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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Ora et Labora

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Deep Neck Rd., approximately 2 miles west of Ferry Neck Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Royal Oak

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Louis M. Plansoen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
543 Park Street

CITY, TOWN
Upper Montclair

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
New Jersey 07043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 319
Folio #: 29

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ora et Labora is located on Deep Neck Road approximately two miles west of Ferry Neck Raod, southwest of Royal Oak, Talbot County. The house is a late eighteenth century structure which has had two major additions and some major remodeling.

The original section of the house is the present westernmost two bays. As built, it was two and one-half storys, three bays with a central entrance on both the north and south facades and brick chimney stacks at both gable ends. The north and south facades are Flemish bond brick with a flared watertable, a three brick belt course, and single brick flat arch lintels. The central doorways have been bricked in, the sash replaced, and only a single dormer on each facade is remaining. The interior has been remodeled to form one large room on the first floor.

A two story, two bay brick addition was constructed on the east gable end of the original structure. The addition contains an open newel staircase with thin balusters in an entrance hall and a single room with molded chair rail and paneled dado. This section appears to be of the early 19th century. The brick work does not repeat the water table and belt course. There is a chimney stack in the gable end. On the north side of the addition is a one story block furnace room.

The third addition is a two story, two bay frame service wing.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original section of Ora et Labora is representative of the predominant form and style of brick housing in Talbot County. The first addition to the house is a fine example of how these houses were altered during the nineteenth century in order that they could remain architecturally fashionable.

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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 & Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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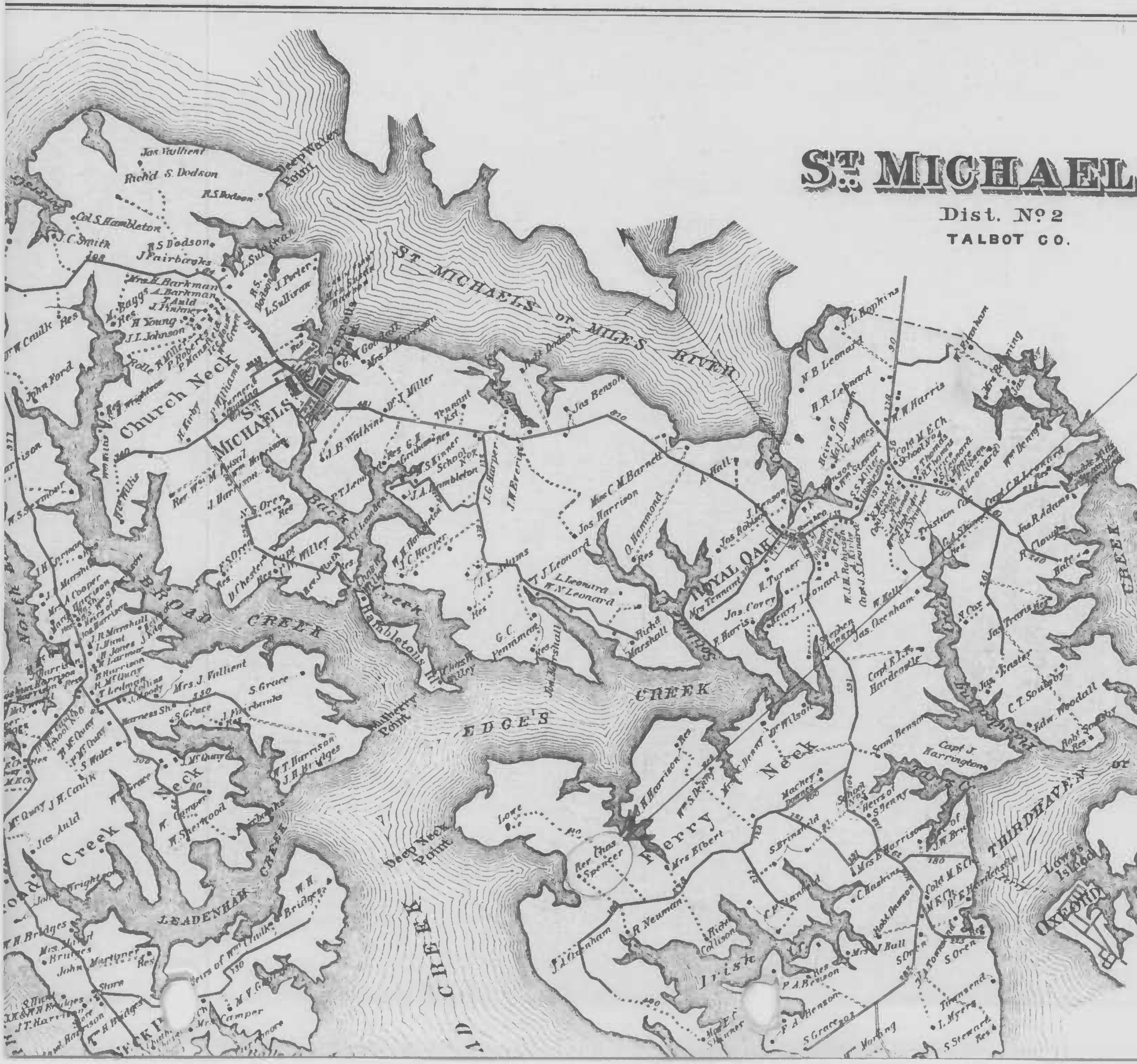
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Owned by Reverend Charles Spencer, 1877

Lake, Griffith & Stevenson, 1877

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J. Getty 5/77