

<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>          COUNTY <b>Calvert County</b>          TOWN VICINITY <b>Mutual</b>          STREET NO.</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b>          PRESENT OWNER <b>Dwelling</b>          PRESENT USE          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Clapboard</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>2½</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>CT-51</b></p> <p>2. NAME <b>Telescoping House</b></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>early 19th cent.</b>          STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>NO</b></span></p> <p>This farmhouse is well-maintained and the main building of what appears to be a very prosperous farm. Situated in a grove of trees high on a knoll it presents a fine appearance to the road. It is composed of 2 distinct structures, one of which telescopes into the other.</p> <p>On the left is a 3 bay 2½ storey structure with a steeply sloping A-roof and an exterior chimney on the left end. Attached to this is a taller 3 bay structure with an A-roof which has a more gentle slope. It has an exterior chimney on its right end.</p> <p>This is a good example of a well-maintained early 19th century farmhouse.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excellent</b></p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <del>XXXX</del> Interior Exterior</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Paul A. Brinkman</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">7/17/67</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>

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

TITLE

Horsman Farmhouse

AWR 31/326 (August 4, 1932)

Leo. Hors. > Wm. A. Hors.

92 acres

AH 13/397 (November 3, 1925)

N.D.S. Farran and wife > Leo. Hors.

SS6/548 (June 9, 1885)

Mentions equity case

Equity-August 18, 1880

J.P. Briscoe (trustee) > N.D.S.

Farran as a result of Tom Farran

396 acres

vs. James Duke et al.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Horsmon Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Parran Road and Mackall Road

CITY, TOWN

Mutual

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**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

Gertrude Horsmon

Telephone #: 586-0551

STREET & NUMBER

Parran and Mackall Road

MD

CITY, TOWN

Mutual

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: AWR 31

Folio #: 326

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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**

This house has been in the Horsman family for several generations and appears to have evolved over a period of time. As reported by the Maryland Historical Trust, it is of two parts: a main block that is three bays wide and three levels high with a shorter wing on its west end that is also three bays in width. A modern single story kitchen addition has been built on to its west end.

The main block is not completely dissimilar to its neighbors, Sedwick House (CT-53) and Wall House (CT-56), in that it has an end hall serving a single large parlor downstairs. A Federal style mantel-piece is in this room and similar ones are elsewhere in both wings.

The west wing contains a single large room downstairs with a fireplace on the west end and an enclosed stairs in the northeast corner. The location of this stairs so close to the principal stairs in the hall of the main block is one indication that the west wing preceded the main block. Another is the relatively early roof construction in that wing. In the attic, it was observed that the trusses are made of hewn rafters that are lap joined and fixed with early cut nails. Examination of the roof of the east wing was not possible.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

CT-51

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

That there is a great deal of difference in age between the two wings is doubtful; however, for oral history seems to indicate that the east wing existed prior to the Civil War. Some months prior to visiting this house, Miss Blanche Wilson related to this surveyor the story of her grandparents and their parents all of whom were slaves on the plantations of this neighborhood. Miss Wilson told of Selina Golder, her great grandmother who was a house servant in the Horsman House (then owned by the Parrans) and how she had broken her neck from a fall off of a high porch there. There was in fact a second story gallery on the south facade of this house which the Horsmans removed in this century. Photographs in their possession document this fact. The son of the present owner presumably does not know Miss Wilson; however, when asked if there was any evidence of slave quarters, etc., on the farm, he responded to the negative except for the family story that when freedom came there was a slave who in her joy lost her balance and fell to her death from the second story porch that used to be on the front.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 63.12

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 DO  
Nield

NAME / TITLE Ms. Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

DATE  
March 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Route 5 Box 262B

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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.

