

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Hassett Farm/House or M.E. Rhodes Farm Inventory Number: T-71  
 Address: Wye Mills Queen Annes Road (MD 404) Historic district: yes  no  
 City: Wye Mills Zip Code: County: Talbot  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Wye Mills  
 Property Owner: Tax Account ID Number:  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Number:  
 Project: Section 106 Agency: DOT/FHWA  
 Agency Prepared By: Emil Elinsky DOT/FHWA  
 Preparer's Name: Date Prepared: 12/3/1979  
 Documentation is presented in: federal files  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria: A B  C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property:  
 Inventory Number: Eligible: yes Listed: yes  
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes  no Name: Date:

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The 2-1/2-story, brick, vernacular farmhouse of Hassett Farm embodies the characteristics of late 18th or early 19th c. rural architecture which has undergone typical alterations of late 19th c. including additions of a frame wing, Victorian bracketed porch and gabled dormer. Also of note is the all-header brick construction method used on one wall.

[determined eligible again in 1998]

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: A B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C D	Considerations: A B C D E F G
MHT Comments: Federal DOE	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Carl D. Skull (keeper)	Date Monday, February 11, 1980
Reviewer, National Register Program	Date

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**Hassett House/M.E. Rhodes Farm**  
**Wye Mills**  
**Talbot County, MD**

The historic farmhouse was documented by the Maryland Historic Trust in 1977. It is composed of a brick dwelling constructed by a Dr. Hassett (according to the present owner) in the fourth quarter of the eighteenth century. A frame addition was constructed on the east side about one hundred years later, in the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Since that time the two-part house has been subject to exterior alterations and probably substantial interior alterations, although the latter could not be substantiated as access to the inside could not be secured. The frame cross wing (appended to the east facade of the original brick house) has been clad entirely with vinyl siding and extended by the current owners, in ca. 1975, with a small, one-story, side-gable frame structure. Thus the east face of the frame has been extended to eight bays. In addition, all of the windows in both the brick and frame sections have been replaced with modern vinyl sash, and the soffits, cornices and cross gables have been clad with vinyl.

There are currently seven major outbuildings present on the site (plus numerous small ones), at least three of which were not present at the time it was documented by the Maryland Historic Trust. All but the granary, horse barn, cow barn and meathouse (all heavily modified) have been constructed in the last forty years. In addition, there is an in-ground pool, a large metal tank, and a few very small frame sheds. Among the principal outbuildings are the garage (1), a frame side-gabled structure, oriented to the west, currently clad with corrugated metal. The former granary (2) is a side-gabled frame structure, oriented to the north, which has been heavily modified and clad with metal. The equipment shed (3) is composed of a large metal, shed-roofed, nearly square building (encompassing a former cow barn) appended to a long, narrow, frame, equipment shed on the south, which is open on the east side. This latter structure is a former horse barn. There are two very large, flat-roofed, metal equipment sheds (numbers 4 and 5) to the south of the dwelling, with a small concrete/frame shed to the east of the one in the rear (6). Off the southwest corner of the rear porch of the original wing of the dwelling is a small meathouse (7) clad with corrugated vinyl siding.

### **History**

Dr. Hassett, a veterinarian, according to the current owner, began to build the brick portion of the house in ca. 1800, but failed to complete it before his death. The current owner also notes that a fire destroyed a former frame section and damaged the brick part

