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Hiram Woolford House

Woolford

c. 1825, c. 1880

Private

The Hiram Woolford house is an exceptionally well-crafted frame dwelling, and it survives in remarkably intact condition. The western half of the two-and-a-half story house dates to the first quarter of the nineteenth century with exterior and interior woodwork finishes characteristic of the period. Flush beaded shiplap siding distinguishes the front and rear walls while the west gable end is covered with beaded weatherboards. Twelve-over-eight sash windows light the first floor interior, and these window openings are framed by beaded edge backbands fixed atop bullnose sills. Louvered shutters hung on strap hinges survive on the two front windows. Also indicative of the early nineteenth century are the exposed brick firewall on the first floor of the west gable end and the flush finish to the gable with a finely executed bargeboard finish. The lower end of the bottom bargeboard curves outward in a graceful execution to meet the end of the boxed cornice return. The first floor interior of the west half of the house boasts exposed beaded joists, flat-panel wainscoting, and built-in display cupboards that flank a Federal mantel and flat-panel overmantel. Fixed in the southeast corner of the first floor is a quarter turn staircase highlighted by a turned newel post, molded handrail and stick balusters.

Planter Hiram Woolford (d. 1862) married Mary Busick on April 16, 1818, and the couple financed this well-crafted house on Church Creek after the purchase of a small village parcel located on the north side of the county road in 1824. Hiram paid his father Stephen (or Steven) Woolford \$250 for the village parcel that also had access to

Church Creek and the Chesapeake beyond. In addition to the village house and lot, Hiram Woolford owned acreages in Blackwater known as "Stevens Gift," which had been inherited from his father, or "Jones Range" in "White Marsh."

Listed in the 1850 U.S. Census as a farmer with over \$5,000 in real estate and personal property, Hiram Woolford is grouped with his 48-year old wife, Mary and six children. The two eldest, Stephen, aged 26 and named after his grandfather, and 19-year old Hiram, Jr., are identified as "mariners" who worked the water and likely shuttled their father's produce and timber products to distant and local markets. The household also included Sarah E. Woolford, aged 18; Henrietta, aged 14; 7-year old James and 5-year old William. By the time the 1860 census was recorded, Stephen, Hiram and Sarah were no longer residents in their parent's house, but an additional three children, Mary, aged 14; Wilmina, aged 10, and 7-year old Annie were counted. In addition, the Woolford household included mariner William Elliott.

Two years after the 1860 census was taken, Hiram Woolford was dead. Through the bequests in his will, written and proved in March 1862, he left the village house to his wife Mary for her use and after her passing to their daughter Henrietta. To sons James and Stephen he devised the Stevens Gift tract in "Black Water," and to son William went another Black Water parcel.

For whatever reason, Mary Woolford and her daughter Henrietta, who had married Charles W. Breerwood, decided to sell the family homeplace, and in 1872 it was transferred to John J. Skinner for \$700. John J. Skinner and his wife Margaret M. Skinner maintained residency in the Woolford house until 1896, and they were likely the ones responsible for adding the late nineteenth-century additions and modifications to the

Federal style dwelling. The house served as the Skinner residence, but it also doubled as a small hotel serving visitors to Woolford that came in on the steamboat. The second floor plan of the rear wing included many small bedrooms.

Subsequent long-term owners following the Skinners were William H. and Nora E. Neild, who held title to the property during the first half of the twentieth century. Since the 1950s the house and creek lot have changed ownership several times.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hiram Woolford House

other "Waterworks"

### 2. Location

street and number 1624 Taylor's Island Road  not for publication

city, town Woolford vicinity

county Dorchester

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name Dean R. and Martha M. Spray

street and number 1624 Taylor's Island Road telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 399 folio 374

city, town Cambridge tax map 51 tax parcel 100 tax ID number 9-199284

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**  
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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 Hiram Woolford house, known for a period during the twentieth century as the "Waterworks" property, is located at 1624 Taylor's Island Road, in the Parson's Creek Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Built in several stages, the two-and-a-half story, five-bay frame dwelling rests on a low brick foundation and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of beaded weatherboards, beaded shiplap siding and plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-and-a-half story two-bay service wing dating to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Facing south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis, the property is located on the north side of MD Route 16, and the property backs up to a branch of Church Creek. The interior of the oldest section of the house, comprising the western three bays of the main block retains finely executed Federal woodwork including an original corner staircase, flat panel wainscoting, exposed and beaded floor joists, a Federal mantel and flat-panel overmantel and built-in display cupboards incorporating sliding shelves in between the upper and lower sections.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Hiram Woolford house is a two-and-a-half story, five-bay, single pile frame dwelling that stands on the south side of Church Creek at 1624 Taylor's Island Road in the village of Woolford, Dorchester County, Maryland. Dating from several periods between c. 1820 and c. 1880, the composite frame dwelling is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of beaded weatherboards, flush and beaded shiplap siding, or plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The two-and-a-half story five-bay front block is extended to the rear by a two-and-a-half story, two-bay service wing dating to the late nineteenth century, c. 1880-90.

