

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Foston

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Evergreen Rd., .7 mile S.W. of Rt. 333, (south .7 mile to house)

CITY, TOWN

Oxford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William C. Bauknight

Telephone #:(301) 822-7571

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1

CITY, TOWN

Oxford

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21654

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 476

Folio #: 506

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**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>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

Foston is located on a small neck of land on Oxford Neck overlooking Island Creek. The house is a fine frame dwelling constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century along lines which were common sixty years before. It is a three bay wide and two bay deep two and one-half story dwelling with a two bay, two story wing on the east and a one story 20th century wing beyond that. It is constructed upon a brick foundation and the walls are covered with plain weatherboard. Like most of the houses of this period its entrance has sidelights and transom and there is a small replacement porch. All windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters except for the two dormers on each side of the 'A' roof. They lack shutters. Within the east gable of the dwelling rise two large brick chimneys. Another is located on the gable of the two story wing.

The interior is divided into stair hall and two parlors in the main part all retaining original woodwork, which is essentially late Greek Revival in design. The mantels have unusual scrollwork but are otherwise like mid-century mantels. On the back of one mantel is the name and date of its maker, Mr. Baker 1862.

**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		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input 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 1863

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Foston is architecturally significant as a form dwelling common in Federal buildings, but in this case, carried over into the third quarter of the 19th century. It is a well appointed dwelling of the period, but not lavish. Its exterior seems remarkably plain for the period but that may be the result of having porches removed, the porches frequently having the majority of gingerbread for this period.

The land was patented in 1649 as "Gore" and "Nether Foston." In 1694 "Richards Park" was patented from the same land.

It became part of John Oldham's holdings, along with Coombsbury, where he lived. Descendants owned the land until 1857 when it was sold to William B. Willis. In 1863 the house was built, but he died in 1867.

Adjoining the new kitchen is an old dairy with wide overhang and a cupola.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Aug., 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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