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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Martingham

AND/OR COMMON

Martingham

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Maryland Route 33, .6 mile southeast of
Maryland Route 579

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Marylan-

CODE

24

COUNTY

Talbot

CODE

041

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David R. Owen (Son: Jerry Owen)

STREET & NUMBER

Martingham (6003 Hunt Ridge Road)

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels (Baltimore)

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21663 (21210)

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

N. 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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

Martingham is a frame dwelling built on the south bank of Porter Creek in Talbot County. It is composed of three portions, the center part one and one-half stories, and the two flanking wings one story. The main part of the house and the east wing are of historic interest; the west wing was built in 1945 to balance the original kitchen wing.

From an early photograph, the configuration of the two oldest portions appears to have been very little altered. Two obvious exceptions are the introduction of two dormers on the south slope of the roof (and probably the north dormers), and the alteration of a door on the east gable of the main part to a window. The siding has been renewed as have most of the doors and some of the windows.

The main body of the house is three bays long and two bays deep. The central door is accessible through a small portico with benches and a brick floor which dates from the 20th century. The door itself is a six-panel, mid-19th century piece, the two upper panels replaced with glass. The brick foundation is greatly patched but in sound condition; on the face are removable vents with traces of a larger opening on the west side. Most of the south cornice has early fascia and crown molding. Two chimneys pierce the roof at the apex within each gable. Both gables have two windows with 6/6 sash flanking the chimney.

Across the north facade is a 20th century screened porch. Two dormers light the second story rooms. The east wing has a relatively low pitched roof and one dormer on the south side which is now purely decorative. The wing has a door and two windows and a small leanto which presently supplies access to a basement. Most of the fenestration has been altered on the north facade.

Inside, as is illustrated in H. Chandler Forman's Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, there is a small entrance hall with enclosed stairway on the back wall. Flanking the entrance hall are two rooms and behind these are two other rooms. The front (south) rooms have fireplaces. On the east-west walls of the south half of the building are boxed posts, dividing the facade into three bays. On the south posts is a large quarter round molding like the summer beam on the second story ceiling of Carvill Hall, Kent County. All other trim is very plain. The floor is old yellow pine, but is an early replacement. The second story has a plain balustrade between the stair and the corridor connecting the two bedrooms. There is a bath on the south side of the corridor, and a small storage space and a closet for each room on the north side of the stair. Flooring has been replaced with narrow yellow pine. Most of the doors appear to date from circa 1820-30.

The kitchen wing (east) was totally remodeled into the present living room in the 1940's. The ceiling was raised and the dirt floor replaced with a board floor. According to the Forman plan it was composed of two rooms with a stair to the room above in the one adjacent to the main house. The position of posts on the north and south walls suggests the possibility of a previously detached kitchen.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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(DESCRIPTION CONTINUED)

In the crawl space beneath the main portion of the house, a large brick area in the center of the building suggests an original central chimney. The west chimney is built of old brick but it is not keyed into the west wall as it would be if it were original. The east side was not accessible. A window grill from the cellar or crawl space window is lying on the ground. It possesses vertical bars about 1½" square.

Martingham originally began life as a two-room (per floor) dwelling with central chimney. The rear rooms were added and the roof altered to cover both rooms. At that time the chimney was also replaced by the gable fireplaces. The main portion was built around 1700 and was remodeled in the early 19th century. The kitchen appears to date from the early 19th century.

North of the kitchen stand two early outbuildings--a dairy and a smokehouse. The dairy is a small, square building with pyramidal roof and a leanto porch. The finial is very weathered. The original floor is below grade now, and there is a makeshift wood floor. The building stands on a brick foundation.

The smokehouse is a good framed structure covered with white pine weatherboard standing on brick piers. The batten door has strap hinges and a long iron bar for securing it. Besides the usual joist or tie beam is one set of collar beams. Several areas of the walls are sheathed.

South of the house is the Hambleton graveyard in which Samuel Hambleton, first Purser of the U.S. Navy, is buried.

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	
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<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

The architecture of Martingham, although vastly altered over the years, is significant because of its discernible original appearance; few buildings exist in Maryland from the 17th century. The presence of the brick chimney base confirms the use in early vernacular buildings of a central chimney. The same feature is visible in the larger Carvill Hall in Kent County, and Morgan Hill Farm, Calvert County (both National Register listed).

Martingham was the birthplace of Samuel Hambleton, first Purser of the U.S. Navy (see below). This property has been farmed since the 17th century and continues in agricultural use today, in spite of its proximity to the town of St. Michaels.

Robert Martyn was granted 500 acres of land for transporting his wife and five children to the Province. Martyn assigned 200 acres of this to William Champe, who, in turn, assigned that parcel called "Martingham" to William Hambleton, of Scotland, in 1659 (4/333).

William Hambleton took up the land and settled on it. By 1663, he had been appointed High Sheriff of the County, and was commissioned a Justice of the Peace. The following year, he was elected a Burgess or Delegate to the General Assembly. He died in 1675, leaving his dwelling plantation to his sons, William and John (Tilghman, p. 151). The estate passed from father to son through successive generations.

William Hambleton, owner at the time of the Revolution, was Captain of a company of militia. He fathered a large family, among whom was a son, born in 1777 at Martingham. Samuel Hambleton procured a position in the United States Navy, and was appointed Purser in 1806. He served with Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry at the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813, and for his gallant actions there was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (Tilghman, p. 306).

Martingham remained in the possession of the Hambleton family until 1945, when the last of the male heirs died and the two surviving sisters, Mrs. Nannie H. Martin and Miss Amy Hambleton, sold the farm and the old dwelling house to William Littlewood and his wife, Dorothy (262/290).

In 1967 a part of the land was conveyed by the Littlewoods to Charles Iliff and David R. Owen, trading as "Miles River Farm," (421/74). In 1969 Owen purchased for his own use 7.228 acres and the dwelling house with outbuildings.* The adjoining acres are being farmed, and the nucleus of the old Hambleton home remains. Today, it is being carefully maintained.

*Recent land records indicate that Mr. Owen is now the sole owner of the house and the surrounding farm.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant
Cynthia B. Ludlow, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust

DATE 1976; 1977

STREET & NUMBER Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE (301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
TEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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OBJECT

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PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

David R. Owen

Telephone #: (301) 745-2428

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21663

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 437

Folio #: 186

STREET & NUMBER

N. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

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DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

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CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

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- MOVED
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ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	Jan., 1977
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

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

St. Michaels Quad

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50'

(CLAIBORNE) CLAIRBORNE 2.3 MI.

47'30"



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Fairview Pt



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MICHAEL BOURNE

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Talbot County, Maryland
Michael Bourne, 1976-1977
Neg. at MHT

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