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Travers Stapleforte Farm
Taylor's Island
c. 1815-20, c. 1880
Private

The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling facing Slaughter Creek incorporates an early nineteenth-century one-room plan house enhanced with Federal style exterior and interior finishes. Dating around 1810-15, the single-story or story-and-half dwelling was lighted by nine-over-six sash windows, and fitted inside with a gougework deecorated mantel and enclosed winder stair. During the late decades of the nineteenth century, the one-room plan dwelling was enlarged with an additional room on the first floor and a full second story.

The land record research for the small farm on Slaughter Creek tracks back to Travers Stapleforte (1810-1876), who is listed in the 1840 U.S. Census with four slaves. The property passed to his son William T. Stapleforte (1838-1903), and the 80-acre farm remained in the Stapleforte/Neild family until 1946.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Travers Stapleforte Farm

other _____

2. Location

street and number 4435 Pine Top Road not for publication

city, town Taylor's Island vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Charles W. Woods

street and number P. O. Box 22 telephone

city, town Taylor's Island state MD zip code 21659

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 269 folio 180

city, town Cambridge tax map 59 tax parcel 18 tax ID number 057201

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u>2</u>
				Total
				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 Travers Stapleforte farmhouse faces Slaughter Creek on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house is located at 4435 Pine Top Road, and it is located at the end of a tree-lined lane and is joined on the property with a single-story board-and-batten frame stable and a small frame garage. The house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. Built in stages, the central core of the house is a single-story, one-room plan dwelling dating to the first quarter of the nineteenth century (c. 1815-20) while the balance of the main block was built around 1880 in an effort to expand the house. A single-story kitchen wing extends to the southeast. The interior of the original early nineteenth century house retains an enclosed winder staircase and a period mantel on the fireplace.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Travers Stapleforte house is located at 4435 Pine Top Road on the eastern side of Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay main block, built in two distinct phases, was initially a single-story or story-and-a-half one room plan dwelling erected around 1810-15, whereas the balance of the main block dates around 1880. Supported on brick pier foundation, the exterior is clad in aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the southeast gable end is a single-story service wing. The house stands at the end of a tree-line lane and it faces Slaughter Creek.

The northeast (main) façade of the two-story main block is an asymmetrical elevation with the south or left side comprising the original early nineteenth century dwelling. A center six-panel door is topped by a four-light transom, and Federal era nine-over-six sash windows are located to each side. The three-bays of the original house are sheltered by a hip roofed screened-in porch. Around 1880, the original house was raised to a two-story height and lengthened one bay to the northwest. The northwestern bay on the first floor and the second floor windows openings are fitted with six-over-six sash windows. The edge of the gable roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The southwest (rear) elevation is a three-bay asymmetrical façade with an off-center entrance topped by a four-light transom, and a Federal nine-over-six sash window pierces the wall to the right of the doorway. The other first floor and second floor openings are filled with six-over-six sash windows.

The southeast gable end is largely covered by the single-story kitchen wing. Piercing the gable end of the main block is an interior end brick stove chimney typical of the late nineteenth century. The stove chimney is flanked by four-pane attic windows. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave.

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The interior of the original house retains Federal era features and woodwork including an enclosed winder staircase in the southwest corner of the original room, and a six-panel Federal door is fixed atop a set of exposed steps. The fireplace retains a Federal mantel with a molded surround, plain frieze board terminated with ogee curved ends, and gouge decorated mantel shelf. The room also features an early nineteenth century chair rail.

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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

This two-story, three-bay frame dwelling on Slaughter Creek incorporates an early nineteenth century one-room plan dwelling enhanced with Federal style finishes. Dating around 1810-15, the single-story or story-and-a-half dwelling was enlarged with the addition of a second floor and additional room to the northwest around 1880. To the southeast is a single-story kitchen wing.

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Travers Stapleforte Farmhouse
4435 Pine Top Road
Taylor's Island, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 59, Parcel 18

CHAIN-OF-TITLE

PLC 269/180

Frances Kolarek, Surviving Tenant

to

8.15.1991

Charles W. Woods

119/317

Ignatius L. Byrne and Catherine C. Byrne, Philadelphia, Pa.

to

6.10.1960

Joseph C. Kolarek and Frances Kolarek, Washington, D.C.

RSM 58/258

J. Stapleforte Neild and Mabel S. Neild

to

5.18.1946

Ignatius L. Byrne and Catherine C. Byrne

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CL 29/314

Charles Lake, Assignee

to

5.19.1904

Laura B. Stapleforte

\$1200 80 acres

Home farm of Travers Stapleforte, deceased

Will Book

Travers Stapleforte

to

William T. Stapleforte

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/2 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre
Quadrangle name Sharptown, MD-DEL 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.

