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Old Friendship

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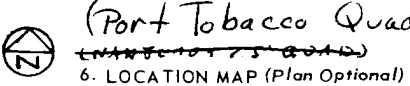
late 17th century

Moved to the campus of the Charles County Community College from its original location on Nanjemoy Creek, this small frame house has been reconstructed as the headquarters and museum of the Historical Society of Charles County.

The house contains two rooms and was built in two stages. The oldest section, believed to date from about 1680, displays a paneled chimney breast with bolelection molding around the fireplace opening; a mantel shelf, corner cupboard, and corner stair are later 18th century additions. In the early 18th century the house was enlarged by the addition of a new room at one end. Before its move the house had a riven clapboard roof under later shingles, tilted false plates, a full-width front porch, and a stone walled cellar room under the later part of the house. The present chimneys were reconstructed to resemble the originals as closely as possible.

Friendship was owned by the Dent family for many generations and was formerly part of their extensive landholdings in the Nanjemoy area.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Charles TOWN Friendship Landing STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER National Education Association PRESENT USE Vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION Frame NO. OF STORIES One		2. NAME Friendship DATE OR PERIOD 18th century STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>Friendship is a one-story frame structure in nearly ruinous condition. It sits on a stone and brick foundation. There is a basement under half of the structure which has vertical bar grills over the windows. The house is four bays long and one room deep. The two center bays are made up of six panelled doors and the two outer bays are six over nine windows. The frame is brick nogging, covered with beaded clapboard. There is a leanto porch. On the northeast gable is a freestanding chimney which at one time had a pent beside it. The chimney at the other gable has disappeared and is replaced with a small chimney within the building. The rear of the building has only two windows.</p> <p>Beside the fireplaces are tall, narrow windows on the east side. The two rooms have a three-piece chair rail and ogee molding around the windows and doors. In the southwest room there is panelling above what used to be the fireplace with mantel and corner cabinet. There is also a narrow stair in the corner opposite the cabinet. The loft is divided into two rooms and hall with vertical tongue-and-groove boards with beaded battens. The doors had two panels.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>  <p>(Port Tobacco Quad.)</p> <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> </div> <div> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> </div> </div>			
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Forman, H. Chandlee <u>Old Buildings Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, 1967</u> pp. 215 - 219 and fig. 208		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul Alan Brinkman Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD August 28, 1967	

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Architect's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part II)

Old "Friendship" House Nanjemoy, Charles Co.

name of structure

state, county, township, locality, etc.

2	frame	
number of stories	type wall construction	layout

GENERAL STATEMENTArchitectural interest and merit *most valuable*Condition of fabric *badly deteriorating*DETAILED DESCRIPTION *24' x 36 1/2' EXTERIOR*

Overall dimensions

Foundations *Stone and brick walls, 18" thick*
*height 6'*Wall construction *clapboard covering brick*Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc. *36' x ~~16~~ 8'*Chimneys *34" x 88" in Flemish bond*
*One chimney has been removed.*Openings - doorways and doors *35" x 7"*windows and shutters *18" x 55" 3 x 5 and 2 x 5 lights,*
*windowpanes 8" x 10"*Roof - shape, covering *wooden shingles, in very bad condition*
it is raining in, upper floor breaking
cornices, eaves
dormers, cupolas *no dormers* *down*

INTERIOR

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North Floor plans (by floor)

East Room 19' x 15' } 8' high
West Room 15' x 15' }

South Stairways

steep, narrow, curved

2nd Story:

19' x 15' } 6' high
11' x 12' }

Flooring wide pine boards

Wall and ceiling finish plaster

Doorways and doors

Trim wood, chair rails, corner cupboard

Hardware

Lighting ~~window panes 3" x 5"~~

Heating (fireplaces, stoves, central, etc.) fireplaces 5' x 4', 4' x 7'

Orientation (by compass reading and general setting)

SITE

facing East, toward

Nanjemoy Creek

Enclosures (fences, etc.)

