

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-924

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common McSorley's Purchase

2. Location

street & number Bellevue Road not for publication

city, town Royal Oak vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Victor H. and Linda MacSorley

street & number P.O.Box 751 telephone no.: 745-5368

city, town St. Michael's state and zip code MD 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 563

street & number folio 227

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

McSorley's Purchase is located on the west side of Bellevue Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. This structure faces east and is the first house on the west side of Bellevue Road from its intersection with Royal Oak Road. The principle gable is oriented on an north/south axis.

Built by 1877, this three bay, two-story frame structure is sheathed in grey, german siding and weatherboard siding, and is roofed with tin. The foundation consists of brick piers. This building is finished with corner boards and a boxed cornice.

The east (main) elevation has a central four panel door with a three light transom and three light sidelights. This door way is sheltered by a flat roof portico with turned supports and decorative brackets which sit on a wooden platform. The central door is flanked on either side by a projecting, three-sided glass window. These new windows sit within the frame of the original windows. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and brown, louvered shutters.

The south elevation is a blind gable end with cornice returns. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this gable end. A two-story, two stage, gable roof addition sheathed in weatherboard siding extends to the west from the northwestern corner of the building's main body. A white lattice work porch with a tin roof and brick pier foundation obscures the first stage of the addition which is pierced with one four-panel door and one six-over-six sash window. Two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and a central, batten door with wide surrounds pierce the first floor of the addition's second stage. The second floor of the addition is lit by four six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds. An interior brick chimney sits at the western end of each stage.

The west elevation is covered in weatherboard siding. It is lit on the first floor by two six-over-six sash windows, one of which is shutterd, and pierced by one six-panel door. The second floor is lit by two shuttered six-over-six sash windows. From this western elevation it appears that the main body of the house may have begun as only the two eastern bays, with a single bay addition to the south built at a later date.

The north elevation is a blind gable end except for one small six-light window at the attic level. This elevation is sheathed in weatherboard siding

8. Significance

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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
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check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in her book Twig and Turf III. McSorley's Purchase stands on one of three lots which compose the parcel of land conveyed to P. T. Pastorfield from E. T. Benson in 1864. This property was the home of P. T. and Rebecca Pastorfield which is identified in the 1877 Atlas. P. T. Pastorfield and wife conveyed this lot to their son William T. Pastorfield in 1897. After the death of William's wife Daisy, the lot was taken over by the Easton National Bank.

Today, the house has been put into good condition by its current owners who have an upstairs apartment and a downstairs antique store. Many of the house's interior moldings and mantles remain in place.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Leonard, Bernice. Twig and Turf III: The Royal Oak.
Decorah, Iowa: Anundsen Pub.Co., 1985.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Architectural Historian

organization Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission date 12/31/91

street & number telephone

city or town Easton state MD

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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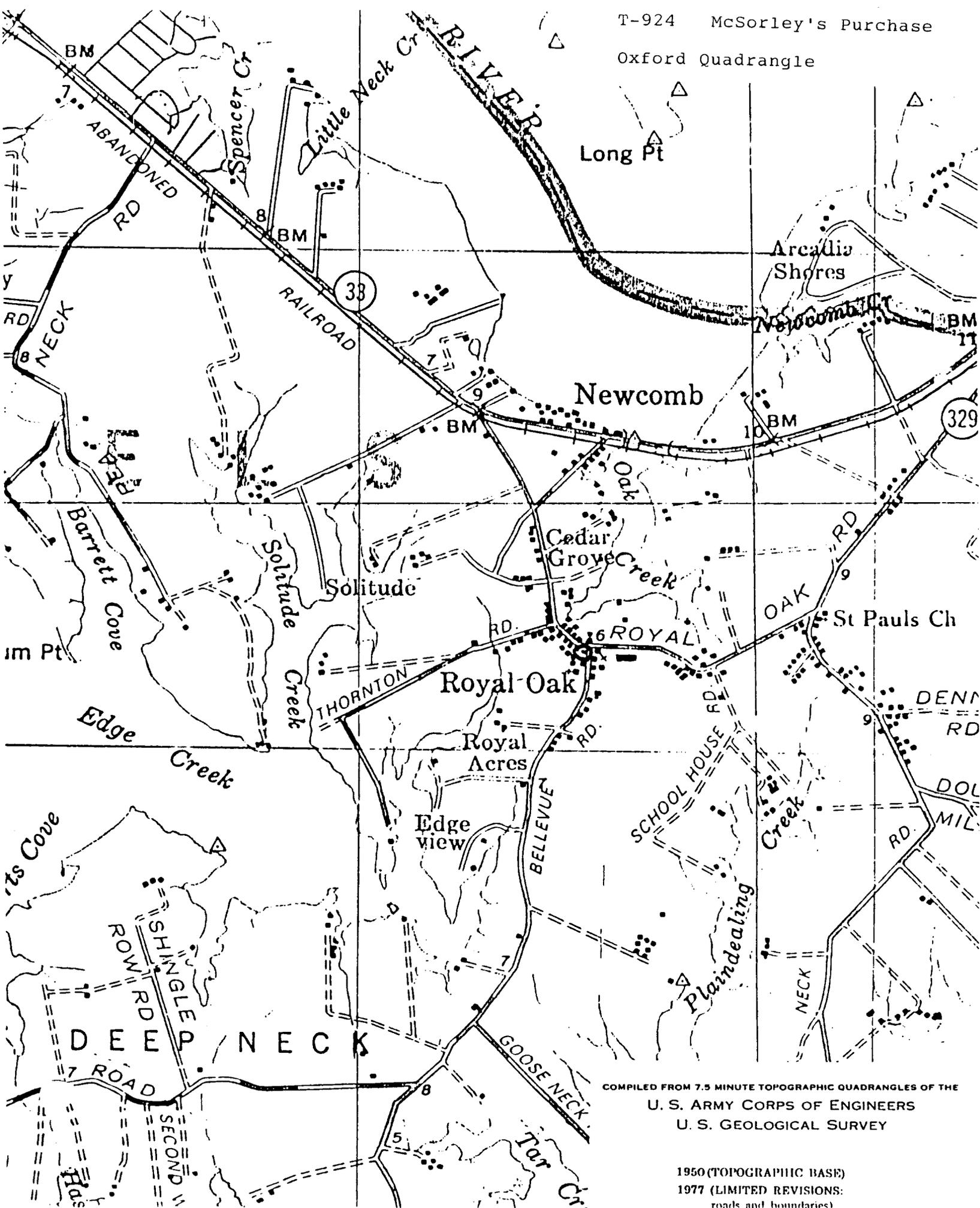
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McSorley's Purchase Description cont'd.

and has cornice returns. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof. The north elevation of the two story, two stage addition which extends to the west is lit by three six-over-six sash windows. Three of these windows have wide surrounds and one has narrow surrounds like those windows on the structure's south elevation. A four panel door sheltered by a gable roof portico with square post supports pierces the first floor of the second stage of the addition, while the ghost of a doorway is visible on the first stage. The second floor is lit by two six-over-six sash windows and two three-over-three sash windows with wide surrounds.

One white, windowless, shingle outbuilding roofed with tin stands on the property.



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 U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
 U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

1950 (TOPOGRAPHIC BASE)
 1977 (LIMITED REVISIONS:
 roads and boundaries)



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