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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: James F. Foust Store Survey Number: AA-2178

Project: MD 4/MD 260 Intersection Agency: SHA, FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff: _X_ no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended _X_

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The James F. Foust Store is located on the west side of MD 4, just north of Lyons Creek, in a rural, but developing part of southern Anne Arundel County (just above Calvert County line). The Foust Store, including the main building, a barn and small ice house, are not considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The small complex of commercial/residential dwellings is located on a ten-acre remnant of the original 133-acre Faust farm, dating from the early 20th century. These three buildings are the sole surviving structures and date from the 1930s (house and ice house) and 1959 (barn). The Foust Store, which was built to front the road, was opened by Mr. Foust about 1930 as a store/gas station. The building operated as such with the storekeeper living in the rear of the building. In the 1940s, the store operation ceased and the building became exclusively residential. In 1959, a gambrel roofed barn was built on the site, used primarily for the storage of corn, although it was built as a tobacco barn.

The store is a small one-story, gable fronted frame structure with a three-bay porch incorporated under the gable roof, featuring exposed rafter ends. The building is three bays wide, with a central entry flanked by windows, all boarded up, and four bays long. It is set upon a rusticated concrete block foundation and its walls are clad with weatherboard. The building is representative of roadside buildings from the period. As a typical example of a rural store built along the road, it lacks the architectural distinction which could qualify it for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, Jan. 1997

Kimberly Prothro Williams — March 20, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: ___ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Kurtze — 3/20/97
Reviewer, NR program — Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
X	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
____	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
X	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
X	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
X	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commercial/Store

Known Design Source: _____

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James F. Foust Store (a.k.a. James F. Faust)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number (across from) 6292 Southern Maryland Blvd. ___ not for publication

city, town Lothian ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

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
	✓ not applicable	✓ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph and Rose Walton

street & number 14306 Pennington Court telephone no.: 326 4121

city, town Dowell state and zip code MD 20629

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber 2676

street & number folio 858

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	✓ deteriorated	___ unaltered	✓ original site
___ good	___ ruins	✓ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET ATTACHED

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	___ 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)
	Barn 1959	___ invention		

Specific dates store, icehouse ca. 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A ✓B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state ✓local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal communication with Ed simmons, Charles Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walton

Land and Will Records Anne Arundel County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of ~~nominated~~ inventoried property 10.11 acres

Quadrangle name ~~Bristol~~ Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural Resources Group

organization MD SHA date 1/31/97

street & number ~~707 N. Calvert Street~~ telephone 545-8561

city or town Baltimore state MD

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.

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James F. Foust Store
Anne Arundel County

Description
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Description Summary

The James F. Foust Store and icehouse are poorly maintained and vandalized structures at the edge of a former roadbed of MD 4. These are the sole contributing resources. A 1959 barn is also located on the 10 acre parcel.

Description

The James F. Foust (a.k.a. Faust) Store is located in a rural, though developing, area adjacent to Lyons Creek which forms the border between Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties. The location of the crossing of the creek with MD 4 (previously County Routes 980/920 and MD 418) was known as "Fischers Station" for the railroad stop established by the Chesapeake Beach Railroad. Also known as "Lyons Creek", the current landscape is so altered, and devoid of historic structures that any connection of this community and the historical names has been lost, despite Lyons Creek remaining the name of the boundary water.

The Foust Store, barn and small icehouse are located on a 10 acre remnant of the original 133 acre Faust farm of the early twentieth century, of which no other buildings are extant, according to the present owners and Foust descendants. The parcel is triangular in shape as it is located in a wedge between the original roadbed of MD 416 (predecessor of MD 4) and the present MD 4 (a multi-lane modern highway which forms the spine and major access to Calvert County from the District of Columbia) and the long abandoned Chesapeake Beach Railroad. MD 416 was constructed ca. 1929 and that portion of it on which the store was constructed shortly thereafter was, in turn bypassed ca. 1959 when MD 416 (now MD 4) was re-located to the east.

The bulk of the Foust farm was located east of MD 4. No historic buildings remain and the site of the former farm is increasingly being subdivided for housing. Directly across the bypassed section of the road opposite the Foust store is the huge

Lothian branch of the Southern States Cooperative, Inc., which includes large grain silos, truck facilities, etc.

The store structure is a one-story frame rectangle encompassing 840 square feet. The gable roof paralleling the flanks of the structure and oriented east-west is extended to the west to shelter a porch carried on four square posts embedded in the concrete floor. As the structure has been unused for many years the windows are boarded up and it looks unkempt and dilapidated. The rafter ends are prominent under the composite shingle roof. The remains of an oblong concrete pad is located immediately in front of the porch, this is all the remains of the few gas pumps that Mr. Foust had installed during the short-lived use of the building as a store ca. 1930-1942.

