

D-81
Clement Waters House
Bucktown
c. 1815
Private

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Waters added to his land holdings by acquiring significant acreages held in the estate of William T. Scott, who died intestate in 1808. The Dorchester County Court was empowered to assess the property belonging to William T. Scott on behalf of the minor heirs, and the commission ultimately decided to expose all the property for sale. As laid off by surveyor Henry Barrow, the first lot to be sold, parts of Taylor's Delight, Friendship, and Ennalls Regulation—including 127 acres, which "lay to the southward of the main road," was purchased by Clement Waters at \$24.25 per acre. Clement Waters also bought four of the small lots in the village of Bucktown, Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, which ranged in size from 78 ½ to 120 square perches. The auction results for the lots, yielding anywhere from \$100 to \$150 each, indicated that they were probably unimproved at the time. Planter Henry Scott purchased Lots 5 and 6 as well as a large portion of the farmland. Five years later, Henry Scott sold an improved lot in the crossroads village to Clement Waters, a parcel that had been purchased several years earlier in a transaction between William Scott and Edward Brodess for \$400, an improved lot that contained a "dwelling house." Clement Waters also surfaces in the land records as purchasing sizable amounts of personal property, such as household goods and livestock, some of which he probably kept as well as resold.

Clement Waters remained an active resident in the Bucktown crossroads community through the early nineteenth century, and after his death during the 1830s, his daughter, Jane Waters Parks (who married secondly, Benjamin Keene) sold the Bucktown property to William Corkran in March 1837 for \$3,200. William Corkran and later, David M. Corkran held title to the house and approximately 300 acres throughout the mid to late nineteenth century.

The next prominent owner of the Waters house was Thomas Merritt Meredith (1823-1881), who held title to thousands of acres in the Bucktown Election District during the third and fourth quarters of the nineteenth century. Through the vehicle of his will, written in February 1879 and probated two years later, he bequeathed to his son, McKenny White Meredith,

“all that farm or tract of land situated at or near Bucktown...which I purchased of James Wallace, trustee, for the sale of the real estate of David M. Corkran...also all that part of the Brodess land which I purchased of Caleb Shepherd, trustee for sale of the real estate of Henrietta M. Brodess...”

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McKenny White Meredith held onto the acreages that he inherited from his father throughout the balance of the nineteenth century and well into the twentieth until foreclosure proceedings on six farms surfaced during the Depression. The Bucktown house and its acreage was transferred by W. Lair Henry, Assignee, to the County Corporation of Maryland, which less than a month later, transferred the property to Edward L. and Georgia S. Meredith. Nearly four years later, the Merediths sold the farm, including 296 acres, to Herbert Hearn. During the mid to late twentieth century, the old Waters house and its acreage passed through a succession of owners until it was purchased by James W. and Susan E. Meredith in 1997. The couple has worked on a long-term restoration of the early nineteenth century house.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Clement Waters House

other Thomas M. Meredith House

2. Location

street and number 4231 Bestpitch Ferry Road not for publication

city, town Bucktown vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name James W. and Susan Meredith

street and number 4303 Bucktown Road telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 558 folio 230

city, town Cambridge tax map 63 tax parcel 9 tax ID number 13-001723

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	Noncontributing
<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"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				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 Thomas M. Meredith house, historically known as the Clement Waters house, is a prominent early nineteenth century frame dwelling that stands on a ridge of knoll on the southeast side of the Bucktown crossroads in the center of the Bucktown Election District in Dorchester County, Maryland. Facing west, the principal gable roof is oriented on a north/south axis. Built around 1815, the two-story, side hall/double-pile frame dwelling is supported by a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of beaded and plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof, rebuilt around 1877, has extended eaves with returns and an asphalt shingle covering. Attached to the front of the main block is a single-story hip roofed Victorian porch. Extending from the south side is a rebuilt story-and-half service wing that occupies the footprint of the original wing. The interior of the main block has survived with a very high percentage of its original Federal style woodwork including mantels, flat-panel wainscoting and a decorated staircase that rises to the finished third floor. During the mid twentieth century the original plaster was stripped from all by one second floor room. In its place the interior was finished with wallboard.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Clement Waters house, also known as the Thomas M. Meredith house is a large two-and-a-half story, side hall/double-pile frame dwelling built around 1815 on a knoll overlooking the Bucktown village crossroads in central Dorchester County, Maryland. Supported on a continuous brick foundation, the braced frame dwelling is covered with a combination of beaded and plain weatherboards, and the steeply pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south gable end is a single-story kitchen wing that has been rebuilt using old materials salvaged from the original wing. The wing has also been enlarged to the east with a single-story addition. Joining the house on the site is a small frame dairy building dating from the mid nineteenth century.

The west (main) elevation of the main block is a three-bay façade with a side entrance and two four-over-four sash windows that light the front parlor. The front door is replacement and is partially glazed. The door opening is framed by a four light transom and four-light sidelights dating from the mid nineteenth century. Sheltering the three openings is a turned post, hip roofed front porch. The second story is marked by three nine-over-six sash windows dating from the early nineteenth century. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed bed and crown moldings. Defining the steeply pitched roof is a pair of mid nineteenth century gable roofed dormers fitted with six-over-six sash windows.

The north gable end is defined by a large expanse of Flemish bond brickwork in an exposed firewall that rises to the height of the second floor joists. Flanking the exposed brick firewall are nine-over-nine sash windows. A twisted iron shutter pintel remains fastened in the firewall brickwork as do anchors for a lightening rod system. The second floor is defined by a pair of nine-over-six sash windows located

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directly in line with the first floor windows. The attic is lighted by two four-over-four sash windows, one located to each side of the interior end brick chimney stack. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave that is dated to 1877 by an inscription found in the attic.

The east side of the main block is defined by nine-over-nine sash windows on the first floor and nine-over-six sash windows on the second. A long window on the second floor has been closed up with plain weatherboards. The south side of the main block is largely covered by the story-and-a-half service wing that has been rebuilt and enlarged during the late twentieth century.

The interior of the main block retains a very high percentage of its original Federal period woodwork including mantels, flat-panel wainscoting, door surrounds, and a decorated staircase that rises to the third floor. The staircase has a square profile newel post, molded cap, and decorated stringer. The space beneath the staircase is enclosed and finished with flat paneling. The staircase soffit under the first landing is finished with flat paneling as well. A short four-panel door opens into the stair closet. Most of the hardware was replaced during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Other than the second floor front chamber, the interior has been gutted of its original plaster. Exposed in the back parlor is a ell-shaped corner post. The attic, which was originally finished with lath and plaster, has been gutted and left with exposed framing. Double-struck cut nails are evident in the nailed collar beam joints. A mixture of wrought and cut nails were used in fastening the lath.

