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Richland (Covey Landing, John Walton House)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Richland

AND/OR COMMON

Richland

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Covey Landing Rd., .6 mile east of Adams Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Queen Anne

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☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John M. Walton

Telephone #: 364-5804

STREET & NUMBER

7606 Woodyard Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Clinton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20735**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 407

Folio #: 222

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Richland, Talbot County is located on a peninsula of land lying on the Tuckahoe Creek north of Covey Landing. It is a long one and one-half story frame structure composed of five bays between two large chimneys with a two bay extension on the west end, the same height as the remainder.

On the south facade are 9/6 sash, a central paneled door, three assymetrically placed dormers on the roof, also between the chimneys. The extension has a window and door on the south facade. Its second story is lighted by two windows on the west gable. On the first story of the gable is a single window. There is a small leanto addition which extends along the north facade the length of the wing and two bays of the facade. The extension is composed of a small screened porch, three windows and a door, besides the door between the porch and kitchen. The remainder of the north facade is composed of two windows and a door with a small casement window adjacent the door to light the stair within. This feature is similar to the windows at Lloyds Landing and Otwell, also in the county. There are two dormers on the rear of the roof plainer in design than those in front, although both are different. Much of the foundation has been relaid and all of the siding has been renewed by the present owner. Below the small casement wind is a bulkhead for access to the cellar, which is very small, probably six by eight feet.

The interior of the house is composed of a central stair hall flanked by two rooms, with a third room behind the center room, similar in plan to Hampden, Compton and Anderton also in Talbot County. In addition to the basic house is the one room kitchen at the west end of the composition. The living room, on the west end of the house, has one paneled wall across the face of the fireplace and two closets. In composition, the paneling resembles Troth's Fortune but lacks the pilasters, that is, there are two horizontal panels above the fireplace with vertical panels flanking the fireplace. The bottom of the lower panel is cut in contour with the arch of the fireplace. Around the room is a paneled dado. Beneath the windows the paneling is composed of two horizontal panels which were formerly elements of window seats. The flooring has been renewed by the present owner.

The stair hall is of the same period as the living room. It is a close string structure with turned balusters and bold handrail having molding on the outside and only a bead on the base of the inside. It ascends in three flights to the second story.

From the stair hall there is direct access only to the dining room, with the den opening off of the dining room. The dining room is not as deep as the living room as a portion of the den is included within, a portion without the rectangular plan as established by the living room and stair hall. The plan is very similar to Hampden, although there are no corner fireplaces, but only one in the dining room. Because of the irregularity of the masonry in that area it is possible

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that there were corner fireplaces. Framing members on the south side of the dining room are partially exposed. There is also the possibility that originally the dining room was larger and the den was added later, taking a portion of the dining room. Both dining room and den retain original workwork which appears either late eighteenth century or early in the nineteenth. A modern bath opens from the den.

The kitchen has access only from the dining room. It has been completely modernized but retains the enclosed stair to the bedroom above.

That bedroom is very plain and is roomier than the two rooms in the older parts of the house because of the lower ceiling in the kitchen. Between the kitchen chamber aforesaid and the dining room chamber is a small bath.

In the oldest portion of the building is a bath at the head of the stair and a living room chamber. Like the living room, there is a wall of paneling across the face of the fireplace. One large panel above the fireplace stands in contrast to the lapped vertical boards and the mid-19th century closet doors.

Richland appears to be the earliest existing dwelling for miles around. The other dwellings have either been included in later structures or have been demolished.

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		
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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

Richland is important architecturally as a continuation of the building tradition of the second quarter of the 18th century higher up the Tuckahoe Branch of the Choptank River than confirmed in previous surveys. It is also important because of the development of the structure and its confirmation of the vernacular feature of addability.

Even though its origin is Dorchester County, the cooler is of interest as an exceptional survival of early 19th century out-buildings.

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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Nov., 1976

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STATE

Maryland 21401


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

<p>1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Talbot</u> TOWN <u>Queen Anne</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Covey Ldg Rd., 1.6 mile east of Adams Rd (North)</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>John M Walton</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 1/2</u></p>		<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>T-77</u></p>	
		<p>2. NAME <u>Covey Landing</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1740</u> STYLE <u>Minimal</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER</p>	
		<p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p>OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></p>			
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior Exterior <u>good</u></p>			
<p> 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>			
<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>			
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>MTB</u> <u>5/69</u></p>	
		<p>DATE OF RECORD</p>	

Covey Landing

Covey Landing is a large 1 1/2 story frame structure built on a brick foundation. It was originally 5 bays long with large brick chimneys within the gable ends, but now has ~~2~~ another 2 bays ~~and~~ the west side. On the west half, both sides, is the present house: a 1-bay section, part of which was date from the original construction. (To be determined at a later date), there are four chimneys on the south side of the strip. A wing, and there on the north side.

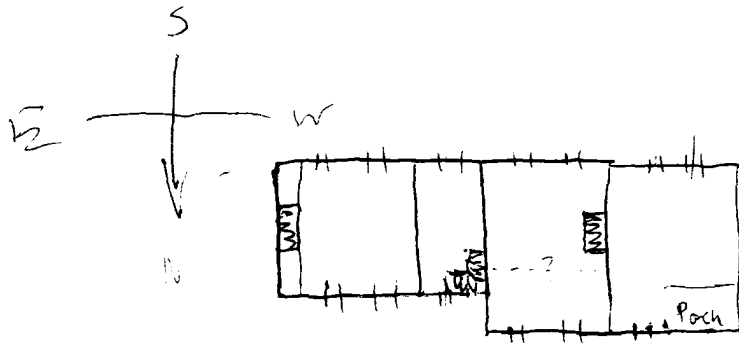
All of the windows have 1/2 ash, except the dormer, with 1/2 ash, the front door, is the center of the older part has sidelights & transoms. All of the present exterior treatment appears to date from about 1830-40. A small window is located high in the wall west of the ~~109th~~ door — revealing what appears to be an early 18th Century stair (the treatment is similar to that at Lloyd's Landing in Talbot Co). Also ~~it~~ appears to have round painted fireplace walls ~~which~~ which appear earlier than the exterior treatment.

Closer examination of the house should be made before any definite attribution, date, etc. can be made.

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C. 1740-50 ?

1 1/2 story frame on brick foundation

S bay long - 1 room deep - w/ center door

plus a 2-bay long extension

plus a narrow enclosed cell extension
on one room + the extension

yellow wood clapboard - 9/8 sash -

Narrow frames

mid-19th door + trim

" " cornice

New shaped end-boards

4 dormers on S

3 " " N

add decoration

2 chimneys within original gable

Inter - ^{nailed} paneled room ends

" Restored" - not well - just linens



. 12 x 1.62

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Covey Landing

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S. facade; e. gable

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Covey landing

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W. gable ; N. facade

M. Bourne

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