

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Stapleforte House Survey Number: D-131

Project: Stapleforte House, Blackwater Wildlife Refuge Agency: Dept. of the Interior

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This two story, three bay wide, frame house with a one story kitchen wing is representative of a common double parlor, side hall plan of houses found throughout the Eastern Shore. The house appears to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

The house has undergone numerous alterations including the application of asbestos siding covered with aluminum siding, replacement of all of the windows with inappropriate aluminum windows, installation of panelling throughout the interior, removal of almost all interior trim, and closing off all of the fireplaces except for one. The house has also suffered deterioration which has resulted in a loss of structural integrity. Therefore, because of the extent of alteration, the property does not meet the criteria for individual listing in the National Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: project files and inventory

Prepared by: _____

Jo Ellen Freese 12/19/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Anderson 6 Jan 92
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): House

Known Design Source: na

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Stapleforte House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, on Key Wallace Drive				
CITY OR TOWN: Church Creek Vicinity (Seward)				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input 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	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: United States of America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service				
STREET AND NUMBER: PO & Courthouse Building				
CITY OR TOWN: Boston		STATE: Mass.		02109
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. #): 003 190				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
	<small>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</small>
<p>One of the dwellings standing on the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge lands is the residence of the manager of the refuge. The house is a three bay long, two bay deep, two story building with a two bay long, one story kitchen wing. An entrance shed is located on the south gable, the kitchen. On both east and west facades of the main structure are leanto screened porches. The walls of the building are covered with asbestos siding and the entire structure stands upon a brick foundation. A brick chimney pierces the roof at the south gable. It is flanked by two small windows. The windows on the rest of the building have 9/6 sash and louvered shutters.</p> <p>The plan is that of a typical town house of the period with two parlors and a side hall with the kitchen off one of the rooms (actually the dining room).</p> <p>Interior trim appears to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.</p> <p>A graveyard on the property has stones bearing the names of members of the Stapleforte, Tubman and Keene families.</p>	

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

Stapleforte House is a handsome dwelling which resembles the Kral House near East New Market and the Wainwright Farm near Rhodesdale. The building is the residence of the Superintendent of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and has stood on the property since the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

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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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

 District 9, Map 71, p. 39
 11,216 acres

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Nov, 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** ZIP: **21401**

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1,060,000 FT

76°05'00"

Joins Map 22

D-131 1,070,000

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BLACKWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Twin Ponds

WILDLIFE REFUGE

Harpers Pond

Shorts Creek Pond

BLACKWATER RIVER

A B C D E

RIVER

Keenes Ditch

POND

Blackwater Pond

Round Pond

CATTAIL

Barbadoes Pond

Bullock Creek
Bullock Pond

Simmons Ditch

Lans Pond

Swan Pond

Otter Pond

Shorepole Gut

SHORTERS WHARF

DAM

10

11

ROAD

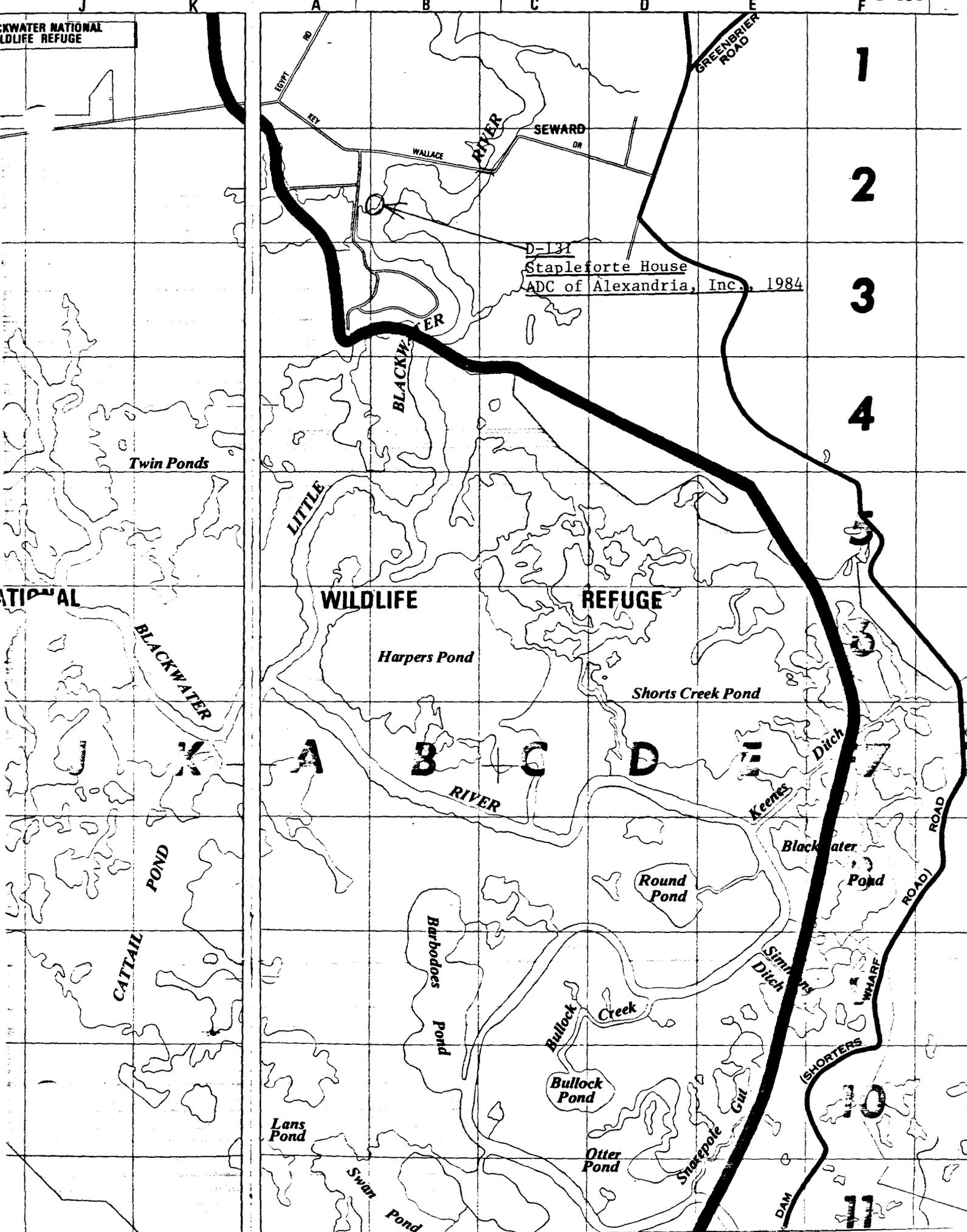
ROAD

GREENBRIER ROAD

SEWARD DR

WALLACE

EGYPT RD



19X1-20

75%

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M. Bourne Nov 1975