The only surviving outbuilding is a single-story frame dairy that stands north of the house. Supported on an early to mid nineteenth century brick foundation with an excavated cellar pit, the gable-front frame structure is partially sheathed with plain weatherboards. A gable-front extension, sheathed with a combination of vertical boards and lattice, shelters the board door.

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

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, HD 20/252, 31 March 1803, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

² Dorchester County Land Record, HD 27/134-148, 24 October 1809, Dorchester County Courthouse. The Dorchester County Court appointed John Williams, Richard Pattison, Thomas Stephens, Samuel Brown and John Breerwood as commission to evaluate the

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Clement Waters remained an active resident of the Bucktown crossroads community through the early nineteenth century, and after his death during the 1830s, his daughter, Jane Waters Parks, who married secondly, Benjamin Keene, sold the Bucktown property to William Corkran in March 1837 for \$3,200.⁵ William Corkran and later David M. Corkran held title to the house and approximately 300 acres throughout the mid to late nineteenth century.⁶

The next prominent owner of the Waters house was Thomas Merritt Meredith (1823-1881), who held title to thousands of acres in the Bucktown Election District during the third and fourth quarters of the nineteenth century. Through the vehicle of his will, written in February 1879, he bequeathed to his son, McKenny White Meredith,

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lands of William T. Scott, deceased, after a petition from Arthur Rich, dated 27 March 1809, Dorchester County Courthouse. The lands held by William T. Scott, deceased, were platted by surveyor Henry Barrow. The tracts included parts of Taylor's Delight and Taylor's Delight Resurveyed, which included about 467 ¼ acres, Ennalls Regulation, encompassing about 40 acres, and Partnership and Meadow Ground about one acre and also “the quarter part of Buck Town.” The reference to a quarter part of Buck Town was later sold as six individual lots of varying size measuring from 78 ½ square perches to 120 square perches.

³ Dorchester County Land Records, ER 2/610, 31 January 1814, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Records, Bill of Sale, HD 15/599, 7 March 1800, John Mills to Clement Waters; Bill of Sale from Peregrine Duling to Clement Waters, HD 16/547, 2 February 1801, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 16/112, 25 March 1837, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁶ Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 3/281, 28 June 1854; CL 3/471, 2 April 1881, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

⁷ Dorchester Count Probate Record, EWL 2/350, Written 19 February 1879, proved 17 May 1881, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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⁸ Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 36/281, 25 August 1937, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁹ Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 36/342, 11 September 1937, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

¹⁰ Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 42/548, 25 April 1941, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

¹¹ Dorchester County Land Record,

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4231 Bestpitch Ferry Road
Bucktown

Map 63, Parcel 9

MLB 558/230

The National Bank of Cambridge

to

12.31.2003

James W. Meredith and Susan E. Meredith

\$115,000

107.03

541/728

James W. Meredith and Susan E. Meredith

to

9.11.2003

The National Bank of Cambridge

358/88

Constance D. Galloway

to

6.19.1997

James W. Meredith and Susan E. Meredith

107.09 acres

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198/802

Ralph C. Lewis, Sr. and Mildred H. Lewis

to

2.25.1977

Robert C. Galloway and Constance D. Galloway

(Death of Robert C. Galloway, 5.2.1996)

PLC 164/353

Margaret M. Cox, Attorney-in-Fact for Helen H. Bolton, widow

to

5.8.1970

Ralph C. Lewis and Mildred H. Lewis

\$9,500

PLC 152/159

Calvin Harrington, Jr. and Eleanor D. Harrington

to

6.21.1967

Helen H. Bolton, widow

107.09 acres

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152/154

Helen H. Bolton, widow
Margaret M. Cox, widow

to

6.21.1967

Calvin Harrington, Jr.

Lot No. 2

PLC 145/671

William J. Lowe and Rebecca N. Lowe

to

2.11.1966

Helen H. Bolton and Margaret M. Cox, joint tenants

RSM 97/231

John F. Luthy, Martha S. Luthy, et al. (Otto C. Luthy, Mary V.
Luthy, John F. Luthy, Jr, and Marilyn H. Luthy)

to

1.16.1956

William J. Lowe and Rebecca N. Lowe

107.09 acres

RSM 80/575

Herbert Hearn and Edith S. Hearn

to

1.19.1953

John F. Luthy and others

Part No. 1 107.09 acres

Part No. 2 189.39 acres

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RSM 42/548

Edward L. Meredith and Georgia S. Meredith

to

4.25.1941

Herbert Hearn

296.48 acres

JFD 36/342

County Corporation of Maryland

to

9.11.1937

Edward L. Meredith

JFD 36/281

W. Laird Henry, Assignee for foreclosure on six mortgages

to

8.25.1937

County Corporation of Maryland

... it being the same property that was devised unto McKenny W. Meredith by his father Thomas M. Meredith, EWL 2/350

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Dorchester County
Will Book
EWL 2/350

Last Will and Testament of Thomas M. Meredith

To, son McKenny White Meredith

Written
2.19.1879
Proved
5.17.1881

Fourth: I give and devise unto my dear and well beloved son McKenny White Meredith all that farm or tract of land situated at or near Bucktown... which I purchased of James Wallace trustee for the sale of the real estate of David M. Corkran, deceased....also all that part of the Brodess land which I purchased of Caleb Shepherd, trustee, for the sale of real estate of Henrietta M. Brodess and others to him the said McKenny White Meredith

...Storehouse and premises known as the Bradshaw Property at Bucktown...to be sold...

