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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Oyster Creek Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Pleasant				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Bay Shore Road, 1/2 mile west of Hooper Neck Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Dorchester	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: A. Travers Spicer				
STREET AND NUMBER: Oyster Creek Farm				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island			STATE: Maryland	21669
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. #): 65/568				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Oyster Creek house is composed of two sections. The taller part, two full stories, is a frame building covered with asbestos siding, three bays long. The gable faces south and the back of the fireplace is exposed. It is also flanked by two windows on each floor including the attic which has small windows which have 2/2 sash.

The smaller section was four bays wide, originally had two windows and two doors on each side of the building and two dormers on each side of the "A" roof. The Spicers, who bought it in 1947, raised the "A" roof, so it is a two story wing now. On the west facade, which overlooks the cove, the Spicers have put in place of the two windows and door of the main portion of the house, a window in place of the door and a picture window in the place of the other two windows. In the middle room, which is a sitting room, there is also another picture window in place of the door and window. The majority of the interior has been remodeled but there is one original raised panel door between the kitchen and sitting room. Those two rooms are in the earlier portion of the house. The latter portion of the house is composed of a stair hall and parlor. The parlor has been completely remodeled except for the floor and baseboard. The chimney has been reconstructed but the original mantel is still on the farm, it is stored in the barn.

The stair is the most handsome and substantial thing of the house. It continues all the way to the attic. It has a paneled wall beneath the stair and where the step ends there are some very fine standrels. The newel post is tiger maple, turned, and the balusters are square. The hand rail is almost round and continues up and over the intervening newel posts. The original trim in this part of the house has corner blocks with circular discs and apparently dates from around the 1830's

The panel molding consists of an applied ogee molding. It looks very similar in profile to the molding around the door which of course is part of the style of the door in the older section. Originally there was a white pine board partition which separated the two rooms in the older section of the house but it was removed when the house was remodeled in the 40's. Another unusual feature of the house is in the hall - there is a plaster medallion in the ceiling and there is a plaster cove and bead cornice which is partially destroyed because of the weather.

It stands across Oyster Cove from Mulberry Grove. On the property there is also a five hole frame privy of the early 19th century which came from Mulberry Grove. The privy is of such quality that it should be recorded. There are so few period privies existing in the state of Maryland.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oyster Creek Farm is important chiefly because of its architecture. It represents the earliest vernacular form of hall and parlor house which was similar in exterior appearance to Makepeace, Somerset County. That is because the facade had two central doors flanked by windows. This building appears to have been constructed almost one hundred years after Makepeace, however, which indicates the persistence of the vernacular tradition, especially in Dorchester County.

It is also a good example of the additive quality of vernacular architecture. The two story section was built at a more affluent time, and the interior shows a gradual move away from the vernacular, toward stylish architecture.

The presence of the early 19th century privy on the property is of great interest since most outbuildings became obsolete and were removed.

In the "Lake Griffing Stevenson Atlas" of 1877 a windmill appears at the head of Oyster Creek on this property under the name of E. L. Griffith.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

191.13 acres, Map 58, p. 42.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21401

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

5761 III SE
(HUDSON)

17'30"

384

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Light

Hooper Cove

Holland Point

Catars Cove

Neck

Ant Bar

CREEK

r Cove

Davis Creek

Hooper

SLAUGHTER

Bethlehem

Cem

Ch

Lane

Ch

Martin

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Oyster Creek Farm

(Mt. Pleasant)