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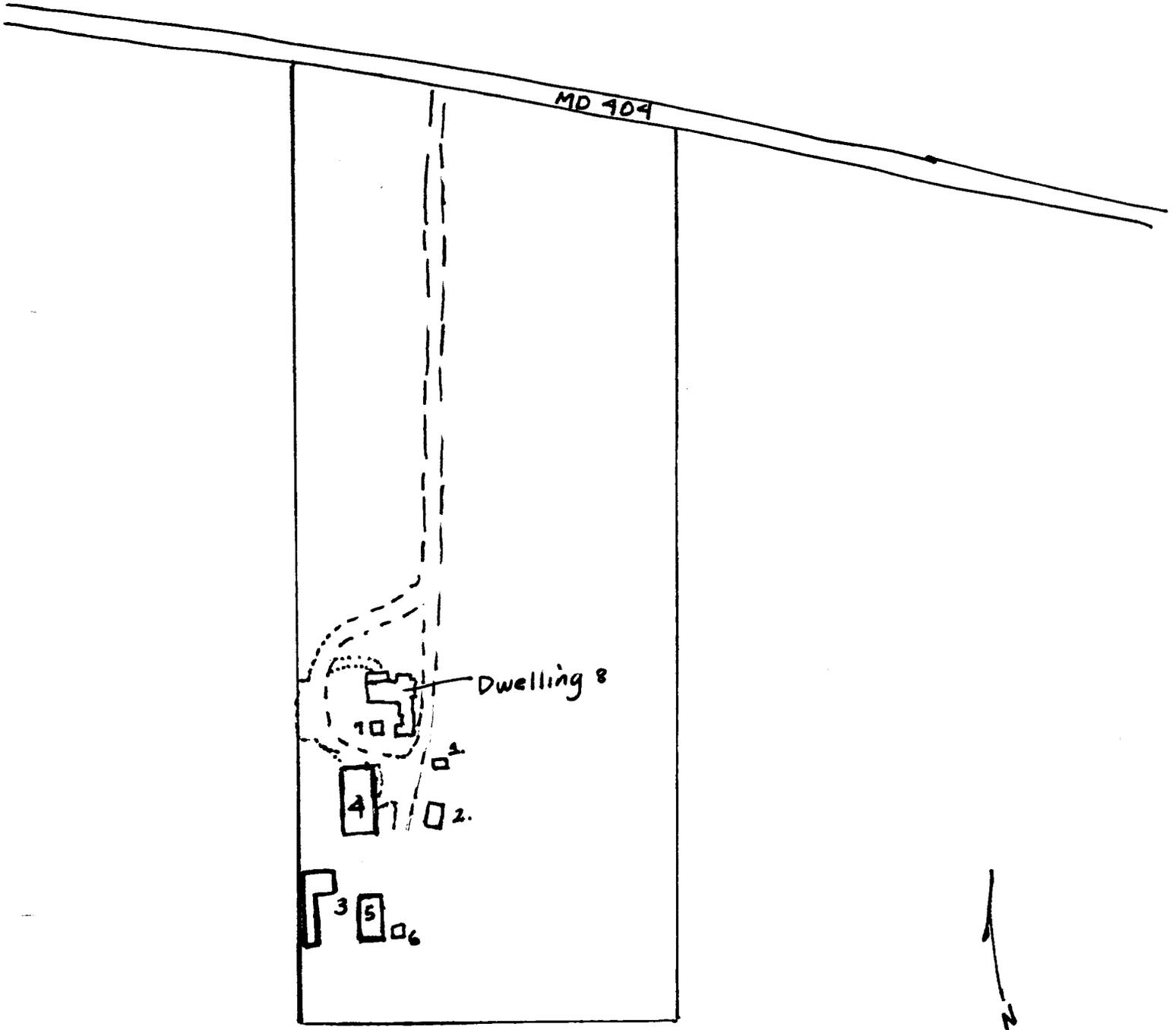
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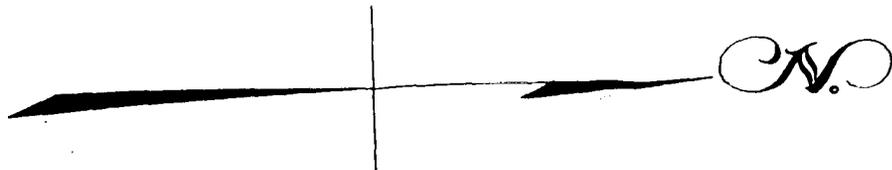
as well. Although nothing is known of its history throughout the first half of the nineteenth century, during the second half it is may have been largely utilized as a tenant farm as part of the considerable landholdings of Annie E. Callahan, the widow of Thomas Callahan, (from Baltimore) who divided her time between residences at Cloverfields and Baltimore. The property is variously called Granthin and Windsor Forest, as well as the Hassett Farm and Richardson Farm in the land records. In the 1924 probate records of the estate of Annie Callahan (#1592, 175) it is referred as the home farm (likely one she inherited from her parents contrasted to those acquired through marriage) and identified as tenanted by Howard Anthony. When in residence in on the Eastern Shore Mrs. Callahan resided at Cloverfields. It is noted in the inventory as containing 143 bushels of corn, valued at ca. \$122.00, as opposed to two other tenant farms with 258 bushels of corn (at ca. \$282.00) and 270 bushels (at ca. \$263.00). She willed the land to her three daughters—Loretta Graham, Martha Friel and Mary T. Murphy. At the time of her death the land encompassed ca. 350 acres, but all that remains with the house is ca. 24 acres, as numerous sections have been sold off or divided off from the house. It was purchased by Holton E. Rhodes in 1952, who removed and replaced a number of period outbuildings before willing it to his son, who has in turn affected considerable change to the farmstead.

