

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76B-12 Building Date: ca. 1908

Building Name: Terrett House

Location: 3402 Stonesboro Road, Fort Washington, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Terrett House is a two-and-one-half-story hip-roof frame house of the Colonial Revival style. It is foursquare in plan, and is distinguished by two-story verandas on two elevations and fine interior detail. The main block is three bays by three, with entrance in the central bay of the principal west facade. There is a similar entrance in the east facade. Each of the east and west facades is sheltered by a two-story flat-roof Tuscan veranda with jig-sawn balustrade. The siding is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are generally 1/1 double hung sash with border lights on the upper sash. Six hip dormers pierce the hip roof of the building, two each on the north and south planes, and one each on the east and west planes. On the east elevation, the opening in the third bay is a large semi-circular window in eight sections; the curved upper sections are filled with patterned stained glass. Extending to the north, flush with the east elevation of the main block is a one-story hip-roof wing. It is two bays by two, and incorporates an originally freestanding carriage house which was moved from its location southeast of the house and relocated on a poured concrete foundation.

Significance

The Terrett House is a good example of an early twentieth century hip-roof foursquare or "Classic Box" dwelling. It also incorporates an unusual amount of late Victorian decorative detail, both exterior and interior, and is distinguished by two-story verandas across both the east and west elevations. The house was built circa 1908 by Alexander H. Terrett on "Bird Lawn Farm", part of the extensive landholding of Henry B. Bird. Terrett operated a dairy farm on the property, and built the subject house as his family home. After Terrett's death, his widow sold the farm; it passed through several owners until 1944 when it was purchased by Frederick Crawford, Congressman from Michigan. The Crawfords dismantled a Victorian house in Saginaw, Michigan, and incorporated some of its fine interior and exterior detail (stained glass, mantels, and verandas) into the renovation of the Terrett House. After Crawford's death, his widow sold the farm to developers who developed the Maplewood subdivision around the house. During the 1970's the owners moved the carriage house from its location southeast of the house, and attached it to the north side of the house as a family room wing. The Terrett House has seen substantial changes, but it still remains a visible example of a style of house which was popular in Prince George's County at the beginning of the twentieth century, and is a prominent landmark in a developed area.

Acreage: 10,800 sq. ft.

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bird Lawn Farm

and/or common Terrett House

## 2. Location

street & number 3402 Stonesboro Road  not for publicationcity, town Fort Washington  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James Curry

street &amp; number 3402 Stonesboro Road telephone no.:

city, town Fort Washington state and zip code Maryland 20744

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4837

street &amp; number Main Street folio 470

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, c/o M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Terrett House is a two-and-one-half-story hip-roof frame house of the Colonial Revival style. It is foursquare in plan, with an added wing which incorporates an original carriage house; the house is distinguished by two-story verandas on two elevations and fine interior detail.

The main block is three bays by three, with entrance in the central bay of the principal west facade through a five-panelled door with four-light transom of stained patterned glass and five-light sidelights over molded panels. There is a similar entrance (without stained glass) centered in the east facade. Each is enframed with a plain board surround. Each of the east and west facades is sheltered by a two-story flat-roof veranda supported by six slim Tuscan columns. The second story of the veranda is bounded by a jig-sawn balustrade of open-work pattern; there is a dentilled freeze below this balustrade on the principal west facade. Entrance from the second story onto the balcony is by a double door with upper glazing, centered on each of the east and west elevations.

The siding is plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are generally 1/1 double hung sash with border lights on the upper sash. They have plain board surrounds with a molded lintel, and black louvered wood shutters. The hip roof is covered with black asbestos shingle. The cornice is boxed, with a plain board frieze, all painted white. Six hip dormers pierce the hip roof of the building, two each on the north and south planes, and one each on the east and west planes. The east and west dormers each enclose two side-by-side 2/2 double hung sash windows framed by molded pilasters. On the north and south, each dormer has a molded cornice and contains a single 2/2 double hung sash window.

There are two brick chimneys, one interior chimney rises from the south plane of the roof between the two dormers, and there is an exterior chimney at the north elevation, between the two dormers. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation.

On the east elevation, the opening in the third bay (north of the central entrance) is a large semi-circular window in eight sections. Its lower central light consists of a large picture-window pane, flanked by two smaller double hung sashes; the three small curved upper sections are filled with patterned stained glass.

