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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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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)

1. NAME

COMMON: The Smith house on Spesutia Island

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: At the end of a long lane on Spesutia Island for the shore about 2/3 of the way southwest ~~between Sandy Point & Bear Point.~~

CITY OR TOWN: near Aberdeen

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 ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				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	☐				

(Vacant?) Unknown

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Department of Defense Federal Military Reservations

STREET AND NUMBER: Aberdeen Proving Ground

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen | STATE: Md 21005 | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | CODE:

ACREAGE — 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:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	Unknown (Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unknown Unaltered ☐ — (Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☑

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

This brick house, T shaped, can be described from photographs in the possession of William B Marye. Located on a low bluff its wide view of the Chesapeake Bay and the hills of the Eastern Shore are a splendid setting.

Simply but beautifully proportioned, the house is remembered as being extremely plain inside, as though an excellent design were executed by simple country workmen.

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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 ☒ unknown ?	

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

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

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Sociol/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		
Architecture ☐			

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

The design of this house is attributed to Thomas Jefferson, close friend and associate of two members of the family, Samuel and Robert Smith. This house was built as a summer home by the Baltimore family of Samuel Smith, hero of the war of 1812 (and representative to Congress from Maryland?) and his brother Robert Smith, Secretary of the Navy under President Jefferson 1801-1809 and Secretary of State to President Madison from 1809-1811. In one transaction of the land records, Robert Smith, executor to the will of William Smith, Esq., sold the entire Spesutia Island to Benedict Edward Hall in August 1815, but the family is believed to have retained title to 900 acres at the time of the Army purchase of Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records and photographs in the files of historian William B. Marye, 218 E Preston Street, Baltimore, Md. (Book 16).
Martenet's Map of Harford County 1878.
World Almanac 1971. Cabinet Ministers of Presidents Jefferson and Madison.

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
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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:

ORGANIZATION: Maryland [illegible] Annapolis, Md. 21401 | DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | 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 _____