

The town of Cecilton is surrounded by farms and the Issac Richards House stands on the eastern road that joins Cecilton and Warwick. The mid 19th Century five bay center hall frame structure is one ~~more~~ of the hundreds that populate the county and attest to the structures significance as a cultural and social statement of cohesiveness and stability.

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rickards House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Just east of Cecilton on Route 282

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Md Cecilton

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 O. Rath
c/o Dismah Land and Cattle Co. Telephone #: 275-2233

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland zip code 21913

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 341
Folio #: 380

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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 Rickards House c. 1860 is a 2½ story center hall single pile frame house on Maryland 282 just east of Cecilton. The farmhouse faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The house rests on a uncoursed fieldstone foundation with a full basement under the rear two story kitchen. The house has been completely covered with asbestos shingles and capped with a medium sloped composition tile gable roof.

The south(main) facade is typically symmetrical with a five bay facade and central entrance. The heavily molded double paneled doors have a slightly pedimented surround as do the windows. The window trim has been covered with aluminum and the sash replaced with modern single pane windows. The front door retains its three light transom. A single story shed roof porch protects the entrance and is supported by chamfered posts. A boxed cornice ~~surrounds~~ with cyma curve molding decorates the front eave and two single pane dormers light the attic. *THE DORMERS have simple pilasters ^{which} support a molded pediment.*

The east and west gable ends are typical with attic lights flanking central brick (stuccoed) stacks. A modern single story gabled one room section was attached to the east end.

The east side of the kitchen is simarly detailed with a central entrance and flanking windows. A plain boxed cornice is found in both east and west sides. The north end is primarily plain with single pane attic lights on either side of the central stuccoed stack. The bargeboards are plain. Attached to the west side is a side story enclosed shed roof addition.

The interior of the main block has been remodeled ~~some~~ but much of the mid 19th Century woodwork remains. The center hall has a open stair which rises to the second floor with a continuous flat oval handrail. The heavily turned newel and turned blausters support the handrail. The interior doors have a heavily molded panels with a molded surround. The first floor mantels have been removed but the mantels on the second floor remain. The fluted pilasters flank the opening and support a plain frieze, two part bed molding and thick mantel shelf. Access is gained to the finished attic by an enclosed stair entered through a door in the back second floor hall.

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The kitchen section consists of one large room and an enclosed stair. The fireplace opening seems to have an elaborate mantel which may have been moved from one of the front rooms. The mantel has beaded pilasters that support a frieze with beaded side blocks and an elaborate bed molding under a thick shelf.

Not too many significant mid to late 19th century outbuildings remain but modern grain bins with connecting diagonal conveyor systems are located next (north) to the farmhouse.

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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Richards House is a generally significant house type for the county in that it is the predominant house plan. The house's exterior however, has suffered with the application of no-maintenance materials especially with the removal of the 6/6 sash windows, and therefore reducing the structures architectural merit. Interior woodwork is what one would expect for this vintage house with the addition of some less common fluting of the mantels.

The house appears under the ownership on Issac Richards in 1877, a farmer who came from Kent County around 1869.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 Surveyor~~

ORGANIZATION

~~Cecil County Courthouse~~

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Committtee

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

10/16/79

TELEPHONE

398-7568

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

CECILTON, MD.

QUAD

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BM 78

25'

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Cecilton
(BM 79)

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BM 68

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68

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75°52'30"

425

1 120 000 FEET (MD.)

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427

428

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BIDDLE

BUDD LANDING ROAD

WARD





IV

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RICKARDS House

SOUTH ELEVATION

NR

CECILTON, MD.

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III
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RICKARDS HOUSE
NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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NR
CECILTON, MD

P15T 6/79



RICKARDS' HOUSE
EAST ELEVATION OF
GRAIN BINS

CE-969

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NR

CECLTON, MD.

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