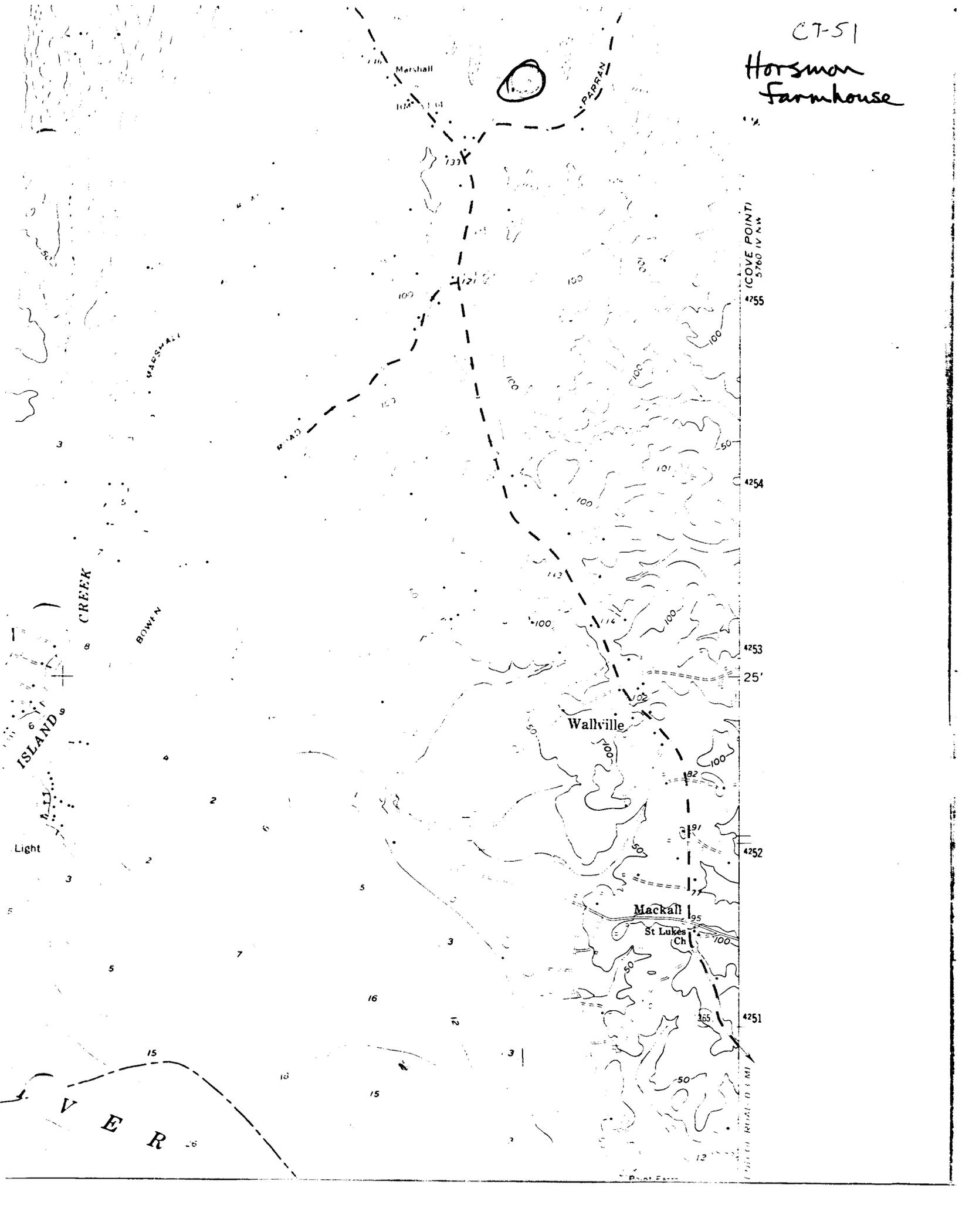
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



CT-51

Horsman  
Farmhouse





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Horsmon Farms.  
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W. Stinson  
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Horsman Farms.  
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CT-51  
Horsmon Farmhouse  
N.

M. Stinson  
7/78