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Sherwood Forest  
St. Michaels  
Private

Circa 1810; circa 1865

Sherwood Forest is a two-and-one-half-story, five-bay frame structure with a two-and-one-half-story frame kitchen wing. Although in some respects it appears to be a single antebellum composition, tradition maintains that it is the product of two periods, and there is evidence to corroborate this view; the interior, with the exception of the living room, which is finished with detail characteristic of the 1860s, has Federal-style woodwork. The main facade has a central entrance with a transom and sidelights. Across three bays, (the entrance, and two bays on the east) runs a two-story porch with a highly rhythmic second-story balustrade composed of overlapping segmental-arched balusters. The two bays on the west are located in a Greek revival pavilion the depth of the porch. The pavilion has corner pilasters with a full entablature, which continues across the gable, forming a pediment. On the grounds is a fine Victorian ice house. It is of square plan with a gable-roofed entrance. The main section is topped by a pyramidal roof, which rises to a large louvered cupola surmounted by a tall finial.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sherwood Forest

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 33, .5 mile S.E. of Md. Rt. 579

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Sten Rasmussen

~~Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hiss~~

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STREET & NUMBER

Sherwood Forest

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21663

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 350

Folio #: 311

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**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Sherwood is located two miles northwest of St. Michaels on the upper reaches of Broad Creek. The house is a large two part frame building appearing to be a great ante-bellum dwelling with its two story gallery over the front entrance and pedimented pavillion wing to one side thereof. On the west side of the house is a two and one-half story frame kitchen wing.

Its entrance facade is five bays long with central entrance having sidelights and transom. There is a two story wood porch across three bays and a pedimented pavillion wing on the two other bays. It is as deep as is the porch. The windows of the first story have 6/6 sash and those on the second have 12/12 sash, both have louvered shutters. There are pilasters at the corners of the front wing and the other corners of the house. A wood stair to the first floor of the porch ascends the entire length thereof. On the second story is a fine original balustrade composed of overlapping reversed segmentally curved balusters. Two dormers, with flanking pilasters light the third floor rooms. One chimney is located on each gable and a second above the front wing. On the rear of the building is a one story porch. Otherwise it is similar to a plain five bay long dwelling.

The wing has three windows and a door on the north and two windows and two doors on the south. Possibly this wing was one and one-half story when it was constructed.

The floor plan of the house consists of a central stair hall with one room on the east and two rooms on the west, with two rooms in the kitchen wing. With the exception of the living room, which has ante-bellum woodwork, the remainder of the interior has woodwork of the Federal period comparable to Mary's Delight, Hope House and Fairview.

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| <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**

Sherwood Forest is important architecturally on two counts. It has most of the original plan and much of its interior from the early 19th century and is comparable to Mary's Delight, not only in woodwork, but also in plan (Originally Mary's Delight had two rooms on one side and one on the other.)

Sherwood Forest was very tastefully remodeled around the 1860's to its present form. This work is as well designed and executed as the original work.

Tradition has maintained that one section preceeded another, however, with the exception of the differences noted above, the house appears to have been built at one time.

South of the house is a superior Victorian brick ice house, square in plan with an entrance pod. At the apex of its pyramidal roof rises a large louvered cupola with tall finial.

**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

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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Sherwood Forest Ice House

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