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## Seward House, (Old Seward House)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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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: Old Seward House																								
AND/OR HISTORIC:																								
<b>2. LOCATION</b>																								
STREET AND NUMBER: Morris Neck Road, 2 miles south of Rt. 343																								
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge																								
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Dorchester																					
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>																								
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS																				
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<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																				
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No																				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)																								
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>																								
OWNER'S NAME: St. Joe Paper Company																								
STREET AND NUMBER: Att: Blanche VanNelson, P.O. Box 1380																								
CITY OR TOWN: Jacksonville,			STATE: Florida	32201																				
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>																								
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. #): 38/382																								
<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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input checked="" 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			
<p>On the shores of Beckwith Creek stand the ruins of the Old Seward Home. It is a three bay long, one and one-half story frame structure built on brick piers. The walls are covered with beaded white pine weatherboard except the west wall which was replaced in 1937. The windows formerly had 9/6 sash on the first story and 6/6 in the two dormers on each side of the 'A' roof. Within the east gable stands a brick chimney. The existing north door appears to date from around 1880, having bold bolelection molding around the panels.</p> <p>Its floor plan consisted of a hall and parlor and the hall fireplace wall has vertical beaded white pine boards above the simple Federal mantel. There is an enclosed stair to the second story with closet beneath.</p>			

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**B. 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**

The building is worthy of being recorded before it falls entirely to the ground since it is representative of early 19th century vernacular structure, especially in the Neck district.

This portion of Morris Neck is called "Addition to Eccleston's Neck." The property passed into the hands of the Applegarth family in 1832 and was sold to Charles Seward in 1870. At the time of his death, the farm had to be sold and in 1910 it was purchased by Alfred I. DuPont who maintained a summer cottage on Cherry Island at the mouth of Beckwith Creek.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Laskowski Papers, 1955, p. 259

Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State, Oxford University Press, New York, 1941.

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 8, Map 28, p. 19

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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

41 x 1.62

75%

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M. Bourne Nov 1925