

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic, Agricultural

Known Design Source: Unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stephen Lee Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3043 Solomons Island Road ___ not for publication

city, town Edgewater ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hardesty

street & number 3043 Solomons Island Road telephone no.:

city, town Edgewater state and zip code Maryland 21037

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-16

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

Survey No. AA 16

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1850 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 1

Land Records, Equity Records, and Wills, Anne Arundel County
McIntire, Robert Henry Annapolis Maryland Families ; Lloyd, Phoebe, "Raphaelle Peale's Anne Arundel Still Life" Maryland Historical Magazine, Spring 1992 pp.1-9;
Personal communication with Mary C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hardesty , Donna Ware.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland SHA date 4/4/93

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Section 7 - Description

The Stephen Lee Farmhouse is a very modest mid-nineteenth century farmhouse which is located on a approximately 28 acre farmstead on the east side of Solomons Island Road in the Annapolis area known as Edgewater, south of the South River Bridge. It is a simple ell-shaped structure composed of a gable roofed, three bay wide main block, which parallels Solomons Island Road, and a rear wing which continues the plane of the south wall of the main structure. In the north angle of the ell and main block the ell has been extended to the north with a shed roofed addition and to the east with a one-story, screened porch. The gable roof of the main block is interrupted by a narrow cross gable in the center bay of the west entrance facade directly above paired windows on the second story and an entrance sheltered by a one-bay wide, one-story porch on the first level. The exterior has been clad with asbestos shingles. There are two-over-two lights in the main block and six-over-six lights in the ell.

There may be the remains of a foundation on the property which may be associated with a warehouse, from whence the creek got its contemporary name, Warehouse Creek. In the nineteenth century it was known as Puddington Creek. The results of the archeological inspection of the remains are inconclusive.

The only other building on the site is a 1930's tobacco barn. The owners report that they stopped raising tobacco 18 years ago, and now rent the land to a tenant farmer.

History

The Stephen Lees were one the landed families of the South River area, along with the Maccubbins and the Brewers. These families were evidently intertwined not only by marriage but also by their desire to reside within a ten mile radius of the South River Hundred, a governing unit which later evolved into the Anglican Parish of All Hallows.¹

By the time of his death in 1870, Stephen Lewis Lee had augmented the 260 acres that he inherited from his father² with the wharf and abutment at the South River crossing, which was also the location of his home in 1878, the 130 acres of Wilmeade and a stone building on a Davidsonville parcel. His wife, Caroline Elizabeth Stockett Duncan, who he married in 1833, brought to the union her maiden estate, inherited from her father William Duncan. This land adjoined that of her husband. The total acreage of all lands in the possession of Stephen Lee was 550 acres plus vessels in the South River.³

Despite his "considerable personal estate"⁴ it was not sufficient to pay off his debts when he died, and his widow mortgaged the properties to John Inglehardt, the executor of Stephen's estate. Upon paying off the mortgages in 1875 Caroline devised a will dividing the property equally among her five children, William D. Lee, Thomas D. Lee, Henry Augustus Lee, Virginia Waters, and Joseph A. Lee.⁵

History Cont.

William D. Lee appears to have purchased most of the land from his siblings⁶ upon settlement of his mothers estate after her death.

1. Phoebe Lloyd, "Raphaelle Peale's Anne Arundel Still Life, "Maryland Historical Magazine, Spring 1992, pp. 1-9.
2. Equity Record, SH 5/101
3. Robert Henry McIntire, Annapolis Maryland Families, Vol. I, p. 418
4. Equity Record, SH 5/101
5. Will, RID/532
6. Land Records, SH 39/9

Section 8-Significance

This very modest, frame structure, of the mid-nineteenth century may have been one of the dwellings owned by Stephen Lee, a prosperous local inhabitant who owned numerous buildings and much farmland in the area by the late nineteenth century. In 1878 his residence was located in the vicinity of his wharf north of this house on the South River.

This dwelling may also be that identified in 1878 as owned by Stephen Lee's wife, Caroline E. S. Lee.

