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## CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

129 East Main Street  
Elkton, MD 21921

20 August 2003

Trish Brown  
1730 Hopewell Road  
Port Deposit, Maryland 21904

RE: Nomination for Historic Designation – Winter/Brown House

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, at their meeting of Tuesday, 19 August 2003, voted unanimously to designate the above referenced dwelling as a historic structure.

The Board finds that the structure is of historical note as it was originally known as the Nevin-Orr house. This house was in existence in the tax records of 1877. The 1861 land records indicate the Nevin-Orr house in existence at that time as well. The Atlas of 1877 and the Martinet map of 1858 include the dwelling. Items of architectural note include the original pine flooring and roof, and a vaulted sub-basement with dug well.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve Cecil County's historical heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson K. Bolender".

Nelson K. Bolender, President  
Board of County Commissioners

NKB/ess

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP – Director, PZP&R

2003-05

# CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM

Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

## Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

## Nomination Information:

Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property:

Winter/Blown once Noeman Oak House

b) Estimated age or historic dates: over 20 years

2. Address of property: 1730 HOPEWELL Rd PORT DEPOSIT MD 21904

3. Tax Map: 17 - Grid 22 Parcel Number: 492

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

Wm & CAROL WINTER - 610-347-1689

125 Montvue Pl Unionville PA 19375

Wm & PATRICIA BRADY

1730 HOPEWELL Rd PORT DEPOSIT MD 21904

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:

The boundaries fall next to Freeman Circle & Reysburn.

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to:

Cecil County Historic Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Maryland Register of Historic Properties: \_\_\_\_\_

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CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
PRE-APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION FORM

This application is for preliminary review only – it does not commit either the applicant or the Commission to proceed with a formal application. If, and when, further application is deemed appropriate, the Commission is prepared to assist the applicant with that procedure.

1. Name of Property Winter/Brown  
~~730 Hopewell Rd~~
2. Address  
1730 Hopewell Rd  
PO Box 20007 Elkton MD 21904
3. Date of Structure: Over 200 yrs . Date of Historical Event: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has property previously received historic designation from any Federal, State, or County agency? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ X No  
If yes, please indicate which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please provide a short summary of what you consider to be the historic significance of the property.  
PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS APPLICATION. I KNOW THE HOUSE IS OVER 200 YEARS OLD. I'M NOT SURE OF THE SPECIFIC HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE. I WAS TOLD IT WAS ONCE THE NORMAN ORR HOUSE.
6. Please include photos which depict the property and any surroundings you consider to be a significant part of it.
7. Your: Name Trish Brown  
Address 1730 Hopewell Rd  
PO Box 20007 Elkton MD 21904  
Phone (day) 410-656-7752 (night) SAME  
Fax 410-656-1025 E-mail trishbrown@aol.net

Please return to:  
Office of Planning and Zoning  
129 East Main Street, Room 300  
Elkton, MD 21921

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- \_\_\_\_ National Register of Historic Places: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

- \_\_\_\_ The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.
- \_\_\_\_ The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.
- \_\_\_\_ The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

- \_\_\_\_ The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.
- \_\_\_\_ The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.
- \_\_\_\_ The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.
- \_\_\_\_ The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- \_\_\_\_ The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.
- \_\_\_\_ The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
- \_\_\_\_ The property has significant interior features. List \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: PATRICIA WINTER BROWN Date: 5/27/03

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

B. Print Name: Wm E. Brown III Date: 5/27/03

Signature: W E Brown III

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: TRISH BROWN

Address: 1730 HOPKIN AVE  
PORT DEPOSIT MD 21904

Telephone Numbers: (Home) 4106587782 Hours Available: ALL  
(Work) SAME Hours Available: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: trishbrown@Dor.net

Date 5/27/03

Official Use Only

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Public Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Election District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Use District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parcel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