Outbuildings barn: white oak inside, 16" poplar
wooden pegs, hand made
Walks, driveways, etc. nails boards outside

Landscaping, gardens, etc. old trees, spacious lawn.

Prepared by Rita Karlsson

Date Feb. 22, 1964

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FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

HISTORIAN'S
WORK SHEET

ADDRESS: THE ADDRESS FOR ALL STRUCTURES IN HABS SHOULD BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE. THEY SHOULD BE LOCATED IN RELATION TO PERMANENT GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES & TO PERMANENT, MARKED ROADS. EX APPROXIMATELY .3 mi. WEST OF CLARKE RIVER; 1.5 mi. SOUTH OF U.S. RT # 6.

PRESENT USE: IF THE STRUCTURE IS NOT IN USE, COULD SOME INDICATION BE GIVEN ^{OF REASON} FOR DISUSE, OR PROJECTED USE ETC.

ORIGINAL & SUBSEQUENT OWNERS COULD DATES OF OWNERSHIP BE GIVEN?

THE REMAINING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION IS OBVIOUSLY INADEQUATE.

ARCHITECTURAL
WORK SHEET

LAYOUT: RECTANGULAR? SQUARE?
WINGS?

ARCHITECTURAL INTEREST & MERIT
CAN THIS EVALUATION OF
"MOST VALUABLE" BE SUB-
STANTIATED? HOW? WHY?

PORCHES, ETC.: ARE THE
DIMENSIONS GIVEN FOR A
PORCH, A SLOOP, A BULKHEAD?

ARE THERE OTHER PORCHES?

CHIMNEYS: HOW MANY ARE, OR
WERE, THERE.

DOORS ETC.

MATERIAL OF DOORS?

NUMBER OF PANELS?

WINDOWS:

NUMBER OF LIGHTS.

ROOF: GABLE, GAMBREL, HIPPED -
ORIGINAL?

OR INDICATE NOT-APPLICABLE
SINCE IN RUINS.

FLOORING: RANDOM WIDTH? OR UNIFORM
DOORS, DOORWAYS: MATERIAL? PAINTED

perhaps
the word
"ruins" should
follow the name
of the house.

Trim: NO DECORATIVE DETAILS?

LIGHTING: NOT APPLICABLE?

HEATING: MATERIAL OF FIREPLACE?

HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH STRUCTURE

William Dent gave the communion silver to Durham Church 1707, which is still in use.

Ships coming from England would land at 'Friendship Landing' below the house

Important old views
(with location)

Sources of information
(with location)

Likely sources not yet investigated Mrs. Preston Williams
gave the original documents to the DAR Wash.
D.C.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTATION

Published references: Give author's full name, exact title from title page (underlined), publisher, place of publication, date, page references.
Manuscript references: Give location of manuscript and note if long-hand or typed. Cite "from," "to," date, etc.
Interviews: If information came from a personal interview, give complete name and address of informant.

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Historian's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part I)

Name of Structure Friendship HouseAddress Nanjemoy, Charles Co. Maryland
State, county, township, locality, street address of locationPresent Owner (give address) National Education AssociationPresent Occupant — Wash. D.C.Present Use —Brief Statement of Significance (historical): Original Patentee "Guyther",
1662 acquired by Thomas Dent + William Hatton
Indenture 5-20-1685 Earliest grave stone 1672
PHYSICAL HISTORY (All statements shall be documented)Original and subsequent owners Bennett Hoskins
Thomas Dent + William Hatton
and heirs

