MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Lewis House, Bucktown

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Bestpitch Ferry Road, south of Greenbriar Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Ralph C. Lewis, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: RFD 2

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland 21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 164/353

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered			(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ralph Lewis' house at Bucktown is one of the handsomest dwellings in the area. It is a frame structure composed of a three bay long, two and one-half story part with a three bay long, one story kitchen wing. The main body of the house is two bays (two rooms) deep and has the wide back of the fireplace exposed to the level of the second floor. Since there is only a single stack on the gable this probably indicates corner fireplaces like Yarmouth and the Doege Farm.

Across the facade of the first story is a porch and the windows and door have been altered, i.e. the windows were lengthened to the floor and the door received sidelights and transom. One original window remains on the side facing the kitchen wing and it has 9/9 sash. Those above have 9/6 sash and the attic window, including the dormers, have 6/6 sash. The roof was extended on each side creating an eave, but the original box cornice can be seen with the alterations. The walls are covered with beaded weatherboard.

A very steep roof covers the one room deep kitchen. It has a center door and two windows, but only one window appears early. A small chimney pierces the roof slightly to the outside of the position of the door.

Alongside the house is a handsome dairy building which appears to date from the early nineteenth century.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☒ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the most important buildings to have survived in this area of Dorchester County mainly because it retains so much original and early detail. It makes a good house to use for the study of vernacular dwellings.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE						LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 13, Map 63, p. 9.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: Nov., 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

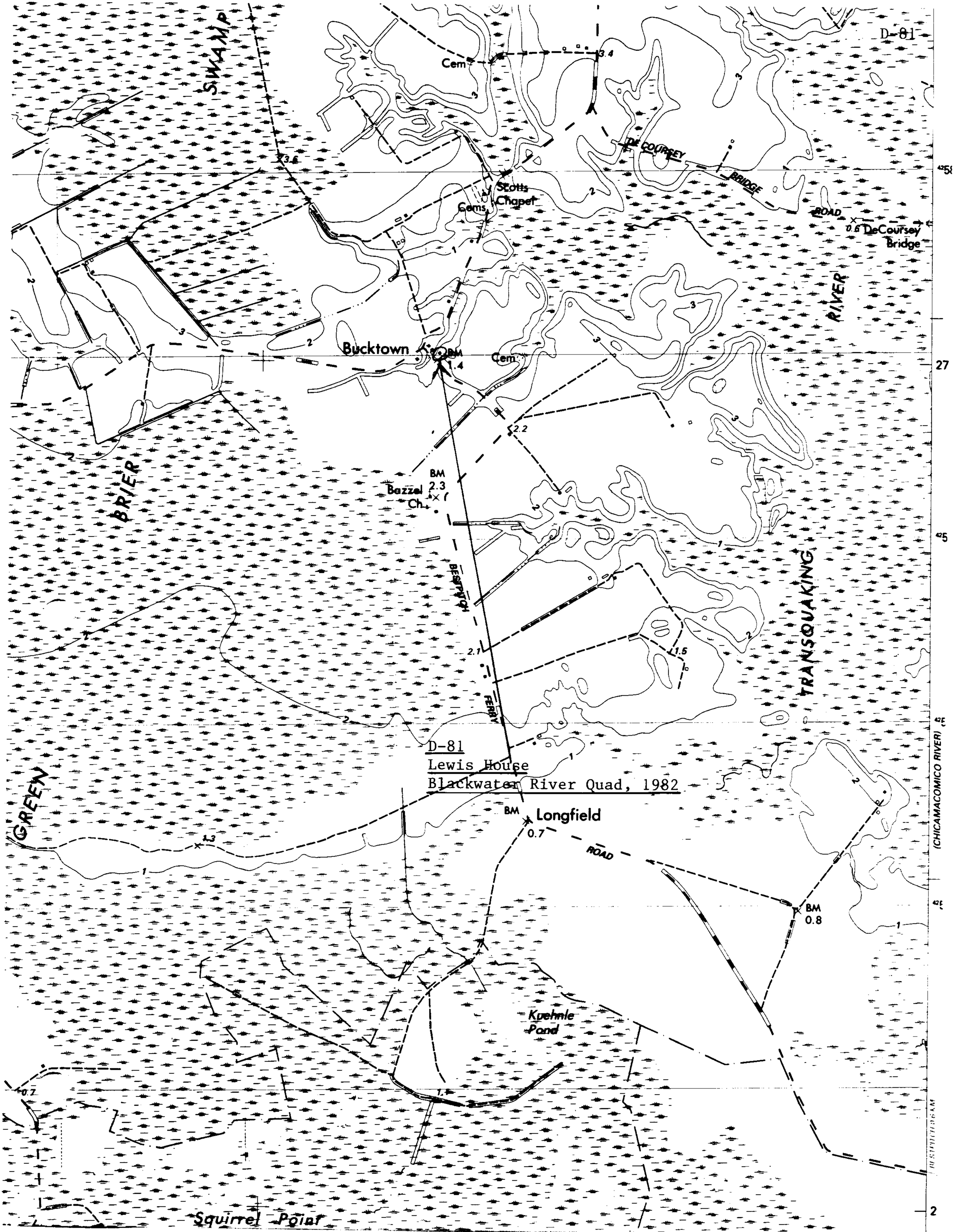
STATE: Maryland 21401

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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Lewis House
Blackwater River Quad, 1982

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M. Bourne Nov 1975