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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 Howard Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rt. 343, 1.7 miles west of Ross Neck Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Cambridge

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 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:
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Howard

STREET AND NUMBER:
RFD 3

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland ZIP: 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 ZIP: 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 175/133

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 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>The Howard Farm has proportions similar to the Rigby Seward House, Lloyds, but otherwise, it is an entirely different house. Most of these early dwellings had much in common, but none are exact copies of others, the details are entirely different. The house is a two part, one and one-half story frame dwelling, each part three bays long and center doors and the entire structure having three chimneys. The walls are covered with asbestos siding and the 'A' roof with asphalt shingles. The major portion of the house and all the dormers have 6/6 sash while the first story of the kitchen has 4/4 sash. There is a porch on the north side of the main part and the south side of the kitchen wing.</p> <p>"The house has a stairway in every room, and at one time had a fireplace in every room downstairs. It still has one fireplace with the original paneling over the mantel and across the wall. We still have the original floors in every room but the kitchen." From a letter from Mrs. G. Edwin Howard dated May 28, 1975.</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	osophy	_____
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 house is in a good state of preservation and ranks with the Neck District houses.

"Mr. Thomas Wrightson married Elizabeth Spedden and they owned the farm from 1845-1868. They had two sons, but both died very young, so when Mr. and Mrs. Wrightson died they left the farm to their nephew, Wrightson Spedden. Wrightson Spedden and his wife owned the farm from 1868-1897. They had seven children--two are still living. Franklin Spedden (the one you met) and Adelaide Shenk, Mr. Wrightson Spedden died in 1897 and his wife sold the property on (May 29, 1897 at public sale at the storehouse of Seward and Wheatley, at Hudson, unto Thomas J. Seward, he being the highest bidder, for the sum of two thousand seven hundred and sixty five dollars.)

It stayed in the Seward family until 1929, when my husband's Mother and Father, Eva Spedden and George H. Howard, bought it so then it came back into the family again. Now we (George Edwin Howard and Carolyn S. Howard) own the property, so it is still in the family." From a letter from Mrs. G. Edwin Howard dated May 28, 1975.

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:
 District 8, Tax Map 17, p. 117

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE May, 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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The Howard Farms

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M. Bourne

May 1975