A small one-story hip-roof addition has been built onto the south elevation to enlarge the kitchen space in the southeast quadrant of the main block.

Interior plan of the main block consists of a stairhall in the central west space, a small library in the southwest space, and a large living room which takes the entire north third of the house. The living room turns to the east to form an ell, and one enters the dining room in the ell through a wide molded arch. An ornate and very wide wood mantel frames the fireplace in the north wall of the living room. It has wide fluted and tapered pilasters, and a molded frieze; ornamental tiles frame the firebox and the wood mantel itself is painted white.

Extending to the north, flush with the east elevation of the main block is a one-story hip-roof wing. It is two bays by two, and incorporates an originally freestanding carriage house which was moved from its location southeast of the house and relocated on a poured concrete foundation. Siding and roof cover of the wing are the same as the main block; there is a small hip-roof cupola centered at the ridge. Windows are generally small 1/1, but there are two large 16-pane windows side-by-side in the south bay of the east elevation. Interior space in the carriage house wing consists of one large room; a window in the eastmost bay of the north wall of the main block was extended to form a doorway into the carriage house wing.

The house stands on a large lot on the north side of Stonesboro Road. The grounds to the east of the house consist of gardens. There is a small hip-roof metal shed at the north end of this garden space. Several large hollies frame the west grounds of the house.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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/	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

**Specific dates** ca. 1908 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house was built circa 1908 by Alexander H. Terrett on "Bird Lawn Farm", a 260-acre farm in the Surratts District of Prince George's County. This farm was part of the extensive landholding of Henry B. Bird, after whom the farm was named.<sup>1</sup>

Henry B. Bird of Delaware had purchased over 600 acres of land before the Civil War, and operated a large farm until the beginning of this century. In 1907 he sold Bird Lawn, (331 acres) to Alexander H. Terrett, who continued to operate a dairy farm on the property.<sup>2</sup> Terrett built the subject house as his family home. A brick foundation discovered just a few feet from the house suggests that it was built very close to the original Bird dwelling. The new house was typical of the substantial frame houses of the first decade of this century, square, with hip-roof pierced by hip dormers. Recent roof work suggests that the original roof cover was slate.<sup>3</sup> The Bird Lawn Farm had a complex of outbuildings, including dairy barns and silos; near the house was a carriage house, and several other small sheds.<sup>4</sup>

After the death of Alexander Terrett, his widow sold the farm, and it passed through several owners until the southerly 261 acres, bounding on Steed Road, were purchased by Frederick and Elizabeth Crawford. Frederick Crawford (1888-1957) had been elected as Congressman from Michigan to the 74th U.S. Congress in 1934, and was re-elected to eight subsequent terms. In 1944, he purchased the southerly part of Bird Lawn Farm and continued to operate a dairy farm there during his years in Congress.<sup>5</sup> Soon after the Crawfords purchased Bird Lawn Farm, they dismantled a victorian house in Saginaw, Michigan, and incorporated some of its fine interior and

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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exterior detail into the renovation of the Terrett House. This included the stained glass in the west transom, the fine semi-circular window in the east elevation, the living room mantel, and the two-story verandas with their Tuscan columns and jig-sawn balustrade. (At the same time the Crawfords built a small addition on the south which enlarged the kitchen space.) The handsome Foursquare became a prominent landmark.

Frederick Crawford retired from Congress in 1953, and died four years later. In 1964 his widow sold the entire farm to developers who subdivided the property for residential development. Two large lots were retained as the grounds for the dwelling and carriage house, and the Maplewood subdivision was built around them.<sup>6</sup>

The house and two lots were purchased in 1975 by Ronald and Sheila Crane, who moved the carriage house from its location southeast of the house, and attached it to the north side of the house as a family room wing. The result is an effective addition of living space, and a wing which reflects the lines of the house itself.

The Terrett House has seen substantial changes, with the incorporation of Victorian decorative detail from a Michigan building, and the conversion of a carriage house into a wing addition. It still remains a visible example of a style of house which was popular in Prince George's County at the beginning of the twentieth century, and is a prominent landmark in a developed area.

Notes

1 See Chain of Title; Prince George's County Deeds CSM #1:160; FS #2:565; #39:324; Prince George's County Equity #423.

2 Prince George's County Deed #39:324; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1910-1919.

3 Conversations with Elizabeth Crawford and Ronald Crane, 1981, and with Teresita Curry, 1988.

4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1910-1920.

