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DELHI PLANTATION

ea. 19th. c.

Extensively remodeled in recent years this two part, two and one half story frame house now only vaguely resembles its association with an earlier architectural style.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Delhi Plantation

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Adelina Road (Maryland Route 508)

CITY, TOWN

Adelina

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

MD

COUNTY

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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. G. Walther EwaltTelephone #: 535-0153

STREET & NUMBER

Adelina Road

CITY, TOWN

Adelina

VICINITY OF

MD

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 67Folio #: 183

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Francis G. Stevens in "Delhi Plantation: The home of Mr. and Mrs. G Walter Ewalt" the original house consisted of a log single story structure with a loft that housed the overseer of "Berry" (earlier name). It is possible that the plate log was 1-1½' above the ceiling joists which would have technically created a genuine ½ story. That structure appears in a photograph provided by Mr. Ewalt and is unusual indeed. It appears to be raised off of the ground at least two feet or more and is resting on a stone foundation. A door in the middle of the windowler east side does not have the steps it would require. On the southeast corner of the south end, however, is a vestibule which Mr. Ewalt says provided an entrance. One entered on one level, and then ascended steps. There was a single room downstairs that was last used as a kitchen and there was a loft room above.

The photograph shows a clapboarded exterior and an interior chimney on the south end. This latter feature is not common to log structures except for those late Nineteenth Century log houses utilizing flues for space heaters. The photographs of the exterior also suggest that there were no windows (except for south gable) on the east, or south facades. The north wall was attached to the rest of the house. Partially blocked photographs indicate that the west facade has a recessed porch running accross c. 2/3 or its length with the northwest corner being enclosed. This enclosure had a small window in it. This building was dismantled and some of its materials were reused in constructing another wing of about the same size in its place. The new wing runs east-west and contains some of

The portion of the house to which the kitchen wing was attached (B) is a tall 1½ story frame structure which once had characteristic 3/3 knee-windows in the upper story. They have been replaced with tall pedimented dormers.

This building contained one room downstairs and one up and, in 1950 at least, contained a pedimented porch or portico on the east entrance that was supported by champfered posts.

Hewn framing timbers were observed in the attic of this section of the house as were machine cut nails.

The main block is really quite Georgian in character, at least in so far as it is a tall two story gable-end structure, five bays wide with a center hall plan. Five pedimented dormers complete this appearance. On the first floor this arrangement provided for a formal gathering room or living room and a dining room. These rooms contained fireplaces and were placed on either side of a hall containing a grand stairs and opposite end entrances. On a hilltop site there was a popular plan in the tidewater region which provided the whole house with cooling breezes in the summer.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A fifteen page history of Delhi was written C. 1966 by Francis G. Stevens. It, along with Stein and interviews with the Ewalts, are the main sources.

Photographs taken in 1964 that have been provided by the present owner indicate that this house reached a state of poor repair and has subsequently received considerable renovation and remodeling.

It is reported in the Stevens essay that Delhi was part of the larger Taney Place. The original grant name was "Berry", after James Berry the recipient. According to Stein, ownership was acquired by the Taney's as early as the late Seventeenth Century and remained theirs except for a brief period until the mid-nineteenth century when the present owners, The Hances, acquired it. Berry Plantation was divided by the Hances in the Nineteenth century by young Dorsey Hance with his children receiving various parts of his properties. His daughter Lizzie received the middle portion now called Delhi. She married James (A?) Bond and the accompanying title search demonstrates the chain of ownership since.

According to Stevens, it was in this century that a visitor to the farm gave it the name Delhi, a contraction of "dell" and "High". The difference between a farm and a plantation is often debated but the generally accepted criteria for a plantation involve size and the existence of resident laborers. It is a Southern concept that finds its tradition based on slavery. There is no doubt that Delhi was a plantation although it seems not to have operated under that name during the plantation era.

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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 Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

Form Compiled by:

*Merry Stinson*DATE *March, 1978*

ORGANIZATION

architectural consultant

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STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md. 21401

STATE

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Both of the upper levels contain large bedrooms with the uppermost rooms being characterized by knee-walls.