The south (front) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with an even fenestration of twelve-over-eight and six-over-six sash windows. The western half of the main block comprises the oldest section dating around 1820, and it is a three-bay one-room plan structure that may have been built as a side hall/parlor plan house. The first floor is defined by a pair of twelve-over-eight sash windows that have beaded edge surrounds and bullnose profile window sills. Louvered shutters hung on strap hinges flank each window opening. In between the two windows is a closed door opening infilled with beaded shiplap siding to match the wall surfaces to each side. To the east of the oldest portion is the current front door, an adjacent six-over-six sash window. Sheltering the entire first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on chamfered posts with the east end enclosed with banks of sash windows. The second floor has an uneven fenestration with six-over-six sash windows and louvered shutters. Defining the south slope of the gable roof are four gable roofed dormers, two to the western half of the house date to the early nineteenth century and have flush diagonal board siding and six-over-six sash windows. The eastern half is marked by a pair of gable dormers with gable roofs, extended eaves and two-over-two sash windows. Rising through the west gable end is an interior end brick chimney stack.

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The west gable end of the oldest section is covered with beaded weatherboards. The first story is defined by an exposed common bond brick firewall that retains a portion of parging. The second story is defined by a pair of six-over-six sash windows framed by ovolo molded backband surrounds that rest on a bullnose sill. Four-pane windows light the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with a beaded edge and molded bargeboard that terminates at the top of boxed cornice. The lower end of the beaded bottom board has a graceful curve to meet the outer edge of the cornice return.

The north (rear) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay façade with flush beaded shiplap siding covering the entire wall surface. The first floor is defined by a paired set of twelve-over-eight sash windows in the center and flanking twelve-over-eight sash windows to each side. The second story is marked by an evenly spaced series of six-over-six sash windows. In between the first and second bay from the east cornerboard is a boarded up former door opening that may indicate the former presence of an exterior staircase. Centered on the roof is a pair of gable roofed six-over-six sash windows.

The east end of the early nineteenth century house is covered entirely by the two-and-a-half story two-bay front section that appears to date to the mid to late nineteenth century. Extending northward from the front section is the two-and-a-half story service wing built during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The rear wing is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, and each floor is lighted by two-over-two or late sash windows. The edge of the roof of the rear wing has extended eaves with returns, and an interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end. The rear wing is extended on the first floor by a single-story enclosed porch.

The interior was only partially seen, but the first floor of the oldest section retains nearly all of its original woodwork. Fixed in the southeast corner of the main room is a corner staircase featuring a turned newel post, molded handrail and stick balusters. Flat-panel wainscoting trims the perimeter of the room, and exposed beaded floor joists define the ceiling. The west end of the room is finished with a Federal mantel, flat-panel overmantel and built-in display cupboards to each side. Flat panel double doors survive above and below a middle bolection molding that incorporate sliding shelves.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<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.)

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Planter Hiram Woolford married Mary Busick on April 16, 1818,<sup>1</sup> and the couple financed a well-crafted two-story house on Church Creek after the purchase of a small village parcel of land located on the north side of the county road in 1824.<sup>2</sup> Hiram paid his father Stephen Woolford \$250 for the village parcel that had access to Church Creek as well. In addition to the village property, Hiram Woolford owned acreages in “Black Water” known as “Stevens Gift” inherited from his father, or “Jones Range” in “White Marsh.”

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Marriage Record, Maryland Marriages, 1655-; as cited in Jordan Dodd, Liahona Research, ancestry.com.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, ER 9/473-74, 17 September 1824, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

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Two years after the 1860 census was taken, Hiram Woolford was dead. Through the bequests in his will written and proved in March 1862, he left the village house to his wife Mary for her use and after her decease it was intended to pass to their daughter Henrietta.<sup>5</sup> To sons Stephen and James he devised the Stevens Gift tract in Black Water, and to son William went another Black Water parcel.

