

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-931

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common S.E. Ellen Denny house

## 2. Location

street & number <sup>26162</sup> Royal Oak Road  not for publication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                   | <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 William G. and Deborah Smith

street & number Rt 1 Box 589 telephone no.:

city, town St. Michael's state and zip code MD 21663

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

## 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 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 S. E. Ellen Denny house is located on the north side of Royal Oak Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. The Denny house is located near Schoolhouse Road and is bordered to the east by Oak View. This structure faces south with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

This three bay, two-story frame structure is sheathed in wood shingles and finished with white cornerboards. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingles and the foundation consists of brick piers.

The south (main) elevation has a full width porch with a tin roof supported by square posts. The central bay is a four panel door with a three light transom and three light sidelights. The door is flanked by one two-over-two sash window on either side with narrow surrounds and white, louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by three two-over-two sash windows with narrow surrounds and white, louvered shutters. An interior, brick chimney pierces the roof.

The west elevation gable end is lit on the first and second floor by one one-over-one sash window. A one-story, gable roof addition, probably a former summer kitchen, with a boxed cornice extends to the north lit by one six-over-six sash window. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at the northern end of this addition. A smaller scale one-story addition extends to the north of the first addition pierced by one four-light over two-panel door.

The north elevation is lit by one two-over-two sash window as the eastern most bay. The western most bay is a two stage, one-story, gable roof addition which extends to the north. It is lit on the north end by two six-light casement windows. The east side of this addition is lit by two of these casement windows. The second floor is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with white, louvered shutters.

The east elevation is a blind gable end.

There are no outbuildings.

# 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/<br>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 |
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| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D<br>and/or                                                       |                   |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G |                   |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local                                                                       |                   |

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

S. E. Ellen Denny received this property from Samuel C. and Mollie Trippe in 1891 (T.C.Land Records 114/219). Sarah E. Denny was a seamstress who lived in this house with her mother and daughter. From Denny the house passed to Eva M. Leonard in 1909. Eva Leonard was the wife of Daniel B. Leonard, a local insurance agent, and owned this property until 1938 when it passed to her daughters Bruffelle and Rachel.

Arnold L. Leonard purchased the property from his sisters in 1941 and sold it to Mary C. Smithers in 1947. Smithers sold it to John M. Stevens. Elsie M. Stevens, John's wife, transferred the property to George Andrew Fink, Jr. and his wife Dortha Elizabeth Fink. This couple remained here until 1986 when it passed to the Tarbuttons who sold it to the current owners in 1990.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.  
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub. Co., 1985.

# 10. Geographical Data

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

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

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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| A | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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| B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|   | Zone                 | Easting              | Northing             |

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| G | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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| H | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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

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organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

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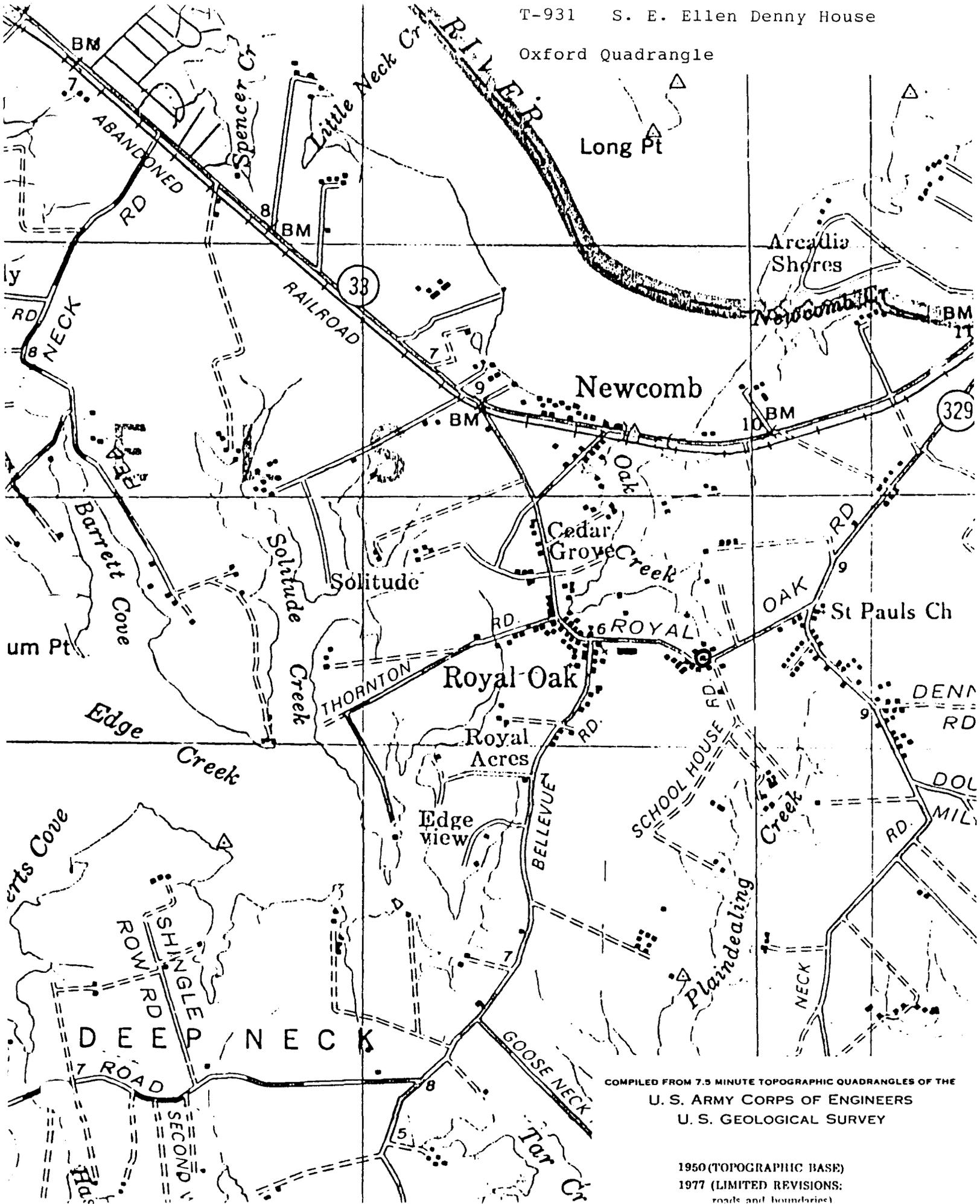
city or town Easton state MD

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.

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 roads and boundaries)



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S. E. ELLEN DENNY HOUSE

SW ELEVATION