

T-362  
Wakefield  
Easton vicinity  
Private

1786, c. 1872

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WAKEFIELD

MHT Inventory Number: T-362

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):     ARCHITECTURE  
  AGRICULTURE
  
- 2) Geographic Orientation:       EASTERN SHORE
  
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
      RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION     AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL  
      1680-1815                             TRANSITION 1815-1870
  
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
      SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING, 1786 with  
  c. 1870 addition  
      1. OUTBUILDING  
          Dairy, c. 1830

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WAKEFIELD

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 27594 Wakefield<sup>#</sup> Lane  not for publication

city, town Easton  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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Bartlett

street & number 27594 Wakefield Lane telephone no.:

city, town Easton state and zip code MD 21601

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 357

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 83

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1977  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

# 7. Description

Survey No. T-362

<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The historic property known as Wakefield is located at the end of a tree-lined road--Wakefield Lane--which intersects Bloomfield Road one-half mile south of MD Route 33 and two miles west of Easton, Talbot County, Maryland. The property borders Dixon Creek, a tributary of the Tred Avon River. Facing southwest, the two-and-a-half story, side hall/parlor front block is oriented on a northwest/ southeast axis.

The front portion of the house was erected around 1860, and it is supported by a low brick foundation. The walls are sheathed with a layer of German siding and the steeply pitched wood shingle roof has a centered cross gable and extended eaves. The rear wing, oriented on a perpendicular axis to the front block, is a two-part brick section that follows a stepped profile. The center section, now used as a dining room on the first floor, is dated by two bricks to 1786. A fully excavated cellar of three course common bond walls support the Flemish bond walls above grade for the two-story one-room plan original house, while three-course common bond walls enclose the attached kitchen, also dated by a brick to 1786. The medium pitched roofs covering both sections are sheathed with wood shingles and finished on the ends with plain bargeboards. The only outbuilding is an early nineteenth century common bond brick dairy topped by a pyramidal roof.

The southwest (main) facade is a asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a side entrance and two-over-four sash windows flanked with louvered shutters. The heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by multi-pane sidelights and a transom. Sheltering the first floor is a chamfered post hip roof porch. The second floor is marked by paired single-pane sash windows with louvered shutters in the center bay, and standard two-over-two sash windows pierce the flanking bays. The center cross gable above features an arched two-over-two sash window that lights the attic bedroom.

The southeast gable end is dominated by a single-story five-sided bay window pierced on each face with two-over-two sash windows. On the second floor paired single-pane sash windows are centered above the bay window and another arched sash window lights the attic. The northwest gable end, on the other hand, is defined by off-center two-over-two sash windows on each floor that retain louvered shutters as well, and an arched two-over-two sash marks the upper gable.

The north side of the side hall/parlor frame section is largely covered by the two-story Flemish bond brick wing. Two bays across by one room deep, the brick house has a half-brick wide watertable, and the two rooms are served by an interior end brick chimney that has been raised above its original height due to the Victorian addition.

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## WAKEFIELD DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

The south side of the original one-room plan brick house is marked by a partially glazed side door, covered by a gable roofed stoop. Located to the right of the porch bench is one of the inscribed "1786" bricks. A nine-over-six sash window fills the adjacent bay, while a three-pane cellar window is located at grade level. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

On the opposite side of the Flemish bond house is the same side entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash window, although a chamfered post porch covered by hip roof extends across the first floor and shelters a rear entrance into the front frame section as well. A second datebrick inscribed "1786" is located at knee level between the door and window. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows.

Attached to the northeast gable end of the Flemish bond dining room section is a story-and-a-half three-course common bond kitchen wing. Since the kitchen wing roof is only a single story high, a pair of four-pane windows pierce the gable end of the dining room wing to light the attic.

The kitchen wing is a two-bay, one-room plan structure that has a dated brick on the south side directly right of the six-over-six sash window. A partially glazed side door fills the adjacent bay. Exposed above the side door and window are the butt ends of the floor joists, which suggest the former existence of a pent eave. On the opposite side of the kitchen, the right bay, now a window, was originally a door, and seams below the window sill indicate its former location. The adjacent bay is filled with a six-over-six sash window. Unlike the opposite side, the ends of the floor joists are not exposed. Marking each side of the medium pitched gable roof are small cross-gabled dormers pierced by paired six-pane windows. An interior end brick stack rises through the gable end. Extending from the north end of the kitchen is a shed roofed enclosure that partly shelters a gable end door.

