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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Baltimore
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 18 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Todd Farmhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
9000 Old North Point Road (india)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fort Howard

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Baltimore CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<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	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Ridgely Todd

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1505 Woodland Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Salisbury

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Chesapeake Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Towson

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County

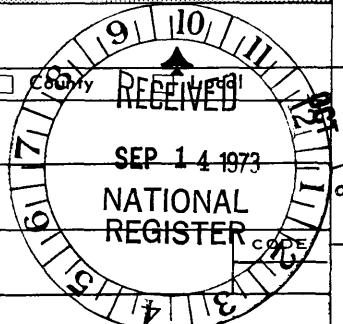
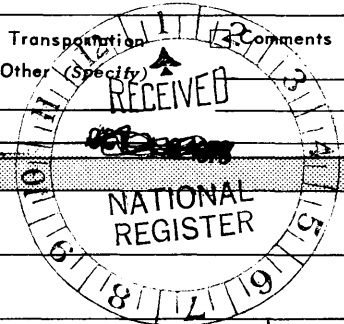
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Todd House is located on the east side of Old North Point Road (Md. Rt. 20) just north of the entrance of Fort Howard.

Of two and one half story height the house is of brick construction and is three bays in width. Although initially of a Federally inspired plan later Italianate alterations dominate its present exterior appearance. The steeply pitched "A" frame roof has prominent cross gables at both the front and rear (north and south) elevations. Both the eaves and gables have heavily bracketed cornices. Each cross gable contains one round head window. The base of each gable is marked by three courses of stepped brick, the latter a fragment of the original cornice. Two interior chimneys project from the main roof at the east end. All five principal windows of each facade retain 6/6 pane sash. At both these elevations stand one story farm porches with squared posts and simple, two part, arched brackets.

At the west end of the house stand two later additions. One, a rectangular, two story, three bay wing, joins the west end of the main house flush with its north facade. It is lower in height than the main house and has small window openings framing sash of 6/6 panes. The centered entrance door is sheltered by a simple pedimented porch. To the rear (south) wall of this addition stands a smaller, two story wing, which has a projecting three window bay of the same height. This addition was probably built when the mid-19th century alterations were made to the main house. It has a nearly flat roof that slopes away from the west end of the main house.

The floor plan of the main house consists of an end hall and flanking double parlor. The rectangular addition contains a hall and kitchen. The smaller wing with the projecting bay contains the present dining room.

To the east of the main house stands several farm buildings. A family cemetery also exists on the property.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input 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)

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>local history</u>                                |
| <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      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The importance of the Todd House rests more on its location than any other factor. The industrial expansion, especially that associated with Bethlehem Steel, has so changed the environs that the Todd House is one of the very few 19th century farm houses extant on Patapsco Neck. It holds local significance as a direct link to the area's agricultural past.

However, in any other area the Todd House would merit recognition. The house contains much original (c. 1830) work and is in a good state of preservation. The Italianate alterations compromise little of the original structure, but rather add to its architectural value. The view of the south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge adds to the merit of the site.

The Todd family has owned the property since 1664. During the Battle of North Point<sup>1814</sup> the British burned the Todd's house. Thomas Todd had ridden to the American lines to warn them of the British advance. The family built a new house (after 1816) purportedly on the older foundation.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Dundald-Patapsco Neck Historical Society supplied the information for the following sources.  
 Baltimore County Land and Probate Records, Baltimore County Courthouse, Towson, and the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.  
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 Muller, Charles. The Darkest Day - 1814.  
 Stanford, John L. The Battle of North Point.  
 Swanson, Neil. Fifty Stars Over Fort McHenry.

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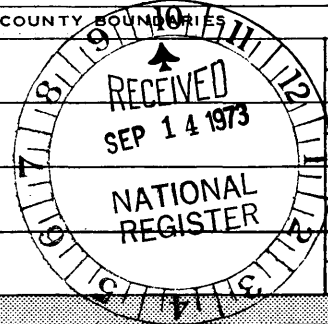
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	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	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	12'	49"	76°	26'	18"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Five acres

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire and Nancy Miller

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: May, 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 Preservation Officer  
for Maryland

Date: July 13, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ewert A. Connally  
 Associate Director, Professional Services

Date: OCT 18 1973

ATTEST:

Wm. M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 10-16-73

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TODD FARMHOUSE

Number 7. Description continued.

The outbuildings at the Todd House are of frame construction with A-roofs. The unpainted exteriors emphasize the deteriorating condition of the buildings. Local tradition maintains that the longest of the structures (with a perpendicularly placed wing on the west facade) was a carriage house. The shorter one and one-half story barn has suffered the worst damage with gaps in the walls and roof. In spite of their current condition the outbuildings do indicate the extent of the farming operations.

Number 8. Significance continued.

Nine generations of the Todd family have owned the Todd House. The first, Thomas Todd, received 1150 acres of land (including the site of the house) from William Batten and Thomas Thomas who secured the original patent from Lord Baltimore. Thomas Todd, following the pattern of large seventeenth century landholders, was a merchant and sea captain in addition to farming. The agricultural tradition continued on the site by his descendants through the twentieth century.

In 1814 the cupola on the cupola on the Todd's (former) house was used to watch for the advance of the British fleet in the Chesapeake Bay. The early sighting of the fleet enabled riders including the owner Thomas B. Todd to announce the British landing to the American army under General John Stricker. In retaliation the British burned the house in their retreat after the Battle of North Point. The present house was constructed on the site in 1816.

Presbyterians have a special interest in the Todd House site because it was there that the first services were held within the Presbytery of Baltimore. A marble tablet in the family cemetery states that these meetings took place in the home of the first Thomas Todd.



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No. 9. Major Bibliographical References Continued.

James T. Wollon, Jr., AIA, a reservation architect, made the architectural evaluation in a letter, April 12, 1973.

