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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:  
Sarke Plantation

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Todds Point Road, .3 mile north of Rt. 343

CITY OR TOWN:  
Cambridge

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP  |   | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  |  |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><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:  
Cyrus G. Finley

STREET AND NUMBER:  
RFD 3, Box 139

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

**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. #):

**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 |
|           | (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

Sarke Plantation is a very large frame dwelling, nine bays long, two and one-half storys tall with chimneys set at the ends of the central five bays. To the rear of the structure is a large two story wing. Around the facade is a one story porch with small pediments to alleviate the otherwise plain lines. In the center of the roof is a wide gable which is probably a later addition. All of the windows have 1/1 sash and louvered shutters. The walls are covered with German siding. Two dormers flank the gable on each side. The gables of the structure have a pediment.

Possibly a portion of the building is early though it is difficult to tell from the exterior.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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

Sarke is an interesting type house which appears to have been built as a summer home in the first quarter of the 20th century, though it may have been constructed around an earlier dwelling house.

Sarke Plantation was patented in 1663 and was owned in the 17th century by Henry Trippe, who made his home there. Trippe was one of the important figures in 17th century Dorchester County, having been a commissioner and member of the General Assembly.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, 1966

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

District 8, Tax Map 18

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| NAME AND TITLE:<br>Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant |                         |
| ORGANIZATION<br>Maryland Historical Trust                   | DATE<br>Nov., 1975      |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Shaw House, 21 State Circle           |                         |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Annapolis                                  | STATE<br>Maryland 21401 |

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature

.12x1.39

75%

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M. Bourne Nov 1975