

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Oxford Farm Inventory Number: T-1141

Address: 30711 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: 21601

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Easton

Owner: Emma Jean Morgan, et al. c/o Emma Saathoff

Tax Parcel Number: 30 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 153375

Project: Harrison Tower Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: Landscape

Is district listed?  no  yes Determined eligible?  no  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: January 2001

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Comments: <u>As a contributing resource to the Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape, T-302</u>	
<u>David S. Rotenstein</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>Feb 15 2001</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>2/16/01</u> Date

## **T-1141. Oxford Farm**

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There is one internal brick chimney. The house has metal double hung sash (6/6 lights) windows and louvered attic ventilators. The windows are highlighted by ornamental shutters. The house is clad by metal siding and the roof is clad by composition shingles. To the east of the house, there is a wood frame garage constructed on a concrete pad foundation and clad by wood siding and a corrugated metal roof. Also to the east of the house, there is a rectangular one-story wood frame gable-front building. The building has a large gable end entry and wood double hung sash (6/6 lights) windows and fixed-pane windows beneath the eaves. There is a single interior gable-end brick chimney. This building appears to have been built as a blacksmith shop.

There is a hip-roof concrete block building of uncertain function located across the unsurfaced drive opposite the rear of the house. The barn is a gable entry building constructed on a concrete block basement. There is a concrete block hip roof addition to the north side of the barn and shed roof additions to the southern side of the barn. The barn is clad by vertical plank siding and its roof is clad by corrugated metal. There are two grain hoppers located flush against the barn's west elevation. To the north of the barn, there is an open garage/equipment shed constructed of metal siding with a standing seam metal roof. The agricultural building complex is interconnected via unsurfaced drives.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1141

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Oxford Farm

other

## 2. Location

street and number 30711 Matthewstown Road \_ not for publication

city, town Easton \_\_\_ vicinity

county Talbot

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

name Emma Jean Morgan, et al. c/o Emma Saathoff

street and number 30711 Matthewstown Road telephone

city, town Easton state MD zip code 21601

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 916 folio 423

city, town Easton tax map 26 tax parcel 30 tax ID number 153375

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<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:
			Contributing <u>8</u>
			Noncontributing <u>          </u>
			Total <u>8</u>
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1870-1950	<b>Architect/Builder</b>
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<b>Construction dates</b>	ca. 1870
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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.)

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... that tract of land called “Oxford: or “Orford” part of another tract of land called “Oxford Resurveyed”, part of another tract called “Rich Farm” “Rich Farm Addition” “Hill Land” and “Dixon’s Lot” about four miles east of the Town of Easton and situated on the road leading from Easton to Matthews ....[Talbot County Deed Book 157: 119]

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dilworth, William H., Map of Talbot County, Maryland with Farm Limits (1858); Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Atlas of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Maryland (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1877); Preston, Dickson J., Talbot County: A History (Centreville, Maryland, 1983); Talbot County Deed Books; Tilghman, Oswald, History of Talbot County, Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland, 1967)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>230.8 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>2.0 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Easton, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary for this property conforms the property limits, as delimited in the Talbot Count tax map.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian	
organization	URS/DamesMoore	date 12/2000
street & number	7101 Wisconsin Ave	telephone 301-652-2215
city or town	Bethesda	state MD