5 Prince George's County Deed #757:391; Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1971; conversation with Mrs. Crawford, 1981.

6 Prince George's County Deed #2981:137; Prince George's County Plat WWW #64:38.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title  
cf. notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 10,800 square feet Tax Map 115, Lots 10/11, Block A, Maplewood  
Quadrangle name Anacostia Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
Zone Easting Northing

B            
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission date May, 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Rm. 4010 telephone 952-3520

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

PG: 76B-12

Terrett House (Bird Lawn Manor House)  
3402 Stonesboro Road, Clinton  
Priv/occ/res/excellent

ca. 1910

The Terrett house is a frame two-story house with hipped roof. The (main) west facade is three bays wide. The central entrance has transom and sidelights, and is flanked by two double windows. The upper sashes of the first story windows are bordered by small square colored lights. The west and east facades are spanned by two-story hexastyle porches: the first story porch has a dentiled cornice, and the second has an intricately cut balustrade. There is a dormer window over the central west entrance.

This house, built by the Terrett family circa 1910, stands on the location of Henry B. Bird's nineteenth century farmhouse on the plantation known as Bird Lawn. (Bird had owned the farm for over 50 years when he sold it in 1907 to Alexander Terrett.) The Terrett farmhouse, typical of early twentieth century square hip-roofed houses, was drastically altered in the 1940's when it became the home of Frederick Crawford, Congressman from Saginaw, Michigan. Crawford acquired a large collection of elegant late Victorian decorative features from the home of a Saginaw lumber king, and incorporated them into the rebuilding of the Terrett house (stained glass, bevelled glass, mantels, hearths, porch woodwork, etc.) making the remodeled house a virtual museum of high quality late Victorian detail. Crawford served in the U.S. Congress from 1935 to 1953. The farm was sold to developers in 1964, and the house now stands on two lots surrounded by subdivision houses.

(revised information entered 11/9/81)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Bird Lawn Manor house (Ferrett House)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 3402 Stonesboro Road  
 CITY, TOWN Clinton Allentown 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
VICINITY OF  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Prince Georges

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 James Curry Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET & NUMBER 3402 Stonesboro Road  
 CITY, TOWN Clinton VICINITY OF Allentown STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse Liber #: 4837 Folio #: 470  
 STREET & NUMBER Main Street  
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro Md. STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites  
 DATE 1974  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, MHCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.  
 CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737 STATE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, built by the Terrett family circa 1910, stands on the location of Henry B. Bird's nineteenth century farmhouse on the plantation known as Bird Lawn. (Bird had owned the farm for over 50 years when he sold it in 1907 to Alexander Terrett.) The Terrett farmhouse, typical of early twentieth century square hip-roofed houses, was drastically altered in the 1940's when it became the home of Frederick Crawford, Congressman from Saginaw, Michigan. Crawford acquired a large collection of elegant late Victorian decorative features from the home of a Saginaw lumber king, and incorporated them into the rebuilding of the Terrett house (stained glass, bevelled glass, mantels, hearths, porch woodwork, balustrade, etc.) making the remodeled house a virtual museum of high quality late Victorian detail. Crawford served in the U.S. Congress from 1935 to 1953. The farm was sold to developers in 1964, and the house now stands on two lots surrounded by subdivision houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Terret House?

AND/OR COMMON  
Crane House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
3402 Stonesboro Road (in Oaklawn Subdivision)

CITY, TOWN  
Clinton-Oxon Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Prince George's

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			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Ronald L. Crane

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
3402 Stonesboro Road

CITY, TOWN  
Oxon Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large old farmhouse, that sits in the recently built Oaklawn Subdivision. The house is a large, square, two-story frame block that faces west. It has a steep hip roof, with dormers on each slope. A two-story porch spans the front. The second story rail is a Victorian "jig-saw" balustrade and beneath this, the first story cornice features a dentil row. The central door has transom and side-lights. The door is flanked by slim, double windows. There is a small wing attached to the north side. The house may possibly contain elements of an earlier structure, as there is a huge magnolia tree growing in the front yard.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a most interesting, unusual house, that appears to have been built about the turn of the century. The A.H. Terret family owned a large farm here at that time.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