The interior of the front frame block has remained largely intact as has the two-story dining room wing. The kitchen, on the other hand, has been reworked. Distinguishing the generously sized front entrance hall is a period stair with a boldly turned newel post, turned balusters and a scroll decorated stringer. Four-panel doors with ogee inset moldings are framed by bulls-eye block surrounds.

The adjacent room or parlor is fitted with period woodwork as well including a plain mid century mantel and bulls-eye block surrounds. A chair rail molding--the profile taken from the dining room--has been introduced into the parlor as well as a cornice molding.

The second floor is simply finished with bulls-eye block surrounds framing four-panel doors. An enclosed stair rises to the finished attic, which now contains two bedrooms.

The center dining room wing retains much of its eighteenth century woodwork. Highlighting the south wall is a wide fireplace framed by an original beaded edge surround topped by a robust mantel shelf. Fixed in the northwest corner is the eighteenth century stair which was reworked with an early nineteenth century railing. A slender square newel post and narrow stick balusters support a circular profile handrail. Below the plain stringer the stair box is enclosed with a beaded board wall. Wrought nails, visible underneath the staircase, are evident in its construction. Beaded edge chair rail trims the dining room.

The adjacent kitchen wing, located on a lower level than the dining room, has been completely reworked with modern cabinets and appliances. The floor joists, cut by a pit saw, are exposed. During the process of renovation a large cooking fireplace was removed.

The second floor rooms over the dining room and kitchen are simply finished. Small fireplaces with arched firebox openings serve each room. A ladder stair rises in the second floor hall to a trap door that provides access to the divided attic. Finished with plaster walls, the partitioned attic retains a board door with wrought hardware.

The only outbuilding is an early nineteenth century common bond brick dairy, topped by a pyramidal roof. The five-course common bond brick structure includes a subterranean cellar and one layer of early shelving. The front wall is pierced by a diagonal board door, while the other sides are marked by louvered openings. The pyramidal roof is covered with wood shingles.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1786      **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A    B    C    D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A    B    C    D    E    F    G

Level of Significance:  national    state    local

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. T-362

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 4/29/91

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state MD 21871

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wakefield

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

off Md. Rt. 33, south of Bloomfield on Bloomfield Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— 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

Thomas Bartlett

Telephone #: (301) 822-0766

STREET & NUMBER

Wakefield, Rt 5, Box 496

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 357

Folio #: 83

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

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**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 _____
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This 18th century, two story brick house has a one and one-half story brick kitchen to the north and a two story, frame Victorian addition running perpendicularly to the south. The original house has a 1:3 common bond brick cellar, one large room on the first floor, and one room partitioned off from the stair on the second floor and in the attic. The kitchen has one room on the first floor and one in the loft. A stair hall on the west and one room on the east comprise the frame section.

The original house has a door and a 9/6 window in each of the east and west sides on the first floor, and two 6/6 windows on each second floor side, two 2/2 windows light the north end of the attic. A hip roofed porch supported by chamfered posts runs along the west side. There is a stair on the north and a chimney on the south. The fine mantel has ogee and cavetto moldings. The open stair framed in simple beaded boards runs straight along the wall before turning the corner. There is one rectangular baluster on each step. There is a cupboard and a small fireplace in the chimney block on the second floor. On the second floor a ladder leads to the finished attic.

A brick in the kitchen is dated 1786. This section has a large fireplace and a door on the north, a door and 6/6 sash window on the east, and two 6/6 windows on the west. The attic, now lit by two cross-gables, is reached by the main stair. It is heated by a small fireplace. Northeast of the kitchen stands a brick pyramid roofed spring house.

In the main room of the frame section a fireplace backs up to the one in the original house. This room is lit by a bay window on the east and two floor to ceiling sash windows on the south. A porch runs along the south side. The entrance door has side lights and a transom. The long panels of the door have arched tops. The stair has a large turned newel post. The hall is lit by a west window on each floor, and a west window on the second floor. The south side has three windows on the second floor and the east side has one. The attic is lit by a lunette window in a cross gable and in each end.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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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             |
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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              |   |  |

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

In form Wakefield is like many late 18th and early 19th century dwellings in Talbot, however, it is relatively small in scale and lacks the full development of a building like Reed's Creek in the lower end of the county. Wakefield has many good features typical of the late 18th century and is noteworthy because of them. Its later addition is relatively typical of late 19th century but it too retains many good features of its period.

