T-342
Schofield House Agricultural Buildings
7132 Pea Neck Road
St. Michaels Vicinity
Ca. 1790 & ca. 1935
Private

Note: This appends the MHT survey form for T-342 written in 1977 for the Schofield House main residence.

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Schofield House represents an intact collection of agricultural buildings associated with the historically important dairy industry in Talbot County. Schofield House was owned by the Hopkins Family beginning in the mid nineteenth century and continuing until the property was sold to an unknown family from Connecticut in the late 1930s. The property was purchased by the Scofield family, the present owners, in 1942. These outbuildings are probably associated with a series of additions and renovations that occurred at the property in the 1930s.
Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property

historic  Schofield House Agricultural Buildings
other  Schofield House Agricultural Buildings; Watch Goose Farm

2. Location

street and number  7132 Pea Neck Road  N/A  not for publication
city, town  St. Michaels  X vicinity
county  Talbot

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

name  John R. Scofield
street and number  7250 Pea Neck Road
city, town  St. Michaels  state  MD  zip code  21663

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Talbot County Courthouse  liber 1015  folio 639
city, town  Easton  tax map 40/4  tax parcel 168  tax ID number 108123

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
X Other: Previous MHT Inventory of Historic Properties Form

6. Classification

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

**Summary Description**

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The residence is a one-and-a-half story wood frame structure constructed c. 1725 and is a typical example of early Maryland Tidewater architecture. The house has had multiple alterations and additions since its original construction. The residence is separated from the agricultural complex by an agricultural field and woods.

The buildings are located directly adjacent to Pea Neck Road and are arranged in a linear plan along the roadway. The property is surrounded by vegetation. An open field is located directly across Pea Neck Road from the buildings. A gravel drive leads to the modern house. The remaining structures are reached via a wooded path.

**Dairy Barn, ca. 1935**

The main building of the complex is the gambrel-roofed dairy barn with flared eaves, built ca. 1935. The barn is a two-story masonry structure with a continuous poured concrete foundation. The building is three bays deep and has a center aisle plan with a hayloft on the second level. The gambrel roof is clad with corrugated metal and has three metal roof ventilators.

The barn’s principle entry is located on the west side wall. The walls are constructed of rusticated concrete masonry units. The building is entered through hinged wood plank doors with diagonal bracing. The windows are evenly spaced six-pane wood awning sashes.

The gable walls are also constructed of rusticated concrete masonry units. The upper portion of the wall is clad with six inch vertical wood boards. A set of hinged hayloft doors are located on the north façade. The doors are constructed of wood planks with diagonal bracing. The windows are evenly spaced six-pane wood awning sashes.

The east side wall is constructed of rusticated concrete masonry units. The building is entered through hinged wood plank doors with diagonal bracing. The windows are evenly spaced six-pane wood awning sashes.

The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor. There are new wooden posts as interior supports. The second floor hayloft is an undivided space accessed via a wood ladder. The space is unfinished, with a wood plank floor and exposed trusses and framing.

**Machinery Shed, ca. 1935**

The machinery shed, constructed ca. 1935, is located to the south of the dairy barn. It is five bays wide and is of timber frame construction with an open north façade. The shed rests on a combination continuous poured concrete and concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated metal. The offset side gable roof is also clad with corrugated metal. The machinery shed has no doors or windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.
8. Significance

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Specific dates 1725; 1920-1939

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates ca. 1935

Evaluation for:

National Register
Maryland Register
X 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.)

Summary Statement of Significance

Schofield House represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1930 and 1940. The intact collection of two agricultural buildings at Schofield House is associated with the historically important dairy industry in Talbot County. This coincides with the rise and development of the dairy industry during the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939) agricultural period in Talbot County's history. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with a moderate-sized dairy operation in Talbot County during this period.

Historical Background

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Schofield House was originally surveyed in April 1977 by Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant and Joe Getty with the Maryland Historical Trust. The property was incorrectly recorded as Schofield; the correct spelling of the family name is Scofield. During this survey effort, only the residence was documented.
9. Major Bibliographical References


Talbot County Land Records


10. Geographical Data

| Acreage of surveyed property | 5.00 |
| Acreage of historical setting | 5.00 |
| Quadrangle name | Oxford, MD |
| Quadrangle scale: | 1: 24,000 |

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as current boundary as described on Talbot County Tax Map 40, Grid 4, Parcel 168. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

11. Form Prepared by

| name/title | Amy Barnes, Architectural Historian |
| organization | URS Corporation |
| street & number | 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700 |
| city or town | Bethesda |
| date | 12-08-03 |
| telephone | 301.652.2215 |
| state | MD 20814 |

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.

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Talbot County
Site Plan - 2003

Portion of Schofield (T-342) already surveyed
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Schofield Barracks Agricultural Bldgs
Talbot Co., MD

A. Barnes
8/17/03

MD SHPO

Dairy Barn Wing E

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Schofield House Agricultural Bridges
Talbot Co. MD

A. Barnes

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Dairy Barn and SW

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Talbot Co MD
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Dairy barn look in
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Schofield Base Agricultural Bldgs.
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8/17/53
MD SHPO
View from new to already surveyed property looking S
8/18
**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Schofield House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Pea Neck Rd., Approximately 2½ miles from Md. Rt. 33

CITY, TOWN

St. Michaels

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Stamford Fidelity Bank & Trust Co.

Street & Number

129 Atlantic Street

CITY, TOWN

Stamford

STATE, zip code

Conn., 06901

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Talbot County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
T-342

Schofield House is located on Pea Neck Road, approximately 2½ miles south of Maryland Route 33, south of St. Michaels, Talbot County. The original section of the house has been added to on three sides, but the original interior woodwork exists in place. The original section of Schofield House is one and one-half storys, three bays of frame construction and clapboard siding. The gable ends have wide brick chimney stacks and there are two gable dormers on each side of the roof. The east facade has a central doorway and six over six windows in the other bays. In the west facade, the central doorway has been removed (it is presently being used as an interior door in the house), the north window put in its place, and the north bay is connected to a new wing built in the 1970's. There is a box cornice with a small strip of molding, and the door frame has a small bead molding on its outer edge. The two room interior has paneled end walls and corner stair cases. The south room has ovolo moldings on the panels and mantelpiece, a molded shelf, paneled overmantel and molded chair rail. The north room is similarly paneled with a dog-eared ovolo mantelpiece with a cove shelf, a paneled cupboard, and a molded chair rail. The doors have their original hardware. The half-story has a board partition wall and small fireplaces with a shelf and painted design.

All of the additions are one and one-half storys. The three bay south addition (to which another bay was later added) was constructed before 1910, but its interior was recently remodeled. The three bay north addition is from the 1930's. The wing on the west facade is a single open room constructed in the 1970's. There is a small clapboard outbuilding of interest.
The Schofield House is built in the early style and design of Tidewater Maryland architecture. The one and one-half story, three bay and gable end chimney form of the house and its two room plan and frame construction were the predominant type of house constructed in the early eighteenth century. The interior woodwork of the Schofield House confirms an early to mid-eighteenth century construction date.
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