HDC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
PC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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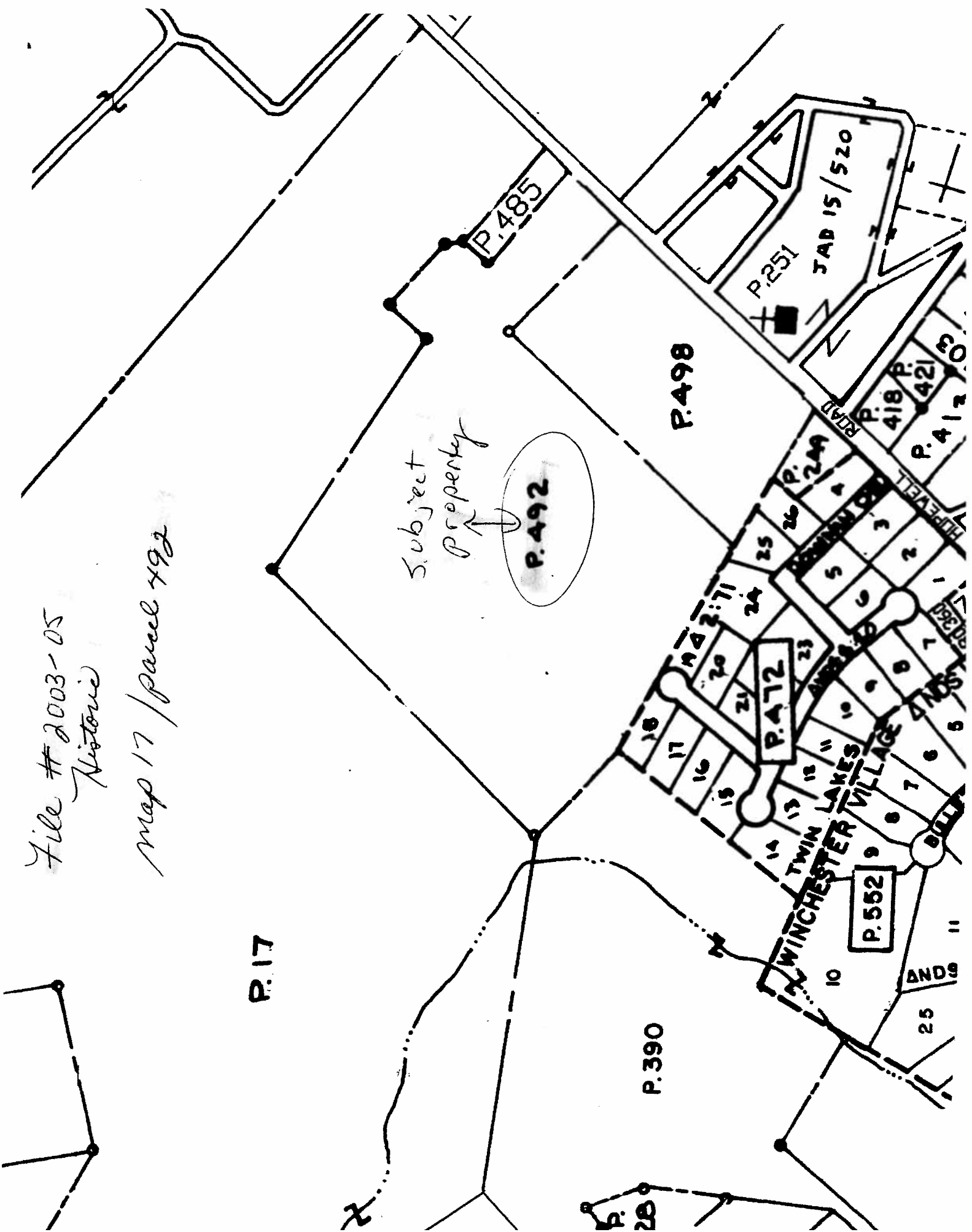
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CE-1129, house by Richards's Oak (1979)



CE-1156, Nevin Orr house (1980)

### Porters Bridge

mid- to late 19th century  
Richardsmere vicinity

The little community known as Porters Bridge was centered around the Magraw Mill (also known as Eckerson's or Porter's Mill), built in 1862 near this crossing of the Octoraro Creek. The mill, now gone, stood on a high granite foundation and had some distinctive Victorian jig-sawn woodwork under the eaves. Built by H. S. Magraw, a native of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, it operated well into the 20th century.