CL 3/471

James Wallace, Trustee

to

4.2.1881

Thomas M. Meredith

\$3950.00 ...to all those tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Bucktown Election District...and in the immediate vicinity of the village of Bucktown which were conveyed by William Corkran to David M. Corkran by deed dated 6.28.1854, FJH 3/281

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FJH 3/281

William Corkran

to

6.28.1854

David M. Corkran

\$3,200 ...being the lands devised by Clement Waters, late of Dorchester County, to his daughter Jane Waters, afterwards, Jane W. Keene, "Home Farm of Clement Waters and containing by estimation 300 acres...being the land conveyed to said Corkran by said Benjamin Keene and Jane W. Keene

ER 16/112

Benjamin Keene and Jane Waters Keene

to

3.25.1837

William Corkran

\$3,200 300 acres ...all those tracts or parts of tracts or parcels of land being in Dorchester County, and within immediate vicinity of Buck town, being part of the same lands which were devised by Clement Waters, late of Dorchester County, deceased, to his daughter Jane Waters Parks, now Jane Waters Keene, as above named, that is to say (excepting and reserving the lot the house and other improvements with the Lot which encloses the same) let the said tracts be called what they may and containing by estimation three hundred acres of land more or less, the house and lot hereby excepted and reserved is the same whereon the said Benjamin Keene now resides, opposite the late dwelling of Clement Waters, deceased...

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ER 2/610

Henry Scott

to

1.31.1814

Clement Waters

\$400 ...all that Lot and parcel of Ground in Bucktown purchased by William Scott of Edward Brodess it being part of a tract called Ennall's Regulation and comprised within the following lines, Beginning at the first boulder of a tract of land called Taylor's Delight thence ...to a Sassafras post standing by the said [side] of an apple tree...thence to a Sassafras post...thence to the outlines of said Ennalls Regulation...thence to a Sassafras post standing on the side of the County road and near the northwest corner of the dwelling house on the said lot of ground....

HD 27/134-148

Commissioners John Williams, Richard Pattison, Thomas Stephens, Samuel Brown and John Breerwood, to divide lands of Thomas T. Scott

to

10.24.1809

Clement Waters

...that a certain Thomas T. Scott late of the County aforesaid died Intestate in the year 1808 seized and possessed in fee simple of the following tracts and parts of tracts of Land in said County to wit, a tract called Taylors Delight, part of a tract called Taylors Delight Resurveyed, a tract called Partnership, part of a tract called Ennalls Regulation, part of a tract called Meadow Ground, a house and Lott in the town of Cambridge, and an unimproved Lot in said Town, and leaving the following persons his heirs at Law, to wit, Mary Pitt, Henry Scott, Samuel Scott, and Elizabeth Rich, the wife of your petitioner all of full age, Elizabeth Scott, George

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Scott, John Scott, and Mary Scott, Children of William Scott deceased who was brother of said Thomas T. Scott, which Children are all Minors under the age of twenty one years, and William Scott, the son of Joseph Scott deceased, who was also a brother of the said Thomas T. Scott and which William Scott is a minor under the age of twenty one years, the said Petitioner did therefore pray that our said Judges would appoint five discreet and sensible men to make a division of said Land, House and Lots, and direct a Commission to be issued to them for that purpose According to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided... Now therefore Know ye that we have nominated and appointed and do by these presents authorise (sic) and empower the said John Williams, Richard Pattison, Thomas Stephens, Samuel Brown, and John Breerwood Our commissioners to execute the purposes prayed for by the said Petition, and after having given reasonable notice to the said Mary Pitt, Henry Scott, Samuel Scott, and Elizabeth Rich and your petitioner the said Henry Scott being appointed by the Court Guardian to the said Elizabeth Scott, George Scott, John Scott, and Mary Scott who are minors and the said Samuel Scott being appointed by the Court guardian to the said William Scott, who is a minor

To the honorable the Chief Judge, and his Associates of Dorchester County Court—In Virtue of the powers vested in us by the annexed Commission We Certify and Return that in Execution of the said Commission We in the first place took the Oath accompanying it and then gave reasonable notice to all the parties concerned of the manner of our proceeding in the Execution of the said Commission before any other proceedings was had and that in Conformity with such notice we met on the Land mentioned in said Commission on the thirtieth day of November Eighteen hundred and Eight and then took into Consideration every circumstance relative to said Lands and were of the opinion and did so adjudge and determine that the said Land could not be divided without loss and injury to all the parties interested for following reasons, to wit, 1st there being six representatives or shares in said Land, 2nd there being a scarcity of woodland to support so many parts 3^d if said land was divided the buildings would be all on two parts, for the aforesaid reasons, We thought a division impracticable, we then appointed Mr. Henry Barrow Surveyor to lay down the Lands Transquakin, which are as follows, to wit Taylors Delight, and Taylors Delight Resurveyed, We find to contain about four hundred and sixty seven acres and three quarters, Ennalls Regulation about forty acres,

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and Partnership and Meadow Ground, about one acre which tracts are parts of tracts included the dwelling plantation of the late Mr. John Scott, and also the quarter part of Buck Town, we did further adjudge and determine the real value of said Lands with all improvements thereon be nine thousand Dollars, We then proceeded to the town of Cambridge to examine the house and lott and the unimproved Lott as mentioned in the annexed Commission and We did also further adjudge and determine that the Brick house and lot with other Improvements thereon to be worth twelve hundred dollars and the unimproved Lot to be worth two hundred and twenty Dollars, for a further description of said Lotts reference may be had to the Deed of bargain and sale John Scott from Mary Pattison bearing date the ninth day of July seventeen hundred and ninety nine and recorded among the records of Dorchester County in Liber HD 15/188-89, Total amount of the whole valuation together is ten thousand four hundred and twenty Dollars—In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals This twelfth day of January Eighteen hundred and nine

And Mary Pitt the person entitled by Law affixed the following letter, which ...as follows, to wit: To the honorable the Judges of Dorchester County Court, I hereby give my Consent to an order of sale for the real Estate of my brother Thomas T. Scott deceased and declare that I have no will to take the said Estate at the Valuation---

Mary Pitt

And Arthur Rich, Henry Scott and Samuel Scott the other heirs entitled by Law to take the Lands at Valuation made by the Commissioners aforesaid came hereinto Court and refused to take the said Lands at the Valuation aforesaid and prayed that the same might be sold, and thereupon at prayer of the Parties aforesaid, the Court made the following order to wit.

March Term 1809

Messrs. John Williams, Richard Pattison, Samuel Brown, and John Breerwood, four of the Commissioners heretofore appointed on the Petition of Arthur Rich to value and divide the Lands of Thomas T. Scott deceased....