1950's and 60's photographs show that the west facade of the main block contained a single story portico that covered only the single bay containing the entrance. This entrance has a transom and sidelights. The portico is square columned with the inset panels and a cornice decorated with dentils and block-shaped brackets. In recent times it has been and replaced with a full two-story five bay balustraded portico like that at Mt. Vernon. The main block also had a decidedly Victorian porch on the east facade that has been removed and replaced with a late Georgian entrance. The porch was partially enclosed by panels and lattice-work utilizing diamond shape carvings and a Moorish motif. Both of the porches on the east side contained side benches.

The north wing is an architecturally compatible addition built since 1960.

Outbuildings

The plantation once contained a meathouse, mill, barn, cornhouse, tenant house, slave quarters, and probably many other buildings of varying dates. Most of these have been removed in modern times except for a late Nineteenth Century cornhouse. There are archaeological remains of a row of slave quarters.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert County TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. Adelina ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Ewalt Family PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CT-38	
	2. NAME Delhi Plantation Ewalt House DATE OR PERIOD early 19th century STYLE Federal ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE		

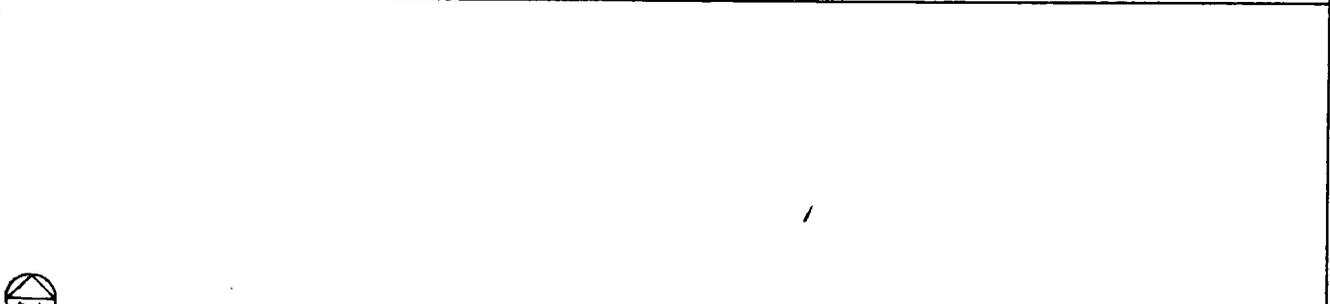
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

This is a large Composite structure, very little of which appears to be very old. The house dates from the early 19th century and has been restored and altered from its original state. It is 2-1/2 stories in height with an A-roof. It is 5 bays long and 2 rooms deep. There are five dormers on each side of the roof, they are new. The house is on the site of an 18th century foreman's house for Taney Place. The present structure has many modern additions. A good early 19th century house, it is in no way distinguished architecturally. The property is, however, well-maintained and the house excellently furnished. There is a Copper Beech Tree about 250 years old on the property.

On Prison Point, below the house, is the site of the 17th century town of Calvertown.

Excellent, but altered

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

PAB **7/27/67**

 DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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WILLIAM G. ALLEN
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DELHI

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X QUATERS

G. WALTER EWALT
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ROSEMARY G. HUTCHINS
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ADELINA ROAD

