

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X  
no \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: John Lowman Farm Inventory Number: AA-868

Address: 8187 Telegraph Road City: Severn Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: ODENTON

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None

Is the property located within a historic district?    no    yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?    no    yes Determined eligible?    no    yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
Inventory form AA-868

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Prepared by: DOT/FHWA, Emil Elinsky Date Prepared: 04/16/1983

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**MHT Comments:**

Lowman Farm was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Susan Garrison

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

April 22, 1983

Date



AA-868  
John Lowman House  
Severn vicinity  
Private

Second quarter  
19th century; late  
19th century addition

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This two-story house appears to have been built in two stages. The earlier section (north end) is based on a side-passage, double-pile plan and has a pyramidal shaped roof. This section was probably constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century. A late 19th century addition extends from the south elevation and measures 2 bays by 2 bays. It has a hip roof. Both sections form an L-shape plan in the final composition. A one-story wrap-around porch, supported by five Doric columns, extends across the facade of the house. This was probably added in the early 20th century. The house is covered with weatherboard siding.

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Lowman House

and/or common John Lowman House

## 2. Location

street & number 8187 Telegraph Road  not for publication

city, town Severn  vicinity of congressional district 4th

state MD county Anne Arundel

## 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Penrhyn S. Watts, Jr.

street & number 8187 Telegraph Road telephone no.: 301-569-7290

city, town Severn state and zip code MD

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber

street & number Church Circle folio

city, town Annapolis state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

date 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-868

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 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.

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The house is covered with weatherboard siding. A portion of the siding is missing in the northeast corner of the house, revealing hand-hewn corner posts in the original section. The original section rests on a brick foundation and the addition on a stone foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the porch roof with standing-seam metal. Three interior brick chimneys are located in the house: two at the north elevation and one at the south elevation. A 1-story hip-roof, screened-in porch covers two entrances at the rear (east elevation) of the house toward the south end. It is supported by 5 turned, wood posts. One entrance to the south leads into the late 19th century addition. The other entrance, consisting of a 4-panel door surmounted by a 3-pane transom, leads into the side passage of the original section of the house.

The main entrance to the house is located on the facade and opens into the side passage of the original section. The entrance consists of a 4-panel door surmounted by a 3-pane transom, flanked by 4-pane sidelights which rest on raised wooden panels. The entire entrance is flanked by flat wooden pilasters. Another entrance pierces the south elevation of the original section under the wrap-around porch. This leads into the side passage. Two other doorways pierce the north elevation of the house. These once provided access to a wing which has been removed.

The windows in the original section and the 2nd story of the rear elevation in the addition are 6/6 sash. The rest of the addition is lit by 2/2 sash windows. All windows have wooden, louvered shutters.

The interior of the house was not examined.

An historic photo, pictured in Catherine O'Malley's Odenton: The Town a Railroad Built, shows that the facade of the house once had a single-bay, 1-story, hip-roof portico covering the main entrance. It was supported by a pair of Doric columns at each corner.

(See continuation sheet)

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-868

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.

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## Footnotes

1. John Lowman was the great-great-grandfather of Murray O'Malley, Catherine O'Malley's husband.



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A 1-story, hip-roof porch supported by turned posts is also pictured covering the facade of the addition. This photo also shows a portion of a smaller wing extending from the north elevation of the house. According to Catherine O'Malley, this was an early part of the house, possibly pre-dating the side-passage, double pile section.<sup>1</sup> The two doorways located on the north elevation more than likely provided access to this wing.

A small, frame outbuilding of unknown past use is located just east of the rear of the house. It is covered with German siding and the deteriorating gable roof is covered with wooden shingles.

#### Footnotes

1. Interview with Catherine O'Malley, May 1, 1984.

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EO. 11503

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

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Project Name:

Location: Anne Arundel County

State: MD

Request submitted by: DOT/FHWA Emil Elinsky

Date Received: 4-16-83

Additional information received:

36 CFR Part 63.3  
Determination

Name of property	SHPO opinion	Eligibility	
		Secretary of the Interior's opinion	Criteria
Lowman Farm	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Eligible</u>	AA-868
Grasslands	Eligible	Eligible	

*Susan J. Harrison*  
FOR Keeper of the National Register  
Determined Eligible  
Date: April 22, 1983