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Eligibility Recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Comments: _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u><i>O. P. S. S. S.</i></u>	Date: <u>10/8/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u><i>P. S. S.</i></u>	Date: <u>12/18/98</u>

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Site Plan

- Seven major outbuildings
- Garage (1)—Non-Contributing
  - Former Granary (2)—Contributing
  - Equipment shed (3)—Contributing  
(part former cow barn, appended to former horse barn)
  - Metal equipment sheds (4 and 5)—Non-Contributing
  - Concrete/frame shed(6)—Non-Contributing
  - Meathouse (7)—Contributing
  - Dwelling (8)—Contributing

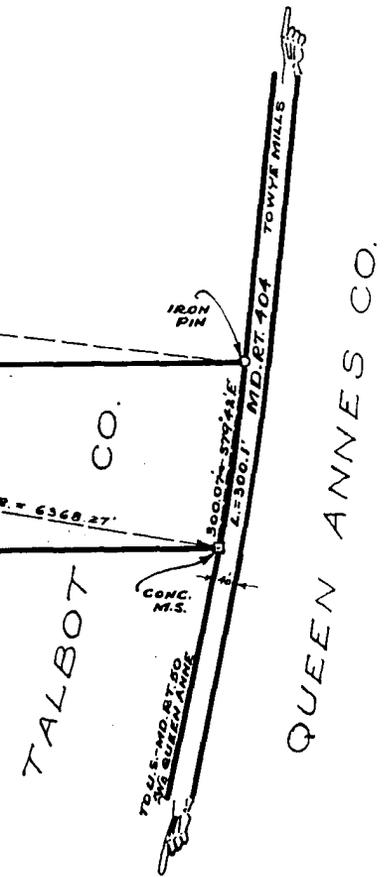




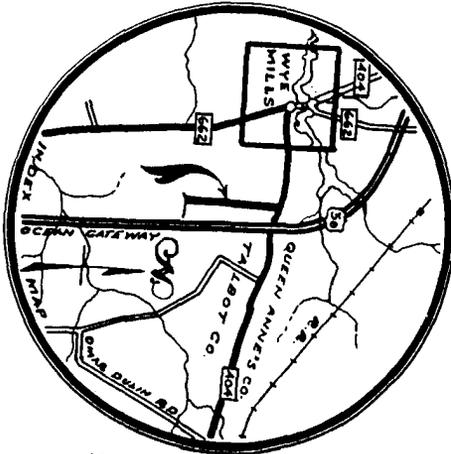
THOMAS O. & ROSALIE MEREDITH  
 LIE. 291, FOL. 98

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 24' 622  
 1000 A.  
 3578.58' —  $S1^{\circ}20'36''E$

THE "ANNIE E. CALLAHAN FARM"  
 COMPOSED OF PARTS OF  
 "THE HASSETT FARM"  
 "THE GRANTHIN FARM"  
 "WINDSOR FORREST"  
 SUBJECT TO  
 MD. - AS G. JR., LIB. 13, FOL. 296, QUEEN ANNES CO. - LIB. 287, FOL. 568.  
 MD. - GRANT TO - CHANCERY - LIB. 51, FOL. 229



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MAP  
 OF  
 A PORTION OF  
 THE "ANNIE E. CALLAHAN FARM"  
 SURVEYED FOR  
 HOLTON E. RHODES, JR.  
 NEAR  
 THE VILLAGE OF WYE MILLS  
 TALBOT COUNTY  
 MARYLAND.

