

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Maiden Point

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 33, .5 mile S.E. of Pea Neck Rd. (north)

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**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"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
|   |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                   |
|   |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION               |
|   |   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                        |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. William B. Plate

Telephone #:(301) 745-2254

STREET & NUMBER

Maiden Point

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 330

Folio #: 392

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**

T-203

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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**

Maiden Point is a well built Victorian farmhouse built around 1866 for Richard S. Dodson. Like many of the houses of Talbot, Maiden Point has been remodeled and enlarged since its original construction. The present house is composed of a three bay wide, two and one-half story frame portion with a one bay, two story middle section, a lower three bay, two story addition with enclosed porch, all of which extend eastward. On the west side of the main part is a three bay, two story wing built around 1920 with a two story enclosed porch on its west end. Furthermore, there are covered porches along the rear (River side) of the tall portion and in front of each entrance. All of the frame walls are covered with white shingles and most of the windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. In composition the house is similar to Love's Folly, but is a different date by fifty years.

Inside, the floor plan of the house consists of a stair hall and dining room in the tall portion, a kitchen in the first wing and two rooms in the second wing with laundry room beyond. On the opposite side is a large living room with sun room beyond. In 1962 the east portion of the house was remodeled and in 1969 the sun room. Other than that there has been no changes, probably since the photo was taken in 1925 showing the house with the same mass as it has today.

On examination of the cellar, a square brick foundation was found in the center of the dining room which indicates that originally the dining room was divided into two rooms with back-to-back fireplaces. The evidence was confirmed on the second story where the floor has been patched.

The marble mantel in the dining room is probably re-used from the original fireplace. Unlike most houses of this period, the stair ascends to the second story in a flight. Other than the above changes, there is little which is not original in their respective positions.

East of the main house, overlooking Little Neck Creek and the Miles River is a small early 19th century dwelling probably built for the care taker or farm manager. It is a vernacular structure covered with brown shingles and composed of three sections: a two bay two story section, a one bay one and one-half story section and a single bay leanto. Each of the three sections contain one room with the stair in the larger section. Originally, when the house was only the one and one-half story portion, there was a stair enclosed in the northeast corner. The taller section was probably added in the 1870's or 80's.

A photo in the collection of the owners of Maiden Point is titled "Cottage" and was a two story 19th century dwelling. It was possibly the house which formerly stood northwest of the house, now in the River where piers and a well can be seen from a boat.

Maiden Point is situated on the Miles River between Little Neck Creek to the east and Spencer Creek to the west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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 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

Maiden Point is interesting as a survival of Victorian farmhouse architecture of the third quarter of the 19th century. It reflects the tastes of a modestly prosperous family of the period, as well as the tastes of the twentieth century family in its addition and covering of wood shingles.

It is also of interest because of the existence of a simple 19th century dwelling for those who cared for the farm.

Maiden Point is mentioned in the History of St. Michael's Parish, published by the parish in recent years.

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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

April, 1977

STREET &amp; 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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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# ST MICHAELS T-203

Dist. N<sup>o</sup> 2  
TALBOT CO.

Lake, Grifling, & Stevenson, 1877

owned by Robert Dobson, 1877

Haider Point



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