

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
**Crayford (other spellings: Crawford, Crafford)**  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
**West side of Maryland Route 8**  
CITY, TOWN  
**Stevensville**  VICINITY OF **1st** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE  
**Maryland** COUNTY  
**Queen Anne's**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
**E. Nostrand Carvel** Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
**Laurel** VICINITY OF STATE, zip code  
**Delaware 19956**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
**Queen Anne's County Courthouse** Liber #: **ASG Jr. 13**  
STREET & NUMBER  
**Courthouse Square** Folio #: **248**  
CITY, TOWN  
**Centreville** STATE  
**Maryland**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

**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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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Crayford is located on the west side of Maryland Route 8 approximately five miles south of Stevensville on Kent Island. The house and associated farm buildings are surrounded by open farm land overlooking the Chesapeake Bay to the west.

This tract of land can be traced back to the earliest period of settlement on Kent Island, when it was patented by William Claiborne. The buildings that stand at Crayford today range from the late 18th to the mid-20th century. These include a large frame house, a log plank meat house, a frame dairy, a heavy timber frame granary, a post-built animal barn, and several other more recent buildings. Also worthy of note are the Carville family cemetery and a pair of mill stones.

The house at Crayford was constructed circa 1881 after an earlier house burned in 1880. It is a large frame house 2 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a steeply

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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	
400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The tract of land known as Crayford can be traced back to the earliest period of settlement on Kent Island. According to Nathaniel Hale, the Craney Creek area was explored by William Claiborne as early as 1627. In the early 1630's this high ground along the south side of Craney Creek was settled by Claiborne. He named the tract for his boyhood home in England, built a house, and planted crops. Crayford maintained an important role in the ensuing conflict between Claiborne and the forces of the Maryland proprietary.

While local tradition has often associated some of the buildings with the 17th century history of the farm, only one building has survived from the latter 18th century, and the remainder date to the mid-19th century or later. A pair of old millstones found on the farm are also believed to date to Claiborne's time and could in fact be associated

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Emory, Frederick. Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Baltimore:  
Maryland Historical Society, 1950.

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE		
Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor		
ORGANIZATION		DATE
Queen Anne's County Historical Society		4/8/81
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE
Centreville		Maryland

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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.

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# KENT ISLAND

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CRAYFORD

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Mary McCarthy  
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QA-303 Crayford  
Kent Island  
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978  
Main house, from Southeast



QA-303 Crayford  
Kent Island  
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978  
Barn, from northeast



QA-303 Crayford  
Kent Island  
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978  
Granary/Crib from northeast



QA-303 Crayford  
Kent Island  
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978  
Log meat house