For whatever reason, Mary Woolford and her daughter Henrietta, who had married Charles W. Breerwood, decided to sell the family homeplace, and in 1872 it was transferred to John J. Skinner for \$700.<sup>6</sup> John J. Skinner and his wife Margaret M. Skinner maintained residency in the Woolford house until 1896, and they were likely the ones responsible for adding the late nineteenth century additions and modifications to the Federal style house. The house was their residence, but it also doubled as a small hotel with many small bedrooms included on the second floor of the north wing.<sup>7</sup>

A subsequent long-time owner following the Skinners were William H. and Nora E. Neild who owned the property during the first half of the twentieth century.<sup>8</sup> Since the 1950s the house and lot have changed ownership several times.

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<sup>3</sup> Seventh Census of the United States, Dorchester County Population Schedule (1850), Ancestry.com.

<sup>4</sup> Eighth Census of the United States, Dorchester County Population Schedule (1860), Ancestry.com.

<sup>5</sup> Dorchester County Probate Record, EWL 1/222, Written 1 March 1862; proved 10 March 1862; Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

<sup>6</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 8/543, 7 October 1872, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

<sup>7</sup> Interview with Anne Brooks, November 6, 2012.

<sup>8</sup> Dorchester County Land Records, CL 21/2, 1 June 1896; RSM 72/357, 20 May 1950, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

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Hiram Woolford House  
1624 Taylor's Island Road  
Woolford, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 51, Parcel 100

MLB 399/374

Thomas R. Schettler and Sandra L. Schettler

to

3.29.1999

Dean R. and Martha M. Spray

288/162

Alan B. Malnak, Jr.

to

5.14.1993

Thomas R. and Sandra L. Schettler

\$205,000

241/347

Michael C. Scilipoti and Judith A. Scilipoti

to

9.9.1986

Alan B. Malnak, Jr.

All that lot or parcel of land situate being in No. 9 or Church Creek Election District, which is more particularly described in a Certificate of Survey thereof issued January 11, 1987 by J. R. McCrone, Jr, Inc.

1.710 acres

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PLC 169/638

James T. Devine and Rita W. Devine, Potomac, Maryland

to

6.25.1971

Michael C. Scilipoti and Judith A. Scilipoti

PLC 150/696

Mary Margaret Macklin, widow

to

2.13.1967

James T. Devine  
(death of William A. Stewart Macklin on 10.5.1957)

RSM 72/357

Nora E. Neild

to

5.20.1950

William A. Stewart Macklin, Mary Margaret Macklin  
8 acres in the village of Woolford

CL 21/2

Margaret M. Skinner, Town of Cambridge

to

6.1.1896

William H. Neild and Nora E. Neild

\$1.400 "Homeplace of the late J. J. Skinner"

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FJH 8/543

Charles W. Breerwood, Henrietta Breerwood his wife and  
Mary Woolford, widow of Hiram Woolford, deceased

to

10.7.1872

John J. Skinner

\$700 all that house and lot lying and being in Church Creek Election  
District of said County known as the Home Place of Hiram  
Woolford, late of said County, deceased

FJH 6/512

Lewis Ross

to

11.19.1866

Charles W. Breerwood

\$500 ...All that tract of land lying on the south side of Church Creek  
in Dorchester County Maryland being that parcel of land devised to  
Henrietta Breerwood by her father Hiram Woolford, in fee, and the same  
that is now occupied by Mrs. Mary Woolford, widow of Hiram Woolford,  
containing 2 acres of land more or less

FJH 6/512

Charles W. Breerwood and Henrietta Breerwood

to

11.19.1866

Captain Lewis Ross

\$500 ....2 acres more or less

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Dorchester County  
Will Book  
EWL 1/222

Last Will and Testament of Hiram Woolford

To wife, Mary

Written  
3.1.1862  
Proved  
2.10.1862

the house and lot where I now live (over and above her thirds)  
during her Natural life and one bed & furniture

to sons Steven and James all that tract of Land called Stevens Gift  
lying and being in Black Water which land my Father to me by his  
last will

to son William all that tract of Land called Grimes, being all the balance  
of land in Black Water

to daughter Elizabeth all that lot of land in the White Marsh called Jones  
Range...and two hundred dollars

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Henrietta after my wife death, the  
House and lot where I now live and occupy to her and her heirs forever

