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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: The Norris House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters north of Ring Factory Road about 0.2 mi east of fork at Hollingsworth Road

CITY OR TOWN: Joppa

STATE: Maryland — CODE:

COUNTY: Harford — CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP			STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☐	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:		Occupied ☐	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐		Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐		Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
Object ☐						No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: James E. Bowen

843/188

STREET AND NUMBER: 903 Ring Factory Road

CITY OR TOWN: Joppa 21085 — STATE: ML — CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR — STATE: MARYLAND — CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐	Good ☐	Foir ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Much Altered ☐	Unaltered ☐		(Check One) Moved ☐	Original Site ☐	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This little house in two parts is much altered inside and out, scarcely recognizable under asphalt and tar paper, but perhaps worth analysis.

Facing west, the ridgeline runs north-south. The north wing is one room with a large interior fireplace for cooking and heat, now brick topped. A lean-to on the west side obscures its walls, Probably log. The south part of the house appears to have one side of the roof raised - the east side. New dormer windows on the west side are irregularly spaced.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	2 parts - c/1st 1754

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Educotion ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literoture ☐	Theoter ☐	
Communicotions ☐	Military ☐	Transportotion ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

In 1754 Aquilla Norris, descendant of one of Lord Baltimore's first party, was born here, presumably in the cabin - the small wing. He fought in the Revolution. The wife of his descendent was Dr Amanda Norris, one of the first women to graduate in Medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

The property is in very poor repair, surrounded by junk cars & plumbing. The entrance runs practically through the yard of a house on the lane. Nevertheless the site is attractive, the house deserving of analysis, perhaps restoration.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Account in the Bel Air Times of April 1941

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST — DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS — STATE: MARYLAND — CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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