12/12/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE

TERRETT HOUSE

P.G.#76B-12

4837:470 14 Oct 1977 Deed	Ronald & Sheila Crane to James & Teresita Curry; lots 10 & 11, block A, Maplewood subdivision (plat WWW64:38)
4577:429 14 Jan 1975 Deed	Joanne L. Boyd to Ronald & Sheila Crane to lots 10 & 11, block A, Maplewood subdivision (plat WWW64:38)
WWW#64:38 7 June 1967 Plat	Plat of 19.3281 acres, conveyed to Jahn Aylor, E.F. Warner & Robert Appleby by deed 2981:137
2981:137 16 Apr 1964 Deed	Elizabeth Crawford, widow of Fred L. Crawford, d. 13 Apr 1957, to John Aylor, E.F. Warner & Robert Appleby, part of 261.45 acre conveyed to Crawfords by Balsam; 246.4 acres
757:391 21 Sept 1944 Deed	Frederick & Lois Balsam to Fred & Elizabeth Crawford; "Bird Lawn Farm" 261.45 acres
231:269 5 Aug 1924 Deed	William & Ella Matthews to Charles & Frederick Balsam; 261.45 acres "Bird Lawn Farm" in Surratts District, which Matthews acquired from Terrett
207:219 1 Dec 1923 Deed	Mary V. Terrett, widow of Alexander H. Terrett, to William Matthews; "Bird Lawn", 660 acres (minus 328 acres devised by James T. Bird to his son James C.)
39:324 14 June 1907 Deed	Henry B. Bird to Alexander H. Terrett; tract Birdlawn devised to grantor by will of his father (WAJ#1:464) except the part devised to James C. Bird
WAJ#1:464 28 Aug 1885 Will	Testator, James T. Bird of Wilmington, Delaware: to son Henry B. Bird, all that plantation in Prince George's County, Md. conveyed to me by J.B. Brooke, except for 328 acres 43 perches devised to son James C. Bird.
PS#2:565 3 May 1865 Deed	John B. Brooke to James T. Bird; by Equity #423 Brooke appointed to sell land which Henry B. Bird purchased from John Palmer, but has not completed payment for; Brooke sells to James T. Bird

#423  
1865  
Equity

Henry B. Bird still owes \$3000 to estate of John Palmer for 660 acres purchased from Palmer in 1855 (CSM#1:160); J.B. Brooke appointed to sell land, since H.B. Bird is out of state and does not respond to order of the Court; Brooke sells to James P. Bird highest bidder

CSM#1:160  
15 Oct 1855  
Deed

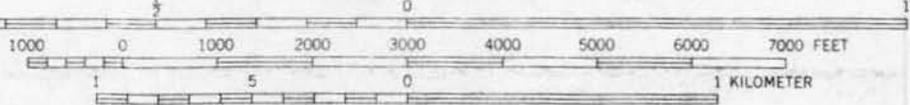
John Palmer to Henry B. Bird of Newcastle Delaware; parts of Dickinson's Delight, Godfrey's Chance, part of Panden, Redford's Chance, Hunter's Folly, and Huntersfield, 660 acres



810 000 FEET      57°30' 30"      330      (PISCATAWAY)      331      5661 III NW      332      PISCATAWAY 4 MI.      333      55'

TERRETT HOUSE  
 PG (#76B-12)  
 MN  
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SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.9 FEET

7" 124 MILS  
 1"13' 22 MILS

UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

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Susan G. Pearl

February 1988

Southwest  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation

Neg: MD Heat Thrust,

Annapolis, MD



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Terrill House  
Prince Georges Co. MD  
Susan St. Pearl

February 1985  
East window, interior  
Obj: MD Hist. Trust,  
Annapolis, MD.



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Terrace House  
Prince George's Co. MD

Susan H. Pearl

February 1988

Northwest  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation

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Annapolis, MD



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Tekott House  
Prince Georges Co. MD  
Susan M. Prall

February 1958

Northeast  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation  
Opp. Md. Hist. Trust,  
Annapolis, MD



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Territt House  
Prince Georges Co., MD  
Susan H. Paul  
February 1988

Next parcel mailed  
Mg: Md, West Trust,  
Campbell, MD



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Terrett House  
Prince Georges Co. MD

Susan M. Poell

February 1988

West door, exterior

Fig: Md. Hist. Trust,  
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NAME R.L. CRANE HOUSE

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