We did then and there strike off and sell the said parts of the Land

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with the appurtenances to Clement Waters for the sum of twenty four Dollars and twenty five Cents by the acre for each and every acre thereof He the said Clement Waters having bid the same sum for each acre thereof, and being the highest bidder for the same, which purchase money in the whole amounts to the sum of three thousand and seventy nine dollars and seventy five cents, secondly, all that Lott of Land described as on the annexed afsd by Lot No. 1 containing seventy eight and one half square perches, we did expose to public sale, it being also part of the Lands and Tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott deceased and WE did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. 1 with the appurtenances to the said Clement Waters for the sum of one hundred and fifty five Dollars, he the said Clement Waters having bid the said last mentioned sum and being the highest bidder for the same Lott No. 1, Thirdly we did expose to public sale Lott No. 2 described also on the annexed Plott containing one hundred and twelve square perches, being also part of the Lands and tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott, deceased, and we did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. with the appurtenances to the said Clement Waters for the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars and seventy five cents; ... We did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. 3 with appurtenances to the said Clement Waters for the sum of one hundred dollars, he having bid the last mentioned sum, and thereby became the highest bidder for the same, Fifthly, we did expose to public sale Lot No. 4 described on the annexed Platt containing one hundred and twenty square perches, being also part of the lands and tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott dec'd, and that we did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. 4 with appurtenances to the said Clement Waters for the sum of one hundred Dollars, he having bid the last mentioned sum and thereby became the highest bidder for the same, Sixthly, we did exposed to public sale Lott No. 5 also described on the annexed plot, containing one hundred and Forty seven square perches, being also part of the Lands and tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott deceased, and that We did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. 5 with the appurtenances to Henry Scott for the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents, he having bid the same last mentioned sum... Seventhly, we did expose to public sale Lott No. 6 also described on the said annexed Plott, containing forty two square perches being also part of the lands and tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott deceased, and that we did then and there strike off and sell the said Lott No. 6 with appurtenances to

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the said Henry Scott for the sum of two hundred and seventy three Dollars he having bid the said last mentioned sum, Eighthly, and Lastly we did expose to public sale all the remainder of the Lands and Tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott deceased lying and being in Transquakin and County aforesaid which are also described by the said annexed plot containing three hundred and seventy seven and three quarters acres and thirty five perches, and that we did then and there strike off and sell the said remainder of the Lands and Tenements of of the said Thomas T. Scott deceased not before sold being parts or parcels of Land called as aforesaid, with the appurtenances to the said Henry Scott for the sum of twenty dollars by the acre for each and every acre thereof he the said Henry Scott having bid the said last sum for each acre...which last purchase money in the whole amounts to the sum of seven thousand five hundred and fifty nine Dollars and thirty seven cents and one half of a cent...

...we appointed the twenty fourth day of May last for the sale of the Lands and tenements of the said Thomas T. Scott, deceased, lying and being in the town of Cambridge in the County aforesaid, at public auction on the premises....We did set up Advertisements at the Court house door and other public places in the County aforesaid and neighborhood, giving notice for more than forty preceding days of our intention to sell the the said last mentioned lands and tenements...and that we did strike off and sell the brick house and Lott on which Mrs. Shippy lives, and the unimproved lott mentioned in our return to the Commission aforesaid... both of which John Scott deceased purchased from Mary Pattison...to Arthur Rich, to wit, the brick house and lot afsd. for the sum of thirteen hundred and one dollar and the unimproved lott afsd for the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars, he the Arthur Rich having bid those sums for the same, and being the highest bidder for the said last mentioned two Lotts, which last mentioned purchase money in the whole amounts to the sum of fifteen hundred & fifteen dollars...In Testimony we have hereto set our hands and affixed our representatives seals this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine

Total amount of Henry Scotts purchases are		\$ 7952..87..50
D[itt]o of Clement Waters	D[itt]o	3590..50
Do of Arthur Richs	Do	1515..

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	To[al]	\$
Each representative share Except W.S. heirs		13,058..37..50
Each of William Scotts children		2,176..59..58
		544..9..89

Dorchester County
Marriage Record
Dorchester County
Circuit Court Marriage
Records, 1780-1867
Wolston, B. Jean,
Wier Neck Publications, 1995
p. 113.

Clement Waters married Sarah McNamara, 3.27.1786

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.00 acre _____

Acreage of historical setting 300 acres _____

Quadrangle name Blackwater River Quadrangle _____ 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	8.2.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

