

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Morris Farm House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Cherry Lane

CITY, TOWN

Tuckahoe State Park VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Ridgely, Md

COUNTY

Caroline

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland State Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**CAR-~~255~~ 255

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Morris Farmhouse, located on the west side of Cherry Lane within Tuckahoe State Park is a two storey, three bay structure with a lower two storey rear addition. The entire house has been aluminum-sided thus obscuring window and doorway surrounds and clapboard type. Both sections rest on brick foundations.

The east facade of the main block is distinguished by a one-storey screened porch with turned supports, brackets and pediments. A central doorway is flanked by double windows. 3/1 sash windows with 2/2 sash mark the three corresponding openings on the second storey. A lancet 2/2 sashed window surrounded by fishscale shingles punctuates the centrally pitched gable. The asbestos shingled roof is further defined by corbel capped brick interior chimneys at both gable ends.

The north and south facades carry identical fenestration: an assymmetrically placed 3/1 window surmounted by a 2/1 sashed window. The fishscale shingles are repeated in the pediment area of the gables.

The two storey, two bay el projects from the two southernmost bays. The south facade is defined by two 2/1 sashed windows on the first storey and a centrally located 2/1 sashed window on the second storey. A shed roofed addition extends across the first storey of the north facade. A doorway in the east bay and a 2/1 sashed window in the west bay characterize this addition. A 2/1 sashed window is centrally located on the second storey of the north facade. Another entrance is found on the west facade. Above it is a 2/1 sashed window. An interior brick chimney rises from this gable end.

Various outbuildings are located to the west of the farmhouse.

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**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" 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

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Morris dwelling is a typical late nineteenth/early twentieth century farm of the Eastern Shore. Despite the remodeled interior and the aluminum-sided exterior, the main house with its attendant outbuildings contributes to the rural character of the area.

Recommendations

The Morris Farm should continue as an income producing rental property of the Department of Natural Resources. The main house and the majority of the nearby outbuildings appear to be in good condition.

A great number of similar farms along Cherry Lane and Eveland Road have disappeared. The Morris complex should not become another casualty.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August, 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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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(PRICE)

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DNR 31-35  
MORRIS FARM

QUEEN ANNES  
CAROLINE CO

CROUSE MILL POND

DNR 56-63  
CROUSE FARM

CROUSE  
MILLER'S HOUSE  
SITE

CROUSE MILL SITE

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U.S.G.S. MAP

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MORRIS FARMHOUSE  
WEST SIDE OF CHERRY LANE  
RIDGELY, MARYLAND

TUCKAHOE STATE PARK  
EAST ELEVATION

5/79; BMD



DNR 81-85

MORRIS FARMHOUSE  
WEST SIDE OF CHERRY LANE  
RIDGELY, MARYLAND

Car. 255

TUCKAHOE STATE PARK

Sect. 7

S.E. ELEVATION

S/79; BMD

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