

## ADDENDUM

CH-334  
Dearbought  
Charles County, MD  
Benedict vic.  
Cathy Currey, January 2001

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### 8. Statement of Significance

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The mid to late 18th century dwelling known as Dearbought was not found at the time of the survey and is presumed to have been demolished. The 189 acres associated with Dearbought at the time of its survey in 1978 has since been developed as a subdivision known as Benedict Plantation.

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### 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 189

#### **Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property once known as Dearbought is found on Map 37, Parcel 5, in the proximity of Lot 4B on the Charles County Property Tax Map. The site of the dwelling is at 6785 Colonel Beall Ct.

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### 12. Property Owner

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name Party Walls, Inc street & number 7121 Olivers Shop Road  
city or town Hughesville state MD zip code 20637-2114

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CHAS-334  
DEARBOUGHT  
Private

mid- and late 18th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CH-334

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY *FILE # 090345204*

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
 DEARBUGHT  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 1/4 mile southeast of the terminus of Teagues Point Road  
 CITY, TOWN  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 1st  
 VICINITY OF  
 Benedict  
 STATE  
 Maryland  
 COUNTY  
 Charles

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER ABD.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
 James A. Saris  
 Telephone #: 946-4856  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 10801 Kewsick Road  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Garrett Park  
 VICINITY OF  
 Maryland  
 STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
 Charles County Courthouse  
 Liber #: 133  
 Folio #: 111  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 Charles Street (P.O. Box B)  
 CITY, TOWN  
 La Plata  
 STATE  
 Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 NONE  
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built following a regionally traditional design, Dearbought is a one-story frame house measuring 29 feet by 33 feet, with front and rear porches. At one end of the house stands a single exterior chimney with shallow stepped weatherings below an unusually wide stack. A chimney of similar lines stood at the opposite end, but was removed some years ago.

Situated on the edge of a small hill the house faces east. The front elevation is four bays wide with two entrance doors occupying the second and fourth bays in from the southeast corner. The front wall and porch roof are sheathed with random width, beaded, shiplapped boards secured with cut nails. Some of this same sheathing is retained on the west, rear elevation, although a portion of it was removed when a southwest room was later extended into the rear porch area. There is only one early, possibly eighteenth century set of 9-over-6 sash remaining, and there are no original or early doors; the trim and beaded siding, however, is believed to date at least from the early nineteenth century.

The interior of Dearbought reflects its two basic stages of development, as well as several later alterations-renovations. Structural evidence indicates that the house initially contained only two, laterally partitioned first floor rooms with a small attic chamber above, and was probably built in about the middle of the eighteenth century. There is no original woodwork remaining in this portion of the existing building except beaded ceiling joints in both first floor rooms and possibly the flooring.

In about the third quarter of the eighteenth century, possibly as early as c. 1760, the original house was extended by an addition to the north end, repeating the same room configuration of the original house. It is believed that the woodwork in the two attic chambers above both parts of the house, including three-piece chairrails and two-piece window and door surrounds, are contemporary with the date of the north extension. Unlike the earlier house the two first floor rooms of the addition had plastered ceilings, and at the time the addition was made the formerly exposed joints in the older part were plastered over. The principal feature of the addition is a closed string corner stair with molded rail, slat balusters and square chamfered posts that presumably replaced an earlier stair formerly located in the southeast room of the original house.

In the early nineteenth century the exterior of Dearbought was resheathed with the wide beaded boards previously mentioned,  
(continued on attached sheet)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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 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

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Dearbought is located southeast of the end of Teagues Point Road on a 189-acre property identified as Parcel 3, Map 37 of the Charles County Tax Map (revised Jan. 1976).

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

January 1, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

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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and full length porches were added to both sides. Most of the first floor interior woodwork, including chairrails, window and door trim, and two batten doors in the attic chambers, were installed at about this time.

Subsequent alterations include the replacement of the interior trim in the two first floor south end rooms in the mid-nineteenth century, the covering over of the random-width flooring on the first floor with new flooring, the extension of the west wall of the southwest room into the porch area, the removal of the south end chimney and its replacement with a single flue interior stove chimney, and the replacement of the weatherboarding on both ends of the house.

Although certainly of architectural interest, Dearbought has a particularly noteworthy feature that has no direct relation to its architecture or physical development. This is a large eighteenth century, built-in corner cupboard located between the two rear first floor rooms. Believed to have been installed during the second half of the nineteenth century, the cupboard is unusually sophisticated, having fluted pilasters supporting a full classical cornice decorated with triglyphs and mutopes. The cabinet base has solid doors with applied moldings in a stylized diamond shape. The upper cabinet, which evidently once had glazed doors, has three elaborately shaped interior shelves. The design of this cabinet and other evidence suggests that it was probably moved here from nearby Maxwell Hall when the latter underwent an extensive interior renovation in the mid-nineteenth century.



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DEARBOUGHT; West Elevation

J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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— DEARBOUGHT. Interior, East —  
Porch. J.R.Rivoire, 1978