The entrance facade (west) is located in the gable end, composed of a simple entrance centered between two windows. The forward plane of the triangular gable defined by the roof slope is the location of a single window just below the peak. The south elevation has four bays and the rear (east) has only one small window near the peak and a concrete block chimney attached to the outside wall. The north elevation has a secondary entrance in the east bay under a simple overhang, a small window to the east, and on enlarge window in the center between the door and another window. All of the windows have simple board enframements. The structure is sheathed with German siding.

After a cousin of Mr. Foust operated the store (ca. 1930-1935) it was leased, and the renter/storekeeper lived a section built onto the rear. The two sections are separated by the vertical stripping concealing over the seam between the two sets of sheathing. The rear constitutes the section containing the secondary entrance. The principle section has a brick chimney in the middle of the structure's length emerging through the north slope of the gable roof. The structure is constructed on corner plinths, with the area between the ground and sill covered by pressed tin skirting or a brick infill.

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To the south of the store, which had been converted to a dwelling after it ceased being used as a store in the 1940's, is a square frame icehouse supported on a rusticated concrete block base. It has the same sheathing as the store--German siding with cornerboards.

The 1959 barn, a gambrel roofed structure, was also constructed in two sections. The northernmost three bays are raised on very large concrete plinths with boards between the ground and the sills. The section on the south has a continuous concrete block base. There are two large double doors located in each of the two flanks, with smaller double doors in the gable ends. A long time resident of the area and former farmhand on the Foust farm reports that the barn was used primarily for corn storage, although it was built as a tobacco barn.

The dwelling (store) was occupied by the son of the current owner after an extensive interior renovation. By 1975 it was no longer inhabited and was soon vandalized. The owners report that the interior has been heavily damaged. The icehouse exhibits extensive deterioration, thus only the barn remains fairly intact.

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Statement of Significance
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance Summary

The James F. Foust Store, located on a bypassed portion of the predecessor of MD 4, was in operation for about a decade (the 1930's) to provide general merchandise to the local agricultural community. After its conversion to a dwelling it was inhabited for about a decade before it vandalized. Along with an icehouse, also in poor condition and a non-contributing barn (1959) this site is marginally significant as a remnant of the early twentieth century community of Fischers Landing, also called Lyons Creek.

Significance

The James Foust Store, near the border of Anne Arundel and Calvert Counties, is located on a 10.11 acre remnant of an early to mid-twentieth century agricultural property (currently the location of housing subdivisions). It is in the shadow of a large Southern State Cooperative facility on a triangular parcel between a bypassed section of MD 4 (preceded by County Roads 980/920 and MD 418) and the current major MD 4 facility.

The property is the location of the remaining ca. 1930's structures--a small frame one-story structure used as a store ca. 1930-1942, (then a residence), a small square icehouse and a large gambrel roofed barn. The buildings are unused and/or unoccupied and unkempt.

James Foust was the owner of a modest farm (133 acres) in the early-to-middle twentieth century. His property abutted the junction of the Chesapeake Beach Railway with the predecessor of the current MD 4 and, according to a long time resident and former employer, Mr. Foust also rented a small store (no longer extant)near the railroad tracks for a short while before he built the existing structure. About 1930 he opened a store/gas station in the existing frame structure. During the short-lived enterprise this area was very rural and had few mechanized vehicles, as the major means of transport was horseback or buggy. Mr. Foust, in offering gasoline from his small store in the

1930's, was catering to the few citizens of the day in that region who would have been able to afford mechanized vehicles.

The complex of three buildings, mostly in poor shape, have been analyzed in the context of the National Register Criteria and Maryland Historical Trust Historic Contexts in the areas of commerce, agriculture, and architecture. Because of the poor condition of the structures and degradation of the environs because of development, integrity in the setting, materials, location and feeling have been diminished.

Continued operation of the store evidently became untenable when the section of the roadway on which it was located was bypassed, thus it was changed into a dwelling, requiring considerable change to the interior. In its current setting and location, dwarfed by a large set of metal silos as part of a Southern States Cooperative Facility, the property does not convey a strong association with the past. Although the relationship of the store to the original road is intact, the absence of any manmade features such as landscaping, walkways, etc., and any physical clues to the former identity of the dilapidated structure obviates an identification with its former function.

It has been analyzed in accordance with the National Register criteria A, B, C and D. It does not convey a strong association with an important person--James Foust was the owner of a modest agricultural property--thus criterion B is not applicable. Likewise it does not have great significance as regards criterion A--associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history. It does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, thus is would not qualify under criterion C. It has been identified as having an archeological component (18AN627) but this has not been determined to meet the requirements for criterion D as it does not have strong research

potential to address significant questions concerning history and prehistory.

