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Survey No. AA-2057
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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JACOB BIRD TENANT HOUSE(S) and J. IRVING BIRD, JR. HOUSE.

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 205 Mill Swamp Road ___ not for publication

city, town Birdsville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county AA

3. Classification

Category
___ district
___ building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
___ private
___ both

Public Acquisition
___ in process
___ being considered
___ not applicable

Status
___ occupied
___ unoccupied
___ work in progress

Accessible
___ yes: restricted
___ yes: unrestricted
___ no

Present Use
___ agriculture
___ commercial
___ educational
___ entertainment
___ government
___ industrial
___ military
___ museum
___ park
___ private residence
___ religious
___ scientific
___ transportation
___ other:

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

name George M. Dove / Benjamin M. et al (occupant) map 64/parcel 5 (133.21 acres)

street & number 205 Mill Swamp Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Edgewater state and zip code MD 21037

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 3854

street & number folio 15

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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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
✓ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

2057 The Jacob Bird Tenant House is a modest 3-bay 2-story frame house, with two rooms each floor, facing east. The enclosed stairway hugs the interior south wall of the north room. An original chimney and 1st-floor fireplace (crudely constructed) are centered inside the south end gable wall. Fireplace has been closed with plasterboard. Original north gable wall and north chimney were removed, apparently after fire damage, and the house was extended northward about 6 ft.
The original siding still exists under later wood shingles. By description of current owner, this original siding consists of plain boards (3"x1") laid horizontally with no overlapping. Underneath is a hewn heavy timber frame consisting of 8"x12" vertical posts at corners of original block and on either side of center-bay doors; posts extend foundation-to-attic with no break at second-floor level. Later north extension of house has sawn structural members.
The original wood shingle roof, covered with tin, was carried off during two storms, c.1970 and 1976. The current tin roof is new.
Full-width screened porch, east facade. Full-width 1-story shed addition, west elevation. House rests on piers. Crawl space underneath.

2057-A The J. Irving Bird, Jr. House, built 1914, is a 3-bay 2-story frame "four-square" with hipped roof and cross-hipped rear el.
Standing seam tin roof, deep eaves.
2/2 windows, original.
Full-width screened front porch.
Painted brown wood shingles over orig. horizontal weatherboard.
Shutters, first floor.
House in rough shape, but substantially unaltered. Nice proportions.

The east elevation of "Larkins Hills"(AA-151) can be seen about a mile away across fields to the west, a view very little changed in 100 years.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ 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.

The Jacob Bird Tenant House (AA-2057) is identified on the 1878 Hopkins Map. (See accompanying zerox of map.) The map shows the house to be south of Mill Swamp Road, in the northern portion of Jacob W. Bird's 780-acre property, which his father acquired early in the 19th century from Richard Harwood. It is not clear how old the tenant house is, however a rosehead nail (pre-1815) was found during renovations of the house by the current owners, Mr./Mrs. Benjamin Dove. (They don't remember where in the house the nail was found.) Many more of these nails can be seen throughout the Mary's Mount house (AA-153) which is thought to be the original main house on this Harwood/Bird property.

According to Benj. Dove, Jacob Bird's son Joseph Irving Bird (1856-1931) divided the property between his sons J. Irving Bird, Jr. and Dr. Jacob Wheeler Bird. The former brother was given the northern portion including the Jacob Bird Tenant Hse. (and probably also including another "tenant house" 1/5 mile to the east, now owned by the Middletons who have substantially altered it. See contact photo in MHT negative-file under AA-2057B). The division of property may have taken place in Oct. 1913 at the same time that a survey was prepared by E. Lacy Chinn (survey referred to in B. Dove's deed). The latter brother, Dr. Jacob W. Bird, was given the southern portion containing both the Mary's Mount house, where his father Jos. I. Bird had resided since at least 1878 (see 1878 map), and the house called Dryad Hill (burned c.1950 by Dr. Bird) (3/5 mile east of Mary's Mount.)

According to Benj. Dove, in 1914 J. Irving Bird, Jr. built himself a new house (AA-2057A) on his northern portion, 1/4 mile west of the Jacob Bird Tenant Hse. He also built a small cow stable sheathed with horizontal weatherboards. He had a tenant farmer Mr. Harrison and his family living in the Jacob Bird T. Hse. The farmer's son Billy Harrison, born there in 1915, has visited Benj. Dove.

