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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Applegarth's Marine Yard

and/or common Applegarth's Marine Yard

2. Location

street & number 317 South Morris Street n/a not for publication

city, town Oxford n/a vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Talbot code 041

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Curtis L. Applegarth

street & number 317 South Morris Street

city, town Oxford n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21654

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County, Md., Clerk of the Court

street & number N. Washington Street

city, town Easton state Maryland 21601

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historic Trust
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1985 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date n/a

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: <u> 0 </u>
Contribution	Noncontributing	
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings	Original and historic functions and uses: <u> commercial </u>
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites	
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures	
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects	
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total	

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Applegarth's Marine Yard is a working boatyard engaged in constructing and maintaining watercraft up to forty-five feet in length. Prior to 1940 virtually all activity centered upon vessels used daily in the harvest of seafood. With the decline of those resources, the small yards which once serviced working craft have shown a corresponding decline. Yet at Applegarth's, substantial work continues in that area because of its unique older equipment and workmen. Its clientele are in the main the commercial watermen operating on the Tred Avon and Choctank rivers.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Applegarth's Marine Yard is a notable landmark upon entering Oxford, Maryland, on the town's main street, Maryland Route 333. It is located at the head of Town Creek and comprises two-fifths of an acre bordering the town's harbor.

The principal building, the construction shed, is of wood framing under corrugated steel sheathing, and measures 55' x 45' with a ridgepole height of 16'. It was built in 1917 on the site previously a blacksmith's shop. A smaller addition of frame was added on the waterside in 1956.

There are two marine railways operating at the yard. These consist of iron rails substructured in the creek bottom and continuing ashore. Each has adjustable "cradles" of heavy timbers mounted upon flanged wheels for positioning hulls of various shapes and sizes permitting them to be brought ashore for repair, or for launching new construction. One such railway enters the building and is powered by an electric motor; the second is in the open, the power for which is an ancient gasoline engine. The construction building contains woodworking tools of all types and vintages, an elevated spar loft and a small office containing drafting materials and plan storage.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The site was once that of a blacksmith's shop which doubtless provided the necessary ironwork for commercial watermen. In 1917, the owner, M. Tilghman Johnston, erected the present "ironclad" building and installed a railway for the purpose of servicing the fleet of oystering and crabbing craft which sold their catches to the seven processing plants operating in Oxford. Served by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, ice-refrigerated cars were dispatched daily to metropolitan areas of the east and mid-west. A notable owner from 1920 until 1926 was Alonzo T. Conley the master designer-builder of large ocean-going sailing ships. Before his move to Oxford his yard was at Sharptown, Maryland, where he built the Anandale, the largest wooden ship constructed in Maryland. At 227', Anandale was larger but less remembered than Purnell T. White, likewise a 4-masted schooner whose detailed log and history was the subject of a factual accounting by Robert T. Burgess, curator of the Mariners Museum at Newport News, Virginia. During Conley's ownership, the subject yard constructed oyster-crab craft of smaller size, and refitted and repaired all types of commercial vessels. The present owner, Curtis L. Applegarth, purchased the yard in 1951 from Robert Goldsborough Henry, a marine architect later with the U. S. Navy Bureau of Ships. Applegarth, now 76, oversees daily activities and has built 73 boats at the site. Two of these were from plans of H. I. Chappelle, Senior Historian, Smithsonian Institution. One, a 38' skipjack, is represented in Figure 116 in Chappelle's American Small Sailing Craft.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. .3 acre
Quadrangle name Oxford, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the northwest corner of the Town of Oxford land on S. Morris St., Oxford, and Town Creek; thence running north with S. Morris St. 170' thence east 125' to Town Creek thence south 145' and thence west 100'+ to place of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Johnson Fortenbaugh		
organization		date	April 24, 1985
street & number	104 Tred Avon Avenue		telephone 301-226-5147
city or town	Oxford	state	Maryland 21654

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title	STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER	date
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register		
		date
Keeper of the National Register		
Attest:		date
Chief of Registration		

