

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE	Maryland	13
COUNTY:	Baltimore	
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ENTRY DATE		

1. NAME

COMMON:
Todd Farmhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
9000 Old North Point Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Fort Howard

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Baltimore COFF: 005

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"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<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
<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)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. Elmer H. Cook, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
9000 Old North Point Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Sparrow's Point

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

Neck
"Todd's Inheritance"; North Point on Patapsco

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Chesapeake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Towson

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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: CODE:

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STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Baltimore
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

The Todd House is located on the east side of Old North Point Road (Md. Rt. 20) just north of the entrance of Fort Howard.

Of two and one half story height the house is of brick construction and is three bays in width. Although initially of a Federally inspired plan later Italianate alterations dominate its present exterior appearance. The steeply pitched "A" frame roof has prominent cross gables at both the front and rear (north and south) elevations. Both the eaves and gables have heavily bracketed cornices. Each cross gable contains one round head window. The base of each gable is marked by three courses of stepped brick, the latter a fragment of the original cornice. Two interior chimneys project from the main roof at the east end. All five principal windows of each facade retain 6/6 pane sash. At both these elevations stand one story farm porches with squared posts and simple, two part, arched brackets.

At the west end of the house stand two later additions. One, a rectangular, two story, three bay wing, joins the west end of the main house flush with its north facade. It is lower in height than the main house and has small window openings framing sash of 6/6 panes. The centered entrance door is sheltered by a simple pedimented porch. To the rear (south) wall of this addition stands a smaller, two story wing, which has a projecting three window bay of the same height. This addition was probably built when the mid-19th century alterations were made to the main house. It has a nearly flat roof that slopes away from the west end of the main house.

The floor plan of the main house consists of an end hall and flanking double parlor. The rectangular addition contains a hall and kitchen. The smaller wing with the projecting bay contains the present dining room.

To the east of the main house stands several farm buildings. A family cemetery also exists on the property.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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)

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| <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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Local history _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The importance of the Todd House rests more on its location than any other factor. The industrial expansion, especially that associated with Bethlehem Steel, has so changed the environs that the Todd House is one of the very few 19th century farm houses extant on Patapsco Neck. It holds local significance as a direct link to the area's agricultural past.

However, in any other area the Todd House would merit recognition. The house contains much original (c. 1830) work and is in a good state of preservation. The Italianate alterations compromise little of the original structure, but rather add to its architectural value. The view of the south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge adds to the merit of the site.

The Todd family has owned the property since 1664. During the Battle of North Point the British burned the Todd's house. Thomas Todd had ridden to the American lines to warn them of the British advance. The family built a new house (after 1816) purportedly on the older foundation.

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TODD FARMHOUSE

Number 7. Description continued.

The outbuildings at the Todd House are of frame construction with A-roofs. The unpainted exteriors emphasize the deteriorating condition of the buildings. Local tradition maintains that the longest of the structures (with a perpendicularly placed wing on the west facade) was a carriage house. The shorter one and one-half story barn has suffered the worst damage with gaps in the walls and roof. In spite of their current condition the outbuildings do indicate the extent of the farming operations

Number 8. Significance continued.

Nine generations of the Todd family have owned the Todd House. The first, Thomas Todd, received 1150 acres of land (including the site of the house) from William Batten and Thomas Thomas who secured the original patent from Lord Baltimore. Thomas Todd, following the pattern of large seventeenth century landholders, was a merchant and sea captain in addition to farming. The agricultural tradition continued on the site by his descendants through the twentieth century.

In 1814 the cupola on the cupola on the Todd's (former) house was used to watch for the advance of the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay. The early sighting of the fleet enabled riders including the owner Thomas B. Todd to announce the British landing to the American army under General John Stricker. In retaliation the British burned the house in their retreat after the Battle of North Point. The present house was constructed on the site in 1816.

Presbyterians have a special interest in the Todd House site because it was there that the first services were held within the Presbytery of Baltimore. A marble tablet in the family cemetery states that these meetings took place in the home of the first Thomas Todd.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Dundald-Patapsco Neck Historical Society supplied the information for the following sources.
 Baltimore County Land and Probate Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, and the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.
 Bennett, Ester. Never Prod a Hornet.
 Muller, Charles. The Darkest Day - 1814.
 Stanford, John L. The Battle of North Point.
 Swanson, Neil. Fifty Stars Over Fort MclHenry.

