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WAVELAND  
Columbia  
Private

Late eighteenth  
early nineteenth  
Century

Waveland is a three story high, five bay wide, one room deep gabled roof (running east-west) brick structure with wide brick chimneys with corbeled edges centered into its east and west walls.

The building features flemish bond brick on its south wall, English garden wall brick bond on its east and north walls, splayed brick flat arched lintels and projecting wooden sills decorating its windows and a central south bay projecting outward from the south wall and crowned by an intersecting gable roof. A roman arched two lite window rests in the A formed by the gable and is decorated with a roman arch header brick archivolt. Its central rectangular south entrance is surmounted by a four lite transom and covered by a semi-enclosed gabled roof portico.

The interior features original wide random width floors, woodwork and mantles and has a double-pile organizational floor plan with central hall.

Waveland stands on New Year's Gift, a tract of land given to Charles Carroll and Edward Dorsey by the Proprietary in 1726 as a New Year's gift. It originally consisted of 1300 acres which was bought by Caleb Dorsey of "Hockley" who transferred it to his son John. A portion of this tract was also given to the old Brick Church.

Larkin Dorsey, grandson of John is reputed to have built Waveland sometime after 1790.

An old Dorsey brick house which was inhabited by the Dorsey family until the early 1940's when Mr. and Mrs. Sewell bought the property to use for orchards and residence, Waveland has been the home of Judge Reuben Merriweather Dorsey and his son, Phillip Hammond Dorsey.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME

COMMON: Waveland

AND/OR HISTORIC: New Year's Gift

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: (Now on Sewells Orchard Drive) Sewell's Orchards - Oakland Mills Road

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Howard

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input 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"/> Comments
<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: Mrs. Ethel Sewell

STREET AND NUMBER: 6233 Oakland Mills Road

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia, STATE: Maryland 21044

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland 21043

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): p. 48 Tax Map 36, 178/102, 187/304 1.233 acres

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1977  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21401

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Wave land is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story gabled roof brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond with the exception of the front elevation which is laid in flemish bond). structure with central rectangular double-paneled door with one-one lites surmounted by a four lite transom and covered by an open gabled roof portico supported by four square posts connected by a brick wall. The central bay of the front facade projects outward and has an intersecting gable roof holding a roman arched two lite window decorated with a header brick roman arch archivolt. Brick chimneys are inset into its east and west walls with corbeled edges. *A two story high, one bay wide, one bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition lies on the north wall of the second west bay. An additional hipped roof addition lies on the north and east walls of this addition taking up the central bay and used as a kitchen.</p> <p>The fenestration is rectangular, double-hung with six-over-six lites, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, decorated with splayed brick flat arched lintels and projecting wooden sills.</p> <p>Cellar windows with six lites, decorated with stretcher brick flat arched lintels are placed in the two east bays of the front (south) facade, while eight lite cellar windows rest in it's two west bays of the front facade.</p> <p>A gabled roof enclosure on the second east bay of the north wall holds a batton wood cellar door, while east of it lies a wooden door in the cellar window aperture.</p> <p>The interior features a central hall with livingroom and diningroom located in the east and west wings respectively.</p> <p>Random width North Carolina pine floors, original Georgian and federal mantles, woodwork and stairs are all features of this outstanding old home, belonging originally to the Dorsey family of Howard County and located on the tract New Year's Gift. When restoration of the house was undertaken by the Sewell's they found many parts of the building put together with wooden pegs and the nails used square headed and hand wrought.</p> <p>The basement foundations are of stone with double pile organization; that is to say the walls separating diningroom from hall and hall from livingroom are also brick bearing walls which go all the way to the attic. Open bible and cross paneled doors are featured.</p> <p>Originally the kitchen was located in the basement with a staircase on the north side of the west fireplace and mantle.</p> <p>East, north and south of the house lie Sewell's Orchards with barns, store and store houses lying east and north of the house. A one story high gabled roof (running north-south) old stone slave quarters lies east of the house with a single west window and brick chimney rising in the middle of the roof south of the west window. It is now used as a workshop.</p> <p>Large shrubbery, holly trees and evergreens surround the house and its</p>	
immediate area.	

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<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 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**

Waveland is on an old Howard County tract, New Year's Gift which was given by the Lord Proprietary to Charles Carroll and Edward Dorsey as a New Year's Gift in 1726 and consisted of 1300 acres.

The whole tract was bought by Caleb Dorsey who transferred it to his son John. John Dorsey built his farm Elkhorn in 1732 and in his will of 1765 made his son Caleb his executor and inheritor of Elkhorn which was located east of Oak Hall a few miles south of Waveland on Oakland Mills Road. Wild Caleb and his son, John gave the parcel of land on which Christ Church Quilford stands to the Old Brick Church.

In Calebs will of 1790 he appointed his brothers to act as trustees. He left Elkhorn to John and adjoining land to Larkin, son of Caleb and after Rebecca, who settled on New Year's Gift and built Waveland sometime between 1790 and 1805, the date of his marriage.

