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Spriggs Farmhouse
Arnold

c. 1890
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Spriggs Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

965 Bayberry Drive, east side, off of Shore Acres Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Arnold

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4

STATE

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

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

Ruth E. Spriggs

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

965 Bayberry Drive

CITY, TOWN

Arnold

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel

Liber #: 74

Folio #: 276

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spriggs Farmhouse is located on the east side of Bay-Berry Drive, off of Shore Acres Rd. Situated on a high mound-like hill, the house is ringed by a colorful garden with a lilac hedge in front of the entrance which faces south. To the north, the land slopes off abruptly to fields and the Magothy River.

The structure is a late 19th century, 2 story, 3 bay, frame house, covered with brown wood shingles. The main entrance is on the south elevation. A 2 story wing (added c. 1910) joins the rear of the house. Originally, the house contained four rooms—two down and two up.

A one story screen porch projects from the center bay, front elevation. Another porch with a shed roof supported by wooden poles extends beyond the east elevation to include a polygonal porch (built by the present owner) overlooking the Magothy River.

Most of the windows have 6/6 double hung sash. Double windows were added on the first floor, front elevation. In addition, a modern bay window was added to the first story, west elevation.

The house has a gable flank roof with wide eaves and a molded cornice. An inside end chimney is on the east gable end.

The interior has been completely renovated by the present owners.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 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 *c. 1890*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spriggs Farm House is a small two-story, brown, I-house, built c. 1890. The building itself is quite ordinary, but the setting is extraordinary. The hill top on which the house is located resembles a large mound. From it one looks north across the Magothy River to Little, Dobbins and Gibson Island. Archeological digs conducted by Professor Harry Story at the Sprigg's farm disclosed significant Indian activity there in the "Selby Bay Phase (500 A.D.)". The owner has added a polygonal porch to the north elevation which has a primitive appearance somehow appropriate to the structure.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Broadneck Maryland's Historic Peninsula , written and compiled by residents of Broadneck under the sponsorship of the Broadneck Jaycees. 1976

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 53.79

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 Marion Morton Carroll - Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION A.A. Ct. Dept of Planning and Zoning DATE Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER Arundel Center TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis STATE

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Arnold

South elev.

W. M. Carroll

Aug. 1978



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S.E. elev.
M. M. Carroll
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