Anne Bassett Bayard sold the property to Deverux Travers, a Doctor of Medicine of Dorchester County, Dr. Travers was the son of Levin Travers of Dorchester County and was born in 1762. He graduated at Edinburgh University, Scotland, after which he received a commission as Surgeon in the English Army. He served four years in the 17th Highland Scotch Regiment in the Napoleonic Wars. Returning to Maryland he married Henrietta Hayward and settled at his estate, White Hall.

In 1878 the property was purchased by Mr. Wm, J. Holland who took an active interest in local politics. After this it was sold several times and in the early 1900's was owned by Mr. Edward S. Phillips who was not only active in politics, but who was at one time Sheriff of Dorchester. In 1932 White Hall was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Cunningham was Sales Promotion Manager of the Standard Oil Co., resigning in 1936 to become Vice-Pres. of the LaSalle Extension University of Chicago."

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H. Chandlee, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, Easton, Maryland, 1934.

Laskowski Papers, 1955, p. 328-329.

**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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE June, 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature

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M. Bourne June 1975