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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Talbot
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ENTRY DATE

JUL 25 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
The Wilderness

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: SW of Trappe on  
South side of Island Neck Road, 4.8 miles southwest of Trappe

CITY OR TOWN: Trappe vic. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Talbot CODE: 041

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ewing

STREET AND NUMBER: The Wilderness

CITY OR TOWN: Trappe STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Talbot County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Easton STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

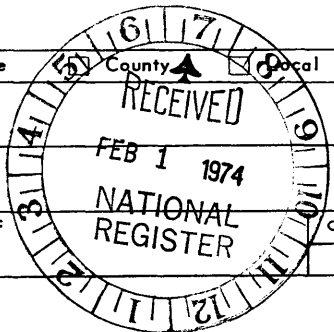
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

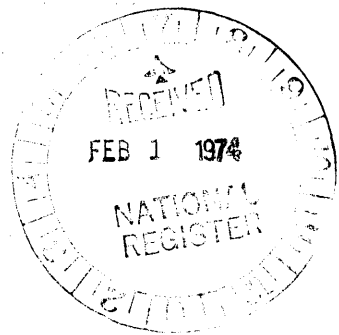
The Wilderness is situated on a large farm in Talbot County overlooking the Choptank River. Its construction is attributed to two periods, the smaller two and one half story, four bay long brick structure to the 1780-90 period, and the larger portion to around 1815.

The walls are laid in Flemish bond and the jack arches of the 1815 portion have reeding around the three pieces of the stone arches. There are 6/6 sash and louvered shutters at the window. The original dentil cornice appears intact. There are three chimney stacks, that on the northwest gable having double chimneys connected by a curtain wall, with pent between for access to the roof. There are two dormers on both portions of the "A" roof.

Inside the earlier portion, part of the simple woodwork appears original. This portion of the dwelling also possesses some original 9/6 sash. Its floor plan now consists of two rooms, but may originally have been two rooms with center stairhall. The 1815 portion has a typical townhouse plan of the period, with large stair hall having two rooms to the northwest. Separating the hall is an elliptical arch having paneled pilasters and keystone at the top of the arch, the paneling is the same in the window jambs. The stair has turned newels, rectangular balusters, and a wave-like design for the step ends. The chair rail has reeded work in each of the three rooms, however the mantels are antique Adam replacements.

Recent additions to the house include a porch, partially enclosed, on the southwest and a small kitchen on the southeast. During the first part of this century, the northeast wall of the earlier portion was moved forward approximately six feet to create more interior space. At that time the entire structure was painted white. Adjoining the house are two early outbuildings, a smokehouse and dairy. Not too far distant is a dilapidated quarter.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____  |

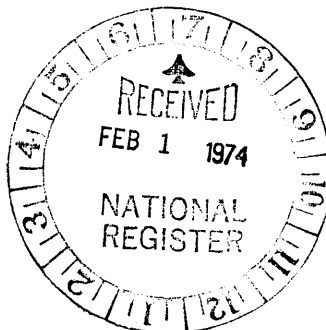
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The most important reason for nominating The Wilderness to the National Register is the fact that it was the home of Daniel Martin, 20th Governor of Maryland. The structure is also an important element in the development of Maryland's domestic architecture.

The land on which the Wilderness stands was originally patented as "Hier Dier Lloyd" to Edward Lloyd (I) in 1659 and consisted of 3040 acres between Island Creek, Crosidore Creek and Read Creek, on the Choptank River in Talbot County. In 1683, the Wilderness was surveyed out of the larger tract, but it was not until the late eighteenth century that the present building was constructed. It was during the period when both portions of the dwelling were constructed (1780 - 1815) that the most important history occurred.

Nicholas Martin was member of the lower house of Maryland Assembly between 1780 - 1795. He is attributed with the construction of the smaller portion of the dwelling on land which he inherited from his father. He was a Captain of a company of the 38th Battalion of the Maryland Militia. Upon his death in 1808 the Wilderness passed to his son Daniel.

Daniel Martin (1780 - 1831) was educated at St. John's Annapolis in agriculture to carry on the family plantation. He constructed the larger Federal style portion of the Wilderness about 1815. In 1816 he married Mary Clare Maccubbin of Annapolis, Between 1819 - 1821 he was a member of the Maryland Legislature. In 1828 he was elected twentieth Governor of Maryland for a term of one year, and again in 1831 he was elected Governor, but died during his term. His terms were too short for any major contribution, but he considered himself a public servant and urged his legislature to be frugal with public expenditure.



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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

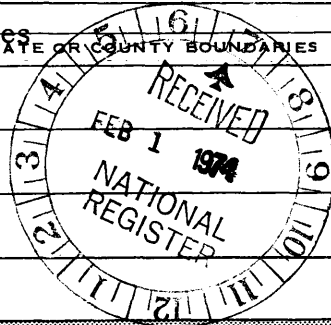
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 38' 36"	76° 07' 67"				
NE	38° 38' 29"	76° 07' 52"				
SE	38° 38' 06"	76° 08' 12"				
SW	38° 38' 17"	76° 08' 33"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

65 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Michael Bourne, Coordinator for Field Services

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: April 30, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout  
Orlando Ridout, IV

Title State Historic Preservation Officer for Maryland

Date August 2, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Montrose  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/25/74

ATTEST:  
Ronald M. Greenberg  
Keeper of The National Register  
Date 7/22/74

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