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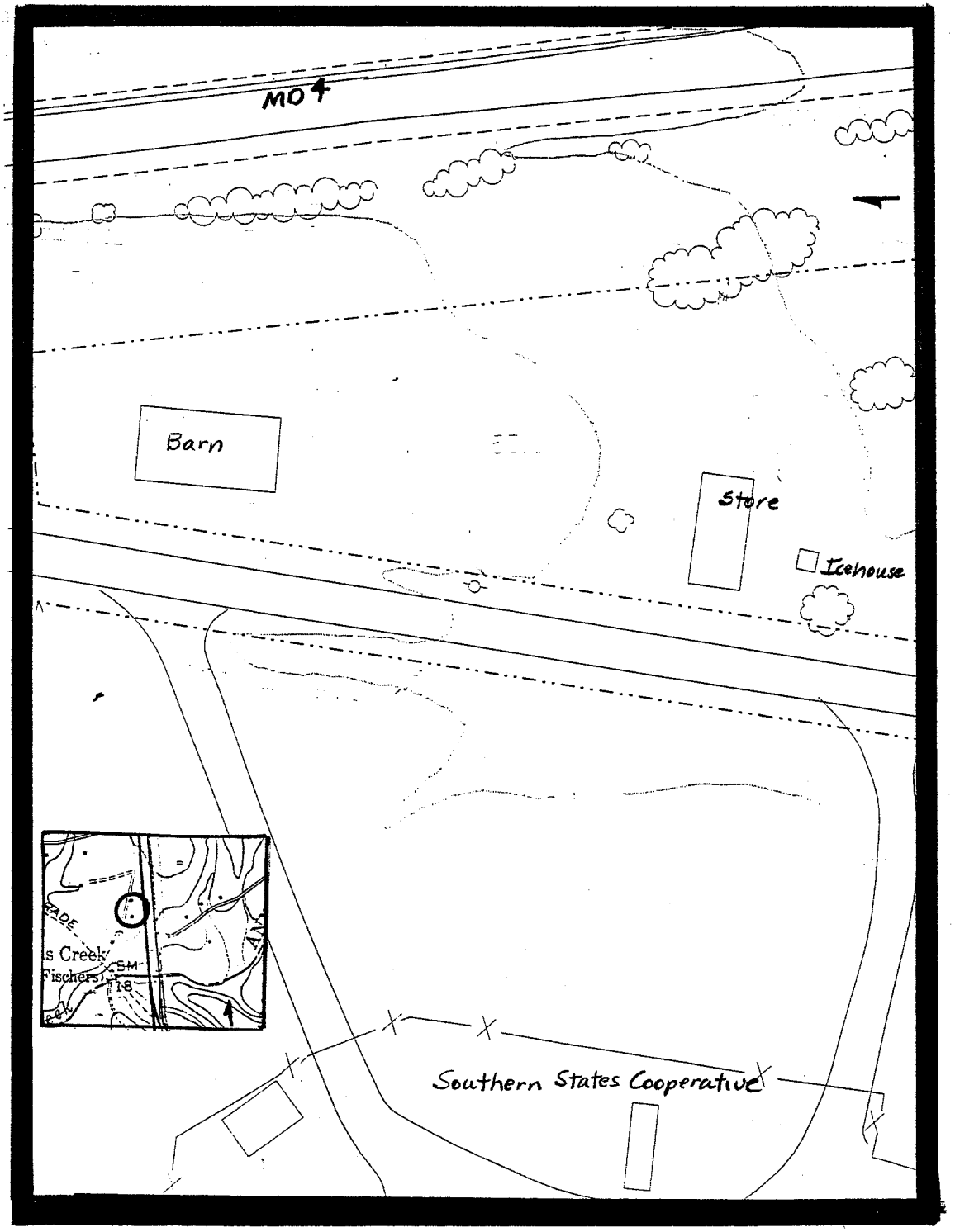
Resource Sketch map



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James F. Foust Store
Lothian
Anne Arundel County
Bristol Quadrangle

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James Foust Store

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Store

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James Foust Store
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Store/Icehouse, Barn
South Elevation

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James Foust Store
Lyons Creek (Lothian)
Anne Arundel County

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East Elevation
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Anne Arundel County

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MD State Hwy Dept

Store
NE Corner
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James Forest Store

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North Elevation

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Lyons Creek (Lothian)
Anne Arundel Co.

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Store
NW Corner
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Jane Forest Store
Lyons Creek (Lothian)
Anne Arundel County
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MD Hale Hay Admin

Fireboard
N W Corner
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James Forest Store
Lyons Creek (Lothian)
Ann Arundel County

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Ice house
East Elevation
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Forest Store
Lyons Creek (Lothian)
Anne Arundel County

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MD State Hwy Adm

Barn, Store
New Corner

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James Forest Store
Lyons Creek (Lethal)
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Clinton Arundel County

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