Taylor's Island Quad, 1982

Campground

Marina

BM

1.0

Cem

Jefferson Mem

Ch

Old Trinity

Ch

Boat Ramp

BM

0.9

Boat Ramp

Campground

Taylor's Island

Chaplen Mem

Ch

Slaughter Creek

Pine Neck

Broads

TAYLOR'S ISLAND

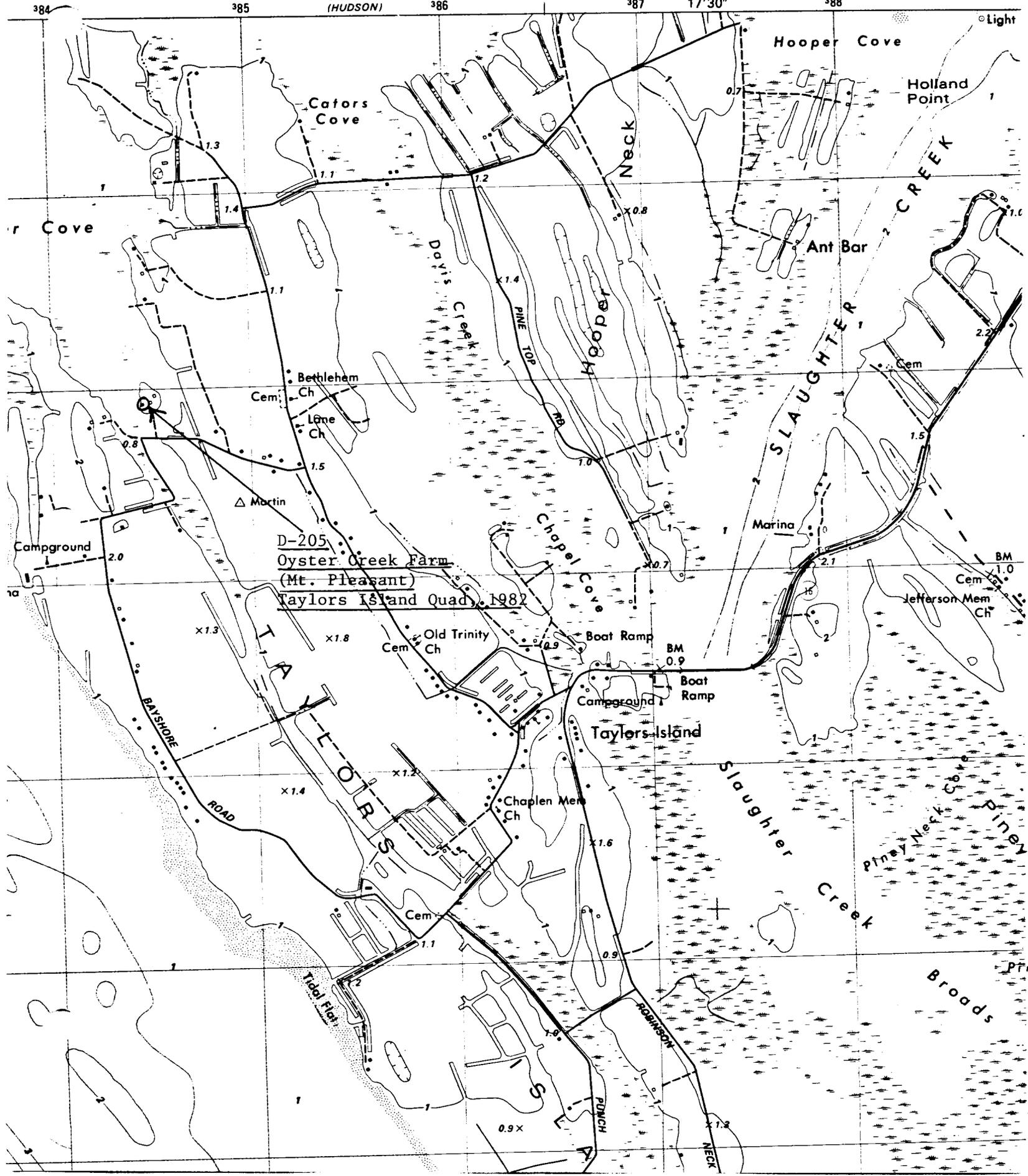
BAVSHORE ROAD

Tidal Flat

PUNCH

ROBINSON

NECK



10X1-70

75% D-205



Oyster Creek Farm

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M. Bourne Nov 1975

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