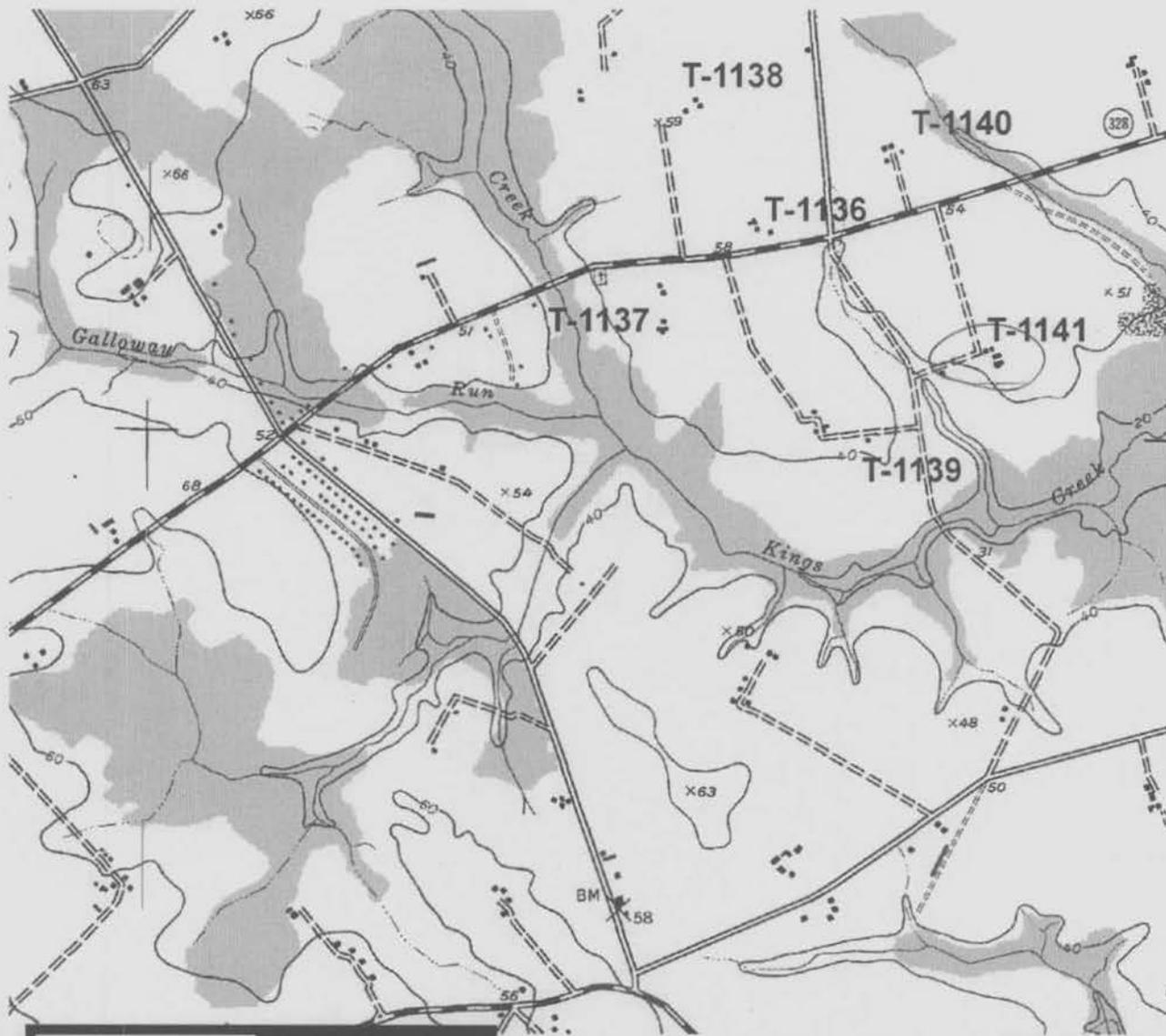
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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0 0.5 1.0 mile

Easton, MD Quadrangle  
1:24,000 (7.5' series)





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Oxford farm  
Talbot Co., MD  
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Farmstead, view to  
South from main  
(Matthewstown) road

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Oxford Farm  
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House, South elevation

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Oxford Farm

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House, N. elevation

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Howe, North and  
West elevations

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Oxford Farm  
Talbot Co, MD  
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November, 2000  
MD SHPO

Blacksmith Shop,  
View to South

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Oxford Farm  
Talbot Co., MD  
David Rotenstein  
November, 2000  
MDSHPO

Barn, view to South

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Oxford Farm  
Talbot Co., MD  
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MD SMPD

Sheds, view to  
Southeast

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