

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 754

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Steel Mount"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rowland Road 1 mile east of Liberty Grove Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

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                   | <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 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

Rose Marie Sherrard

Telephone #: 378-2200

STREET & NUMBER

55 Rolling Hills Ranch Lane

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21904

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

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**

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| 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 Farmhouse on the tract of land known as "Steel Mount" is a combination of two granite and fieldstone structures. The first section is a two story three bay by one room hall/parlor house that dates from the mid to late 18th century. Attached to its east gable end wall is a two story three bay side hall parlor plan house from the early 19th century (1820-1830). The entire structure rests on a fully excavated granite and fieldstone foundation and capped with a medium sloped slate roof. The main facade has an eastern exposure with the main gable running north/south. The house is set in the south slope of a hill so the west basement wall is exposed.

The east side is presently six bays across with the earlier mid to late 18th century section to the west. Each section is three bays across. The 18th century house has a central entrance. The flanking windows have been enlarged to a double single pane sash window. The door has been replaced but the four flush paneled reveals remain. A stone keystone arch also remains over the entrance. The second floor windows have been treated in this manner. A boxed cornice does retain its bedmolding which extends across the entire front of the house.

The 1820 side hall/parlor addition has a western bay entrance and an adjacent picture window. The original windows were obviously removed when the larger opening was cut in. Three single pane sash light the second floor. Two single pane sash gabled somer pierce the south sloped and are centered with respect to the entire house. A definite seam is found between the two structures are provides proof of the separate building stages.

The east end wall is primarily stone with two attic windows that flank the chimney. The chimney stack is laid with brick above the roofline. The ends of the roof are extended beyond the wall surface. The depth of the addition is only three quarters of the main block depth so there is a partial north slope to the roof. (see Henry Glassie p. )

The north side of the addition had three openings on each floor but the western most first floor window has been walled in. The sash have also been replaced on this side with single panes. The boxed cornice is the same as the front of the house but not continuous since it is broken by the differences in room depth. A remnant of the beaded bargeboard is visible on the main block east end wall.

The north side of the 18th century house is similar to the front with a central opening that is flanked by single pane sash windows. The entrance retains its two panel (raised) reveals.

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The west end has three full stories exposed, with basement and first floor entrances in the souther bays. Another single pane sash lights the kitchen in the northern first floor opening. Two four pane attic lights flank the chimney stack. A cement block porch was recently added to this end.

The interior woodwork primarily dates from the second quarter of the 19th century. The main stair rises against the common interior wall for both sections. A slender slightly swollen newel post supports a oval handrail that rises in an S curve before the second floor landing. Rectangular stick balusters support the handrail also. One 19th century mantel remains in the earlier section. The only 18th century woodwork that remains is the heavily raised six panel doors with scars from previous HL hinges. The 18th century common rafter roof framing has been covered. The space has been divided into two rooms and a hall space. The west room was definitely used for curving and smoking meat. Hooks are set into the ceiling and roof rafters are smoked. Beaded board doors with battens attached with unrought nails are framed by a plain surround.

The only farm structure that remains from the 19th century is a large timber frame mid 19th century barn with board and batten siding. It rests on a granite and fieldstone foundation.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC             | <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 checked="" 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

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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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DATE

11/05/81

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.

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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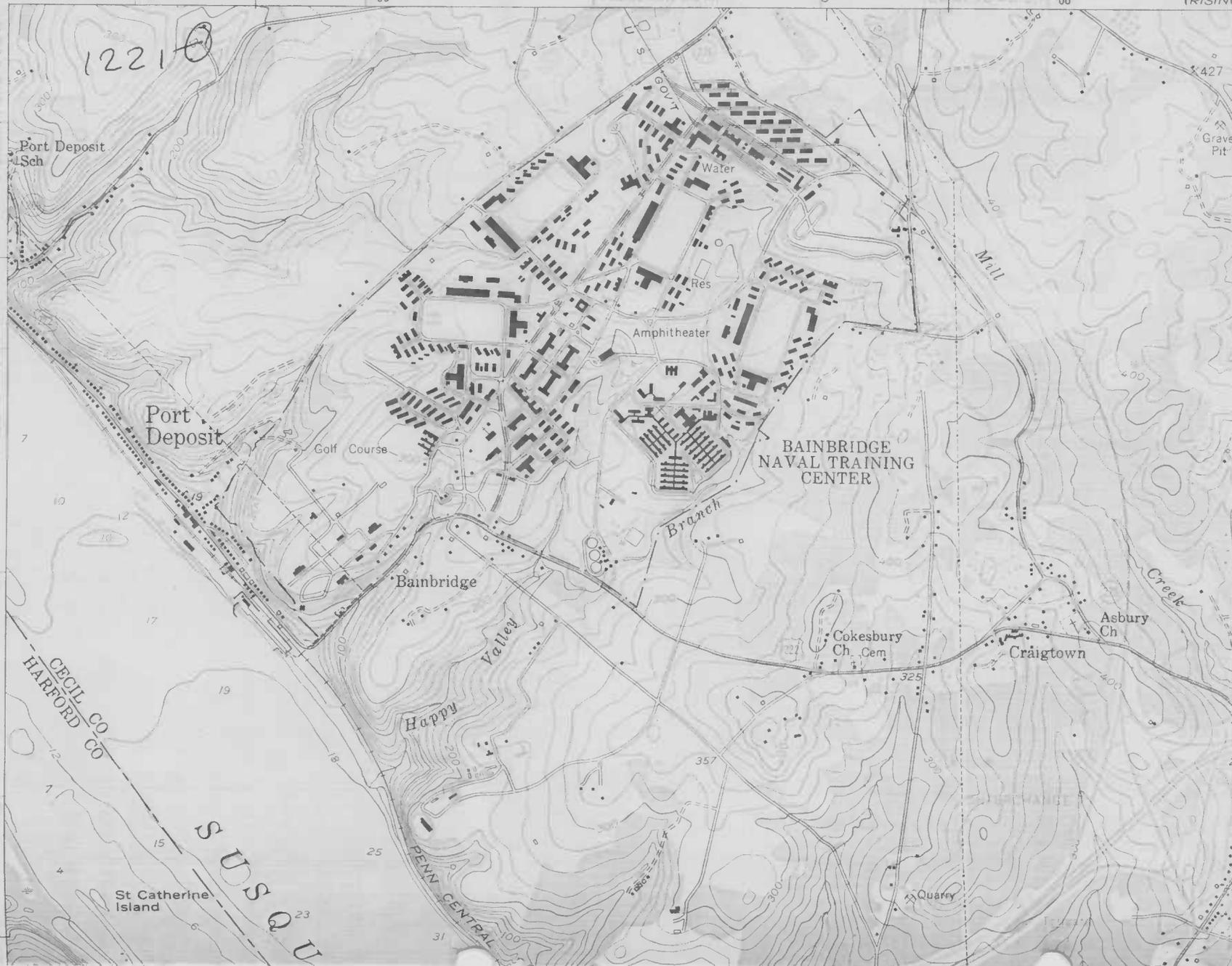
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"STEEL MOUNT"

SOUTHEAST ELEV.

NR PORT DEPOSIT

B/80 PBT

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"STEEL MOUNT"

NORTH ELEVATION

NR PORT DEPOSIT

PBT 3180

REG. / MP. HIST TRUST



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'STEEL MOUNT'

SOUTH ELEVATION OF BARN/HSE  
NR PORT DEPOSIT

3/80 PBT NEG./MP. HIST TRUST



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NORTH ELEVATION OF BARW  
NR PORT DEPOSIT

3/80 PST

NEG. | MAP. HIST TRUST