

D-795
Bay Shore Road House
Taylor's Island
c. 1840-50
Private

The Bay Shore Road house, moved to this corner lot at its Hoopers Neck Road intersection during the early to mid twentieth century, is a rare survival in Dorchester County as representative of a once common house type occupied by a large portion of the white and black population of the Eastern Shore during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Dating around 1840-50, the single-story, one-room plan dwelling is covered with vertical board-and-batten siding typical of its mid nineteenth century date of construction. The north gable end, now featuring an exterior brick stove chimney, was originally fitted with an exterior brick chimney with a corbelled base and single flue stack. Seams in the patched siding indicate its original size. The one-room interior, characteristic of houses occupied by African-Americans during the early to mid nineteenth century, is finished with exposed and whitewashed framing members. Access to the loft is provided by means of a ladder enclosed behind a board partition.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-795

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Bay Shore Road House

2. Location

street and number Corner of Bay Shore and Hoopers Neck roads not for publication

city, town Taylor's Island vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Grace Foundation, Inc.

street and number P. O. Box 119 telephone

city, town Taylor's Island state MD zip code 21669-0119

4. Location of Legal Description

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

city, town Cambridge tax map tax parcel tax ID number

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing <u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing <u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing <u> </u>
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing <u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing <u> </u>

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The single-story, one-room plan frame house that stands at the intersection of Bay Shore and Hoopers Neck roads was moved to this site within the past century years from a site unknown to anyone presently living on the island. It is generally believed it was moved a relatively short distance from a site in and around the Lane M. E. Church since it was used by an African-American resident historically. Supported on a block pier foundation, the two-bay by one-bay frame house is sheathed with board-and-batten siding, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. The interior has an exposed joist ceiling, and exposed framing members coated with layers of whitewash.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Bay Shore Road house, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Bay Shore and Hoopers Neck Road, is a single-story, one-room plan frame house that was relocated to this site from a nearby, but unknown location. Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century (c. 1840-50), the two-bay by one bay frame structure is covered with vertical board-and-batten siding and the medium pitched gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal.

The northeast (main) elevation is a two-bay façade with a center vertical board door entrance flanked by a boarded over six-over-sash window opening. The board-and-batten siding of the front wall remains largely intact and rises to a plain boxed cornice that finishes the base of the roof.

The northwest gable end is a board-and-batten elevation with a roughly built brick stove chimney rising against the exterior. Behind the chimney stack on the first floor is a boarded over wall section that indicates the former size of the original base of the former exterior brick stack. Piercing the right side of the wall surface in the gable end is a boarded over four-pane window that formerly lighted the loft. The gable end is flush and finished with a simple bargeboard. The opposite southeast gable end is marked by a single six-over-six sash window opening on each floor, and the edge of the roof above the board-and-batten siding is finished flush with a plain bargeboard.

The southwest (rear) wall is pierced by a center door opening that is flanked on its left side by a six-over-six sash window opening. The door opening features a board-and-batten door. The base of the gable roof is finished with a plain boxed cornice.

The interior has an exposed frame with an open joist ceiling. Fixed in the northeast corner is an enclosed staircase with a ladder access to the loft. The framing is assembled with mature cut nails.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
Interview with John S. "Pat" Neild, Taylor's Island, 11.10.2010.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/4 acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Taylor's Island, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