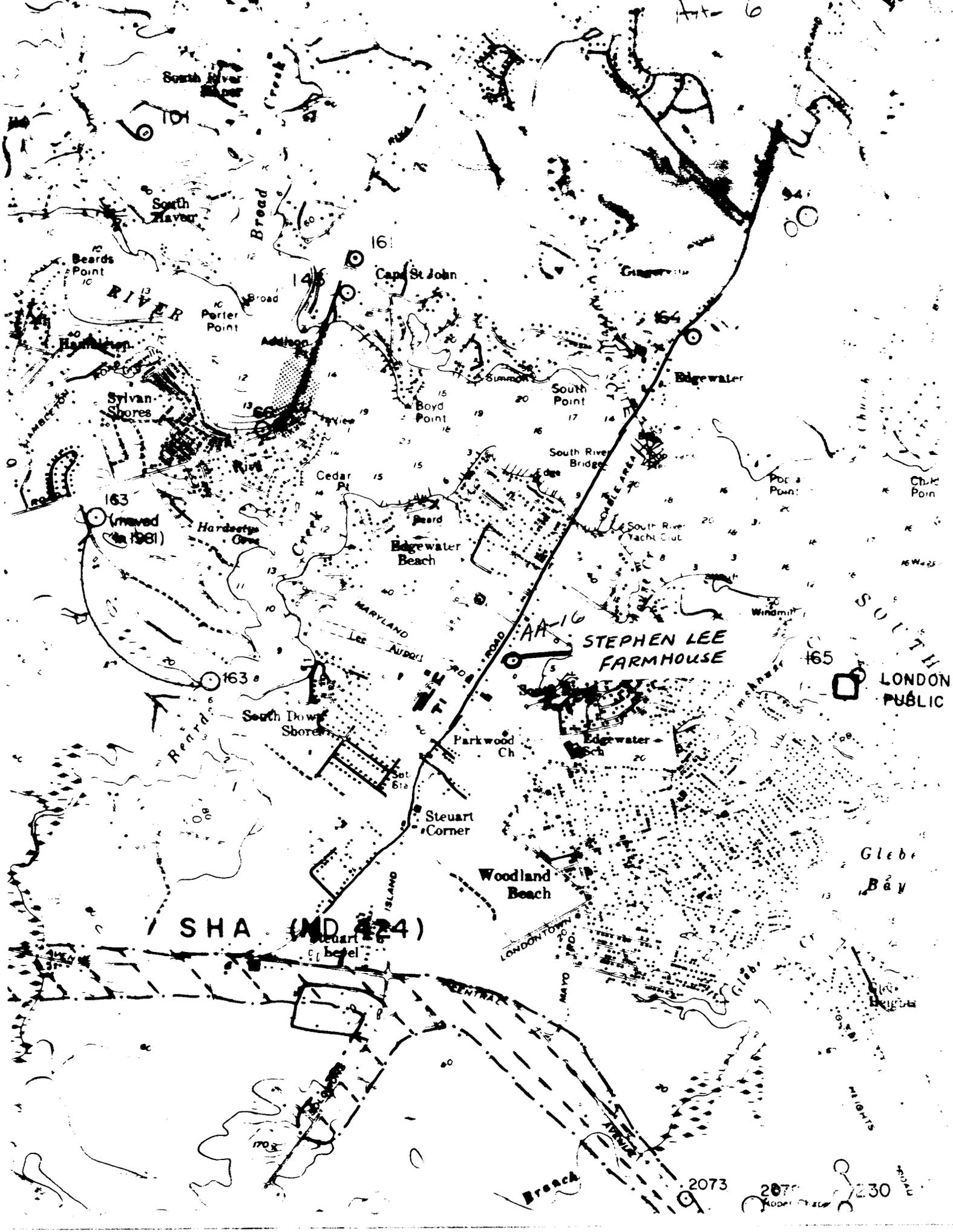
There are no extant period outbuildings and according to the current owner, the dwelling has been thoroughly modernized on the interior, with the attendant loss of much original fabric.

Chain of Title

William Essig, et.al	to Joseph and Julia Hardesty 28.89 Acres	Nov. 26, 1952	727/593
George R. Morris	to Fred and Sara Essig	June 23, 1917	GW 132/154
Galon Purdy	to George and Guinette Morris 21.5 Acres	Dec. 9, 1909	GW 74/133
William D.K. Lee	to Galon Purdy 21.5 Acres	Aug. 1, 1908	GW 61/183

Deed of Partition between children of Caroline E.S. Lee (May 19, 1891 SH 29/9) Puddington Harbor, on lands called Puddington, Poplar Neck, Mitchell's Addition.

Farmers Bank of Annapolis	versus	John Inglehardt, (Adminis- trator of estate of Stephen Lee), widow and children of Stephen Lee	Equity Record SH5/101
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RIVER

Sylvan Shores

(moved in 1981)

SHA (MD 424)

STEPHEN LEE FARMHOUSE

LONDON PUBLIC

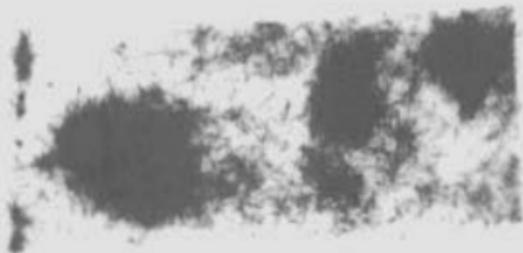
Globe Bay

2073 2075 230



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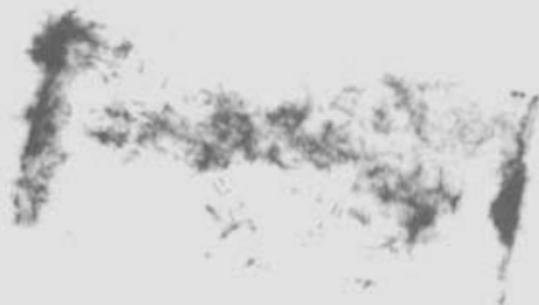
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1930 Tobacco Barn

