

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Doncaster  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Doncaster Road, .3 mile north of Rt. 33 (east)

CITY, TOWN  
Easton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
First

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Talbot

— VICINITY OF

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
David V. Auld Telephone #: (301) 822-4048

STREET & NUMBER  
Doncaster

CITY, TOWN  
Easton

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21601

— VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 33  
Folio #: 99

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**

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<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**

Doncaster is one of Talbot County's large Italianate dwellings constructed around the 1870's. It is composed of three frame sections, the principal portion being a three story, three bay long by two bays deep structure, while the other two portions are approximately the same length and depth, two bays long and one bay deep, although they are two and one stories in height.

The entire structure is built upon a brick foundation, the principal portion over a basement. The walls of the main part are covered with German siding to the third story level and plain ship-lap above. There are pilasters at the corners of the structure rising to the same height as the German siding. The recessed panels of the pilasters terminate in a lancet arch. The third story is farther defined by a belt course running around the building at the third floor level. In form it is reminiscent of Greek Revival buildings, with the very distinct upper story. On each side of the three pane shutterless windows are bold brackets which are also located at the corners of the house. On the gables and other stories, the windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. On the north and south facades are one story porches, the north porch being the original size and partially enclosed and the south porch being six feet deeper than original and being screened. On the south facade the central door has sidelights and transom with dentil cornice above.

The middle portion of the house has a screened porch over its entrance door which appears to date from around the same period as the extension of the south porch, c.1920. Its windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. The roof has a lower pitch than the main roof and is covered with raised seam tin. On the east gable is a brick chimney which contrasts with the two principal chimneys which are centered in the main floor, one at right angles to the other.

Its smaller portion presents a problem in that it appears to have been built separately and was later moved to the east gable. It probably was a summer kitchen and was a framed structure covered with board and batten. It has the steepest pitched roof of the complex and offers an interesting note and liveable space to the house. On the rear (north) wall is a modern chimney and on the south facade is a large bow window. A small hip roof porch is built onto the east gable.

Upon entering the dwelling through the center door there is a stair hall in the southeast portion of the house, the parlor along the west side and dining room in the northeast portion. The stair rises on the south wall of the hall. A fireplace is centered on the east wall of the parlor and another on the south wall of the dining room. Each of the first story rooms possess handsome pierced-work plaster cornices typical of the period.

In the basement, there is an identical plan, but below the dining room there was originally a fireplace, the flue of which is presently used by the furnace.

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Returning to the main floor, the wing is divided into a hall and modern kitchen with back stair between the latter and the dining room. The interior of the small portion is a single modern room.

The house is in excellent condition and retains a vast majority of its original fabric.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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		
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Doncaster is a fine Italianate dwelling possessing the majority of its original detail. Where changes have occurred, they have been accomplished with a great sense of conservation and attention to detail. The building is a good example of a type building constructed by a gentleman farmer in the latter part of the century. In style it resembles "The Rest", which formerly stood a mile east of Doncaster.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March 10, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

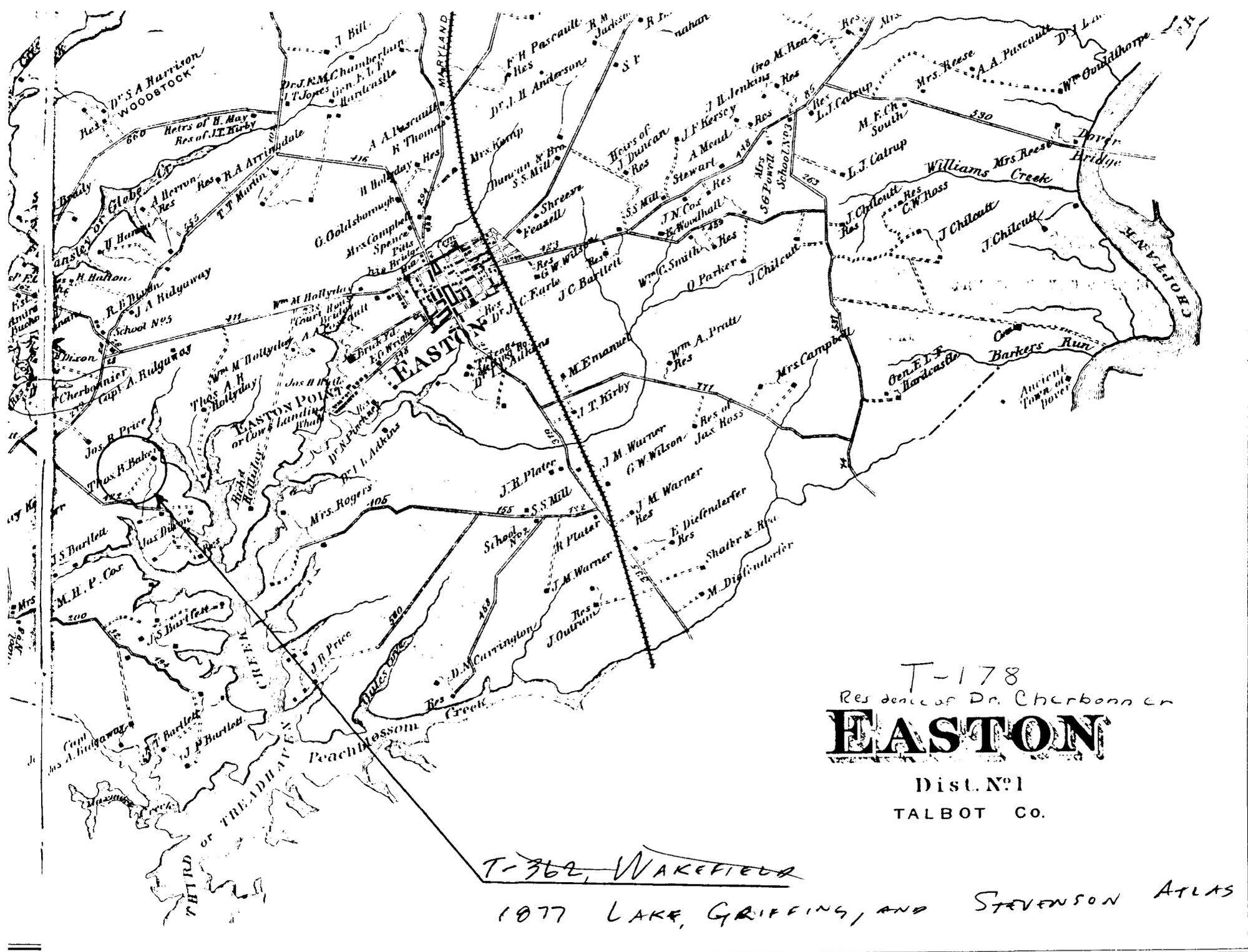
STATE

Maryland 21401

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



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 Residence of Dr. Chamberlain  
**EASTON**  
 Dis. No. 1  
 TALBOT CO.

T-362, WAKEFIELD

1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



. 13 x 1.86

50% 178

Doncaster

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S.E. facade

M. Bourne

3/76



Doncaster

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SE facade; N.E gable

M. Bowne

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