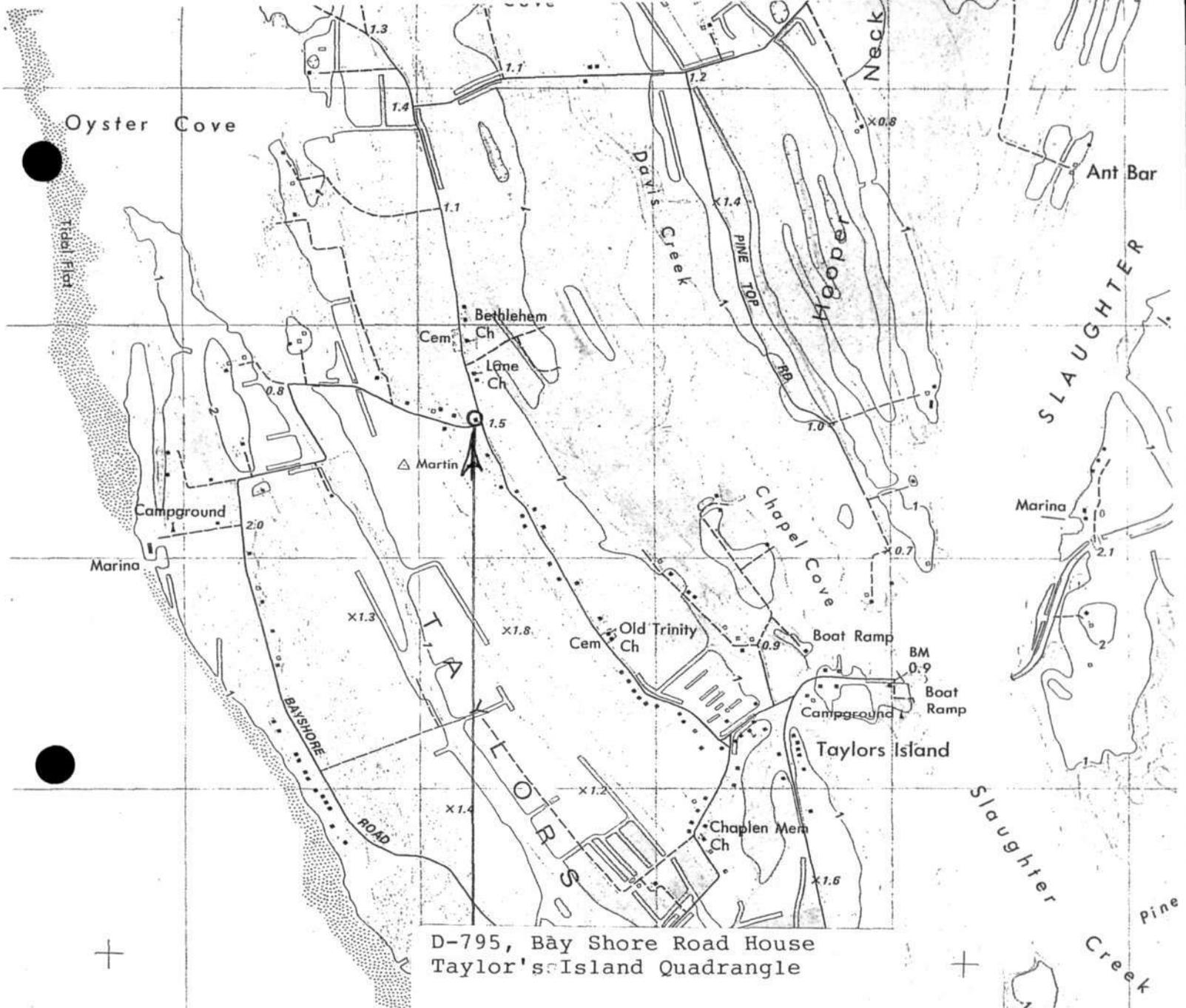
11. Form Prepared by

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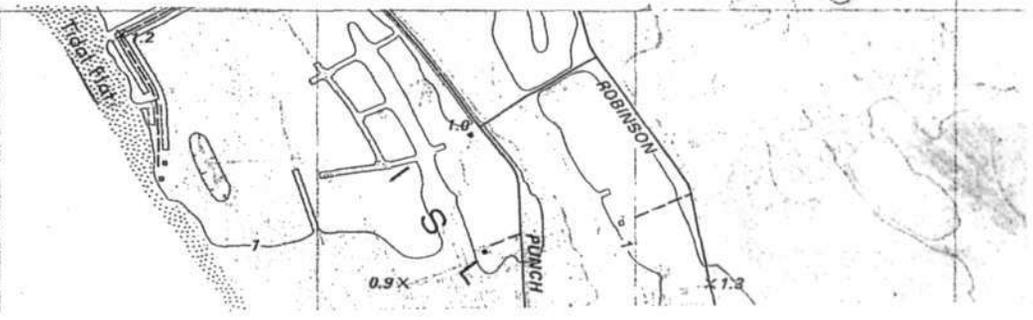
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Taylor's Island Quadrangle