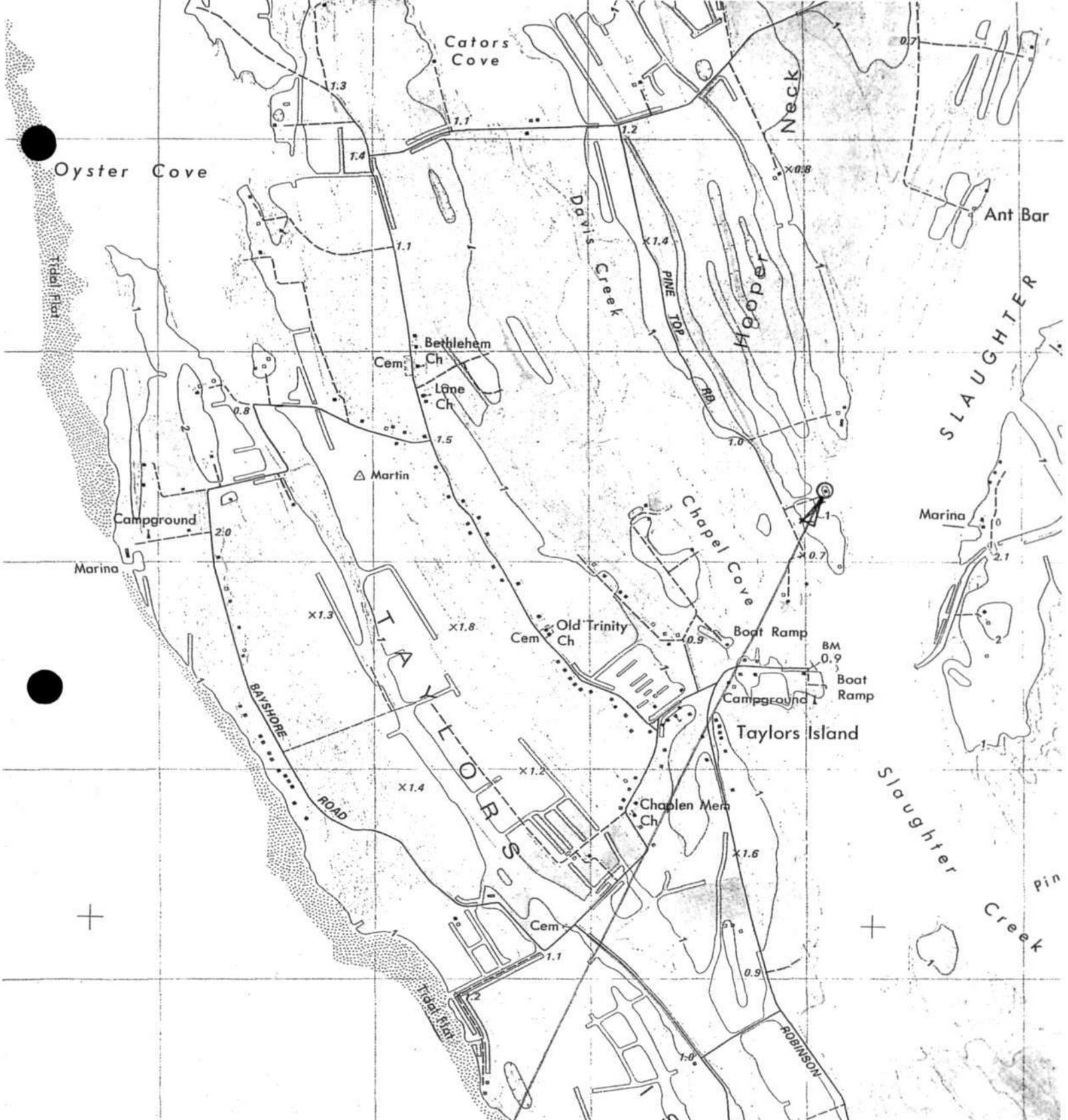
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	11.18.10
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

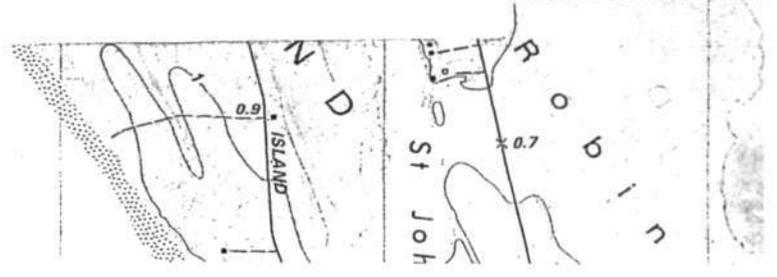
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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Taylor's Island Quadrangle





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TRAVENS STAPLE FVITE KARUM
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DORCHESTER
Co., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

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NEED/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST



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TRAVEL STAPLE ROUTE LARUM

TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DORCHESTER
Co. MD.

WEST ELEVATION

11.2010, PAUL B. TOURANT, PITTS.

NEED. / M.D. HISTORICAL TRUST

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TRAVEL STAPLE KRATE KRAM
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, DORCHESTER C., MD.

WEST ELEVATION OF BARN

11. 2010, PAUL B. TOUANT, WITUV.

(N.E. / M.D. INST. TRUST