SCALE: - 200' TO 1" MAY, 1976.  
 STATE OF MARYLAND  
 MICHAEL W. WISSE



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Hazett House

~~Talbot County,~~

R Suffren 6198 MHT

Dwelling (81)

NW Corner

1/90



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Hassett Home  
~~Talbot~~ County

R Suffern 6198 m H T  
Dwelling (8)

Rear Entrance, Brick Section  
Looking north

2/90



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Hassett House

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ County

R Suffern 6198 m r r

Dwelling, late 19<sup>th</sup> c wing<sup>(2)</sup>

East wing

East Elevation

3/10



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Hassett Name

~~Talbot~~ County, Md

Ruffness 6198 mt T

Dwelling (8)

ca. 1975 addition to late nineteenth  
c wing

4/10



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Hassett House

~~Falbot~~ County MD

R Suffern 6198 MHT

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Meathouse (?)

NW Corner

5/10



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Nassett House

~~Talbot~~ - County

R Suffness 6/98 MHT

Equipment Shed (4)

North Elevator

6/90

1984  
10.21



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Hassett House

Talbot County

R Saffren 6/98 mH T

Equipment Shed (5)

7/10

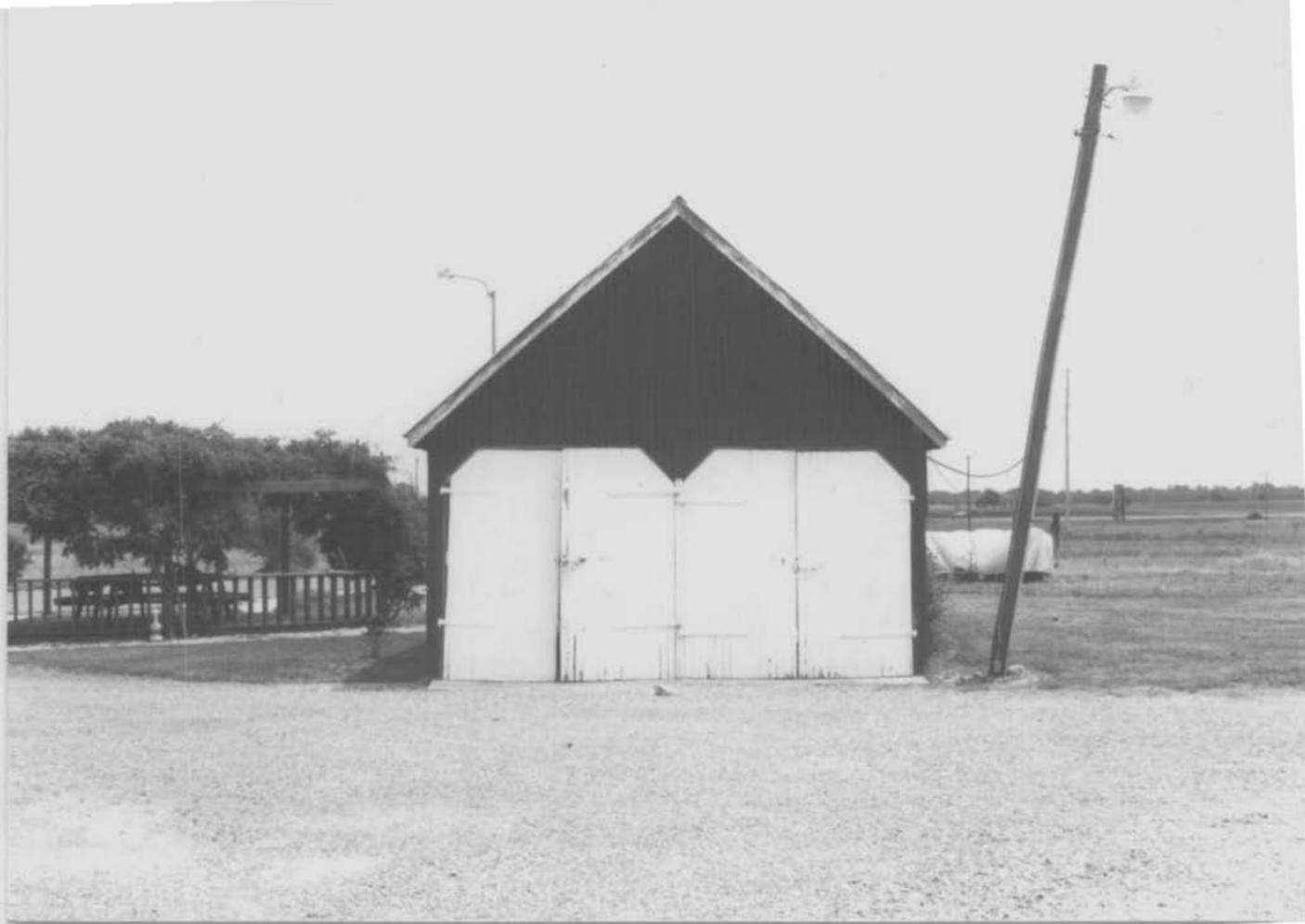


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Hassett House  
Talbot County  
R Suffern

Granary (2) NW Corner

8/10



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Hassett House

Talbot County

R Suffern 6/98 MHT

~~Garage (1) West Elevator~~

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Hassett House

Talbot County

Residence 6/98 MHT

Equipment Shed (3)

NE corner

10/10

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hassett Farm, Granthim, Windsor Forest

AND/OR COMMON

Holton Rhodes Farm House, Friel Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 404, .1 mile west of Rt. 50 (south)

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

— VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Holton E. Rhodes

Telephone #: (301) 822-3023

STREET & NUMBER

Box 275

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21679

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 358

Folio #: 509

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

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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

The Friel Farm, near Wye Mills, is a large farmhouse built in at least two stages. The first house was a two story, three bay by two bay brick building constructed in the 4th quarter of the 18th century. The addition was installed in the fourth quarter of the 19th century on the east side of the earlier structure and at right angles thereto and was built of frame. In form it resembles the Dr. Hopkins House, Wye Mills and Dolvin, south of Wye Mills.

