MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Beauvoir

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Island Creek Rd., south, 1.8 miles S.W. of Int. with Island Creek, north (S.E.)

CITY, TOWN
Trappe

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Rogers Firth

Telephone #: (301) 476-3277

STREET & NUMBER
Beauvoir

CITY, TOWN
Trappe

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21673

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 407
Folio #: 390

STREET & NUMBER
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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ORIGINAL SITE
✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Beauvoir is located on Island Neck on the west side of LaTrappe Creek in the southern part of Talbot County.

The house is a long frame dwelling composed of a three bay long, two and one-half story section and a very long six bay, one and one-half story section. Approached from the northwest, the tall part is on the right and has an entrance with simple porch on the bay adjoining the one and one-half story section. The walls were re-weatherboarded c. 1930 when the building underwent extensive repairs, including a new foundation, sills and exterior wall covering. The windows of this section have 12/12 sash on the first story and 12/8 sash on the second story, both with louvered shutters. Two dormers on the 'A' roof have 6/6 sash, as have all the other dormers. A brick chimney rises within the southwest gable and has a portion of its back showing on the first story. The southeast facade is similar to the former except the door has no transom.

In describing the wing, the windows of the facade will be described according to room, extending from the tall portion to the end: Two windows are located in the dining room on both storys, 9/6 sash on the first story and 6/6 above. The den has two 9/6 sash windows with a central door and one dormer above. The new kitchen has only two window with 6/6 sash and one dormer and the old kitchen has a door and window with 9/6 sash and one dormer. Between the dining room and den is a large back-to-back chimney and at the end is a brick chimney within the brick gable. Like the Manadier House, the dormer windows are located at the cornice line indicating a true one and one-half story dwelling.

Inside the tall part is a large stair hall and living room with all period woodwork, including the walnut open string stair with turned balusters, three per step, chair rail, mantel and three piece trim and doors. All doors are hung on original cast butt hinges.

The dining is paneled from floor to ceiling on all walls. It has paneled window jambs, seats and heads with bolection chair rail dividing the panels. Along the southeast side of the den and new kitchen is a passage to the original kitchen. The same plan can be seen at Owl's Nest, Baltimore County. A stair in the den has been turned and slightly diverted from the original location. It possesses a fireplace which is back-to-back with the one in the dining room. The kitchen has been completely remodeled but the old kitchen retains original exposed and blackened beams and broad rebuilt fireplace.

On examination of the structure, the dining room is the earliest portion of the structure, although the paneling appears to be later than the structure itself, possibly being installed when the extensive wings were built. Originally, the ceiling of the second story had exposed beaded joists.

A leanto enclosed porch has been added overlooking the Creek. In the 1930's a passage and wing were added to the north.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
✓1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Beauvoir is one of Talbot County's fine houses and possesses the form of a plain vernacular dwelling and the interior woodwork of a great late 18th century mansion. It is important for its development from a small one and one-half story building to its present form, as well as the fine walnut stair and raised paneling in the dining room.

North of the dwelling is a large square smokehouse covered with board and batten siding. It has a very steep pyramidal roof and is the most noteable smokehouse in the County.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses, 1934, p. 198.

Wilson, E.B., Maryland's Colonial Mansions, A.S. Barnes & Co., New York, 1965, p. 75.

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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
Aug., 1976

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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