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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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

J. Richard Rivoire and Nancy Miller

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

Orlando Ridout
Orlando Ridout IV

Title

State Preservation Officer
for Maryland

Date

July 13, 1973

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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STATE Maryland	
COUNTY Baltimore	
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Todd Farmhouse

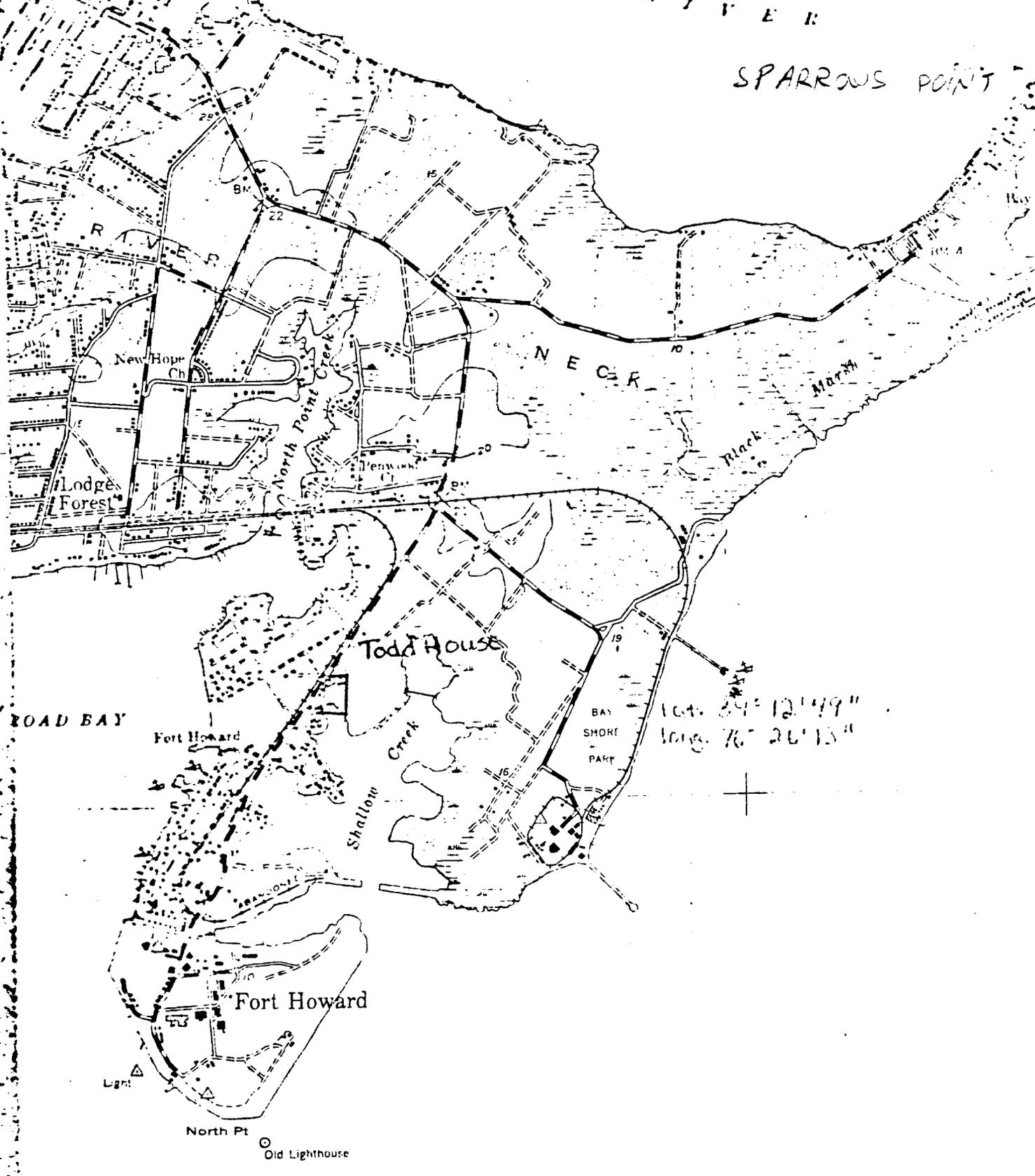
No. 9. Major Bibliographical References Continued.

James T. Wollon, Jr., AIA, a ^{to}reservation architect, made the architectural evaluation in a letter, April 12, 1973.