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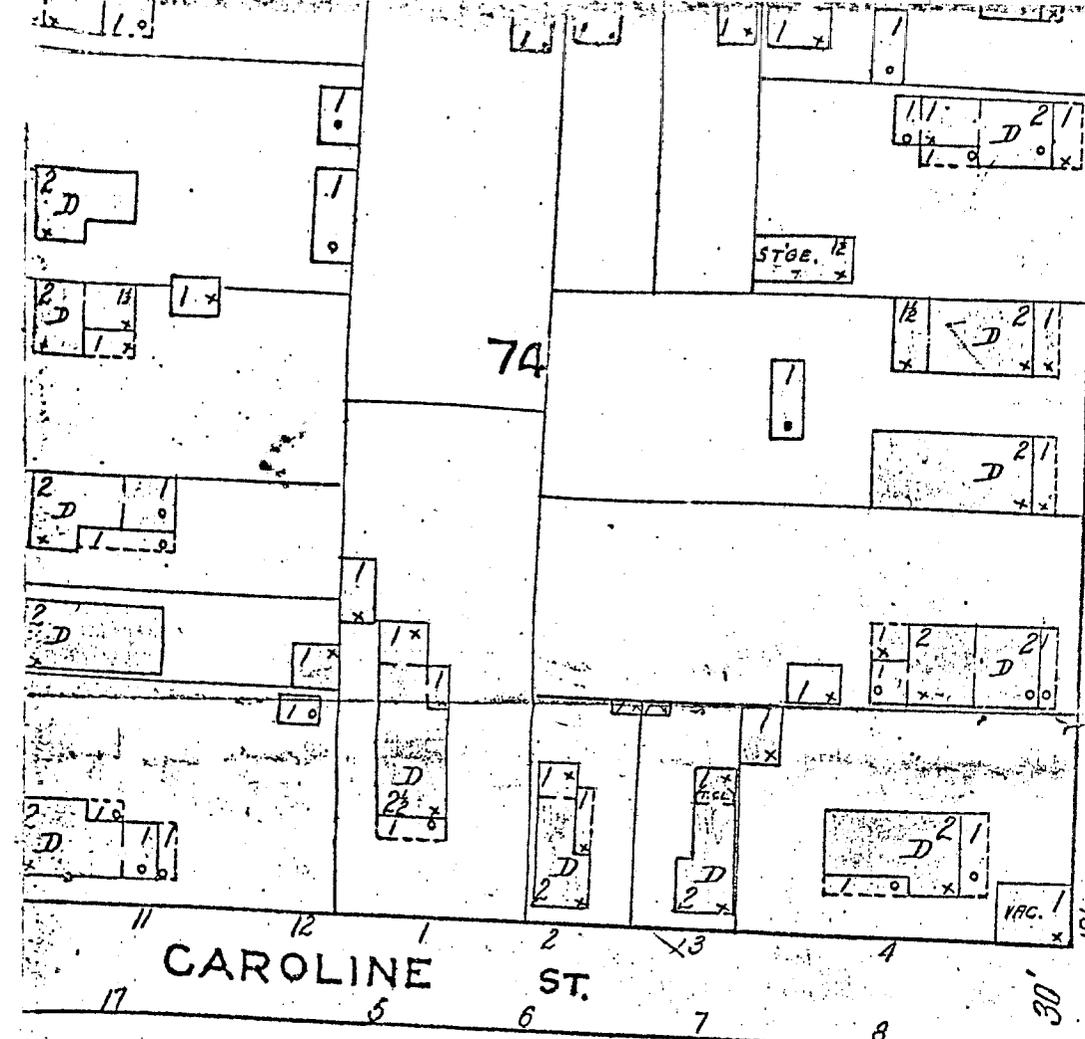
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CAROLINE ST.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

MORRIS ST. MD. RTE: 333

EASTON RD.

WOODEN BRIDGE

GASOL ENG.
BOAT SHOP (R.C.L.)

MARINE R.Y.
M. J. JOHNSON
BOAT REPAIRING.
NO WATCHMAN - POWER GASOL ENG.
NO LIGHTS - NO HEAT - NO FIRE APPS.

APPLEGARTH'S MARINE YARD
OXFORD, MD.
(FROM SANBORN INSURANCE MAP)
N.Y.C. - 1918

TOWN CREEK



72

74

60'

30'

7547

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