Joseph Irving Bird died in 1931. The same year, J. Irving Bird, Jr. sold his share of the property to Louis Hamilton Moreland (FSR 87/259). The Doves bought the property from the Morelands in 1943. Benjamin Dove and his wife live in the Jacob Bird Tenant Hse. His brother Melvin Dove and wife live in the J. Irving Bird, Jr. House.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name S. River

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan R. Wetherill

organization A.A. Co. Planning & Zoning date July 1987

street & number telephone

city or town state

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7/15/87 S. Wetherill

Geneology provided by Mrs. Rich'd Smith Jr. re: Mary's Mount;

House built 1771 by Richard Harwood (d. 1826)
Acquired by Jacob Wheeler Bird c. 1800-1825 (?) (J.W. Bird died 1825 Is listed as owner of Mary's Mt. on 1860 map - perhaps his widow?)
~~Thos.~~

Thos. Bird (c. 1750 - 1825) m. Jamima

- Jacob W. Bird (1784-1825) m. (1808) Susannah Lee
- John (1782-1860)
- Thos. (1794-1844)

Jacob W. Bird Jr. (1820-1887) m. (1851) Sallie Annabelle Ditty [daughter of Geo. Ditty (1798-1846) and Harriet Winterson (1805-1877)]
(resident/owner of "Dryad Hill" on 1860 and 1878 maps) 780 acres/1878

Jos. Irving Bird (1856-1931) m. ?
(1878 resident of Mary's Mt. per 1878 map)

- Dr. Jacob Wheeler Bird (-1959)
  (His heirs sold Mary's Mt. to the Mullers, parents of present owner, Mrs. Smith.)
- J. Irving Bird, Jr. m. Elise
  (built the 1914 - Foursquare house to north of Mary's Mt., now on Dove property AA-2057A.)
- James (- c. 1984)
- Mary

Sarah Stockett
Benj. F. Carrick
Wm. G. Marshall 200a.
G.K. Stockett 110a.
Allen Marriott 340a.
Genl Geo. H. Stewart
Wm. Black
Geo. J. Beall
R.O. Donnell Store
Dr Benj. R. Davidson 300a.
Souville P.O.
Mrs. Parrott
Geo. Williams Coupt
Thos. Ditty 130a.
Jas. A. Iglehart 60a.
Jas. I. Gray 87a.
All Hallows Chapel
Jno. W. Williams 200a.
Jno. W. Iglehart 178a.
Eliza Gray
Thos. Tulbott
Saml. H. Dorsett
Walter Snyder
All Hallows Episc. Ch.
Jno. R. Owens
Thos. Orm
Eliz. Gray
Jno. R. Owens 215a.
South River P.O.
Ed. Collison Est. 449a.
Ed. Collison Est.
R. Collison Coupt 273a.
J. Henry Sellman 232a.
Don. Stewart
Heirs of Dr H.M. Duvall
Dr Wm. P. Bird 20a.
Richard Weems 254a.
Jno. Stewart
Jno. Owens
Julia Watkins
Rich. P. Sellman 268a.
Dr H.M. Duvall Hrs.
Birdsville
Dumoldus Stewart
Frank Stockett 271a.
Edwin Boyle
Looking Hills
Beale Worthington 94a.
Rich. O'Tell
Chas. Contie
Jas. Boyle
Julius Jordan
Jacob Byrd
Dr Burwell
Jno. Holliday
Dr Benj. King 300a.
J. Jordan
Dan. Murray
Jos. Bird
Dryad Hill
Jas. W. Bird
Iglehart
Dr Frank Waters 330a.
Colhoun
Gardner & Howard Store
Dr Chas. Steel 163a.
Jno. Chew
Dr Benj. Byrd Hrs.
Galloway Cheston
Frank H. Byrd
J. Rodger Wallace 251a.
Owensville
Vernon Compton 215a.
Rich. Clayton 130a.
West River P.O.
Geo. R. Lyles 150a.
Dr H. Winns
Edwr Shepard 101a.
Jno. Hopkins
Henry Carr 248a.
Rich. Snowden 100a.
Geo. F. Calhoun 119a.
Dr Wm. Claytor 105a.
Lucy Welch
Dr Burwell
Lucy Welch
Mt Zion Lothian P.O.
Murney Thomas
Chas. Fenwick
Aug. Hall 42.5a.
Waters Hall
Beran & Pindell Store
Geo. Jenkins
F. Hull Hrs.
Osborn Makel
Wm. Shepperd 213a.
Aug. Hall 200a.
Wm. Hall
Henry H. Murray 204a.
Chas. C. Stewart 347a.
Galesville
Caroline Washington
Jno. Benson
Mrs. Louisa Murray
Susan N. Anspach 672a.
Anspach
Wm. Smith
Robt. M. Wood
Dr Jas. H. Murray
Chas. Owens
Chas. H. Scott
Geo. Adams
Frank T. Byrd
Wm. H. Peake
Chew Chapel
Wm. Lyons 200a.
Emily Mayer 287a.
Dr Jas. H. Murray
1878 Hopkins Map