ER 9/473

Stephens Woolford

to

9.17.1824

Hiram Woolford

\$250 ...south side of a creek now called Church Creek , north side of  
main road...2 acres

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1860 United States Census      Hiram Woolford, 65 M Farmer    \$600 Real Estate    \$6000 Personal Prop.  
Mary (Busick) Woolford, 56 F  
Henrietta, 23 F  
James, 17 M  
William, 15 M  
Mary, 14 F  
Willmina, 10 F  
Annie, 7 F  
William Elliott, 42 M Mariner

1850 United States Census      Hiram Woolford, 55 M Farmer    \$5000  
Mary    "            , 48, F  
Stephen "            , 26, M Mariner  
Hiram "            , 19 M Mariner  
Sarah E. "            , 18, F  
Henrietta "            , 14 F  
James "            , 7 M  
William W. "            , 5 M

Hiram Woolford and Mary Busick married on April 16, 1818.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Dorchester County Probate Records, Register of Wills, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Seventh Census of the United States, Dorchester County Population Schedule (1850), ancestry.com  
Eighth Census of the United States, Dorchester County Population Schedule (1860), ancestry.com

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.71 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 8 acres  
Quadrangle name Church Creek, 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	10.16.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

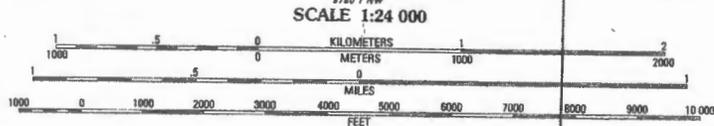
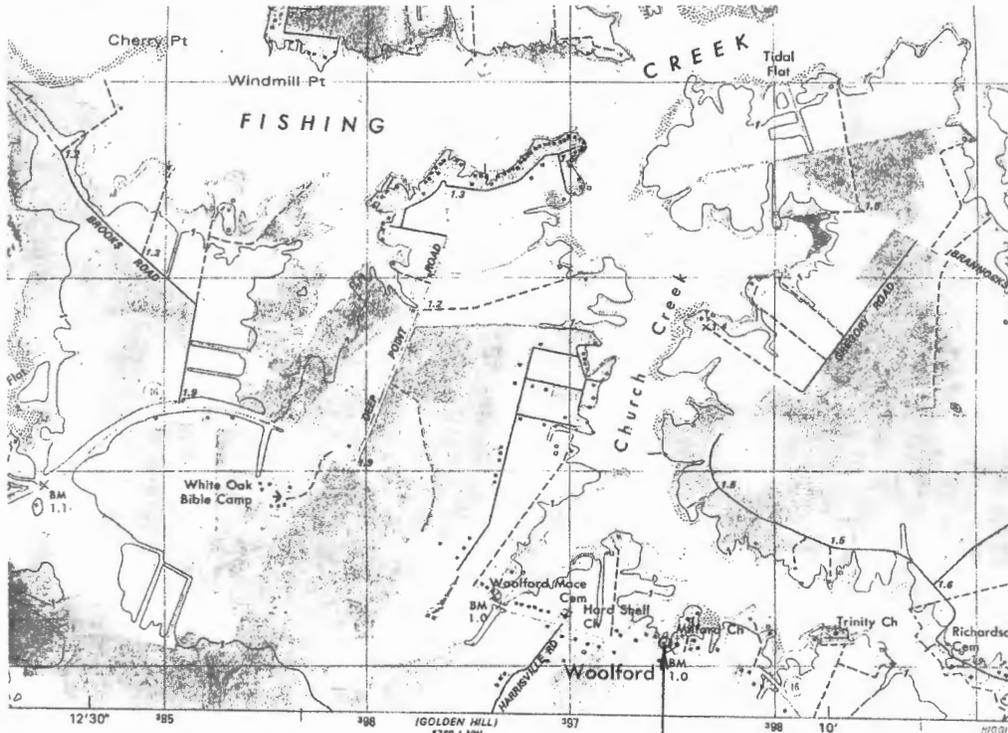
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
CONTROL AND OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE 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