The early part of the house is laid in Flemish bond on the north and west facades and all header bond on the south. A single stepped watertable exists on all three aforementioned sides. The present basement entrance is located on the south side beneath its west window. Earlier entrances to the basement existed on the east side, within the addition and originally on the west gable. The windows are tall and narrow and have segmental arches one brick in depth. The central entrances on both sides have a wider segmental arch which is two bricks in depth. All frames and sash were replaced at one time during the life of the building. The north entrance has a Victorian entrance with sidelights and transom, whereas the south entrance has glazed French door.

On the north facade is a one story porch added in the later 19th century, with pierced balustrade and brackets. At the apex of the roof is a gable added when the addition was built. At east and west gable is a large chimney rising from the apex of the 'A' roof within the walls of the building.

In the basement a brick partition runs parallel with the roof ridge (east-west). In the south half of the basement in the two corners of the partition wall are diagonal brick arches supporting the corner fireplaces above. A third diagonal arch exists in the north half of the cellar back-to-back on the east side.

From this evidence, it appears that the original floor plan consisted of three rooms and a stair hall, on the order of Galloway and Pleasant Valley near Easton, both of which are considerably larger in scale.

With the exception of the bay window on the north gable-facade and Victorian decoration in its apex, there is little architectural sophistication to the wing. It is, however, a large addition doubling the size of the original house.

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# 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
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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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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Friel Farm is important as a substantial brick residence of the late 18th century. It is one of the few buildings in Talbot with all header bond, another being the wing at Cedar Point. It is of interest as a remodeled residence of the late 19th century and is similar to several of the same period as mentioned above.

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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

Jan. 21, 1977

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  
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Fried Farm

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N: facade

M. Bourne

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Frial Farm

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