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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Spence Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Bank of Little Elk Creek across from King Farm

CITY, TOWN

Cherry Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

III

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Blake

Telephone #: 398-6959

STREET & NUMBER

505 North Street

Maryland

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 16
Folio #: 481

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	X DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Spence Farm is situated on the eastern bank of the Little Elk Creek. It is composed of four structures, a dwelling a barn, a carriage shed and a springhouse. The house was probably built about 1850 and built in a style carried over from the earlier colonial period. The dwelling is two stories in height, five bays long by two deep with a one and a half story rear wing. The building is of frame construction and rest on a stone foundation with unhewn logs for floor joists. The gable roof is in sad condition with only some wooden shingles remaioing. In each gable wall is a brick inside end chimney. The facade has a central entrance and at one timea single storey front porch extended from one end to the other. Most of the windows have been broken out, but it appears that the window sash consisted of six panes over six. The framework of the house is covered with level siding.

Below the house next to a meadow is a small stone, single story springhouse with a door opening to the south. It has a wood shingle roof

To the north and east of the swelling is a large wagon shed two stories in height. It has space for two wagons and some additional storage space. The carriage shed or wagon shed has a gable roof and board and batten siding.

The barn is rather large and is a bank barn it too has board and batten siding and is of mortice and tenon construction. Some of the floor joists are huge and hewn. The barn is in poor condition and will probably be taken down.

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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	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm is important for several reasons. It is situated so to have a commanding view of the Little Elk Creek Valley and the lower pastures also many of the outbuildings are in tact and in fair condition. The Spences during the late 1800's not only farmed, but worked in the nearby paper mill, Carters Mill.

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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

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ORGANIZATION Cecil Historical Trust, Inc. DATE Feb. 1977

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CITY OR TOWN Rising Sun STATE Maryland

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