G. M. Hopkins Atlas 1878
First District, A.A. County
Scale 1½" = 1 mile

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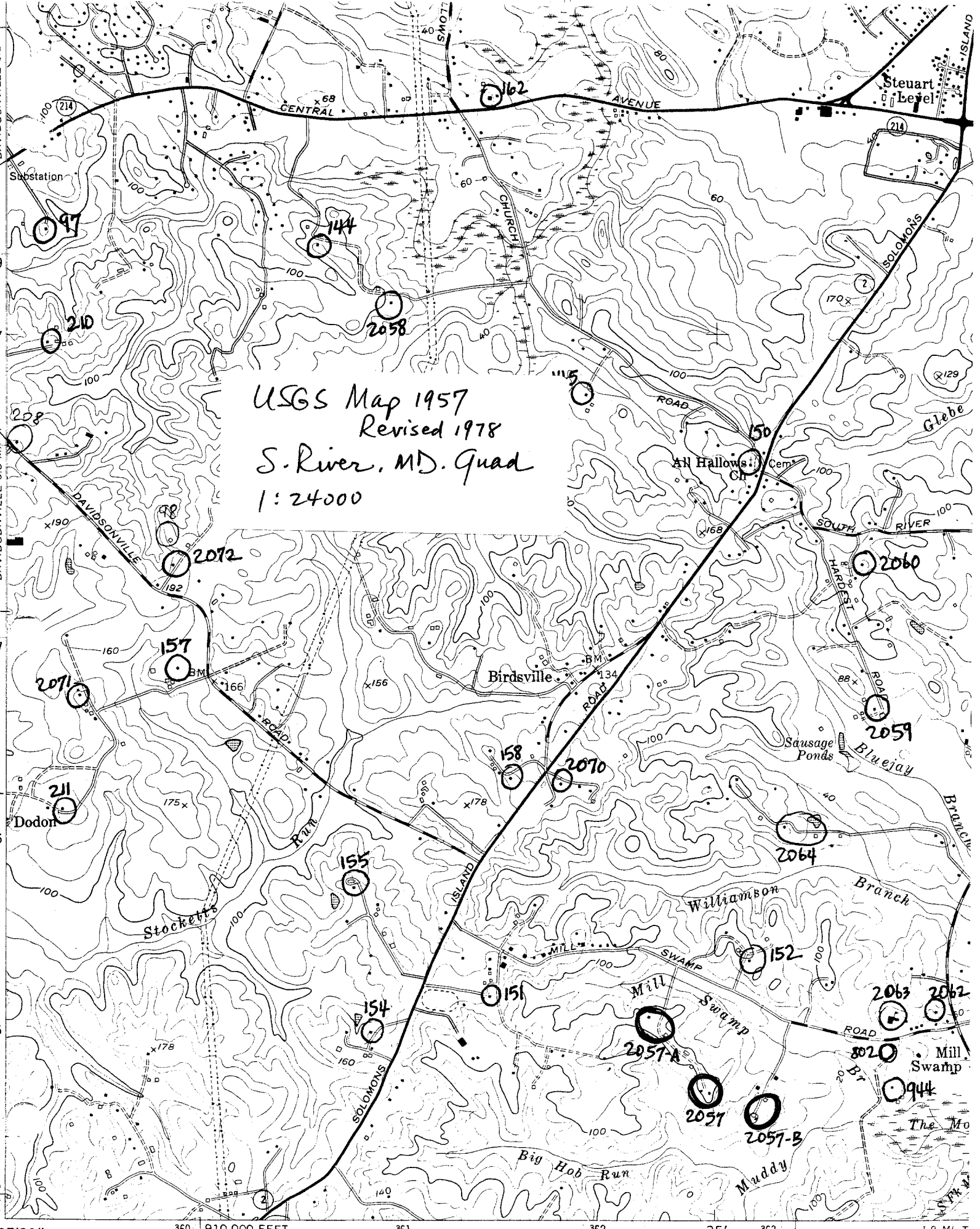
Jacob Byrd Farm
Birdsville vicinity



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Jacob Bird Tenant House
AA Co. MD.
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SE corner

AA-2057
Jacob Bird Tenant House
AA Co. MD
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NW corner

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~~Jacob~~ Jacob Bird Tenant Hse.
AA Co. MD
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NE Corner

AA-2057 A
J. Irving Bird, Jr. House
AA Co. MD.
S. Wetherill, 7/87
West corner

AA-2057 A
J. Irving Bird, Jr. House
AA Co. MD.
S. Wetherill 7/87
E. corner

AA-2057 A
J. Irving Bird, Jr. Barn
AA Co. MD
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South corner

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