As shown in an illustration from the 1877 atlas of the county, the settlement once included a covered bridge across the Octoraro and four frame houses. The covered bridge was dismantled in 1885 and

replaced with the present five-panel iron truss bridge designed by the civil engineer Charles H. Latrobe. The iron bridge rests on the same stone abutments that supported the wooden bridge. The two rowhouses that still stand at the site were probably built to house workers at the mill.

### Nevin Orr House

c. 1860-80  
Rising Sun vicinity

County tax assessments record a frame house on this property in the mid-19th century, but the architectural details of this structure, especially its interior woodwork, date from later in the century. Nevin Orr is listed in 1867 as the owner of a 100-acre parcel with a house and another nine-and-a-half acre tract. His livestock was valued

at \$252, household furniture at \$40, and personal property at \$307. The full assessment in that year was for \$2,574.

The house is a two-story, three-bay frame structure with a two-story wing on the rear. A two-story bay window is built into each gable end.

### House by Richards's Oak

c. 1877-90  
Richardsmere

Richards's Oak shaded this house from when it was built until the late 20th century, when the tree finally succumbed to old age. Although basically the same as other late 19th century cross-gabled houses, this

structure strays from the norm by having a projecting central bay and gable end bay windows. The main cross gable is echoed by a smaller version on the shed-roofed front porch. This basically unaltered example of the two-story, center hall house with cross gable is a reminder of the popularity of the form, which was accepted across the county in the second half of the 19th century as a social statement of prosperity.



CE-226, West Nottingham Chapel (1981)

### West Nottingham Chapel

1880  
West Nottingham

West Nottingham Chapel stands just east of West Nottingham Presbyterian Church and is joined to it by a hyphen built in 1930. The

AT THE HEAD OF THE BAY

**CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
5 August 2003**

**Present:** Cairns, Ed & Sally; Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Malin, Jesse; Simperts, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric

**Absent:** Dixon, Mike

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Nancy Simperts to approve minutes of 1 July 2003, seconded by Jesse Malin, HDC voted unanimously to approve minutes.

**New Business:**

Nomination for Historic Designation – Winter/Brown House. Director Sennstrom presented brief summary of pre-application and nomination process for this application to this point. Chairman Ed Cairns presented information pertaining to the historic and architectural significance of site. He stated house was originally known as the Nevin Orr house. The dwelling was in existence in the tax records of 1877. The 1861 land records indicate the Nevin Orr house as a new house and lands. The Atlas of 1877 shows the dwellings location and the Martenet Map of 1858 also shows the house. Chairman Cairns continued that Nevin Orr was not a figure of historical significance. He explained the criteria for historic and/or architectural significance to Mr. Brown and Mr. Winter observing from the audience. Chairman Ed Cairns stated that the roof is significant and may be original slate roof. He summarized the description from the book entitled "*At the Head of the Bay*". Discussion ensued regarding the book and its availability. The HDC and Messrs. Brown and Winter discussed the dwellings architectural attributes. The house has the original pine flooring, original roof, and its style is unique and important. Mr. Winter noted that there is a vaulted sub-basement with dug well. Audrey Edwards stated that this is usually an indication of greater age than mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. Mr. Brown interjected that the woodwork indicates that it may be older. Audrey Edwards noted the large presence of Amish in the vicinity of Hopewell Road. Chairman Ed Cairns suggested referring to the dwelling as Winter/Brown with Nevin Orr in parentheses. Mr. Winter indicated he has no objection to that suggestion. Motion made by Sally Cairns to recommend historic designation, seconded by Nancy Simperts, HDC unanimously voted to recommend historic designation.

Mr. Brown asked about the responsibilities of designation. Audrey Edwards questioned if designation included any adjoining land. Is the barn included? Mr. Brown indicated he will talk to his wife and let Director Sennstrom know. Chairman Ed Cairns explained certificate of appropriateness to the applicants. Discussion ensued regarding obligations of owners as well as the historic attributes of the barn. Nancy Simperts stated that if the barn is as old as the house, it should be included in the nomination for