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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, & Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Occupant or Appropriator	Name of Owner	Remarks by Assessing Officer
Moses Allen	Moses Allen No 1	1 Wood Dwelling House, sitting on lot containing 22. 2 Windows. 6 windows chambers 22 by 20 - 2 Do 20 by 16 Kitchen 10 by 10 with brick chimney 10 by 10 shop with brick chimney 15 by 20 stable 12 by 10 12 by 10 porch. Has 1/2 acre land on 1/2 acre lot
James Austin	James Austin No 2	Sit near Pottawmuck Dwelling Chimney 1 story 8 by 10 4 windows 5 by 5 5 by 5 - 1 kitchen 12 by 12 shop 12 by 10 Milk house 7 by 10 stable 12 by 10 L.H. at 1/2
John Brown	John Brown No 3	Sit 1/2 from Center wood Dwelling 6 by 10 5 by 10 chimney 2 windows 5 by 10 5 by 10 5 by 10 wood 12 by 10 10 by 10 1/2 acre at 1/2
Abimego Bartlett	Abimego Bartlett	Sit on Water River 1 wood Dwelling 22 by 16. 1 brick chimney 6 windows 24 - 2 Do 32 by 20 - 1 kitchen 1 window 20 by 20. 1 Do 32 by 20 1 kitchen wood 16 by 10. 1 brick chimney brick Sallen 14 by 14 at 20 ft 10 by 10 1 stable 20 by 12. 1 old Garage 10 by 10 1 old porch. Has 1/2 acre
Rebecca Bartlett	Rebecca Bartlett No 5	Sit on the Wood Haven Brook 1 brick Dwelling House 20 by 18. 2 windows 5 by 20 4 Do 20 by 20 - 4 Do 20 by 16 - at 25 ft Kitchen 1 story adjoining 16 by 15 1/2 windows 10 by 20. 2 Do 32 by 20 - 5 Do 1 Milk House 4 Do 10 by 10 10 by 10 15 by 10 5 by 10 8 by 8 4 by 8 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 shed 16 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 on 1 acre L.H. at 1/2
Henry Banning	Henry Banning No 6	Sit on Pottawmuck Brook 1 wood Dwelling House 1 story 42 by 18. 1 brick chimney 6 windows 5 by 6 4 - 1 Do 20 by 24 - 1 Do 30 by 12 1 wood kitchen adjoining 12 by 20 1 brick chimney 20 by 10 Milk House 12 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 1 Granary 37 by 16 10 by 10 chimney 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10 10 by 10

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1783

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John ...	Tract of Land ...		
John ...	Tract of Land ...		
John ...	Tract of Land Called ... with ...		
John ...	Tract of Land Called Part of ...		
Thomas ...	Tract of Land Called ... with ...		
William ...	Tract of Land Called part of ...		
John ...	Tract of Land ... part of ...		
John ...	Tract of Land Called part of ...		
John ...	Tract of Land Called part of ...		
Richard ...	Part of ...		

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Easton vicinity, Talbot County, MD  
Chain of title

357/83 J. McKenny Willis, Jr.  
Macqueen G. Willis

to

8/18/1959 Thomas M. Bartlett  
Jeaninê B. Bartlett  
"Wakefield" Parcel A as shown upon a map  
made by Kastenhuber and Anderson entitled,  
"Map showing a Partition of 'Wakefield'  
Surveyed for J. McKenny Willis, Jr." June 1959

349/299 Van Rensselaer Cary  
Martha M. Cary

to

9/2/1958 J. McKenny Willis, Jr.  
Macqueen G. Willis  
'Wakefield' formerly belonging to Amanda  
Lee Norris

JTB 294/348 Robert H. Davis

to

12/15/1951 Van Rensselaer Cary  
Martha M. Cary

110/21

the lands hereby conveyed being formerly part  
of Ratcliffe Manor now called and known by  
the name "Wakefield" containing 110 acres  
being the same property of which Isaac Bowers  
died seized and which is described in a plot  
and certificate made by Greenbury Turbutt,  
Surveyor of Talbot County, 8/16/1837

211/282 Lawrence S. Cherbonnier  
Ipha H. Cherbonnier

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to

9/6/1927            Amanda Lee Norris  
                     May Dixon Norris Burky  
                     James Dixon, Guardian of Richard T. Norris

159/187            William H. Brown  
                     El Louisa Brown

to

5/1/1911           Lawrence S. Cherbonnier  
                     \$12,000        128 acres  
                     being formerly known as part of Ratcliffe Manor  
                     but recently by the name of "Wakefield"

118/21             Thomas B. Baker  
                     Anna W. Baker

to

10/8/1892          William H. Brown  
                     \$8,000 -mentions 1837 survey- 128 acres

