MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no ___

Property Name: Barnwell/Lar Ray Inventory Number: T-1136

Address: 30530 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: ___

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Easton

Owner: Raymond Harrison Jr.

Tax Parcel Number: 16 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 149858

Project: Harrison Tower Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name: ___ Date: ___

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A X B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Is the property located within a historic district? ___ no X yes Name of district: Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape

Is district listed? X no ___ yes Determined eligible? ___ no X yes District Inventory Number: ___

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

This property is located north of Matthewstown Road, approximately 2.5 miles east of Easton. The property is a farmstead on a 103-acre parcel. The farmstead is comprised of a house, silo, and storage building/garage, and smokehouse.

This property is a farmstead historically known as "Barnwell." The farm appears to have been developed after the publication of the 1877 Talbot County atlas, during the 1880s. In 1888, John Willson died and his family inherited the improved farm comprised of 118 acres. The property remained in the Willson family until 1944, when the undivided farm was sold to Robert and Eva Slaughter. The Slaughters owned the farm for less than two decades before selling it in 1960 to Raymond and Clara Harrison, parents of the current owner.

The farmstead is an intact example of a nineteenth century farmstead. Although the house has been modified by alterations such as asbestos siding and the enclosed side entry porch, it retains its form as an I-house. These modifications, combined with the lack of distinguishing architectural elements that elevate the house above other I-houses (a common regional house type), reduce the significance of the resource and diminish its potential for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Prepared by: **David S. Rotenstein** Date Prepared: **January 2001**

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Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: ___A X B X C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments: As a contributing resource to the Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic District T-382

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program 2/16/01 Date

T-1136 Barnwell/Lar Ray

This property is located north of Matthewstown Road, approximately 2.5 miles east of Easton. The property is a farmstead on a 103-acre parcel. A house, silo, and storage building/garage, and smokehouse comprise this farmstead.

The house is a 2½ -story wood frame L-plan. The original block (east) of the house is a rectangular I-house constructed on a continuous brick foundation. The principal (south) façade is three bays wide and has symmetrical fenestration. There is a shed roof front entry porch with wood post supports. The I-house has a central cross gable with a lancet window and there are two internal brick chimneys in the original block. The side-gabled roof is clad by composition shingles and has cornice returns.

There is a rectangular 2½-story front-gabled addition to the west side of the I-house constructed on a brick foundation. The addition has an interior brick chimney and its composition shingle clad roof has cornice returns. The house has wood double hung sash (2/2 and 6/6 lights) windows and the building is clad by asbestos shingles. There is an enclosed shed-roof porch on the west (side) elevation.

The storage building/garage is a wood frame building located west of the house. It is a gable-end building constructed of a mortise-and-tenon frame with board-and-batten wood siding. The roof is clad by corrugated metal. The garage is a rectangular extension of the front-gabled building, attached to its southern elevation. The garage is an open, wood frame side-gabled building.

The silo is constructed of concrete and is located north and west of the storage building/garage. It appears that at one time it may have been attached to a barn that is no longer extant.

The third building at the property is a front-gabled rectangular wood frame smokehouse. The smokehouse is a one-story building constructed on a brick pier foundation. It is clad by board-and-batten siding and a standing seam metal roof. There is a hood and joist above the building's single door.

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1136

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Barnwell

other Lar Ray

2. Location

street and number 30530 Matthewstown Road _ not for publication

city, town Easton __ vicinity

county Talbot

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

name Raymond T. Harrison

street and number 30530 Matthewstown Road telephone

city, town Easton state MD zip code 21601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 426 folio 312

city, town Easton tax map 26 tax parcel 16 tax ID number 149858

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
_____district
X building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
X private
_____both

Current Function
X agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
X domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
3		buildings
		sites
1		structures
		objects
4		Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
X fair ___ altered

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

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
_1600-1699	X agriculture	_economics	_health/medicine	_performing arts
_1700-1799	_archeology	_education	_industry	_philosophy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	_engineering	_invention	_politics/govemment
X 1900-1999	_art	_entertainment/ recreation	_landscape architecture	_religion
_2000-	_commerce		_law	_science
	_communications	_ethnic heritage	_literature	_social history
	_community planning	_exploration/ settlement	_maritime history	_transportation
	_conservation		_military	_other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates c. 1880

Evaluation for:

X National Register _____Maryland Register _____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. T-1136

