

*NEGLECT FARM
Millington, Maryland
(19th)*

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC NEGLECT FARM

AND/OR COMMON

Owings & Son Farm

2 LOCATION

South side River Road, 3/4 mile from

STREET & NUMBER *road near Spry Landing*

CITY, TOWN

Millington

VICINITY OF

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21651

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Owings & Son, Inc. c/o Dorsey Owings*

Telephone #: *301-928-3309*

STREET & NUMBER

Box 292

CITY, TOWN

Millington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21651

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*

Liber #: *E H P 17*

Folio #: *300*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE *Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County*

DATE

1968

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Neglect Farmhouse is a two-story brick house which probably dates from the second quarter of the nineteenth century. It is four bays long and two bays deep with enclosed brick chimneys in the gables and a two-story kitchen wing attached to its east side. It faces south.

Fenestration on the main house is arranged somewhat irregularly but so that there are two bays in both of the first floor rooms. Doorways in the major facades are located in the third bay from the west, and there are three-pane basement windows in the window bays. Wooden lintles are set flush with the brick work as are the plain wood sills. All windows, doors, and frames were replaced in an recent remodeling; although the second floor windows are shorter than those on the first floor, six-over-six sash are used on both stories. There are no dormers; four-light casements in each gable illuminate the attic.

As is usual in buildings in this area, the river facade is the more formal. In this simple house, however, the frontality is indicated only by the use of a transom light above the door and by the positioning of the bulkhead entrance on the north facade.

The sole ornamental feature on the exterior is the four-cornice cornice. Common bond brick is used throughout the building. Bricks are small, regular in shape and reddish orange in color.

The kitchen wing is two stories without a basement. Two bays in length, there are pairs of four-pane casement windows on the second floor. The doorway was originally on the north facade with a single window on the south. The gable roof of the addition is finished against flush cornices and a verge board.

Most of the interior finishes have disappeared. The present owners have recently remodeled the house installing mantles, trim, and stairs which are sympathetic in design to the early building. A frame wing has been constructed against the north facade of

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY the wing.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES *second quarter, 19th century*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Neglect Farmhouse is an early Kent County building which has several features typical of its period. These include its hall and parlour plan (now changed,) the form and proportions of the main house, and the position of the kitchen wing. The corbel cornice is a feature which appeared here in the second quarter of the nineteenth century and, along with the bond pattern and brick type, indicates that this is a late Federal building.

The house is located at the end of a long lane with a view of the Chester River. Until roads became the primary system of travel, most country houses were situated, like this one, facing the waterways.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600 ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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| <p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Crumpton 291 VICINITY STREET NO. Rt. 444, .3 mile west of Rt. 290 and Rt. 291. (South) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER Burton Estate; Del. Trust Co. PRESENT USE tenant house WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES two</p> | <p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K - 199</p> <p>2. NAME Burton farm DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p> |
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

The Burton farm house is a two story brick dwelling, four bays long and one bay deep with a two bay long, two story kitchen wing, both having an "A" roof with three chimneys in the three gables. The entire structure is laid in common bond and has flat arches above the windows and doors. Sawn in the second story wing are 3/6, others are 6/6. Originally the wing was 1 1/2 storys high, as can be seen in the outline in the east gable. An enclosed lean-to is built on the north side of the wing.

The building sits on a large farm and back the distance of a large field from the Chester River.

For Sale

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered ? Interior Exterior poor

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| <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>  | <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> |
| <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> | <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne DATE OF RECORD October, 1968</p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Burton Farm

c. 1830

Federal

owner

Burton estate
Del. Trust

Not open to public

Maryland

Kent County

Crumpton

Rt 447, .3 mile west of intersection with Rt 290 + Rt 291
Near Crumpton

use - dwelling

owner - Burton estate ; Delaware Trust, executor

use - tenant farm
- brick walls

2 stories

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South Side

Photograph: M. L. Fritz, Jan. 1980

J. Tyler Campbell
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COLUMBIA, MARYLAND

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C.1840