MARYLAND  
QUADRANGLE LOC.  
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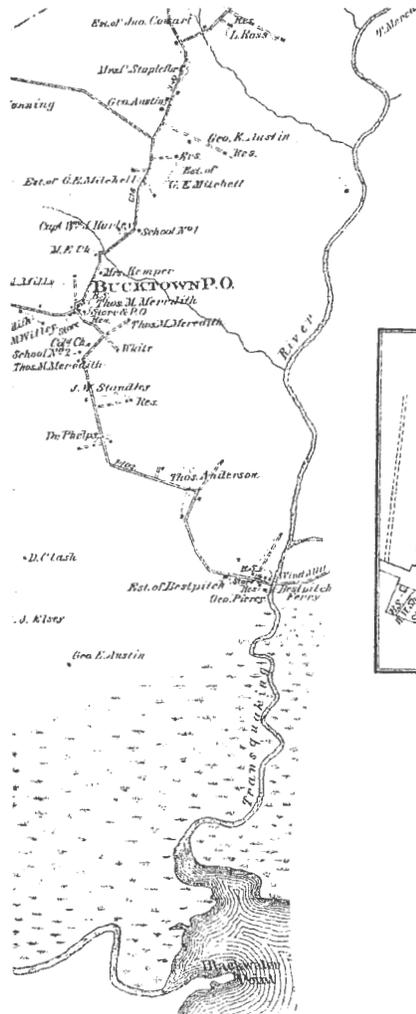
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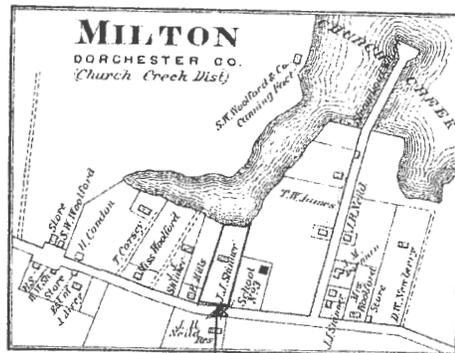
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DORCHESTER CO.

**BUCKTOWN DISTRICT REFERENCES.**  
JESSE B. WALL, Merchant and Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Books, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, and General Merchandise, Store at Westpitch Ferry, Bucktown P. O.



**MILTON BUSINESS REFERENCES.**  
SAMUEL W. WOOLFORD & CO. Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Drugs, Notions, Canned Fruits, Dry Stuffs, &c. All kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange at the highest cash price.

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— Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas—  
1877



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IRAN WOLFORD HOUSE

WOLFORD, DORCHESTER C. MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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171 RAN WOLFORD HOUSE

WOLFORD, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

NORTH ELEVATION

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North Elevation

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Woolfong, Dorchester  
Co., MD.

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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:  
The Waterworks

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rt. 16, .3 mile east of Harrisville Road

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	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"/> 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:  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Scilipote

STREET AND NUMBER:  
The Waterworks

CITY OR TOWN: Woolford STATE: Maryland 21677

**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. #): 121/495

**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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Waterworks is a handsome frame dwelling located in Woolford, formerly called Milton and before that, Loomtown. The major Portion of the house is a three bay long, two and one-half story structure covered with beaded ship-lap on front and back and beaded weatherboard on the one exposed gable end. The first story windows have 12/8 sash and the second story 6/6 sash. Originally there was a center door, which was removed recently. On the gable, the back of the fireplace is exposed to the second floor. Two windows light the second floor closets and two four-pane windows light the attic, beside the original dormers.

At least part of the two and one-half story wing is original, but which part is not easily discernible as the interior has been remodeled and an extension was built off the back, leaving only the siding of the facade to suggest an answer.

There is a one story porch across the entire facade, part of which is enclosed. An open leanto porch on the back side of the house is late 19th century.

The interior of the major section appears to have been a large living room with a stair room and smaller, unheated room adjoining the wing. These are all one room, but traces are visible in the floor and woodwork. The second story plan is same as the original first story. All of the ceiling joists are exposed and beaded and the fireplace wall is paneled in the manner of Mrs. Rubye Brooks house across the street. It is by far the most ambitious composition I have seen in such a house. With wide double doors to the cabinets which flank the fireplace. Between the upper and lower parts of the cabinets are slides, unique in the county.

Most of the wing appears to date from the late 19th century and in comparison to the old part has not the quality of craftsmanship.

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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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|--|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The house resembles the exterior details of the Brooks Farm, St. Giles Field, Medicine Hill and others. Its interior is comparable with Rubye Brooks house across the road. It is one of the richest vernacular houses in the county and ranks with those mentioned. Nothing yet is known of its history, but a study should be accomplished to determine the owners and what importance they bore to the community of Woolford.

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9. 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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

District 9, Map 51, p. 99

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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 21401

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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17. 10. 1964

18. 11. 1964

19. 12. 1964

20. 1. 1965