Dilworth, William H., Map of Talbot County, Maryland with Farm Limits (1858); Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Atlas of Talbot & Dorchester Counties, Maryland (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1877); Preston, Dickson J., Talbot County: A History (Centreville, Maryland, 1983); Talbot County Deed Books; Tilghman, Oswald, History of Talbot County, Maryland (Baltimore, Maryland, 1967)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1.0 acre		
Acreage of historical setting	183 acres		
Quadrangle name	Easton, MD	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary for this property conforms the property limits, as delimited in the Talbot Count tax map.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian		
organization	URS/DamesMoore	date	12/2000
street & number	7101 Wisconsin Ave	telephone	301-652-2215
city or town	Bethesda	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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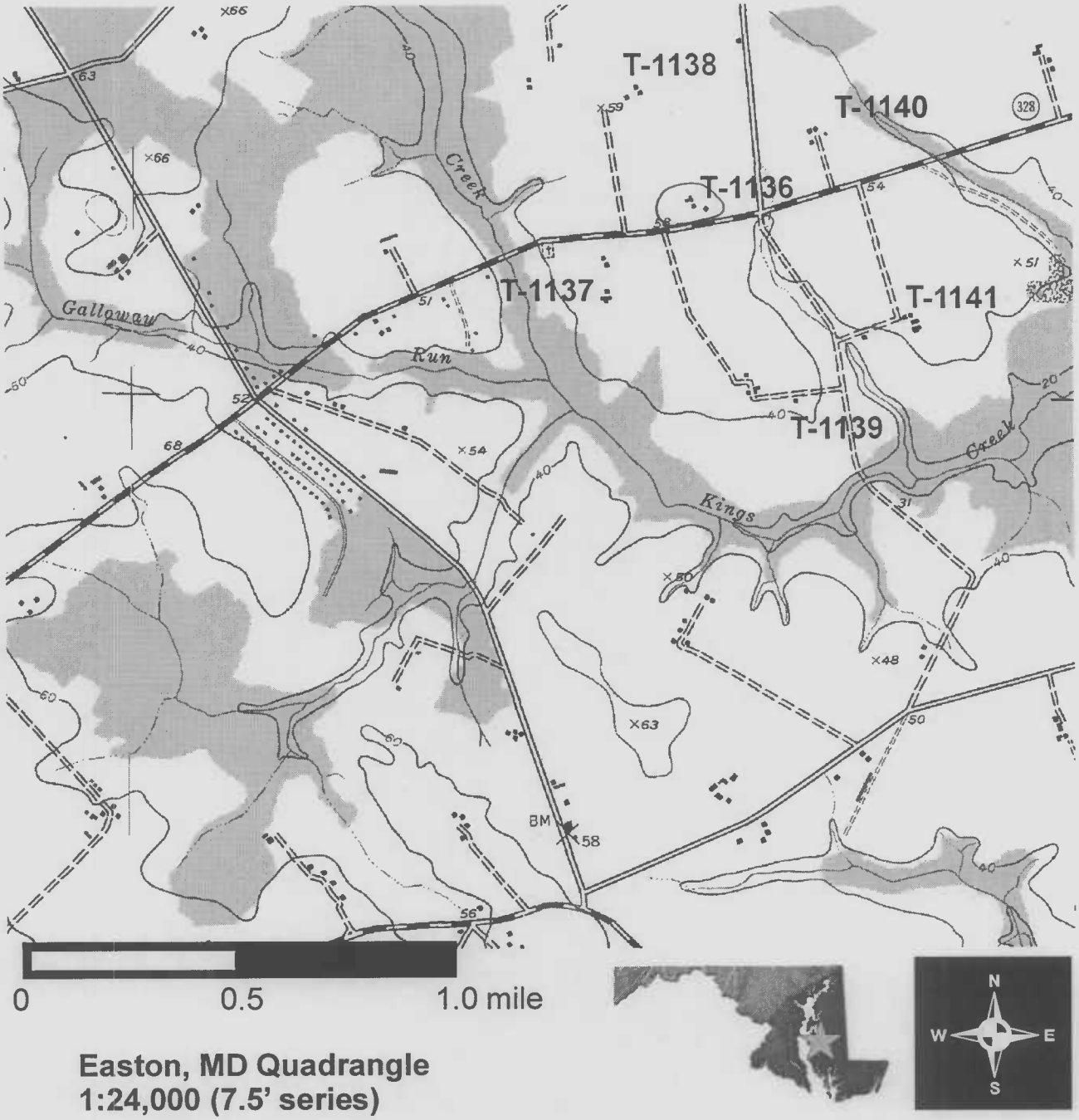

Easton, MD Quadrangle
1:24,000 (7.5' series)

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View of farmstead, to NorthE from Matthewstown Road

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View of house, side + front elevations, to the NE

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View of house, rear, to the SW

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View of shed, garage,
to west

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Construction detail,
Shed, northeast corner.

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Smokehouse, front and side elevations. View to NW.

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Silo, view to the west

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