

D-229  
Windmill Cove  
Madison vicinity  
c. 1890  
Private

The Windmill Cove farmhouse is one of the more substantial Victorian era dwellings to remain in the Madison Election District. Standing on the shoreline of Fishing Creek on a point overlooking Windmill Cove, the multi-sectioned house includes a two-and-a-half story section that was floated on a barge to this site from nearby Cherry Point. The double cross gabled south front retains portions of its late nineteenth century sawn and spindle decoration.

For the past half century this Victorian house and property has been known as Windmill Cove, named for the metal windmill that stands west of the house. For much of the twentieth century the farm was the residence of Joseph W. Brooks, Jr. (1863-1947) and his descendants. Joseph W. Brooks, Jr. was born at what was known as Brooks Landing at the head of Woolford Creek, and he married Unicy Ann Neild on December 29, 1884. In addition to a career as a farmer and shipbuilder, he also served as a founder and first chairman of the board of the Peoples Loan & Deposit Bank of Cambridge. He is recorded as purchasing this Fishing Creek farm in 1893 from Margaretta M. Skinner, a widow. The farm included 116 acres. After the death of his first wife, Nicey Neild, he married Mary Lulu Stapleforte on June 25, 1919. The farm remained in his ownership until his death in 1947, and it was sold two years later to Benjamin J. and Virginia T. Linthicum.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Joseph W. Brooks house, also known as Windmill Cove, stands on a point of land on the edge of a cove of Fishing Creek in the vicinity of Woolford, Dorchester County, Maryland. The physical road address is 5019 Brooks Road in the Madison Election District. The house, a two-and-a-half story, four-bay double cross gabled frame house is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with wood shingles. Attached to the north side of the main block is a two-and-a-half story cross-gabled frame house that serves as a wing, and it is reported to be a structure that was floated to this site from St. Michaels in Talbot County. The house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The interior has been rehabilitated in the past ten years with a respect to the original features of the Victorian dwelling.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The property where the Joseph W. Brooks house stands, known for the past few decades as “Windmill Cove,” is located at 5019 Brooks Road in the Madison Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story four-bay main block, estimated to date to the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with wood shingles. The main block is distinguished by a double cross-gable front with the cross gables enriched with decorative Victorian swan and spindle trim. Attached to the northwest corner of the main block a two-and-a-half story cross gabled section that reportedly was floated to this site from St. Michaels in Talbot County. The house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical four-bay façade with a centered entrance sheltered by a shed roofed porch with a center cross gable entry that projects from the main porch. The front entrance has been altered with the introduction of a double width glazed door opening. The porch roof is supported on square posts with sawn brackets embellishing the upper corners. Stretching between the porch posts is a decorated sawn baluster railing. The first and second floors are lighted by two-over-two sash windows that retain louvered shutters. The west cross gable has an interior end brick stack that protrudes through the roof, whereas the east cross gable is pierced by a small attic window. The eaves of the roof are extended and each of the cross gables is trimmed with a Victorian sawn and spindle decoration.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

## SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Windmill Cove farmhouse is one of the more substantial Victorian period dwellings to remain in the Madison Election District. Standing on the shoreline of Fishing Creek on a point overlooking Windmill Cove, the multi-sectioned house includes a two-and-half story section that was floated to this site on a barge from nearby Cherry Point.<sup>1</sup> The double cross gabled south front retains portions of its late nineteenth century sawn and spindle decoration.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

For the past half-century his Victorian house has been known as Windmill Cove, named for the metal windmill that stands on the western edge of this waterfront property. For much of the twentieth century the farm was the residence of Joseph W. Brooks, Jr. (1863-1947) and his descendants. Joseph W. Brooks, Jr. was born at what was known as Brooks Landing at the head of Woolford Creek, and he married Unicy Ann Neild on December 29, 1884. In addition to a career as a farmer and shipbuilder, he also served as a founder and first chairman of the board of the Peoples Loan & Deposit Bank of Cambridge. He is recorded as purchasing this Fishing Creek farm in 1893 from Margaretta M. Skinner, a widow, which included 116 acres.<sup>2</sup> After the death of his first wife, Nicey Neild, he married Mary Lulu Stapleforte on June 25, 1919. The farm remained in under his ownership until his death in 1947, and it was sold two years later to Benjamin J. and Virginia T. Linthicum.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Personal Interview with Anne Brooks, 11.2.2012.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 17/375, 28 April 1893, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 77/450, 22 July 1949, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