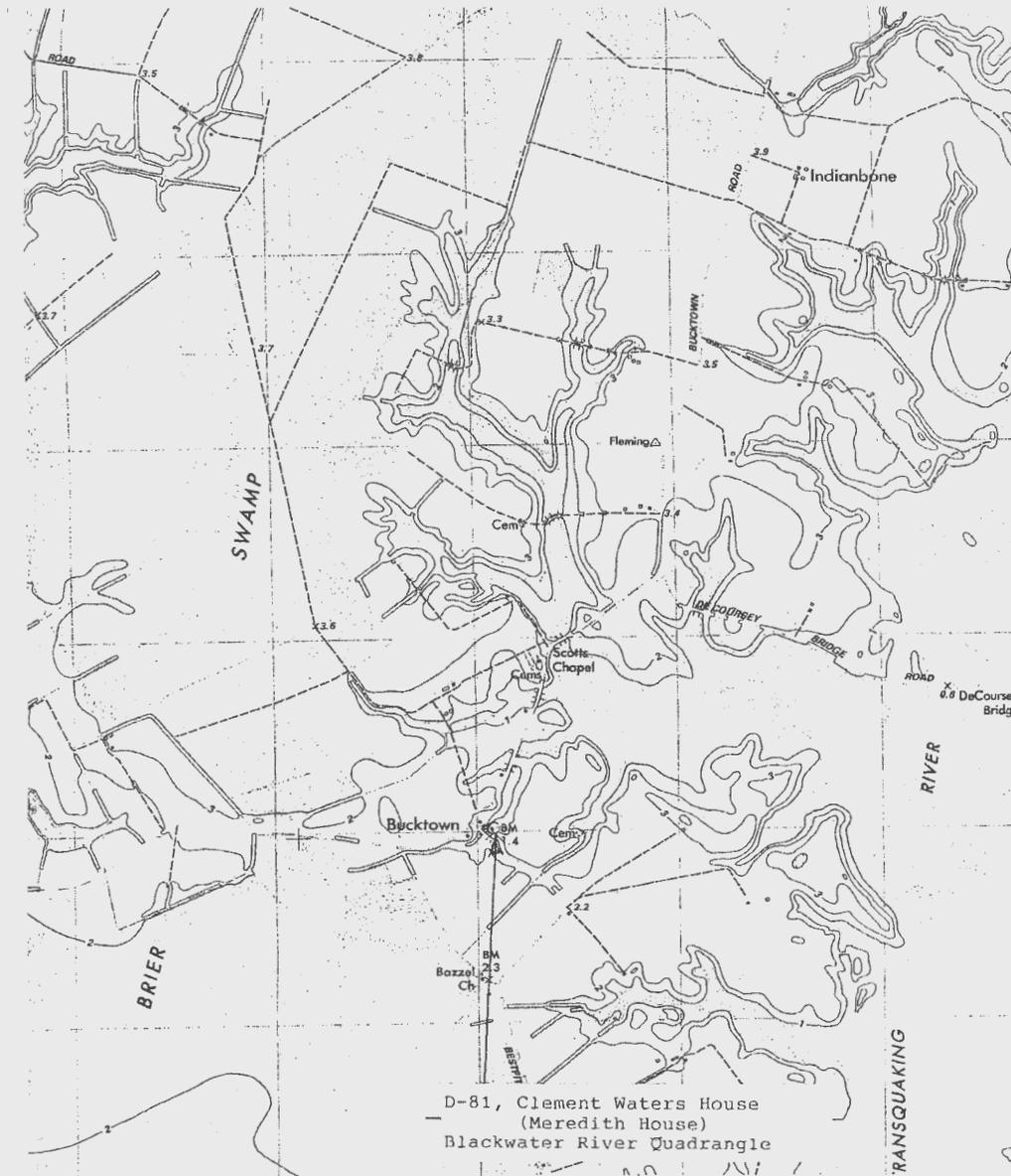
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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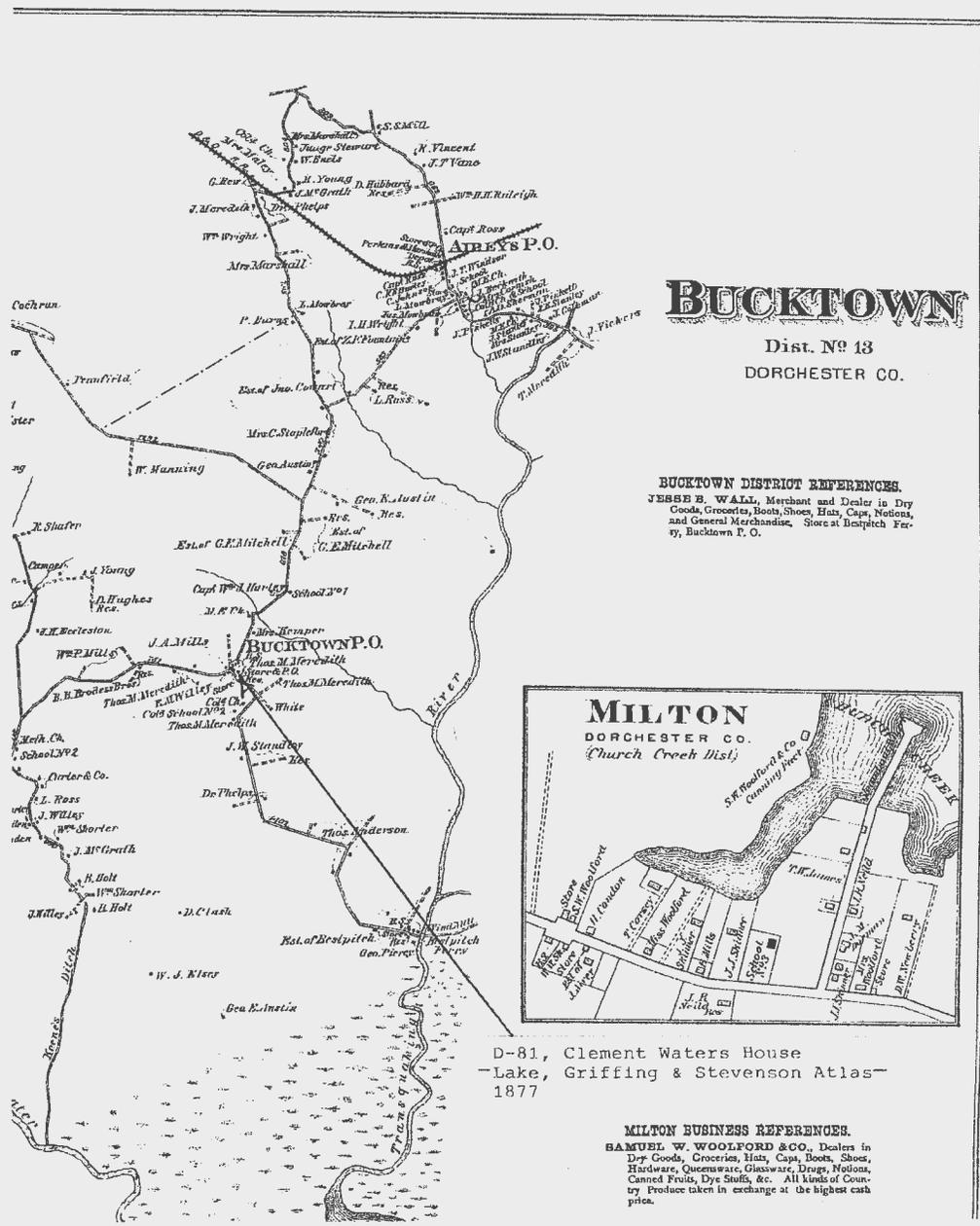


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CLEMENT WATERS HOUSE

Bucktown, Dorchester Co., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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CLEMENT WATERS HOUSE

BUCKTOWN, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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CLEMENT WATERS HOUSE
BUCKTOWN, DOVERESTON C., MD.
NORTH WALL - BRICK FIREWALL
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CEMENT WATERS HOUSE

BUCKTOWN, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

OUTBUILDING - SOUTHWEST COR.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: The Lewis House Inventory Number: D-81
Address: Bestpitch Ferry Road, south of Greenbrier Road Historic district: yes no
City: Cambridge Zip Code: 21613 County: Dorchester
USGS Quadrangle(s): Blackwater River
Property Owner: Ralph C. Lewis, Jr. Tax Account ID Number: Unknown
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Unknown Tax Map Number: 63
Project: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Management
Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company
Preparer's Name: Stacey Streett and Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 6/24/2005
Documentation is presented in: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

Please refer to MIHP Form D-81 for prior survey information.