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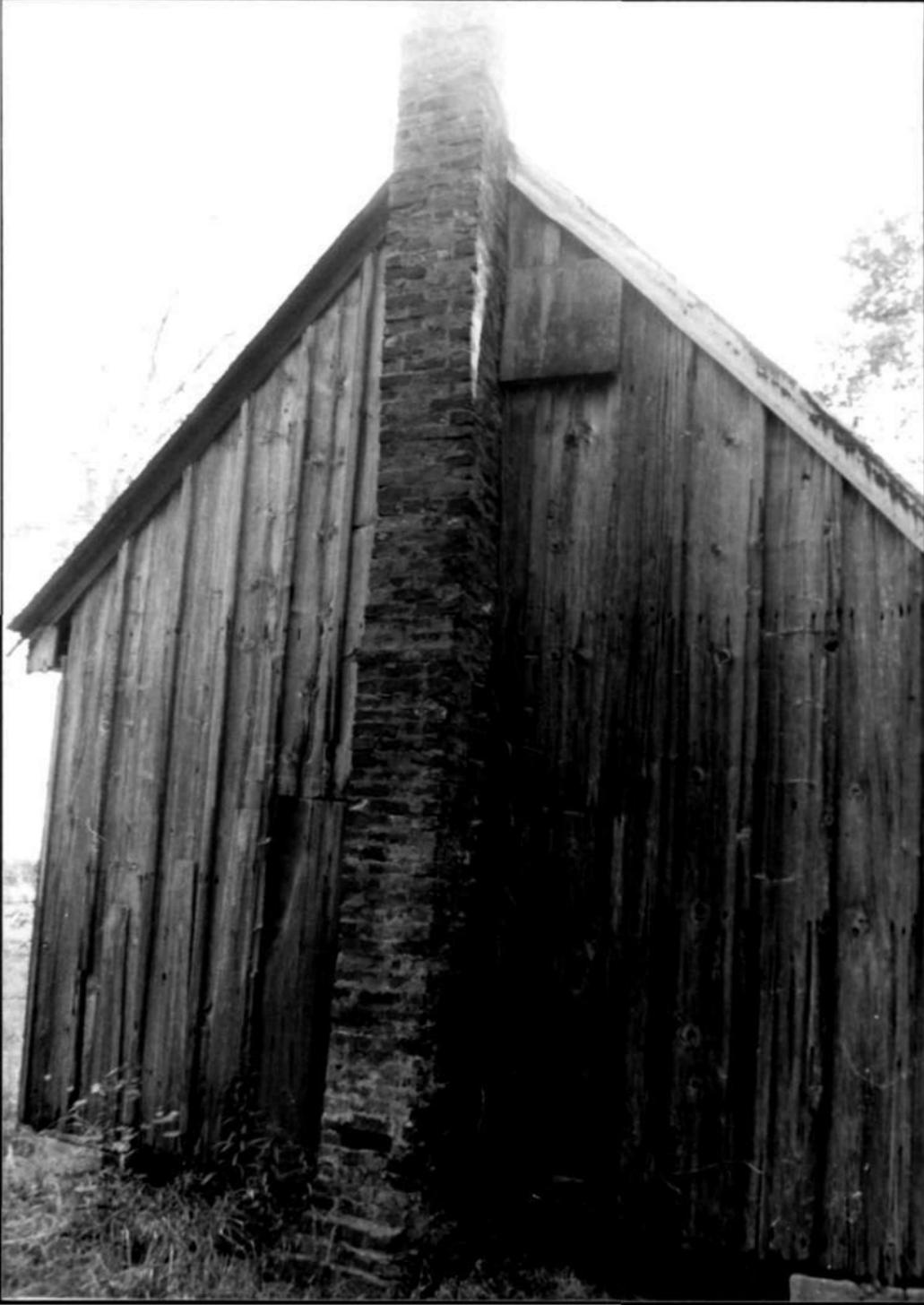
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Bay Shore Rd. House

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interior - north wall

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