

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-499

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The east facade is notable for its infilled, one-story porch exhibiting a half-hip roof, awning windows, and a wooden front door featuring nine lights over two vertical panels. A large hip-roofed addition is attached to the south side of the house. A small concrete block chimney protrudes from the south slope of the roof near the ridge. The dwelling exhibits both two-over-two and six-over-six double-hung sash windows and one-over-one modern windows. The west (rear) side of the building is notable because of a large gabled addition. The north side of the dwelling features exposed rafter tails and a small canopy over a side entrance.

To the west/northwest of the dwelling are the property's outbuildings, consisting of a frame dog house and a one-story, front-gabled shed with T1-11 siding and rolled asphalt roofing. Both outbuildings appear to be nonhistoric. In addition to the outbuildings, a small, aluminum, nonhistoric trailer is located directly west of the shed. A gravel drive provides access to and from Doe Drive, and the property features a number of ornamental trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the buildings include the infilled front porch, the large side and rear additions, the covering of the foundation with wood and pressed metal, and the modern awning and one-over-one windows.

The Eunice Yvonne Morris House is a representative example of the front-gabled bungalow type. Its presence signifies the historic introduction of early-twentieth-century architectural types into an agricultural area developed during the nineteenth century, and it illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the local area into this century.

The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1950, according to deed and tax assessment records. In 1975, Eunice Yvonne Morris became the sole owner of the property and dwelling (WCCC Deed Book FWH 471:35). She and her husband received the property containing the dwelling from Harry D. and Annie Morris in 1959 (WCCC Deed Book FWH 121:96), who had purchased the property in 1949 (WCCC Deed Book CWN 24:552). It is unclear whether Harry and Annie Morris or the property's previous owners constructed the dwelling. The 1975 deed references a 1952 survey of the property. It is possible that this survey was conducted prior to the construction of the house. Tax records place the date of construction at 1950 (WCTA 1998). Because the actual date of construction is unknown, an assumed date of ca. 1950 has been chosen, with the understanding that the structure may already be or may soon be 50 years old.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this date would place the resource in the Modern Period (A.D. 1930–Present). The current legal tax parcel containing the house, outbuildings, and trailer encompasses .39 acres.

Major Bibliographical References:

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)
1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)
1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, Maryland.

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STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Property Name: Eunice Yvonne Morris House (common) Inventory Number: WO-499

Address: 10307 Doe Drive, Berlin (vic.), MD 21811

Owner: Eunice Yvonne Morris

Tax Parcel Number: 72 Tax Map Number: 20

Project: US 113 - North of US 50 to MD 589 (Worcester County, MD) Agency: Maryland SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F
 G None

Is property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district N/A

Is district listed? _____ no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Additional Phase I Archeological Survey and Historic Structures Survey Along US 113 From North of US 50 to South of MD 589, Worcester County, Maryland (Cleveland et al. 1998)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Eunice Yvonne Morris House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the west side of Doe Drive, approximately 810 feet south of Deer Park Road. The one-story bungalow, constructed in ca. 1950, features an asymmetrical east facade with five bays. The balloon-frame structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding and exhibits a front-gabled roof clad with composition asphalt shingles. The foundation is constructed of concrete block and is covered by wood and metal pressed to resemble stone. See Continuation Sheet #1.

The Eunice Yvonne Morris House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised by alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

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| Comments: _____ | |
| _____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | |
| _____ Reviewer, NR program | |
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East & North elevations

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Fannie Yvonne Morris House (Common)

Worcester County, MD

Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1978

Maryland SUPP - negative

South & East Elevations

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Eunice Yvonne Morris House (common)
Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

South Elevation

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