The Lewis House (D-81) is a telescopic frame residence located on the east side of Bestpitch Ferry Road, near the corner of Bestpitch Ferry and Bucktown Roads. It was constructed circa 1790. The main portion of the building is a two-and-one-half-story, three bays wide by two rooms deep. A raised, brick foundation supports the dwelling. A full-width, one-story porch is located on the façade. It is topped by a hipped roof. The porch is supported by four, turned spindles with chamfered corners. Engaged support posts are located on the façade. The off-center main entrance door is located under the porch and is offset by two windows to the north. The paneled-wood, entrance door contains a window panel of nine lights. It is flanked by paneled sidelights. The prior survey form from 1975 indicates that the main entrance door was modified by the addition of the sidelights and transom. The building has undergone modifications since the previous survey. The owner of the property stated that the previous kitchen wing that was extant during the 1975 survey was actually a separate residence, which had been moved and abutted against the two-story house. This has been demolished, and a new addition was built on the same footprint as the previous wing. The windows and some of the masonry from the original kitchen wing have been incorporated in the new addition (telephone correspondence, Jay

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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/3/05
Date

Patricia Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

8/2/05
Date

200501970

Meredith, April 2005).

The original clapboard siding on the main portion of the residence is now covered with vinyl siding. It is loose at the roof-wall juncture where the recent addition adjoins the primary residence. The prior survey form indicates that the windows on the façade of the main residence have been altered by being extended to the floor. Since then, replacement windows have been installed throughout the residence, and storm windows have been installed over the original windows on the main residence. Fenestration on the main residence consists of nine-over-six, sash windows on the upper stories and four-over-four, sash windows on the first story. Shutters flank the second-story windows. Six-over-six windows light the dormers and comprise the fenestration on the recent addition.

The new wing addition on the south elevation is a one-story, three-bay-wide-by-two-room-deep wing with a catslide roof. It forms an L-shaped footprint, as the east elevation of the addition contains an ell projection identical in proportion and appearance to the façade of the new wing. Temporary, square, wood posts currently support the porch roofs on the façade and north elevation of the addition. The addition is sided in clapboard. The gable end, located on the south elevation, is brick, terminating at the roof in a massive, brick chimney stack. Twin attic windows pierce the brick gable.

Asphalt shingles cover the roofs. A steeply pitched roof tops the main portion of the residence. The eaves are raked and overhang, and gable returns are featured on the cornice. Twin, gabled dormers project from the façade of the main roof. An interior brick chimney stack is located on the north gable end of the main roof. A television antenna is attached to the top of the wide chimney. The north elevation is presently clad in vinyl siding, except for a rectangular area of brick that was left exposed on the first story, presumably to indicate the base of the chimney stack. Gabled dormers also punctuate the façade of the roof and the south slope of the ell projection on the addition.

The landscape surrounding the residence is largely agricultural. The front lawn contains several large, mature, deciduous trees, which provide shade to the façade of the residence. An expansive crop field is located in close proximity to the side wing of the building. A modest, front-gable outbuilding is located north of the residence. The prior survey form indicates that this structure is a nineteenth-century dairy building. Mature trees border along the fringes of the lawn and agricultural field.

Significance:

General Project Area Description

Bucktown, Maryland, is located in Dorchester County, approximately ten miles south of Cambridge. Bucktown is primarily an agricultural area that is adjacent to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. The terrain is relatively flat with the large majority of land used for agricultural purposes. The project area directly abuts the Little Blackwater River on the west, and much of the terrain is marshland in this area. The project area has a low level of elevation, approximately 5 feet above sea level.

Primary crops grown in Bucktown include corn and soybeans. Large industrial poultry houses of recent dates of construction are also present on several farms. Portions of the project area adjacent to the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge have a substantial tree canopy flanking the roadways.

History of Bucktown

Bucktown was formed from the land holdings of Bartholomew Ennalls. A native of York County, Virginia, Ennalls owned thousands of acres of land in southern Maryland in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Virtually no scholarly

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Eligibility not recommended _____

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Date

information exists on the establishment or development of Bucktown. It is largely ignored in scholarly histories of Dorchester County, and few primary or secondary resources relating to the town are available. A detailed review of maps of Dorchester County indicates that the name Bucktown first appears on maps in the late eighteenth century.

It is described as "five miles from a railroad station. A fertile farming country surrounds it. . . . about forty people in ten or twelve dwellings measure the size of the quiet town where the ring of the hammer on the blacksmith's anvil is no more heard. No town growth."

Tobacco was the primary crop cultivated in the area. It was exported to England for sale, and provided a certain degree of wealth to many of the tobacco plantation owners. After the onset of the Revolutionary War, when trade with England was suspended, corn, wheat, and rye plantings replaced tobacco as the most prominent agricultural crops. Livestock were also raised in larger numbers. The crops and animals were used for both home consumption and to supply the army. These crops remained the primary products planted until after the Civil War. After that time, grain crops became less common.

Bucktown is perhaps best known for its association with Harriet Tubman, a slave who was a critical figure in the Underground Railroad. Because Tubman was born into slavery, very little precise information about her early life is available. Consequently, much misinformation about Tubman has been disseminated throughout time. Reliable sources indicate that she was born circa 1820, possibly in or near Bucktown.

She spent her earliest years at the Brodess plantation, which was located just outside of Bucktown. Later, she moved with her owner to other locations within a ten-mile radius of Bucktown. Local tradition states that Tubman may have received a severe head wound that afflicted her for the rest of her life at the Bucktown Store in the 1830s. However, the present Bucktown store was not constructed until circa 1870, according to Dorchester County tax records, so the extant store could not have been the site of the encounter. Her family worshipped at Bazel's Chapel. The original building associated with Tubman's family burned and the present chapel was constructed circa 1911.

Tubman gained her freedom in 1849, when she escaped to Philadelphia. She eventually settled in Auburn, New York, where she established a home for elderly former slaves. Three buildings in Auburn with associations to Tubman have been designated National Historic Landmarks by the Secretary of the Interior. These include her own residence, the Harriet Tubman House, and the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged. The church where she worshipped in Auburn, Thompson AME Zion Church is also designated.

