

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Crayford (other spellings: Crawford, Crafford)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Maryland Route 8

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

E. Nostrand Carvel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Laurel

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Delaware 19956

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: ASG Jr. 13

Folio #: 248

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

QA-303

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Crayford is located on the west side of Maryland Route 8 approximately five miles south of Stevensville on Kent Island. The house and associated farm buildings are surrounded by open farm land overlooking the Chesapeake Bay to the west.

This tract of land can be traced back to the earliest period of settlement on Kent Island, when it was patented by William Claiborne. The buildings that stand at Crayford today range from the late 18th to the mid-20th century. These include a large frame house, a log plank meat house, a frame dairy, a heavy timber frame granary, a post-built animal barn, and several other more recent buildings. Also worthy of note are the Carville family cemetery and a pair of mill stones.

The house at Crayford was constructed circa 1881 after an earlier house burned in 1880. It is a large frame house 2 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a steeply

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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"/> 400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

The tract of land known as Crayford can be traced back to the earliest period of settlement on Kent Island. According to Nathaniel Hale, the Craney Creek area was explored by William Claiborne as early as 1627. In the early 1630's this high ground along the south side of Craney Creek was settled by Claiborne. He named the tract for his boyhood home in England, built a house, and planted crops. Crayford maintained an important role in the ensuing conflict between Claiborne and the forces of the Maryland proprietary.

While local tradition has often associated some of the buildings with the 17th century history of the farm, only one building has survived from the latter 18th century, and the remainder date to the mid-19th century or later. A pair of old millstones found on the farm are also believed to date to Claiborne's time and could in fact be associated

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Emory, Frederick. Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Baltimore:
Maryland Historical Society, 1950.

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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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/8/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XXI; Recorded November 14, 1980.

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE

EASTERN BAY

KENT ISLAND

QA-303 CRAYFORD

EASTERN BAY

Map labels include: Cloverfields, Castle Marina, Chesterhaven Beach, SILO, Kingsley Ch, Chester, Harbor View, U.S. NAVY, Matapeake, Matapeake Estates, Sunny Isle of Kent, Chesapeake Estates, Kentmoor, Queen Anne Colony, Mattapex, Philpots Is., Kent Island Estates, Tower Gardens on the Bay, Romankoke on the Bay, Long Marsh I, Bodkin Island, Turkey Pt, Marling Farms, Johnson Island, Little Island, Crab Alley, Marling Farms, Water-Tank, Narrow Pt, Normans Pt, Hog Island, Wells Cove, Kent Narrows, Pars, Tilghman Pt, FCK.

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Mary McCarthy
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Kent Island
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978
Main house, from Southeast



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Kent Island
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978
Barn, from northeast



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Kent Island
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978
Granary/Crib from northeast



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Kent Island
Orlando Ridout V, April 1978
Log meat house