

K-509

Cedar Point Farm Site
Eastern Neck Island
Patented 1659

Cedar Point Farm is located on the southern point of land which extends into the Chester River from Eastern Neck Island. Part of the original Wickcliffe grant which was first patented in 1659 and resurveyed for Joseph Wickes in 1680, the farm descended first to his son, Joseph Wickes, Jr. and remained in the family for roughly another one hundred years.

In 1804, Richard B. Mitchell, a Wickes descendant, acquired the farm. In the Tax Assessment of 1852, a "Brick House & other Buildings in Tolerable repair" is mentioned. Mitchell did not live here, but resided at Bowlingly in Queenstown, Queen Annes County, where he was a prominent businessman. He did, however, have 11 slaves living on the farm on Eastern Neck Island.

In 1879, Cedar Point Farm was purchased by Benjamin Sappington, whose wife, Frances, was a Wickes. It remained in that family until 1928 when it became known as Cedar Point, Inc.

The house mentioned in the 1852 Tax Assessment was demolished in 1933 by the owner of the Cedar Point Gunning Club. It remained a private gunning club until the early 1960's, when it, along with the remainder of the island was acquired by the United States Government as a nature preserve.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Wickliffe"

and/or common "Cedar Point Farm"

2. Location

street & number Eastern Neck Island _____ not for publication

city, town Rock Hall _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

street & number 300 Westgate Center Drive telephone no.:

city, town Hadley state and zip code MA 01035-9589

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber

street & number Cross Street folio

city, town Chestertown state MD 21620

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 5 - Historic Site

date 21 May 1990; 2 June 1993 federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records 300 Westgate Center Drive

city, town Hadley state MA 01035-9589

7. Description

Survey No. K-509

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Near the south end of the paved road on Eastern Neck Island is an historical marker in a thin grove of trees within site of the bay and mouth of the Chester River. The historical marker commemorated the site of Wickliffe, the first patented tract on Eastern Heck Island, Joseph Wickes, its patentee and Lambert Wicks, one of his descendants who was an important naval figure in the American Revolution.

The marker reads as follows:

"3/3/96 to ENI - 96661 END - 96707 = 46 MILES -

Wickliffe

Maj. Joseph Wickes who settled on Eastern Neck Island c. 1658 was Chief Justice of Kent County before 1674. The Court met at Wickliffe, his home here (no longer standing). By 1680 he had acquired 864 Acres. The southern half of the Island, which he held until his death in 1692. His Great-grandson Capt. Lambert Wickes, who spent his early years here, served with distinction in the Continental Navy, was lost at sea with his Sloop-of-war Reprisal Oct 1, 1727."

Although the marker is on Wickliffe, the first inhabitant, Joseph Wickes, as well as his descendant, Lambert, actually lived on that section of Wickliffe north of the marker.

The Granger family may have been responsible for constructing the "Brick House" mentioned in the 1852 tax assessment.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	18th century	Builder/Architect	unknown
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
and/or			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

"Cedar Point Farm" is a name derived from the southern point of land on Eastern Neck Island which extends into the Chester River. It is part of the original Wickliffe grant dating from 1659 and re-surveyed in 1680 for Joseph Wickes. After Joseph Wickes died (1698)², the land was divided between his two sons Samuel and Joseph, Jr. in 1701. This portion of Wickliffe was taken by Joseph Wickes, Jr. and it remained in his descendants, the Grangers until 1804, when title was passed to Richard B. Mitchell. From that period through 1879 it remained in the ownership of two or three generations of Mitchells, who were Wickes descendants.

C.J.B. Mitchell was listed as owner of "Wickliff and Market Place Recovered" in the 1852 tax assessment. On this 554 acre farm was a "Brick House & other Buildings in Tolerable repair." Mr. Mitchell did not live on the Island but judging from the 1877 Atlas, he may have used Cedar Point for gunning purposes. He lived across the River at Bowlingly in Queenstown and was a very prominent businessman in Queen Anne's County. He did, however, have 11 slaves living on the Island.

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map
Kent County, Maryland
Langford Bay Quad

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Y

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K

Wilson Pond

The Cedars

445

Short Cove

BM 5

Eastern Neck Narrows

Wilson Pt

Fryingpan Cove

Boxes Pt

Tubby Cove

Belts Bar Pt

Calpasture Cove

EASTERN NECK
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Bogle Cove

EASTERN NECK

Overton

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Cabin Cove

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Shipyard Cr

6569

x6

Baybush Pt

Hail Cr

Panhandle Pt

Hail Pt

Narrows Pt

Cedar Pt

Creek

QUEEN ANNES CO
KENT CO

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RIVER



WICKLIFFE

MAJ. JOSEPH WICKES WHO SETTLED ON EASTERN
NECK ISLAND C. 1688 WAS CHIEF JUSTICE OF
KENT COUNTY BEFORE 1774 THE COURT MET AT
WICKLIFFE HIS HOME HERE (NO LONGER STANDING.)
BY 1760 HE HAD ACQUIRED 504 ACRES THE
SOUTHERN HALF OF THE ISLAND WHICH HE HELD
UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1792 HIS GREAT-GRANDSON
CAPT. LAMBERT WICKES WHO SPENT HIS EARLY
YEARS HERE SERVED WITH DISTINCTION IN THE
CONTINENTAL NAVY WAS LOST AT SEA WITH HIS
SLOOP-OF-WAR BEPHELO OCT. 1777

CAPTAIN LAMBERT WICKES FOUNDATION
AND
MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

(Wickliffe -K- 274 -located at) Cedar Point Site K-509
Eastern Neck Island
Historical Marker

Michael Bowne

March 1996

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