On November 26, 1805 he married Jane Allison and lived at Waveland. In 1837 he named his wife and James McHenry Boyd executors of his estate, and set his twenty-two negroes free. Waveland later became the home of Judge Reuben Merriweather Dorsey and his son, Phillip Hammond Dorsey. In the early 1940's the farm was acquired by the Sewell's who have since used the house as a residence and the surrounding land for their orchards and farm.

Designated along with its surrounding grounds as a critical area of State Concern suitable for preservation by the Citizen Advisory Group for the Critical Areas Planning Program and the Howard County Historical Society, Waveland should be considered for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places, and any future local landmark legislation.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Citizen Advisory Group for the Critical Areas Planning Program and the Howard County Historical Society, Critical Areas Planning Program, Howard County. October 26, 1976.

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland. Baltimore, 1972.

Interview with Mrs. Ethel Sewell, Waveland, February 3, 1977

Interview with Mr. & Mrs. William Dorsey at Oak Hall, February 9, 1977.

**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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

Please see Tax Map 36 p. 48 1.233 acres

House is surrounded by 172.35 Acres of orchards and farm land (p.247 560/199)

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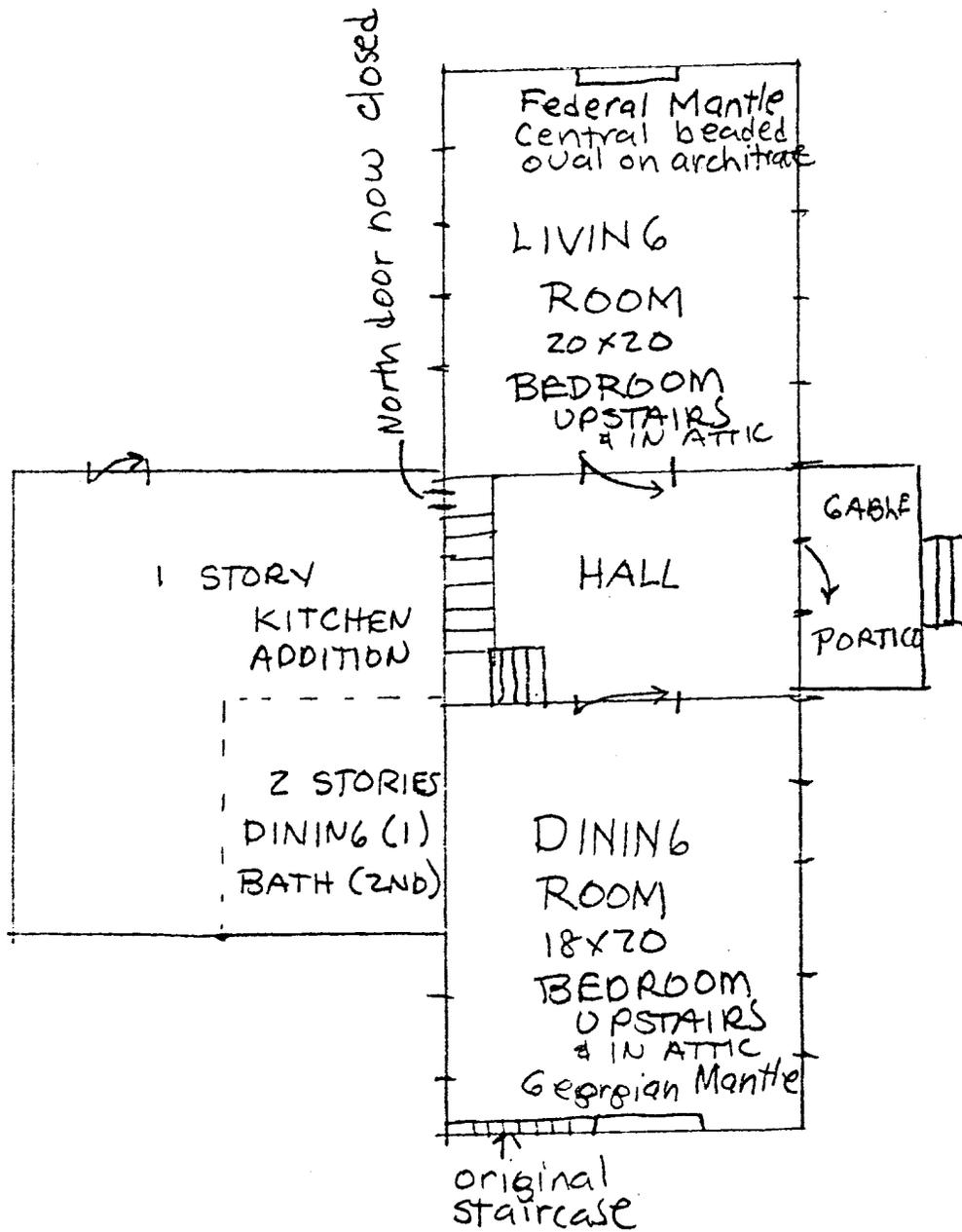
**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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