Date of Erection

Samuel Mc Pherson —

Architect

Joseph Claggett Gray —

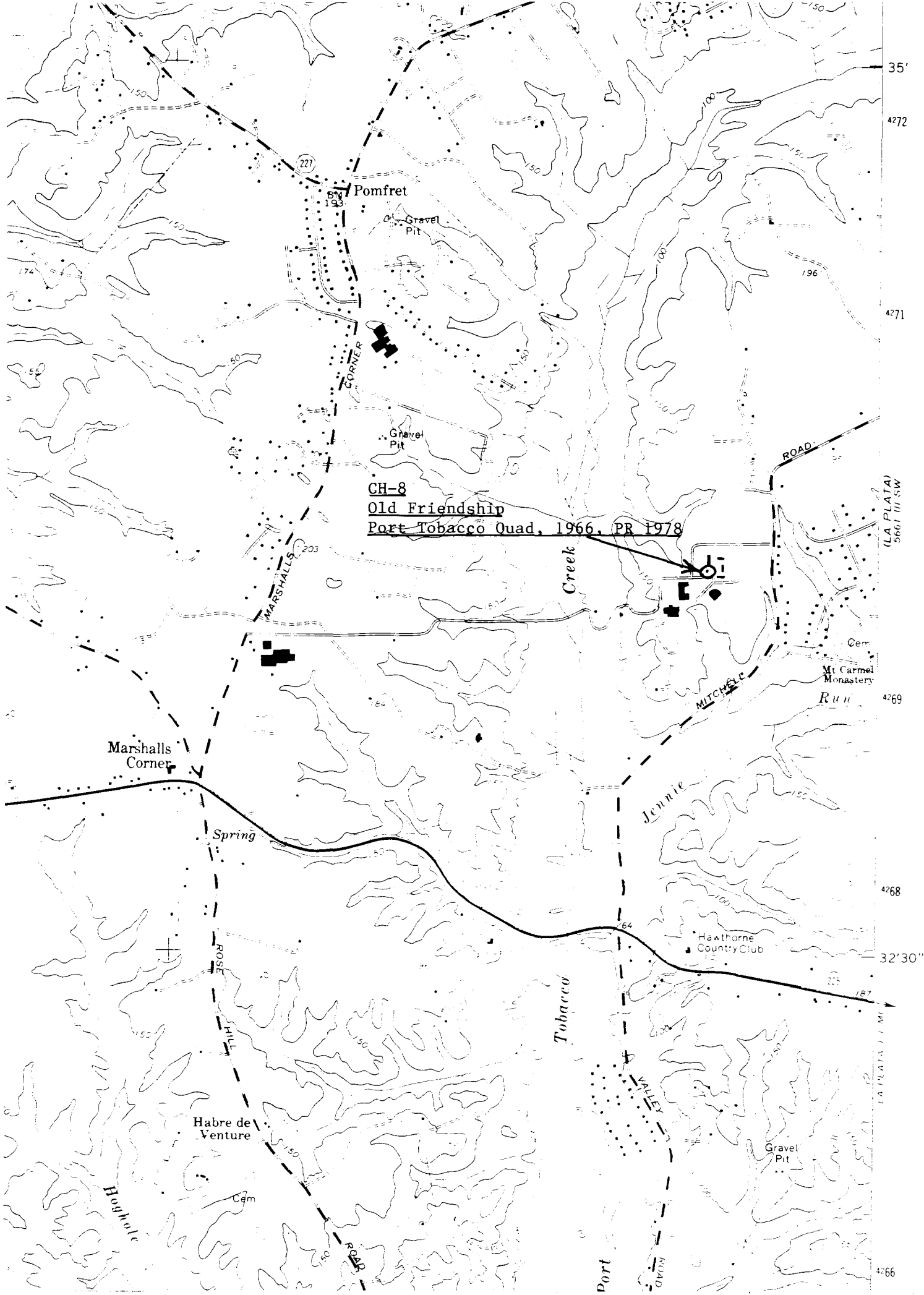
Builder, suppliers, etc.

Paul GrayCharles H. ShamelNational Education Assoc.

Original plans, construction, etc.

1948

Notes on alterations and additions





Old Friendship House

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Old Friendship House
Charles Co.

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Front during disassembly



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Ca. 1968 - M.D.B. SE facade



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Old Friendship House
Charles Co.

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Old Friendship House -
Charles C.

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Old Friends House
Charles Co.

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Old Friendship House -
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Fireplace

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Old Friendship House
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