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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Hilda Spicer Willey House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Taylor's Island Road (MD 16)				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Taylor's Island				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Mrs. Hilda Spicer Willey				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Taylor's Island			Maryland	
			21669	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 065/553				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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	(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a one and one-half story frame structure, built on brick piers. It is three rooms long built in two sections. The original section is a three bay structure with center door flanked by one window on each side which have 6/6 sash. On the second story or roof part of that section there are 4/4 sash. The sash are installed so the panes are horizontal rather than vertical, similar to many houses in Caroline County.

About thirty five years ago, according to Mrs. Willey, the kitchen was on the gable of the building. At that time, an addition was made where the kitchen was located and the kitchen was moved at right angles to the addition. The 20th century addition has two windows on the first floor, one dormer with 4/4 sash on the roof.

The interior originally consisted of two rooms, a hall and parlor. It now consists of two rooms but the position is now changed so that the hall has now become the parlor or vice versa. The interior of the house has been completely remodeled. Originally in the south east corner of the hall was a stair. This was removed when an open stair was installed in the south west corner of the original portion. Upstairs are three bedrooms. Closets which were located next to the fireplace have original batten doors. The kitchen has also been remodeled but it is an early structure since the plate protrudes from the wall. The plate of both the kitchen and the original part of the house is similiary boxed in. The house is in good condition.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is important because it is an early vernacular structure, but more importantly, west of the house was the location of the first Methodist Chapel on Taylor's Island. It was a brick structure constructed in 1787.

"In 1781, the Methodist Society of the Island was organized by Steven Black. Early meetings were held in private homes. The first Methodist Church was built on Taylor's Island in 1787 and was known as the "Taylor's Island Meeting House." It was later renamed "Bethlehem Chapel." The land was given by Moses LeCompte. This is the earliest recorded deed for Methodist Church property in Dorchester County. At the time of its building Freeborn Garrettson was Presiding Elder and preached here in 1790. In 1857, after seventy years of service the church was replaced by the present Bethlehem Church, familiarly known as the "Old Brick Church." Continuous services have been held during all these years."

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorchester Tercentenary Bay Country Festival, 1669-1969,  
Thomas A. Flowers, editor, Dorchester County, Maryland,  
p. 82.

## 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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

District 4, Map 59, p. 34

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Spring, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

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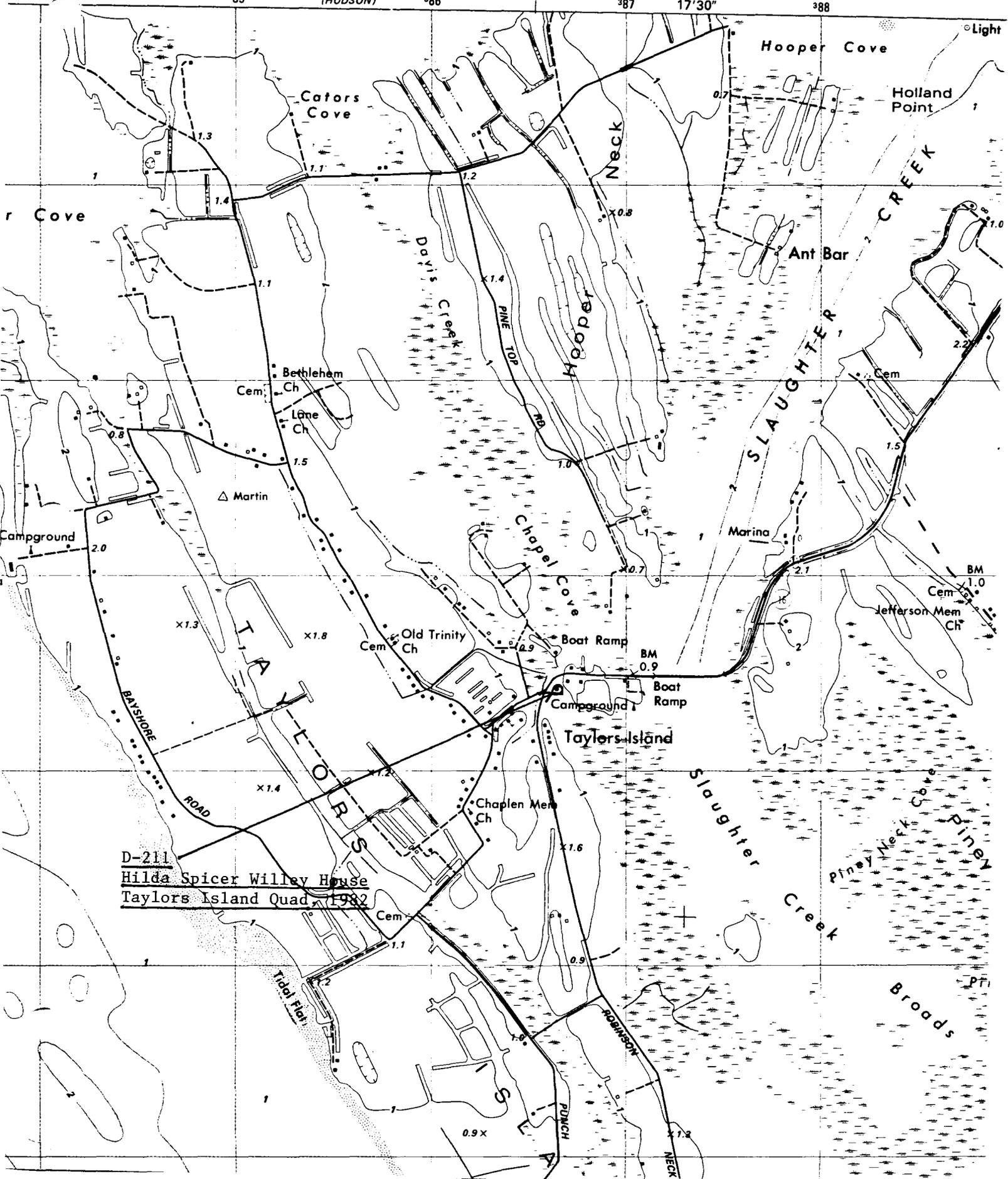
State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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 Hilda Spicer Willey House  
 Taylors Island Quad, 1982

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M. Bourne Spring 1975