MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no ___

Property Name: Glendale/Foster House Inventory Number: T-1139

Address: 30485 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: ___

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Easton

Owner: James Foster

Tax Parcel Number: 29 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 155734

Project: Harrison Tower Agency: FCC

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

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

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)*

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This property is a large farmstead that during the nineteenth century was known as "Lark's Discovery" (Talbot County Deed Book 85: 255). Originally owned by the Goldsborough family, the property appears to have been developed during the ownership of Henry H. Goldsborough (1859-1878). The house at the property is illustrated in the 1877 atlas map of Talbot County (Lake 1877). In 1878, Henry H. Goldsborough sold the farm to William McQuaker. According to the deed transferring the title from Goldsborough to McQuaker, the sale was for "a farm or plantation known as 'Lark's Discovery' " (Talbot County Deed Book 85: 255). The property — 190 acres — was sold several times following the 1878 transaction. By 1895, the farm appears to have been renamed "Glendale" (Talbot County Deed Book 122: 435).

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: Is a contributing resource to the Goldsborough Rural District

[signature] 2/5/2001
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 2/16/01
Reviewer, NR program **Date**

Glendale Farm is a well-preserved example of an intact nineteenth century farmstead that continues to function in the agricultural sector. The house at this property appears to have been built during the second half of the nineteenth century and appears to have evolved organically through time with the development of the farm. Although metal storm windows have been added over the original windows in the farm house, the building's fabric retains its integrity. The farmstead plan also appears to retain its integrity, as well as its historical circulation network and access to local roads (as illustrated in historic maps). Glendale, currently an active farm, appears to have a period of significance from ca. 1858 to 1950 based on cartographic and documentary data (1858 and 1877 maps and deeds). The property appears to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B (association with Henry H. Goldsborough/Goldsborough family) and C (intact farmstead with architecture representative of the nineteenth century [house] and agricultural plan and landscape). The farm also appears to be a contributing element to the proposed Goldsborough Farms Rural Historic Landscape district.

T-1139. Glendale Farm/Foster House

This property is a farmstead located south of Matthewstown Road and west of Mullet Branch Road. Entry to the property is via unsurfaced drives terminating at both roads. The farmstead covers an area of 158.2 acres and consists of a house, agricultural outbuildings, and equine riding pens. The house is a 2½-story wood frame vernacular building with a rectangular plan. The house appears to have been built in two stages. The older block is a rectangular cross-gabled two-story building on which has been built (to the southern side) a two-story frame gable roof addition. The original block, which was constructed on brick piers, has a screened entry porch with a hip roof and measures three bays by one bay. There are two external gable end brick chimneys. The western (principal façade) has symmetrical fenestration and a central cross gable with a lancet window. The house's original block has wood double hung sash (6/6 lights) windows with added metal storm windows. Clad by clapboard siding, the original block's roof has cornice returns and is clad by composition shingles.

The two-story gable roof addition to the south has a partially enclosed wrap-around hip-roof porch and a gable end door. The porch is supported by square wood posts and windows in the addition include six-light casement windows and wood double hung sash (6/6 lights) windows. The addition is clad by wood drop siding and its roof, which has cornice returns, is clad by composition shingles. According to the owner, the southern addition was once a separate building located on another part of the farmstead that was moved by a former owner and added to the main house. To the south of the house is a complex of wood frame agricultural buildings and the ruins of a rockfaced concrete block barn. The outbuildings include a gable roof stable clad by vertical wood plank siding with a corrugated metal roof and a louvered cupola ventilator. Adjacent to the stable are other wood frame buildings, including a corn crib and shed, as well as an open gable roof stable

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Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1139

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Glendale Farm

other Foster House

2. Location

street and number 30485 Matthewstown Road _ not for publication

city, town Easton __ vicinity

county Talbot

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

name James W. Foster

street and number 30485 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 729 folio 108

city, town Easton tax map 26 tax parcel 29 tax ID number 155734

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
____domestic
____education
____funerary
____government
____health care
____industry
____landscape
X recreation/culture
____religion
____social
____transportation
____work in progress
____unknown
____vacant/not in use
____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
7		Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
X good ___ ruins
___ 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
X1700-1799	_archeology	_education	_industry	_philosophy
X1800-1899	X architecture	_engineering	_invention	_politics/government
X1900-1999	_art	_entertainment/ recreation	_landscape architecture	_religion
_2000-	_commerce	_ethnic heritage	_law	_science
	_communications	_exploration/ settlement	_literature	_social history
	_community planning		_maritime history	_transportation
	_conservation		_military	_other:

Specific dates ca. 1859-1950 **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates ca. 1859

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

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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: 158.2 acres
Acreage of historical setting: 2.0 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

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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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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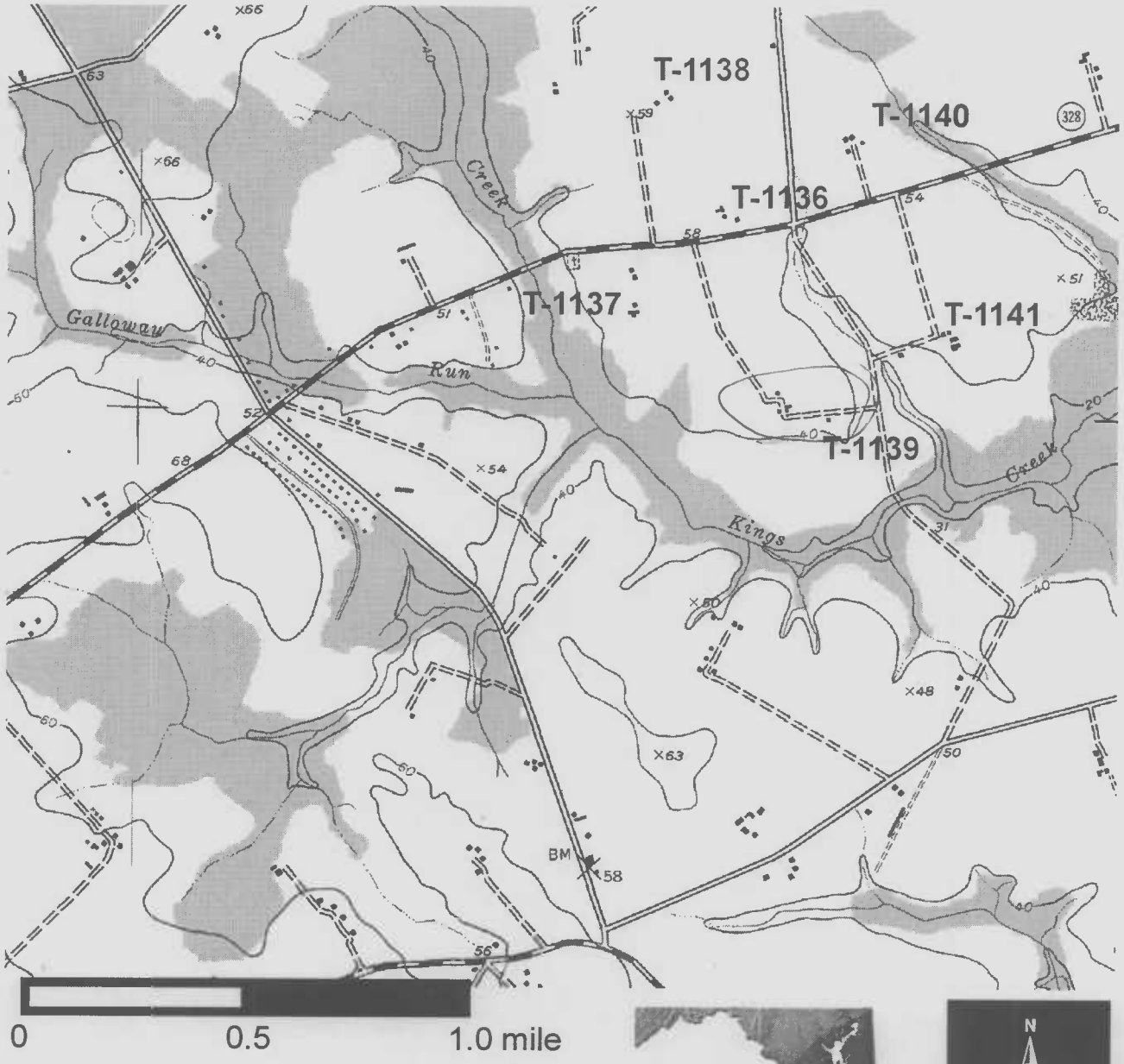

Easton, MD Quadrangle
1:24,000 (7.5' series)

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Glendale Farm
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Farmstead, view to
West

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Glendale Farm
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House, east elevation

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House: West elevation
and rear/side
additions

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Agricultural buildings cluster, view to Southeast

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Agricultural Buildings.
View to Northwest

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