

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Knox Farm/Morris Farm Inventory Number: T-1137

Address: 30411 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: 21601

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Easton

Owner: Lloyd Morris

Tax Parcel Number: 28 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 150988

Project: Harrison Tower Agency: FCC

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

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no 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)*

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Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: January 2001

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Comments: <u>As a contributing resource to the Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic District, T-302</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>2/15/2001</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>2/16/01</u> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

This property, an intact farmstead with a house built during the second half of the nineteenth century and a cluster of agricultural buildings surrounded by agricultural fields and containing a family cemetery is an outstanding example of a late nineteenth century farmstead. Despite multiple transfers of title, the property has retained its historic configuration and function as a farm. The property appears to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B for its association with nineteenth century planter Henry Goldborough and under Criterion C as an intact nineteenth century farmstead. The resource also is a contributing element to the proposed Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape district.

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The house at this property is a 2½-story wood frame vernacular building constructed on a brick foundation. The house has an irregular plan, the result of multiple additions. Measuring five bays by four bays, there is a front portico on the north side of the house and a screened shed-roof side entry porch. The front (north) portico has squared square wood columns and a pedimented gable roof. The cross-gabled house has metal double-hung sash (2/2 lights) windows, and the cross gable block has paired ribbon windows in the north elevation. There also is a gable peak window in the cross gable with a single colorless pane surrounded by smaller stained glass panes.

The house extends to the south (rear) by two gable-roof additions and a shed roof addition. There are two interior brick chimneys. The house is clad by vinyl siding and the roof is clad by composition shingles. The barn is a side-gabled wood frame building constructed on a post and pier (brick) foundation. The barn rises two stories and there is a one-story shed roof addition to its west side. The barn is clad by vertical planks and vinyl siding (gable end), the roof is clad by corrugated metal. According to the landowner, the barn was built in 1907 (Lloyd Morris, personal communication, November 2000).

To the north of the barn, there is a gable-roofed wood frame corn crib clad by vertical plank siding and a corrugated metal roof. Adjacent (north) to the corn crib is a wood frame gable roof equipment shed. There also is a recently constructed plywood storage building located near the southeastern corner of the barn. Between the cluster of agricultural buildings (barn, crib, shed) and the house, there is a square concrete block storage building with a hip roof and a wood double-hung sash (6/6 lights) window. The roof is pierced by a metal stove flue. Other farmstead buildings include a garage situated east of the house and wood frame storage buildings south of the house.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1137

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Knox Farm

other Morris Farm

2. Location

street and number 30411 Matthewstown Road -- not for publication

city, town Easton --- vicinity

county Talbot

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

name Lloyd Morris

street and number 30411 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 791 folio 55

city, town Easton tax map 26 tax parcel 28 tax ID number 150988

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	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	5	3
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	5	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates ca. 1850	
Evaluation for:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Register	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland Register
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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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	<u>89.7 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>2.0 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Easton, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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

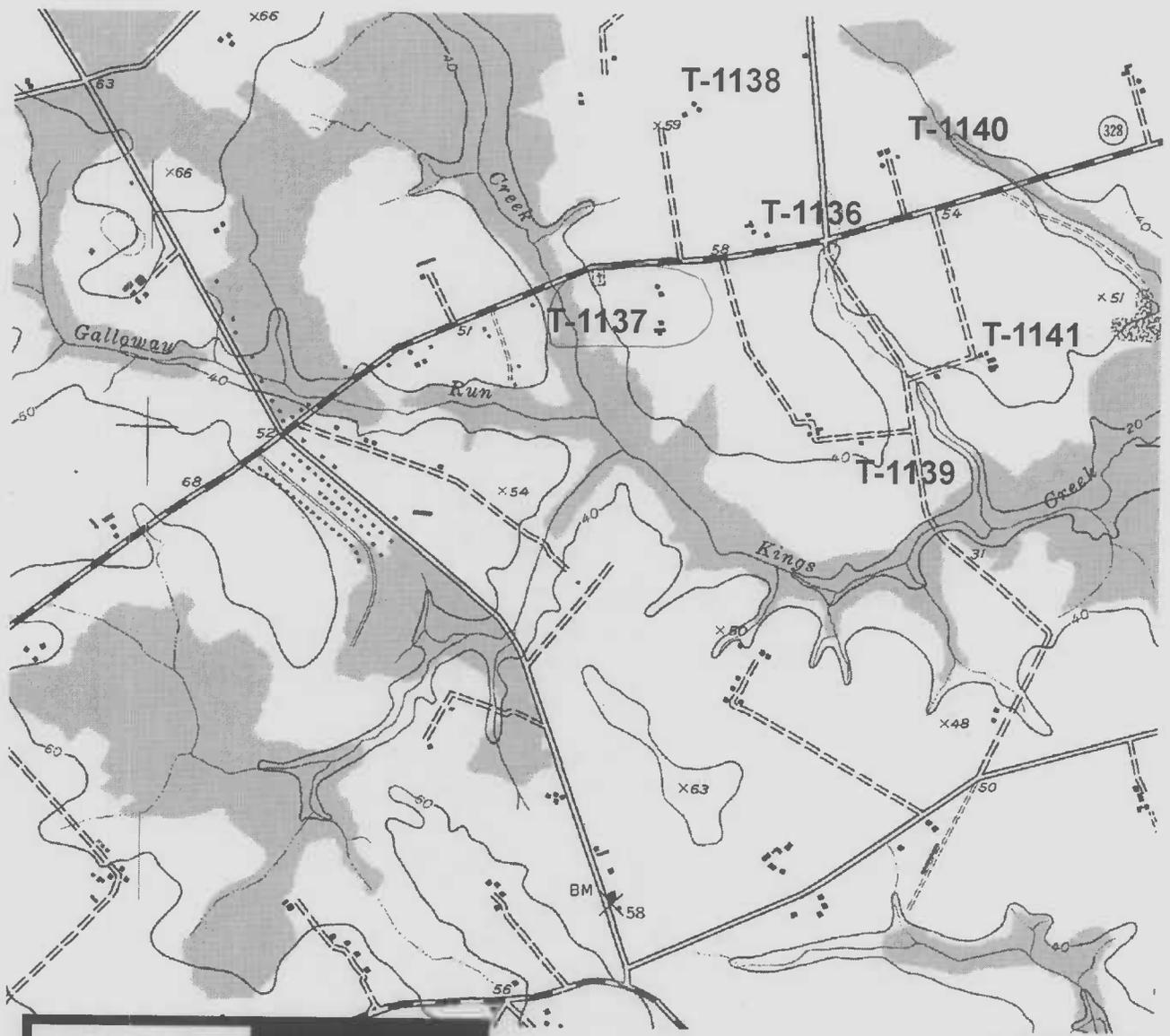
name/title	Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian	
organization	URS/DamesMoore	date 12/2000
street & number	7101 Wisconsin Ave	telephone 301-652-2215
city or town	Bethesda	state MD

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





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Knox/Morris Farm

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House, North elevation

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House, east (side) and
South (rear) elevations

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Barn, view to
the NW

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Corn crib (left) and shed
(right), view to NW

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Concrete block
building, view to
NW

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