Historic Resources in Bucktown

Relatively few built resources are present within the Bucktown vicinity. This is due to the prevalence of large swaths of agricultural land in cultivation. The majority of buildings in Bucktown are residences. Almost all of the buildings more than 50 years of age are farmhouses from the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. Most of the residences retain their basic forms, which include I-houses and smaller cottages. Many of the residences have side or rear additions. Most have been re-sided in either aluminum siding or asbestos shingles. Replacement windows and enclosed porches are other common alterations. The conditions of the residences range from excellent to poor, with several near collapse.

Few historic agricultural buildings associated with the farmhouses remain (although several of the properties were inaccessible and only farmhouses were visible from the right-of-way). New agricultural buildings consist primarily of large-scale poultry houses sheathed in metal.

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Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G
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An abundance of houses dating from the late 1950s through the present are found in Bucktown. Most are modest, single-story houses with minimal architectural detail. These newer houses are located on small plots of land in linear patterns, unlike the houses of earlier eras, which were located on large plots of farmland.

Several modest frame chapels are located in the vicinity of Bucktown. They are associated with African-American congregations in the area.

The Bucktown Store is the sole resource associated with commerce in the area. As with other general stores in small towns, it likely served the town with basic supplies. However, Bucktown's proximity to Cambridge allowed for a reasonable commute into the larger city for commercial goods.

The historic and cultural landscape within Bucktown conveys the historic agricultural use of the land. Although historic crops in Dorchester County included tobacco and grains and not the currently omnipresent soybeans, the land has remained cleared and used for agricultural purposes. Other components of the landscape are used as part of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and appear to be in their pristine natural condition. Substantial sections of the region, most notably in the area surrounding the wildlife refuge, are covered with thick stands of tall trees.

Determination of Eligibility

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

The residence at the corner of Bestpitch Ferry and Bucktown Roads is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Research did not indicate that the property is associated with any events that are important in the past. Therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion A. It is not associated with any significant people important in the history of Bucktown or the nation's past and is not eligible under Criterion B. The residence is not eligible under Criterion C. It is a typical example of a house form that is common throughout the Eastern Shore. Most notably, the numerous changes to the property preclude it from eligibility for the National Register. In addition to changes to large and critical portions of the building, the new side wing portrays a false sense of history because it strives to look like a nineteenth-century alteration. The property does not retain a high degree of integrity. The integrity has been compromised by the modified addition on the south elevation. In addition, the main portion of the residence has been clad in replacement siding and replacement windows have been installed. The loss of integrity of design, materials, association, and workmanship precludes eligibility for listing in the National Register. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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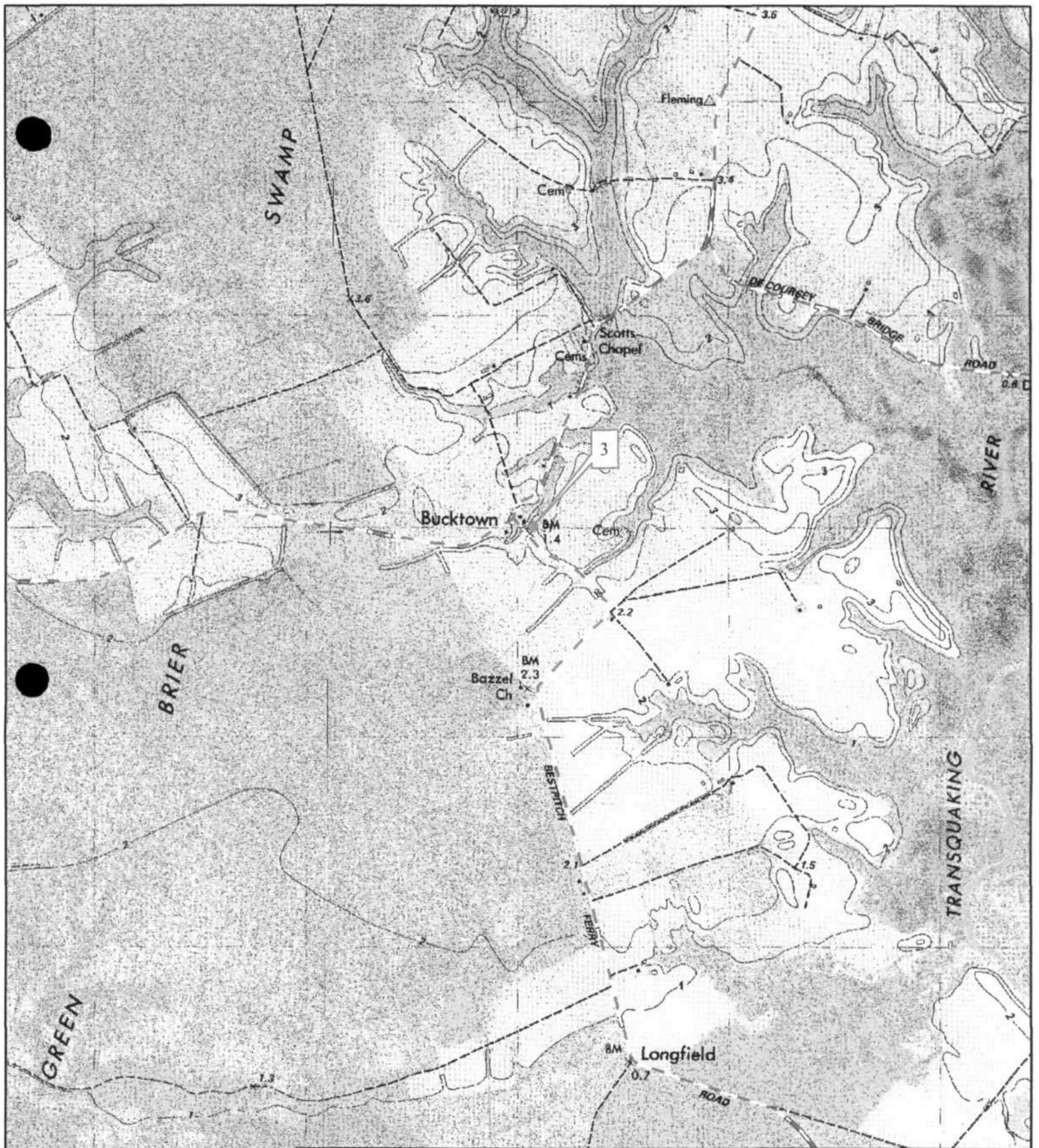
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Lewis House (D-81)
East Side of Bestpitch Ferry Road and South of Greenbrier Road
Proposed Tower
Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
Blackwater River USGS Quadrangle

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D-81

Lewis House
Dorchester County, MD

S. Street H

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MD SHPO

Southwest elevation.