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SPARROWS POINT



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

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1. NAME

COMMON: **Todd Farmhouse**

AND/OR HIS: **Todd's Inheritance**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **9000 Old North point road (i.e. Highway # 20)**

CITY OR TOWN: **Port Howard, Maryland, 21219**

STATE: **Maryland** COUNTY: **Baltimore**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input 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: **Ridgeley Todd, Sr.**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1505 Woodland Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Salisbury 21801** STATE: **Maryland, 21801**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, Md.**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Courthouse square**

CITY OR TOWN: **TOWSON** STATE: **Maryland, 21204**

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

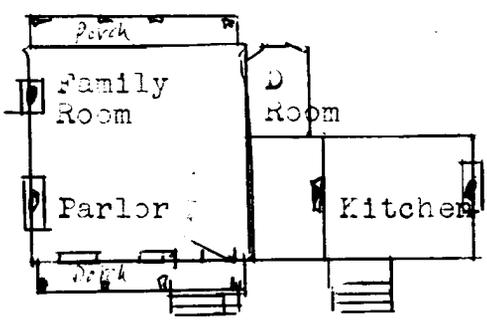
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(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 *Shallow Creek*

TODD'S INHERITANCE
Looking South



Old North Point Road To North Point

One of the oldest family owned properties on the Western Shore, Todd's Inheritance is located on Md. 20 (Old North Point Road) about a mile from it's termination at North Point, owned since 1664 by the Todd family. Originally about 1700 acres, 5 1/2 acres remains in the family name. Main portion of the house is made of English brick remodeled to the Victorian style in 1867. The wooden portion includes the kitchen, once separate and later attached. The brick portion was made of English brick used as ballast by the early sailing ships and was probably made no later than 1700. This house was burned by the British Redcoats in 1814 during the Battle of North Point when the Redcoats found out that Thomas Todd had ridden ahead of their march to warn Gen. Stricker of their approach, and rebuilt in 1816 on the reclaimed brick on the old foundation and cellar. The family lived in the hastily sided corncrib for the the two years during reconstruction. The house was remodded in 1867, the roofline changed, third floor attic rooms added, porches added etc., including inclosing the kitchen breezeway. The floorbeams in the cellar are about 12"X12". The house faces north and the wide south porch overlooks Shallow Creek and its opening into the Chesapeake Bay. A wide view of the Chesapeake and the Patuxent River is available from the attic windows. This house is the center of extensive barns, sheds, cribs, shops etc, necessary in the operation of a large vegetable farm. At the time of the 1790 census, the Todds owned 27 slaves. The family cemetery contains approximately 40-45 graves.

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B SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Land Grant 1664; house by 1700; rebuilt 1816; remodeled 1867

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Todd: farmer, ship captain, religious leader.</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Capt. Thomas Todd came up from Denton, Virginia in 1664, took out grants and purchased land from original grantees in the amount of 1700 acres. In about 1700, a square brick (English brick which had been used as ballast) house and separate wooden kitchen was built. By 1800 the breezeway to kitchen had been enclosed. By 1814, the Todd plantation known at various times as "Old Road", "Industry", and Todd's Inheritance" was considered the leading farm on the "Neck". In 1714, Todd licensed his house as a Presbyterian meeting place making this the first Presbyterian group in the Baltimore area. In 1814, Todd was one of the vedettes who reported on the landing of the British at North Point, in Old Road Bay. For this, the British burned his house when they left. about 2 years after the War of 1812 (1816), slaves salvaged most of the English brick and the house was rebuilt on the same foundations. The house was modernized in the Victorian manner in 1867 with attic rooms bay windows and porches added. Near the house is the spring reputed to have been used by the Redcoats in their march up "Long Log Lane" (Old North Point Road). The family graveyard with 35-40 graves is in the rear yard, overlooking Shallow Creek. This house has been continuously in the Todd family since its construction, and lived in by Todds until the 1920's. The house and surrounding grounds (5 1/2 acres) represent one family ownership since 1664.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.
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 Sanford, John L. "The Battle of North Point".
 Swanson, Neil "50 Stars Over Ft McHenry".
 Muller, Charles "The Darkest Day-1814".
 Marine "The British Invasion of Maryland".
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 1/2 Acres

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE: Maryland	COUNTY: Baltimore
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Hulett C. Baird Publications Committee

ORGANIZATION: Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society DATE: 15 Feb 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
 7711 Fairgreen Road

CITY OR TOWN: Dundalk Balto County STATE: Maryland 21222

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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TODD FARMHOUSE





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Todd's Wheritance Looking south at the House. Kitchen to left.

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