DELHI PLANTATION

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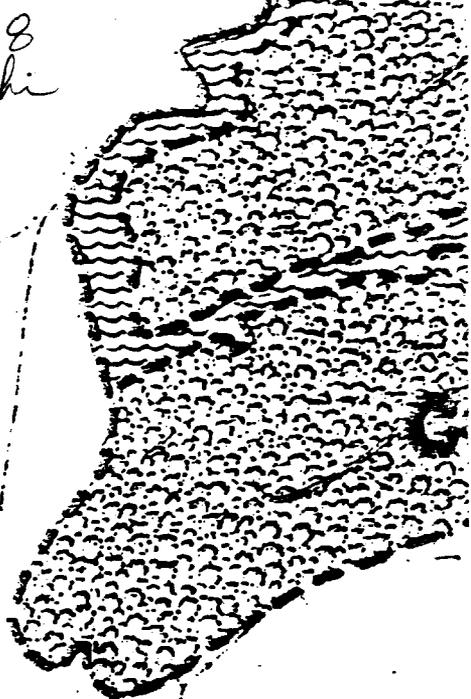
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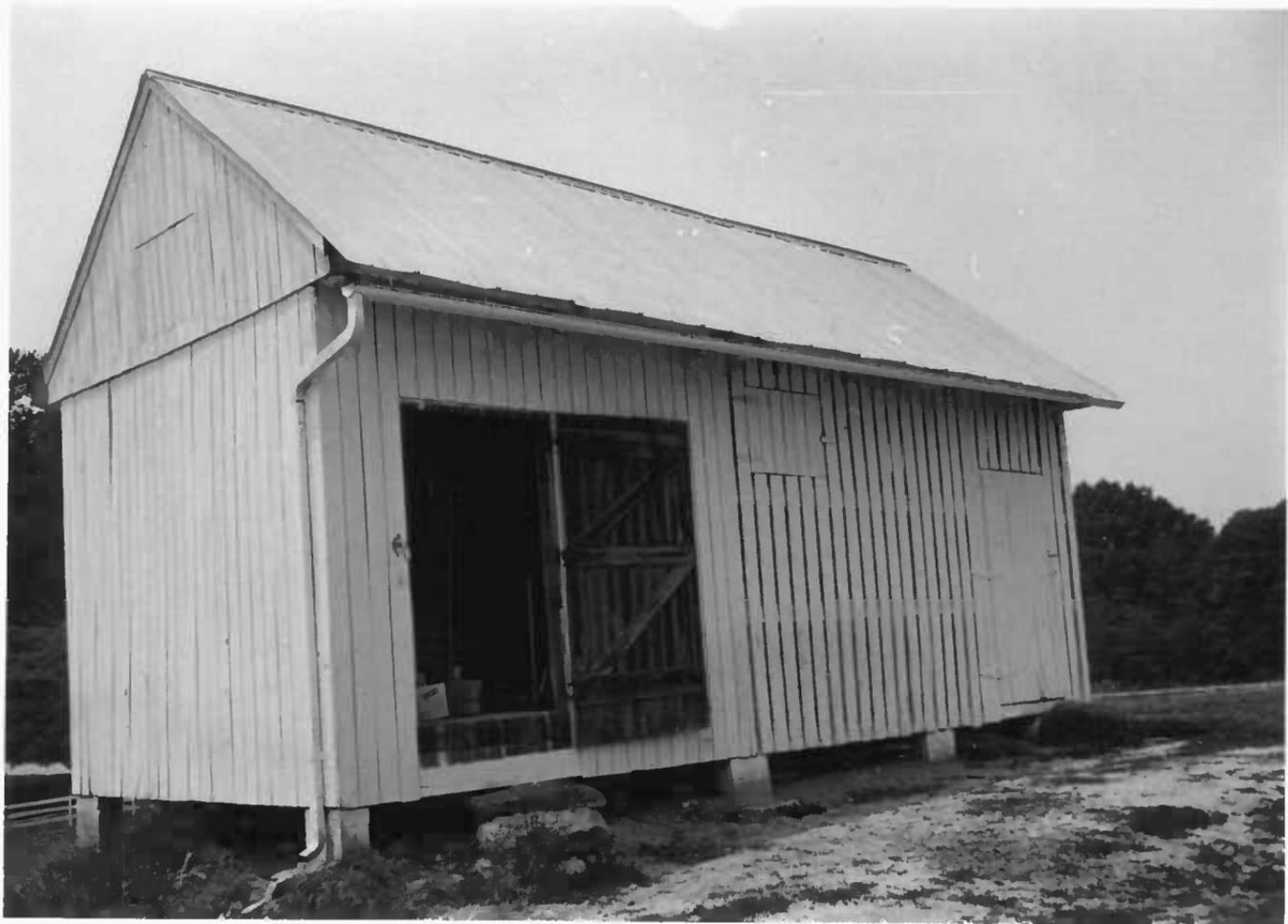






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