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D-81

Lewis House

Dorchester County, MD

S. Street

4/2005

MD SHPO

Facade

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Lewis House

Dorchester County, MD

S. Street

4/2005

W.D. Smith

Northwest etc. and etc.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Lewis House, Bucktown				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Bestpitch Ferry Road, south of Greenbriar 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 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	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 type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Ralph C. Lewis, Jr.				
STREET AND NUMBER: RFD 2				
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. #): 164/353				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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:		

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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)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Ralph Lewis' house at Bucktown is one of the handsomest dwellings in the area. It is a frame structure composed of a three bay long, two and one-half story part with a three bay long, one story kitchen wing. The main body of the house is two bays (two rooms) deep and has the wide back of the fireplace exposed to the level of the second floor. Since there is only a single stack on the gable this probably indicates corner fireplaces like Yarmouth and the Doege Farm.</p> <p>Across the facade of the first story is a porch and the windows and door have been altered, i.e. the windows were lengthened to the floor and the door received sidelights and transom. One original window remains on the side facing the kitchen wing and it has 9/9 sash. Those above have 9/6 sash and the attic window, including the dormers, have 6/6 sash. The roof was extended on each side creating an eave, but the original box cornice can be seen with the alterations. The walls are covered with beaded weatherboard.</p> <p>A very steep roof covers the one room deep kitchen. It has a center door and two windows, but only one window appears early. A small chimney pierces the roof slightly to the outside of the position of the door.</p> <p>Alongside the house is a handsome dairy building which appears to date from the early nineteenth century.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-
losophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-
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<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the most important buildings to have survived in this area of Dorchester County mainly because it retains so much original and early detail. It makes a good house to use for the study of vernacular dwellings.

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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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 13, Map 63, p. 9.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

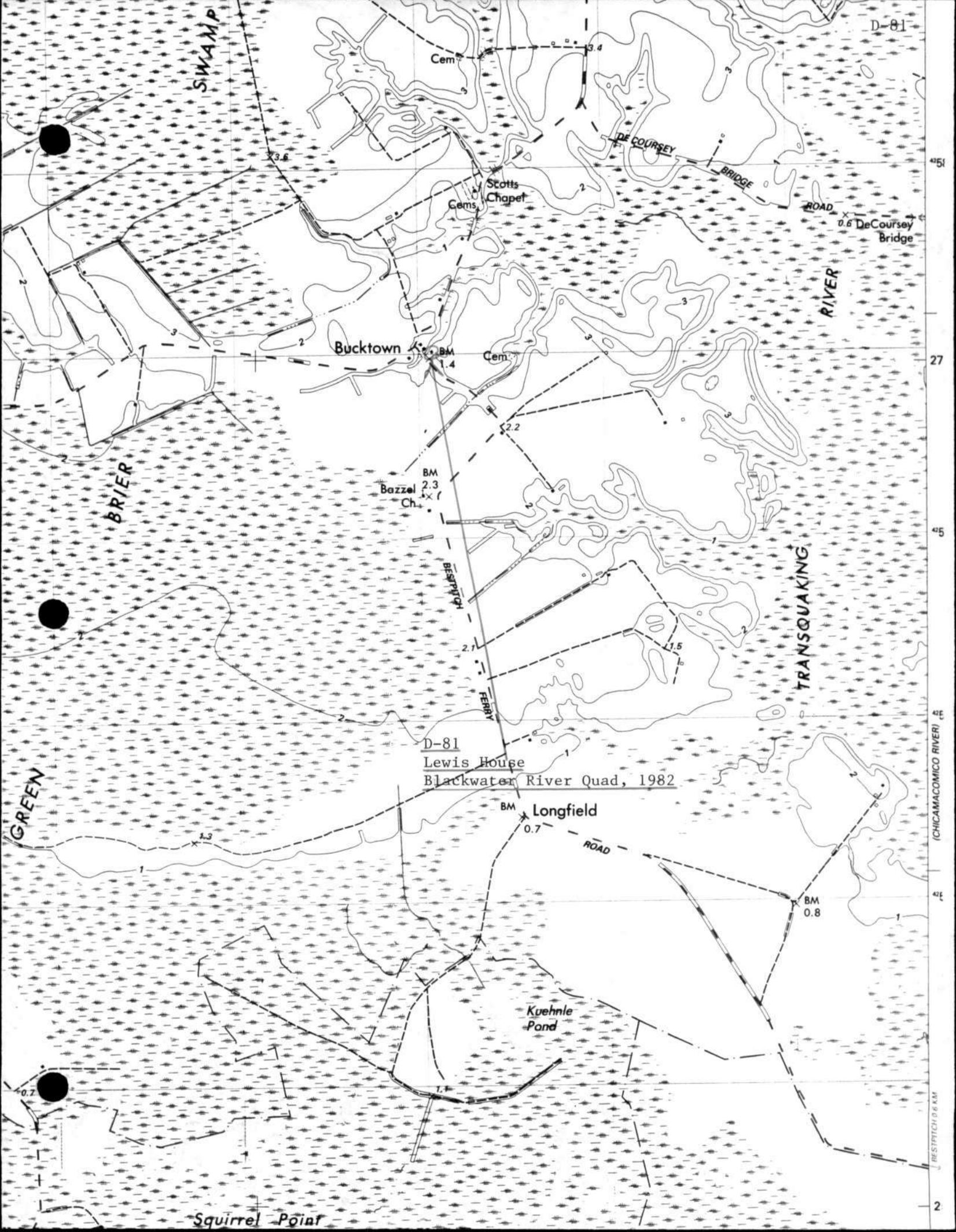
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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RESTITCH 0.6 AM

(CHICAMACONICO RIVER)

SWAMP

BRIER

GREEN

Squirrel Point

Cem

Scotts Chapel
Cems

Bucktown
Cem

Bazzel Ch.
BM 2.3

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Lewis House
Blackwater River Quad, 1982

Longfield
BM 0.7

Kuehle Pond

DeCoursey Bridge
ROAD 0.6

RIVER

TRANSQUAKING

BESPIRCH

FERRY

ROAD

BM 0.8

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50%

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Lewis House, Bucktown

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M. Bourne Nov 1975