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Windmill Cove  
5019 Brooks Road  
Woolford vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 39, Parcel 107

MLB 365/448

Edna Doughton Bogley, Trustee

to

11.7.1997

Rand D. and Pamela D. Weinberg

Lots 1 and 2, Windmill Cove Subdivision 14.85 acres

313/346

Edna Doughton Bogley

to

9.22.1994

Edna Doughton Bogley, trustee

PLC 209/783

William H. Pattison, Jr.

to

4.25.1979

Edna D. B. Pattison, now Edna Doughton Bogley

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179/330

KAW, Inc.

to

3.15.1973

William H. Pattison, Jr. and Edna B. B. Bogley

29.132 acres

PLC 160/700

John C. Burne and Eda M. Burne

to

6.29.1969

KAW, Inc.

124/365

Benjamin J. Linthicum, et ux. (Virginia T. Linthicum)

to

8.4.1961

John C. Burne, Jr. and Eda M. Burne

Home farm of the late Joseph W. Brooks, Jr.

116 acres, 3 roods, and 38 perches (conveyed to Benjamin J. Linthicum  
by Emerson C. Harrington, 7.22.1949, RSM 77/450

\$16,000

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RSM 77/450

Emerson C. Harrington, Jr. Attorney of Power of Attorney for owners Lulu S. Brooks, widow of Joseph W. Brooks, Glesner N. Brooks, Widower, H. Cleland Brooks, Fannie N. Brooks, his wife, Claude R. Brooks, Rubye E. Brooks, his wife, Clara B. Linthicum, Joseph F. Linthicum, Velma Brooks Delaha, Robert F. Delaha, her husband, all of Dorchester County, and by Phillips M. Brooks and Carrie E. Brooks, his wife of Annapolis, Maryland, and by Joseph W. Brooks, and Annie Brooks his wife of Port Arthur, Texas and by Donald S. Brooks, and Eunice Brooks, his wife, of Wilmington, Delaware,

to

7.22.1949

Benjamin J. Linthicum

\$16,000 sold at public auction at the courthouse door on Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1948, all of the farm known as the Joseph W. Brooks Home Farm

116 acres, and being the same farm which Margaretta M. Skinner, widow, conveyed unto the said Joseph W. Brooks, Jr. by deed dated April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1893, and recorded in CL 17/375, ...All that tract of land bequeathed by Col. John Jones of Dorchester County, to his son William F. Jones,...

CL 17/375

Margaret M. Skinner, widow

to

4.28.1893

Joseph W. Brooks, Jr.

\$1,000 all that tract of land bequeathed by Col. John Jones of Dorchester County to his son William F. Jones, it being a part of his plantation where the late Colonel John resided prior to his death and contained within the following metes and bounds, viz. Beginning at a locust post standing at the waters edge at the head of Back Cove, near the residence of the late Col. Jones...containing 116 acres

