

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Miller's House, Wye Mills

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 662 & Rt. 404 (west)

CITY, TOWN

Wye Mills

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. N.W. Kidd

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

139 Crompton Road

CITY, TOWN

Waynesboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Virginia 22980

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 377

Folio #: 365

STREET & NUMBER

N. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|                                    |                                                  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                   |                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED               |

**CHECK ONE**  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On the hill overlooking Wye Mills is a mid-eighteenth century brick, two and one-half story house, the home of the miller. At present, the house is vacant and in poor condition, although some attempt is being made to preserve it from further deterioration.

The house is built over a basement and the brick is laid in Flemish bond on all sides but the west gable, where there was a one story wing (now destroyed). The house has a stepped water-table and a three brick belt course on three sides and at attic floor level on the east gable. The house is three bays long and one deep, with central door (no transom), 12/12 sash and 8/12 sash on second story. The original six-panel doors are in place and are hung on strap hinges. A one story porch is built on both north and south facades. The two chimneys are constructed within the walls of the house and there are two dormers which pierce the 'A' roof on both sides. Also two windows flank the chimney in the attic gable.

In 1964 before the windows were ~~not~~ boarded up, one could see the simple paneled chimney breast and heavy cornice in the west room. The east room had no period woodwork and apparently a later open stair had been broken through the center of the floor above.

The basement is divided into two rooms and passage. On the east gable was a kitchen fireplace abutting the south wall. A narrow arch located beside the fireplace supports the fireplace above. Although it is now bricked in, the original entrance to the basement kitchen was located in the east gable. One basement window with its vertical iron bars exists in the kitchen. The west room also has an arch support for chimney above. A basement was also constructed beneath the west wing (now gone).

Around the house are large, well-formed, beech trees, and other specimen trees.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY     | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS-GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |  |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |                                                 |                                              |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, the Miller's House, Wye Mills is a fine example of a mid-18th century vernacular dwelling. Although it is in poor condition, the building compares in quality to White Marshes, also in Talbot County. Both buildings originally had a hall and parlor plan with kitchen in the same axis, they are both two and one-half storys tall and three bays long with central entrances and were built within three decades of each other.

The building is also typical of the fine quality architecture usually associated with the miller of a community.

The history of the dwelling parallels the history of Wye Mill located at the bottom of the hill. It apparently was built around the mid 18th century. Which would mean that the house was constructed for Edward Lloyd IV of Wye House to serve as residence for the miller.

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

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan., 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

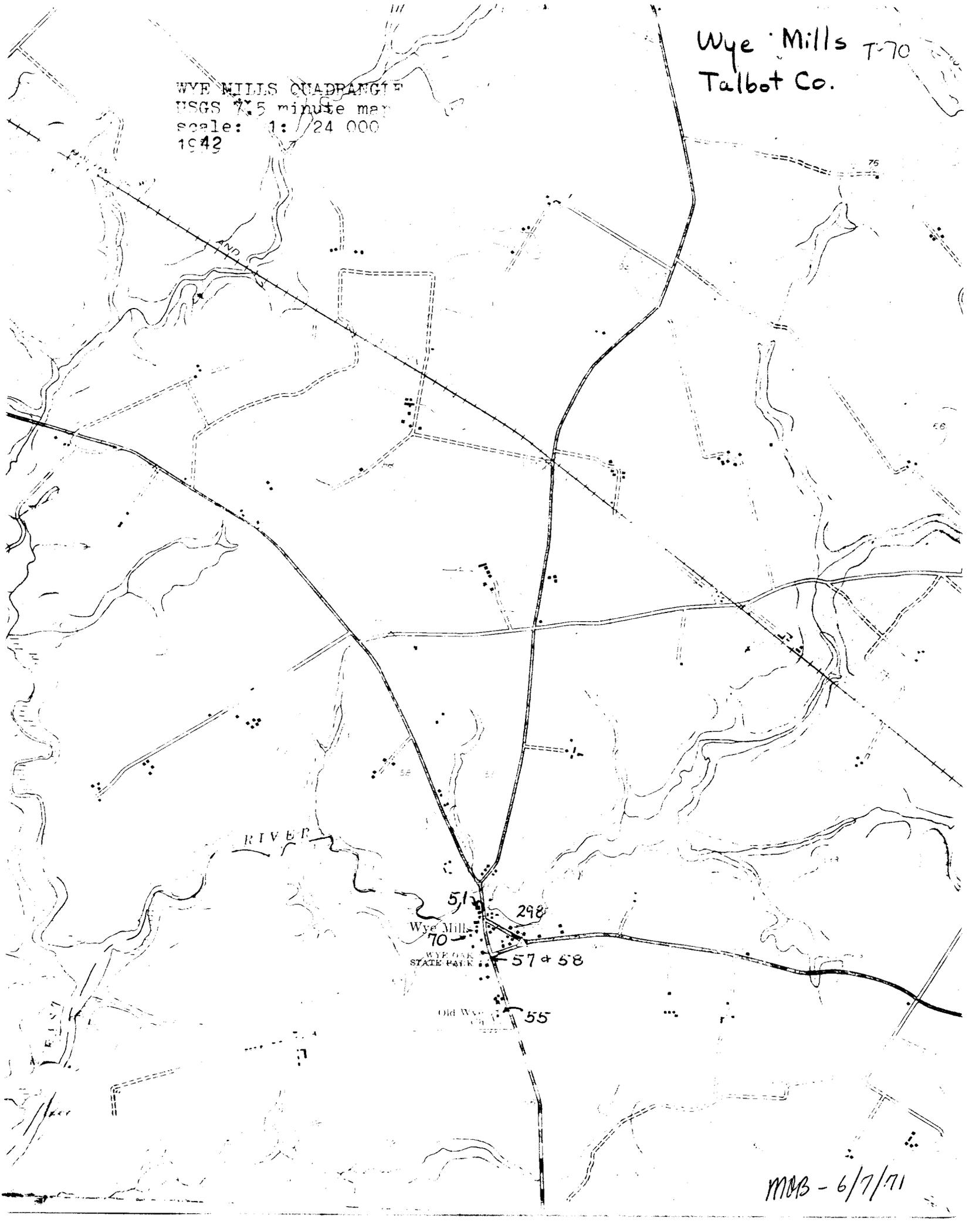
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

WYE MILLS QUADRANGLE  
USGS 7.5 minute map  
scale: 1: 24 000  
1942

Wye Mills T-70  
Talbot Co.



MAB - 6/7/71



. 11 x 1.58

75% 70

Miller's House, Wye Mills

T-70



N. elev.

M. Bourne 12/70