

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Long Point or Elston

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

At the end of Maryland Route 579, south of Neavitt

CITY, TOWN

Neavitt

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Talbot

CODE

041

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. G. Rex Kilbourne, Jr.

STREET & NUMBER

120 Edgewood Road

CITY, TOWN

Ardmore

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania 19003

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
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 ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

T-335

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

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☐ MOVED DATE _____

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Ralph Elston was granted a patent in 1661 for "Long Point," 50 acres on a peninsula that lies between Harris and Broad Creeks, just off the Great Choptank River. In 1673 he was also granted 180 acres, "Long Neck," that adjoined to the north. His family included his wife, Ellinore, a son, Ralph Jr., and a daughter, who married Gewobabell Wells (4/153, 1682). It is said he built a house on Long Point in 1663 or 1664.

In 1675 Elston made a deed of gift to his son, Ralph, Jr., of a tract on the Choptank called Elston's. It was to be returned to his wife Ellinore if his son should die without issue or before he was twenty-one. Half of the moveable goods were to go to his wife "to dispose of as she sees fit." Perhaps Ralph Sr. was about to embark on a voyage and wanted to leave his affairs in order.

However, he did survive his wife, and in 1694 married again, this time to Mary, the widow of John Ball. The Balls had had two sons and a daughter, Thomas, Benjamin and Ruth. They were all devout Quakers. John Ball had bought a tract of land in 1688, a part of Edward Lloyd's Hier Dier Lloyd, further up the Choptank River. According to a deed of 1705, Ralph Elston had sold "Long Point" and "Long Neck" to Ennion Williams and William Fishbourne, both eminent Quakers, who then re-sold the properties to Benjamin Ball (10/1) in 1705 for £ 100 sterling. This price would indicate that the original house had either burned or was "in very bad repair." There is also on record a 'deed of gift' from Ralph Elston, Jr. to Benjamin Ball in 1702 (9/191) of all Elston's "goods, chattels, premises, monies, debts wherever."

At this point, the picture becomes a little more definitive. Benjamin sold these properties and another one adjoining, "Benjamin's Lott" (granted him by patent in 1704), to his brother, Thomas Ball, in 1720 (12/441). The price was again £ 100 sterling, so no improvements seem to have been undertaken up to this time.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Benjamin moved to Kent Island and Thomas became the owner. While the deed was not recorded until 1720, it is possible that Thomas could have started building his home any time after 1705, around the foundations of the earlier Elston house. The architecture dates it as early eighteenth century.

Thomas Ball died in 1722 (Baldwin Calendar of Wills, Vol. 5, p. 125), and left to his wife, Susannah Kemp Ball, her dower third; to his son, John, "Benjamin's Lott" and the upper portion of "Long Neck"; but to his daughter Mary's son, and his namesake, Thomas Kemp, he left "Long Point." Evidently Thomas Kemp had no children and his sister, Elizabeth (who had married her cousin James Ball) inherited the property. Their daughter, Rachel Ball, the wife of William Shields of Kent County, moved with her husband to "Long Point" in 1789. Evidently Shields did not prosper and offered the farm for sale in a newspaper advertisement in the Easton Herald in 1799. The place is described as "well adapted to grow wheat, corn and tobacco: remarkable for fishing, fowling and oystering," etc. Exactly what result this notice brought is unclear, but it is known that in 1803 Joseph Harrison paid \$500 to William Stuart of Anne Arundel County for 148-1/2 acres, parts of several tracts known as "Benjamin's Lott," "Long Neck" and "Long Point" (L30/F211). Thus ended the long tenure of the Elston-Ball families and began the almost equally long one of the Harrisons.

Joseph Harrison undoubtedly "updated" his new home. Surely it was he who added the present mantels and paneling. Joseph left the property to his son, Stephen, who devised it to his sons, Stephen, Jr. and Samuel (Will 9/342, 1845), as tenants in common. In 1877 these two took a mortgage of \$3,000 from Robert B. Dixon. Twenty years later they were unable to make the payments and their cousin, Walter F. Harrison, and his wife, Rowena, took possession in 1895 (122/348).

Walter and Rowena Harrison sold "Long Point" in 1908 to P. William L. Strom, who sold it to Hoagland Gates in 1913. Gates bought two parcels, the "Long Point" acreage (164/449) for \$10,000 and an adjoining acreage from a Mr. Larrimore (175/138).

Mr. Gates made this area into a shooting lodge. He added a number of wooden buildings to accommodate the gunners. Fire leveled these accommodations, but fortunately the old brick house was not damaged. Mr. Gates either didn't wish to or was unable to re-build his hunting lodge, and in 1926 he sold his properties to the Long Point Realty Co. (208/316). This company was also short-lived, and in 1932 the company sold out to John and Lula Martin Dickinson (231/475).

