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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File # 3-103

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

~~OTter Farm Italianite~~**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Field Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dwight B. Early

Telephone #: 398-1333

STREET & NUMBER

Otter Point Farm P.O. Box 45

Maryland 21921

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 75

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Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

Maryland
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Otter Farm Italianate House c. 1860-1880 is an imposing 3 story frame structure on the highest hill of what is referred to as Otter Farm. The typically tall structure is dramatically heightened by its hill site and thus commands a expansive view of the head of the Elk River. The lane to the farm forks from Oldfield Point Road. The Italianate House is located to the south of a log structure (Ce-7). The hill structure faces north with the main gable running east/west.

The 3 story rectangular block is a predictable 5 bays across by 1 room deep with a large center hall. A single story hip roof kitchen wing is attached to the southwest bay of the back facade. The entire structure rests on a fieldstone foundation and is covered with a low pitched hip roof with heavy bracketed cornice. The exterior weatherboard has been covered with asbestos siding.

The northern (main) facade has a symmetrical arrangement of openings with a central entrance. The door opening is flanked by 2 light sidelights and a panel below. A five light transom is located overhead. The lights are framed in by a set of simple pilasters and simple entablature. A double door with heavily molded panels remains. The 4/4 window sash have molded sills and lintels and 3 panel shutters. The windows remain the same size on the second floor but lose the shutters. Decorative hoods with a pierced fascia and decorative brackets shelter the second floor windows. The third floor sash are a smaller 2/2 sash with plain surrounds and a molded cap. The cornice is supported by heavily scrolled brackets and an identically pierced fascia embellishes the projecting roof.

The east gable end has 2 sash on each floor that match those of the main facade. A small stove stack that is not visible when near the house protrudes through the end walls.

The south side is again very similar with a slight variation in the window placement of the second floor hall. The window is slightly below ones next to it so it can properly light the stair. A basement entrance is also found on this side.

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The single story 1 room kitchen section has a seamed tin roof and similar details as the main block.

The west end is similar but also has a shed roof side porch with lattice enclosing an upper section between supporting posts. A side entry into the main house is located in the southern of two bays.

The interior is what one would expect in this vintage house. A heavily turned newel and turned balusters support flat oval handrail. The interior other than the hall was not seen.

A few frame outbuildings remain but are not tremendously significant.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Otter Farm Italianate House is a very significant house architecturally for the Elk Neck Area. It is the only full-fledged Italianate structure in the immediate area and it retains most of its period details. The Italianate form was a most appropriate one for this site if the builder had any intention of creating a statement of wealth and dominance. The house looms above the surrounding farm and instills tremendous mystery and awe into anyone approaching it from the north. The house appears under the name of Alfred Wetherill in 1877 and was assessed along with 300 acres and a tenant house which is probably the log structure (CE-783) located northeast of the main house.

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

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

5/3/78

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

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.

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BACON HILL 1 MI.

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Otter Farm Italianate

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