

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-922

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William F. Seymour house

2. Location

street & number Royal Oak Road not for publication

city, town Royal Oak vicinity of congressional district 2

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Kenneth A. Longenecker

street & number Rt. 329 telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 633

street & number folio 59

city, town Easton state MD

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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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 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 William F. Seymour house is the third building located on the south side of Royal Oak Road from its intersection with Bellevue Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. The house faces north, with the principle gable oriented on an east/west axis.

This three bay, two-and-a-half story frame structure is sheathed in cream weatherboard and roofed with asphalt shingles. The foundation consists of cement blocks cast to look like chisled stone. The house is finished with cornerboards.

The north (main) elevation has a full-width porch with turned supports and decorative brackets which rest on a wooden platform. A single light over three panel door with wide, white trim serves as the central bay flanked on either side by one two-over-two sash window with wide, white surrounds and green paneled shutters. The second floor is lit by three of the same two-over-two sash windows with shutters. A central cross gable breaks the roofline and is lit by one small two-over-two sash window with a rounded upper sash. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the house and the wide roof overhang on this elevation has exposed rafter feet.

The east elevation is a gable end with a three-sided, projecting bay window lit by two-over-two sash windows with wide surrounds on the first floor and one two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds and green paneled shutters on the second floor. A two-story, gable roof addition extends to the west of this gable end lit on the first floor by a projecting two-light window and on the second floor by one two-over-two sash window with wide surrounds and green paneled shutters.

The south elevation has a gable end as its eastern most bay lit by a single light window on the first floor and a one-over-one sash window on the second floor with wide surrounds and green paneled shutters. A small, gable roof addition projects from the first floor pierced by a batten door on this west side. The western bay of this elevation is a two-story, gable roof addition pierced by one nine-light over two-panel door and a pair of french doors which open onto a wooden deck on the first floor. The second floor is lit by a bay of three modern windows with a half round window centered above.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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**

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.

William F. Seymour and his wife Annie purchased this property from Eva M. and William L. Myers in 1914. Although William F. Seymour conducted his grocery business in Royal Oak until the 1950s, he and his wife only lived in this house until 1924. In 1924 Mary E. Burrows purchased the house which was inherited by her three children in 1929: Norman Claude Benson, Joseph Marion Benson, and Rosa Benson.

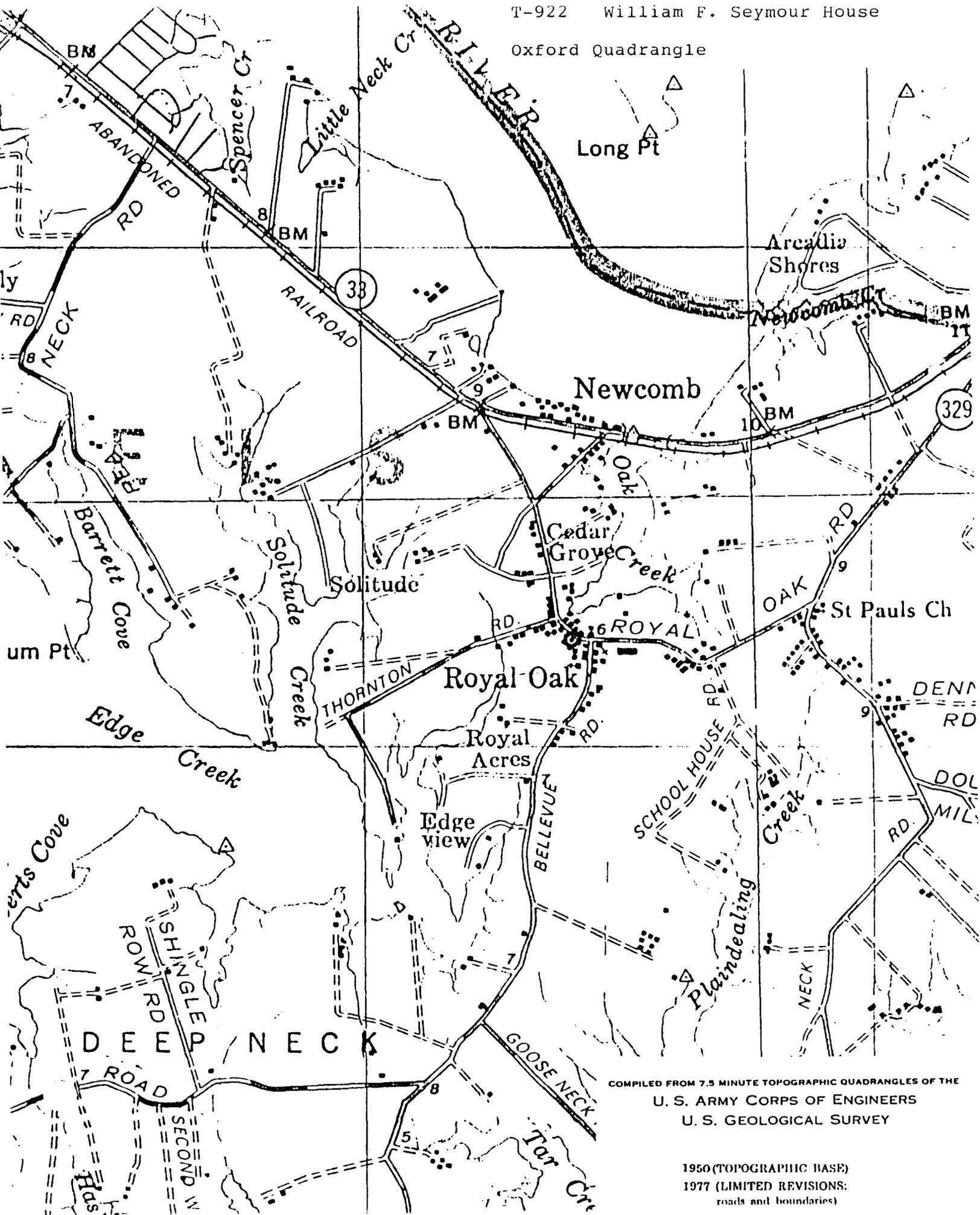
In 1929 these heirs sold the property to Marion C. and Barbara Roe. The Roes owned this property until 1973 when they sold it to Francies M. Longenecker.

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William F. Seymour house Description cont'd.

The west elevation has the gable end of the house's main body as its southern most bay. This wing has a centered, two-story, square projection covered in new weatherboard flanked on either side by a one-over-one sash window with wide surrounds and green paneled shutters on the first and second floors. The two-story addition which extends to the south is lit on the first floor by two one-over-one sash windows with green, paneled shutters and on the second floor by two six-over-six sash windows.

A path lined with boxwood bushes leads from Royal Oak Road to the house's entrance door. A gravel drive extends from the road along the north side of the house to the long rear yard of the property. One modern board and batten barn like structure roofed with tin and lit with three-over-one sash windows sits in the rear yard. The current owners keep goats.



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1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
 1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
 roads and boundaries)



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NW ELEVATION