

T-785  
Adams House  
Bellevue  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ADAMS House

MHT Inventory Number: T-785

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common ADAMS HOUSE

## 2. Location

street &amp; number SE corner of Gates and Dawson streets \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Bellevue \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county First

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Adams house is a two-story, two-bay frame dwelling that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of Dawson and Gates streets in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, one-room plan frame house faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story, two-bay structure is supported on a low brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with a combination of plywood sheets and asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The northwest (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a side door and flanking single-pane sash window. The second floor is pierced by a single one-over-one sash above the first floor window. The eave to the roof is slightly extended.

The southwest gable end is a plain wall surface with a flush gable end, and the northeast end is similarly treated.

The southeast (rear) facade is detailed like the front with a side, partially glazed door and a flanking single-pane sash window. The second floor is lighted by a single window as well.

The interior was not seen.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

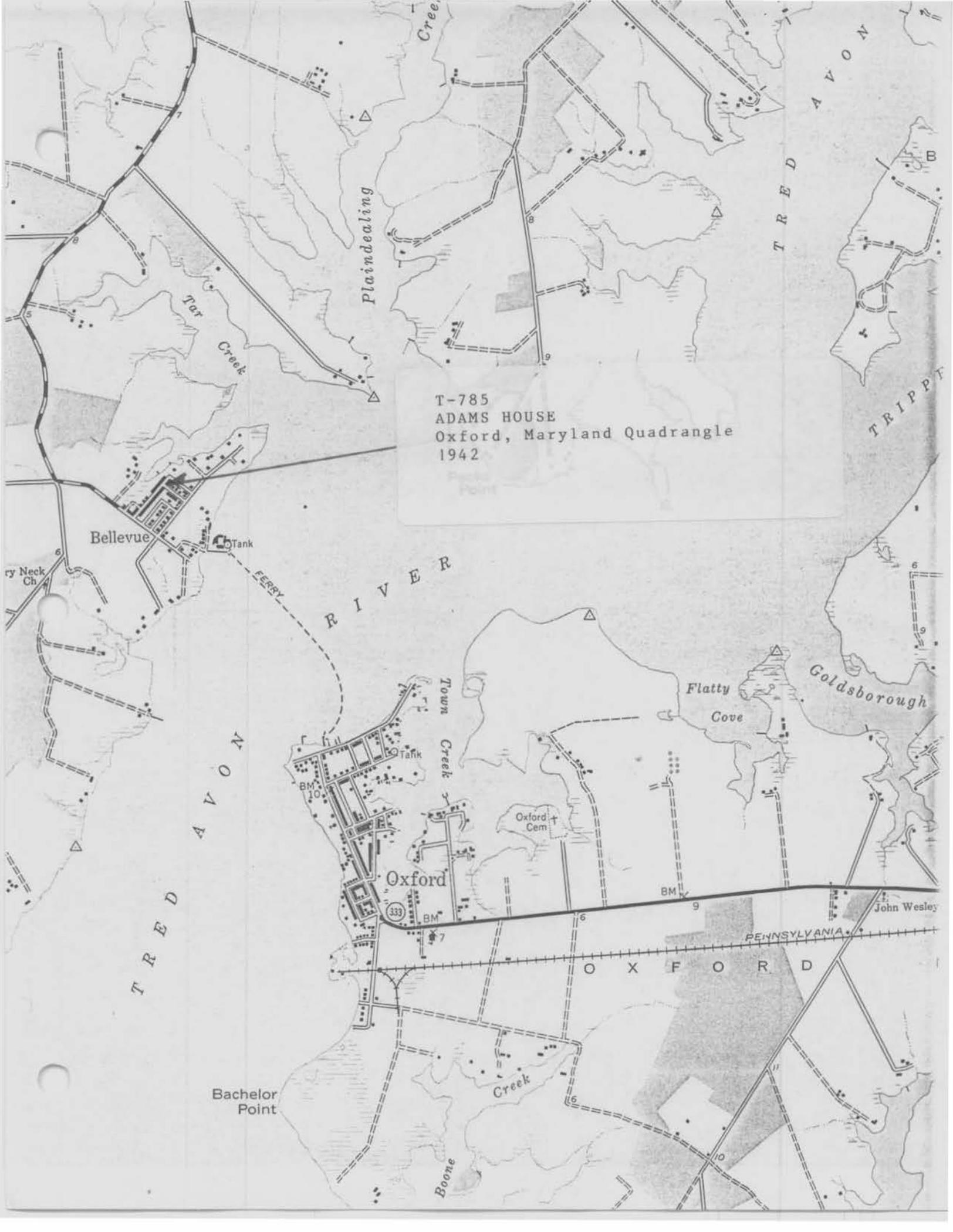
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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ADAMS HOUSE  
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle  
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ADAMS HOUSE

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

Northwest elevation

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

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