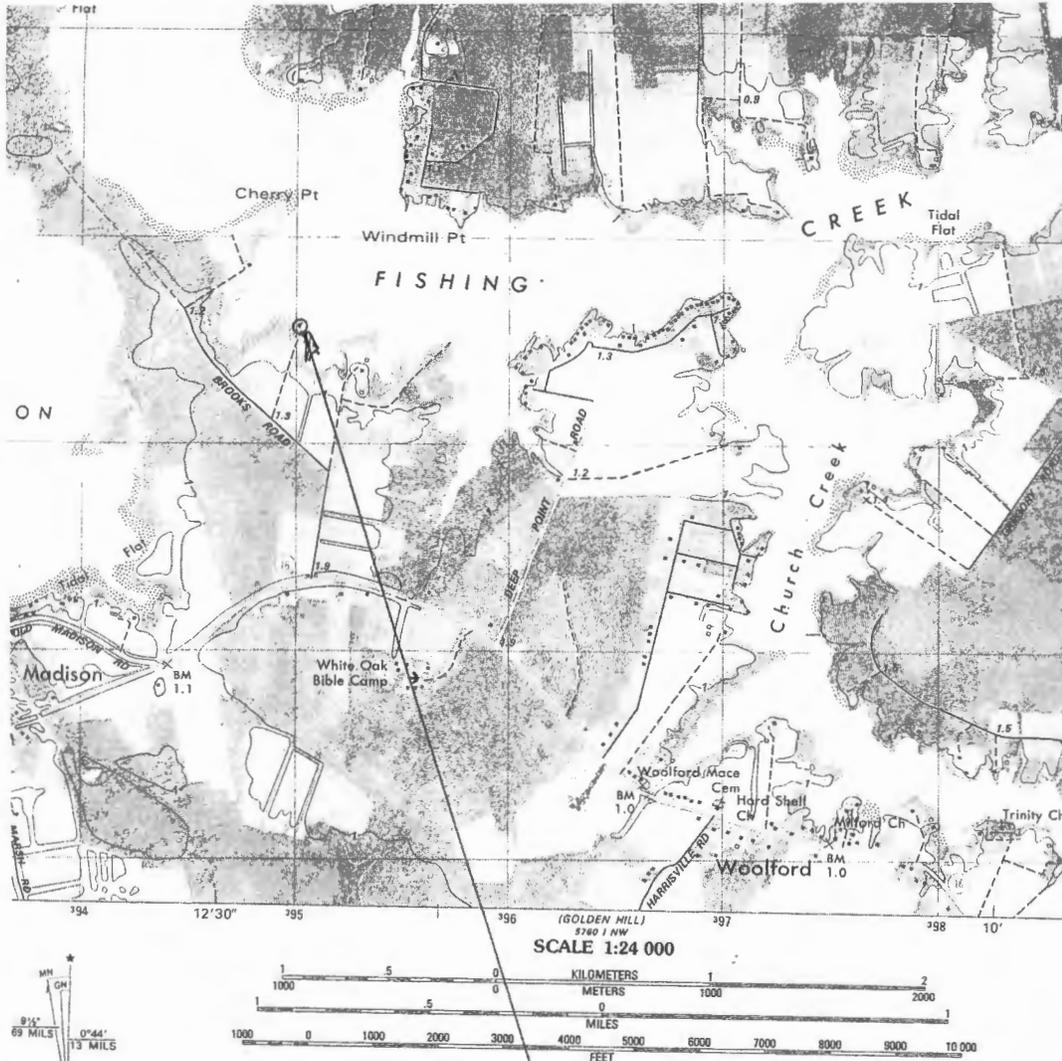
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SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
CONTROL AND OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.4 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Church Creek Quadrangle

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Interview with Rand D. Weinberg, 10.26.2012.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 14.85 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 116 acres  
Quadrangle name Church Creek, Md Quadrangle      Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10.26.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to:                    Maryland Historical Trust  
                                      DHCD/DHCP  
                                      100 Community Place  
                                      Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
                                      410-514-7600

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Windmill Cove  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Brooks Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Brooks Road, .5 miles north of Md. Rt. 16  
CITY OR TOWN:  
Woolford  
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	<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 checked="" 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:  
William H. Pattison, Jr.  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
Windmill Cove  
CITY OR TOWN: Woolford STATE: Maryland 21648

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. #): 179/330

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)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
	(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <del>at</del> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>Windmill Cove or Brooks Farm is an interesting combination of the mid-nineteenth century dwelling with later 19th century additions. The oldest portion is said to have been moved onto the property by barge. It is a typical two room with center hall, two story frame dwelling. To it was added a section of about equal size, set behind one of the two earlier rooms, extending in the same direction. Porches were built around the later section which extended from the back of the stair hall to the back of the original east fireplace. The facade of the latter section was farther embellished with two gables issueing from the attic roof. The "gingerbread" of the porch and gables is of the same period and adds to the decorative quality of the building.</p> <p>The house is presently undergoing extensive remodeling, including enclosing portions of the porch, covering the exterior with wood shingles and remodeling the interior for more convenient living space.</p>		

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Windmill Cove is important as a mid and late 19th century structure which grew as the family could afford the changes. It's in very good condition and portions of the house resemble the Bromwell Farm near Madison.

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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				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for acreage justification.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE:

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

14x1-78

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Windmill Core/Brake, Form

East End

6 Weeks

6/5/1