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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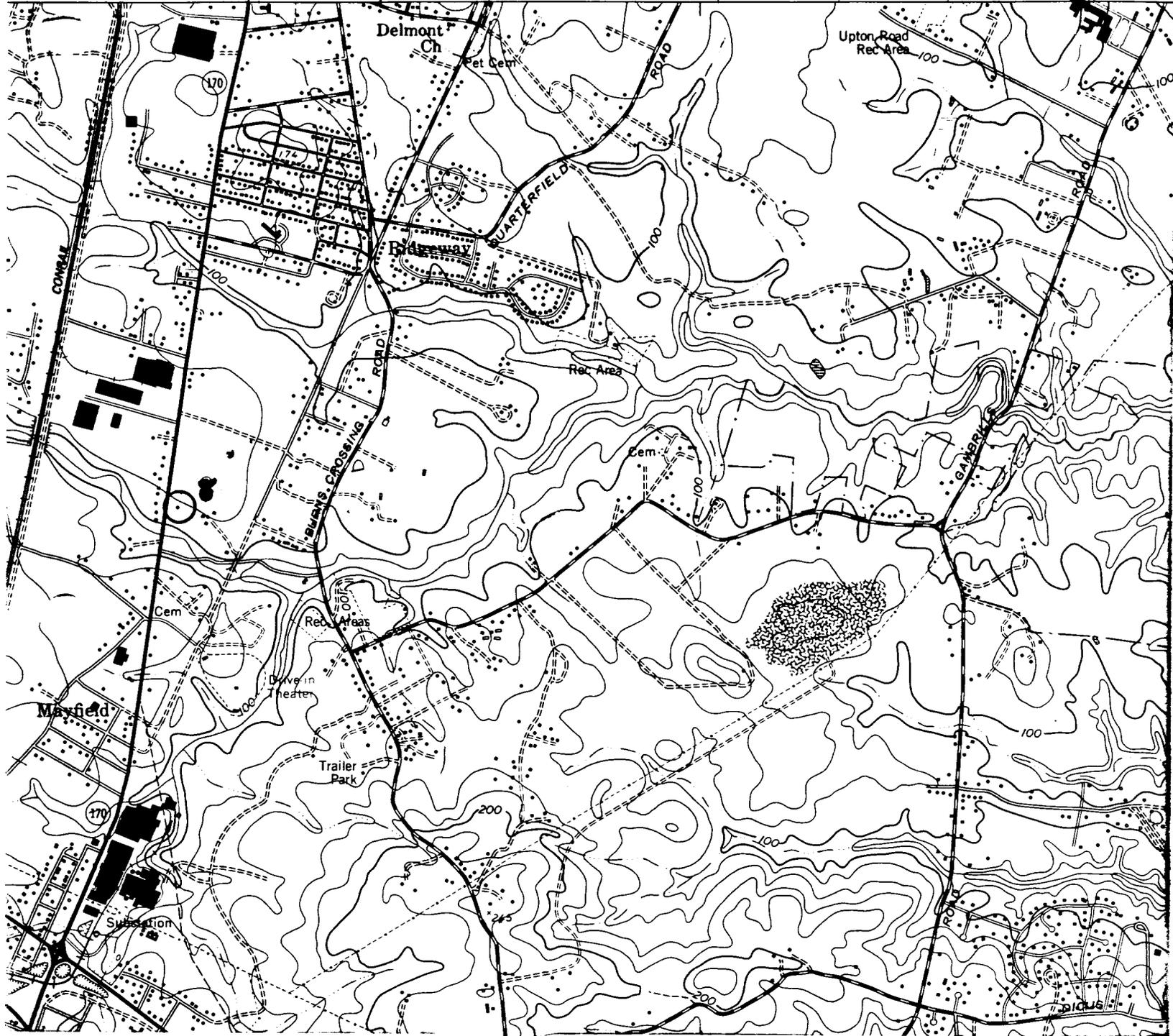
BROOKLYN (JUNC. MD. 2) 11 MI. 5662 11 NW  
353 SHIPLEY 7.2 MI. (RELAY)

355

40' 356

357

900 000 FEET



Odenton, MD  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1957; photo revised 1979

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Location: 8187 Telegraph Road  
Savern vicinity



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John Lowman House

Anne Arundel County, MD

Photo: D. Ware

5/84

Facade: west elevation

& Side: south elevation



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Rear: east elevation



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Rear porch: east elevation



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Detail: facade entrance  
west elevation