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C.1720; with additions

Beechwood

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Trappe

Beechwood is located on Latrappe Creek, two miles west of Trappe. From the approach, it appears to be a very plain 19th century house. On closer examination, however, the first story of the southwest half of the building is brick and its facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers, Poplar Grove, Queen Anne's County. Originally, the house was a simple one-and-one-half story, three bay long, brick dwelling typical of the Eastern Shore's vernacular dwellings throughout the 18th century.

Like several buildings in the county, Beechwood has a central entrance door. It has a rubbed and gauged brick arch like its neighbor, Hampden (t. ). The windows are small and have 6/6 sash. On the southwest gable is a cellar entrance. The cellar extends beneath about 1/3 of the original structure.

As is apparent from the exterior, the plan of the original building consists of a hall and parlor with entrance directly into the hall. Its interior is mostly original and includes raised panel wainscot, paneling on and the fireplace wall. The fireplace itself is a large rectangular opening surrounded by a bold bolection molding. Atop the molding is an equally bold mantel shelf with the proportions of a box cornice. Above the shelf is a single raised panel with bolection trim. On the northwest side is a cabinet with 16 pane glazed upper door and four panel door below. All of the beams in the old section of the house are exposed and beaded. The full second story and the wing to the northeast are both harmonious, but later, additions.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Beechwood

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Howell Point Road, 1.1 miles southwest of Trappe

CITY, TOWN

Trappe

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. John Firth

Telephone #: (301) 476-3324

STREET & NUMBER

Beechwood

CITY, TOWN

Trappe

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21673

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 407

Folio #: 377

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

T-277

# 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

Beechwood is located on LaTrappe Creek, two miles west of Trappe. Its main facade is southeast and from the approach it appears to be a very plain 19th century house. On closer examination, however, the first story of the southwest half of the building is brick and its facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers, but the remainder of the building is laid in Flemish garden wall bond, a type brickwork seen on only one other Eastern Shore building, Poplar Grove, Queen Anne's County. The northeast half of the dwelling as well as the second story was added late in the 19th century. Originally, the house was a simple one and one-half story, three bay long, brick dwelling, typical of the Eastern Shore's vernacular dwellings throughout the 18th century.

Like several buildings in the county, Beechwood has a central entrance door. It has a rubbed and gauged brick arch like its neighbor, Hampden. The windows are small and have 6/6 sash. On the southwest gable is a cellar entrance. The cellar extends beneath about 1/3 of the original structure.

As is apparent from the exterior, the plan of the original building consists of a hall and parlor with entrance directly into the hall. Its interior is mostly original and includes raised panel wainscot, which is lower at the windows, and the fireplace wall of paneling. The fireplace is a large rectangular opening surrounded by a bold bolection molding. Atop the molding is an equally bold mantel shelf with the proportions of a box cornice. Above the shelf is a single raised panel with bolection trim. On the northwest side is a cabinet with 16 pane glazed upper door and four panel door below. Above the cabinet is a standard raised panel, like the wainscot. On the southeast side is an open stair with closet beneath. Part of the upper run of the stair is enclosed in a paneled diagonal box above the closet. The closet door is very narrow and beside it is an even narrower range of two panels. The stair has a recessed panel newel post and bold rail and turned balusters. Its spandrel is paneled. Originally there was a door where the rail meets the paneling, but that has been removed. All of the beams in the old section of the house are exposed and beaded.

Between the "hall and parlor" is a bold frame and two panel door. The "parlor", now den, has the same type fireplace surround as the "hall" but lacks the flanking stair and cabinet. On its southeast side is the door to the wing, probably the original door to the kitchen.

Most of the first flooring is old as well as the second floor. In the latter, can be seen small square pockets in which fit the short studs from the knee wall of the original configuration of the roof.

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# SIGNIFICANCE

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<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	
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<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			

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Beechwood is important due to the fact that it has the earliest style interior remaining in the county. It was constructed around the first quarter of the 18th century and possesses some qualities in common with Hampden across the creek. Its bolection molded panel and broad rectangular fireplace and mantel shelf are earlier stylistically, however, and show a close resemblance to Moratico Room at Winterthur Museum, built during that same period. Its brickwork is also of unusual quality and bond.

**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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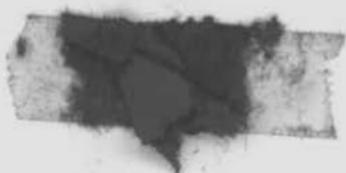
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