JFT 80/315          John Williamson

to

10/7/1874          Thomas B. Baker  
                     \$7,150        all that land which Isaac Bowers died  
                     seized        128 acres

JB 77/293          John H. and Isaac Bowers

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Last will and testament of  
Richard Bartlett

to

11/15/1795

Joseph Bartlett

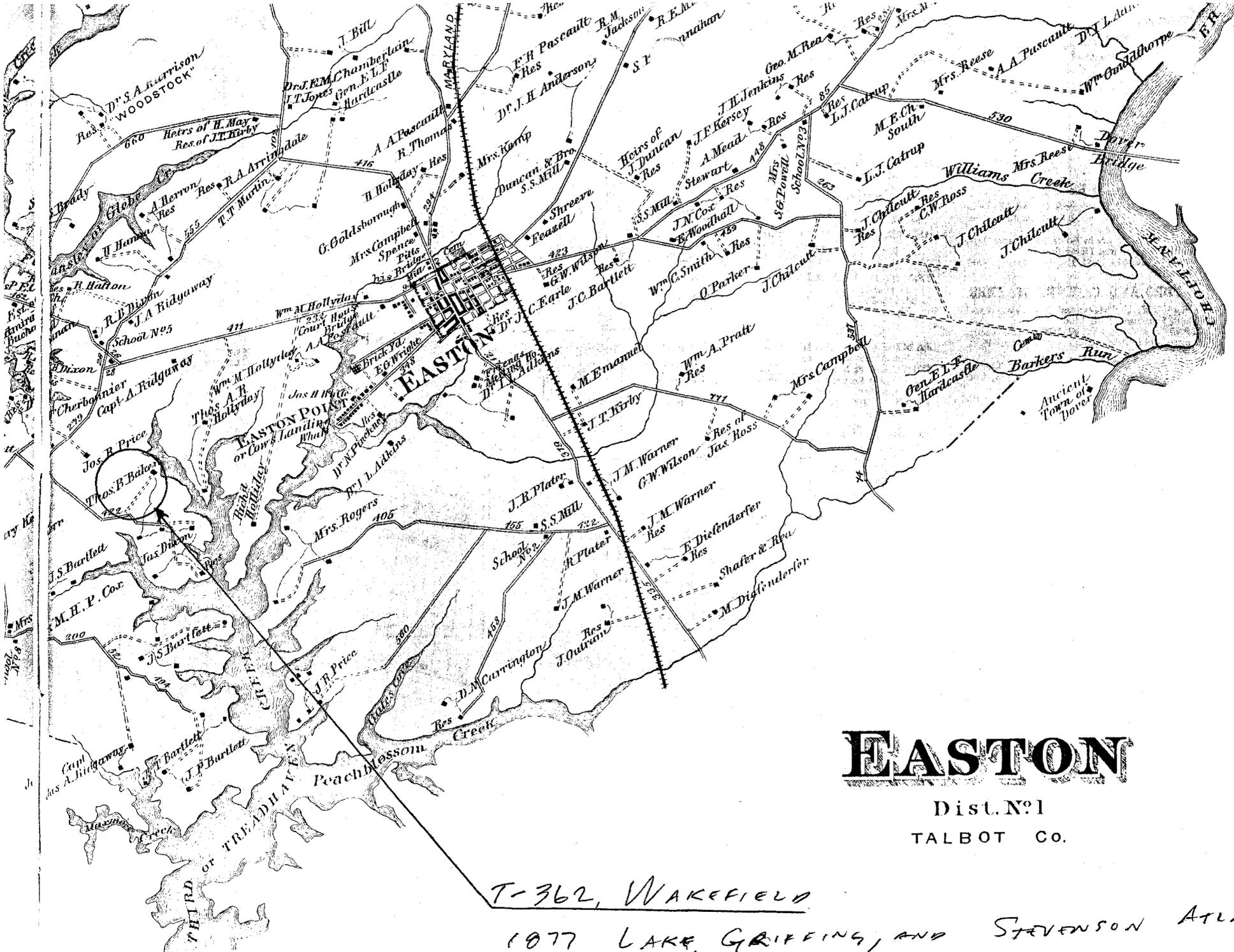
Secondly, I give and devise to my son Joseph  
Bartlett all my Real Estate being part of a  
Tract of land call'd Ratcliff Manor after he  
arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years to him  
his Heirs and Assigns forever...

