

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

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Oxford House Inventory Number: T-1147

Address: 32031 Matthewstown Road City: Easton Zip Code: 21601

County: Talbot USGS Topographic Map: Fowling Creek

Owner: Roy G. Brooks, Sr.

Tax Parcel Number: 23 Tax Map Number: 27 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Matthews 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: _____

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Completed MIHP form.

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

This property, known today as Oxford House, is an isolated farmhouse located south of MD Route 328 (Matthewstown Road). The house is accessed by a long unsurfaced drive leading from Matthewstown Road.

The house is a 2.5-story frame vernacular T-plan building constructed on a continuous brick foundation. The main block is a side gabled building that faces east. There is a flat roof three-bay bracketed porch supported by turned wood posts. The main entry is a four-panel door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights. There is a side (east)hip roof porch and an enclosed shed roof porch attached to the west side of the rear ell. There are three interior brick chimneys. The house has 2/2 wood DHS windows and is clad by metal siding. The roof is clad by composition shingles.

This property appears to have been developed by the time the Talbot County map of 1858 was published. Owned in 1858 by a "Mrs. [Hannah] Dudley," widow of William Dudley. Although a house is pictured in the 1858 map, it may have been a precursor to the existing building. In 1868, the property was sold to P.P. Matthews, who in turn sold it to Jonathan George. George is shown as the property owner in the 1877 Talbot County map. This property does not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian Date Prepared: 6/2001

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| Comments: _____ | |
| _____ | |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | <u>5/6/01</u> Date |
| <i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR program | <u>5/7/01</u> Date |

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-1147

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Oxford House

other

2. Location

street and number 32031 Matthewstown Road _ not for publication

city, town Easton _ vicinity

county Talbot

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

name Roy G. Brooks, Sr.

street and number 5991 Canterbury Drive telephone

city, town Easton state MD zip code 21601

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 480 folio 568

city, town Easton tax map 27 tax parcel 23 tax ID number

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | 1 | _____ |
| <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 | 1 | _____ |
| | | <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

excellent deteriorated
 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 | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input checked="" 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** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1870

Evaluation for:
 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

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| Acreage of surveyed property | <u>214 acres</u> | |
| Acreage of historical setting | <u>ca. 1 acre</u> | |
| Quadrangle name | <u>Fowling Creek</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

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|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| name/title | Dr. David Rotenstein/Historian | |
| organization | URS/Dames & Moore | date 6/2001 |
| 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



Proposed Tower Site

T-1147: MIHP Number





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Talbot Co., MD
David Rotenstein

6/01

MO SHPO

House - North + East
Elevations

1/3



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House (Rear): South/
West Elevations

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25915

2/3



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House Detail

Front (East) Elevation
Door + Porch elements

004

3/3
5512