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The Dickinsons sold their interest in 1945 to Ralph Balazer and his wife and A. Ream Redsecker and his wife (264/205). The Balazers subsequently sold their interest to the Redseckers in 1955 (326/97).

The present owners are G. Rex Kilbourne, Jr. and his wife, Carol. They bought the property in 1966 (414/83). They are keeping the house and grounds in immaculate condition, and making it a delightful retirement home.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 32.25 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant; Cynthia Ludlow, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce 7/20/78

DATE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

G. Rex Kilbourn

Telephone #: 745-9230

STREET & NUMBER

120 Edgewood Road

CITY, TOWN

Ardmore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

PA 19003

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Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 414

Folio #: 83

STREET & NUMBER

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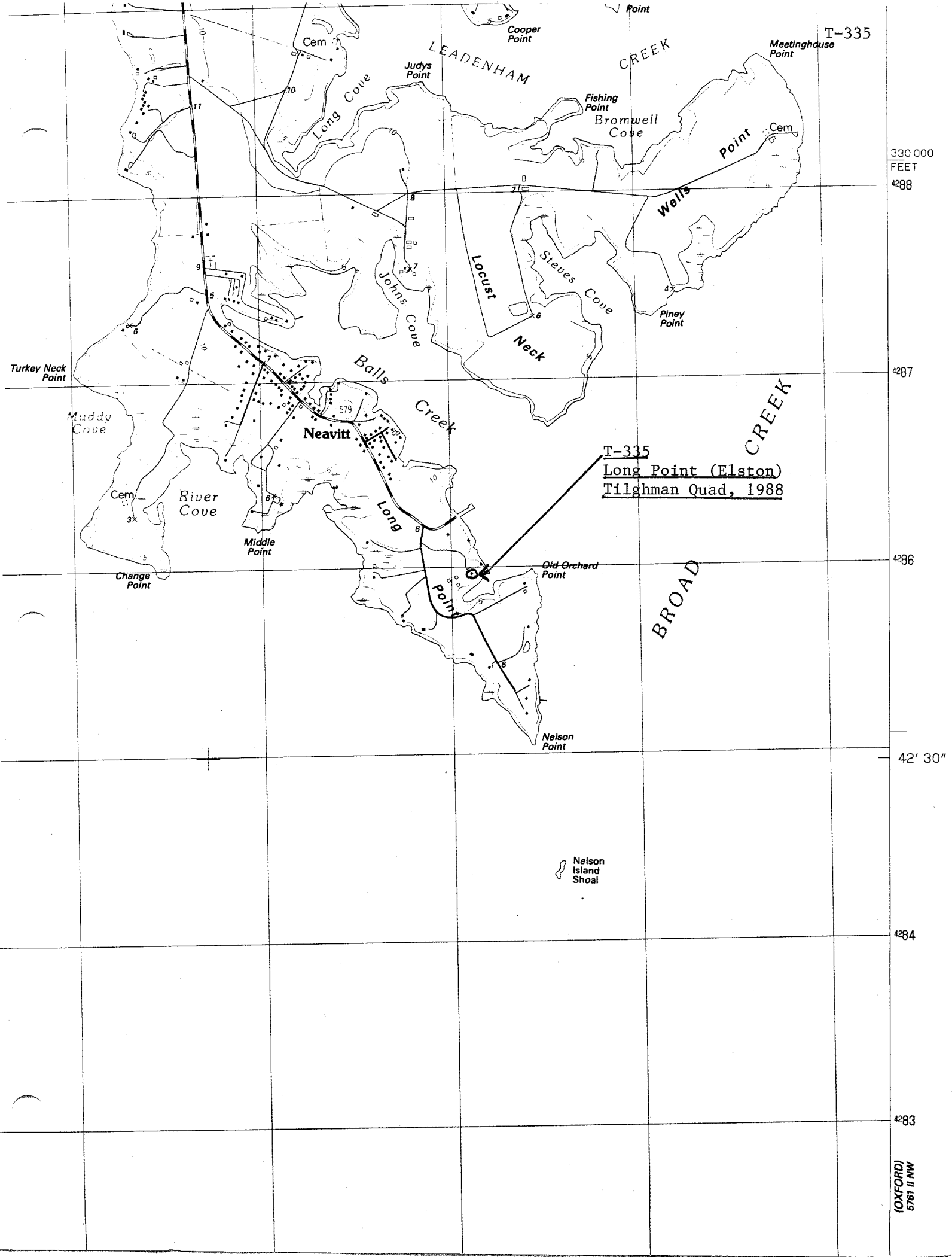
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Talbot County, Md.
Michael Bourne
Spring, 1978
Exterior View

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