JP E/440

Inventory of Richard Bartlett

12/19/1795

Total assessment £ 448.2.8

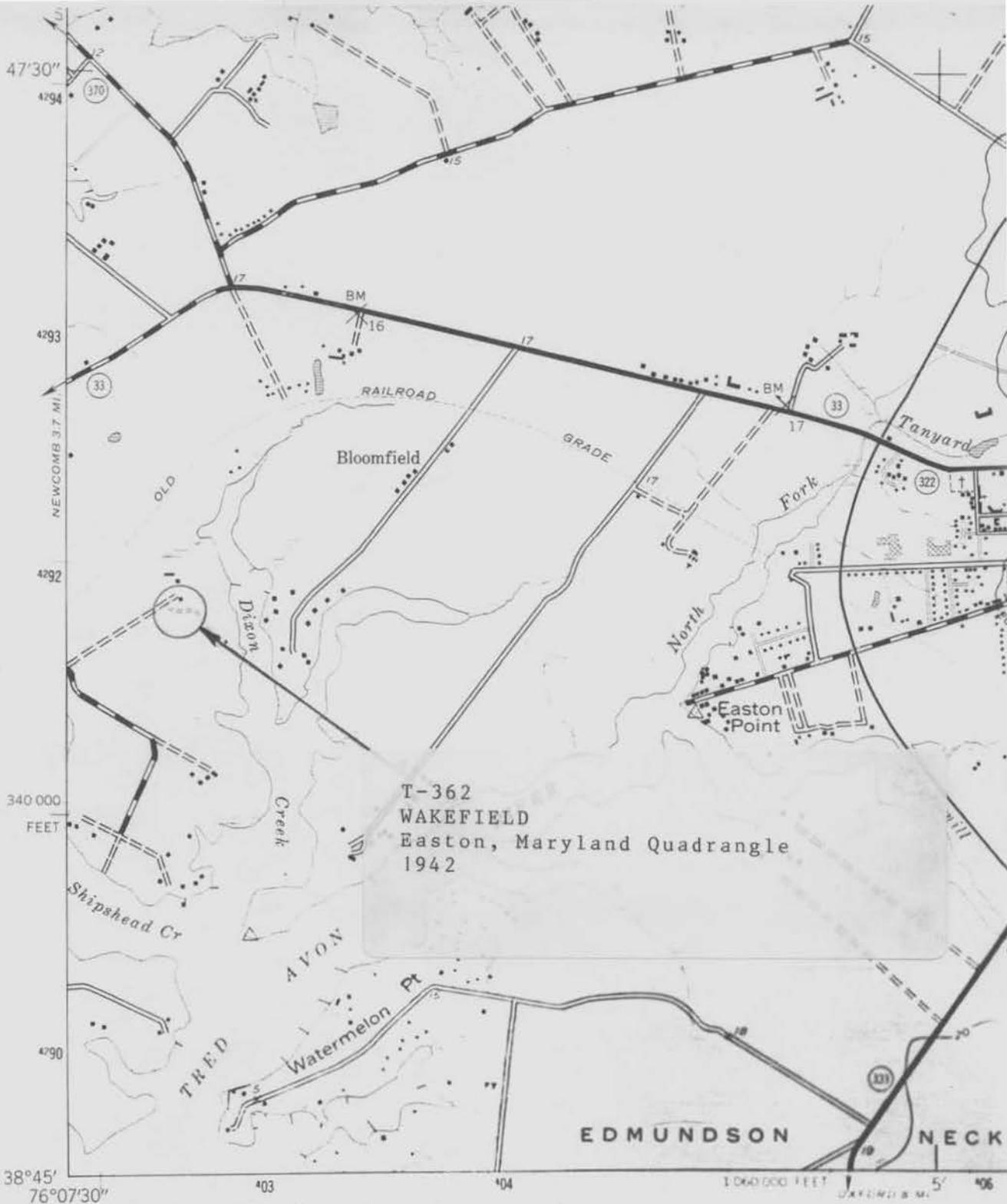


# EASTON

Dist. No. 1  
TALBOT Co.

T-362, WAKEFIELD

1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



OXFORD  
5761 II NW

Mapped by the Army Map Service  
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey

Control by USC&GS

Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
and by planetable surveys 1942. Aerial photographs taken 1942

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from  
aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



- 15 x 1.65

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Wakefield

Northwest elev.

Merry Stinson

3/1977

Neg-MHT



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Wakefield  
Northw

J. Taylor Campbell  
FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY  
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



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Northwest elevation

4/91, Paul Touart, photographer

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North elevation

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Northeast elevtion

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Southwest elevation

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Southeast elevation

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Dairy, southwest elevation

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Datebrick on kitchen wing, southwest  
side

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Datebrick on main house, southwest  
side by doorway

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