

AA-874
Lane House
Chesterfield
Private

Mid-to-late
19th century

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lane House

2. Location

street & number St. Stephens Church Road, east side, .4 mile northwest not for publication
of intersection with Chesterfield Rd.

city, town Chesterfield ___ vicinity of congressional district 4th

state MD county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 (aban.)
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Roger A. Lane & Elmer T. Lane, Jr.

street & number 8850 Ft. Smallwood Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Pasadena state and zip code MD 21122

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 3462

street & number Church Circle folio 725

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-874

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

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

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The house rests on a brick pier and rubble foundation. It does not have a cellar. The framing system is mixed: there are hewn sills, cornerposts, and diagonal cornerbraces and circular-sawn studs. The exterior walls are covered with weatherboard siding, secured with fully-matured machine-cut nails. In places where the siding is missing and has exposed the framing system, it appears that mortar (the same used in the foundation) has been spread along the tops of the sill. This may have been done to keep out drafts.

The lath on the interior partition walls is circular sawn and secured with wire nails. The facade door architrave molding has a simple bead. Traces of red paint are visible on the door architrave.

All windows, at least those that survive, are 6/6 sash. The gable roof is covered with wood shingles on the facade slope, and with standing-seam metal on the rear slope. The shed porch is also covered with standing seam metal. There is no cornice below the roof line; the roof decking and rafters merely extend several inches beyond the walls of the house to provide for an overhang.

8. Significance

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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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Lane House is a simple frame dwelling constructed in the small cross-roads community of Chesterfield, sometime during the mid-to-late 19th century.

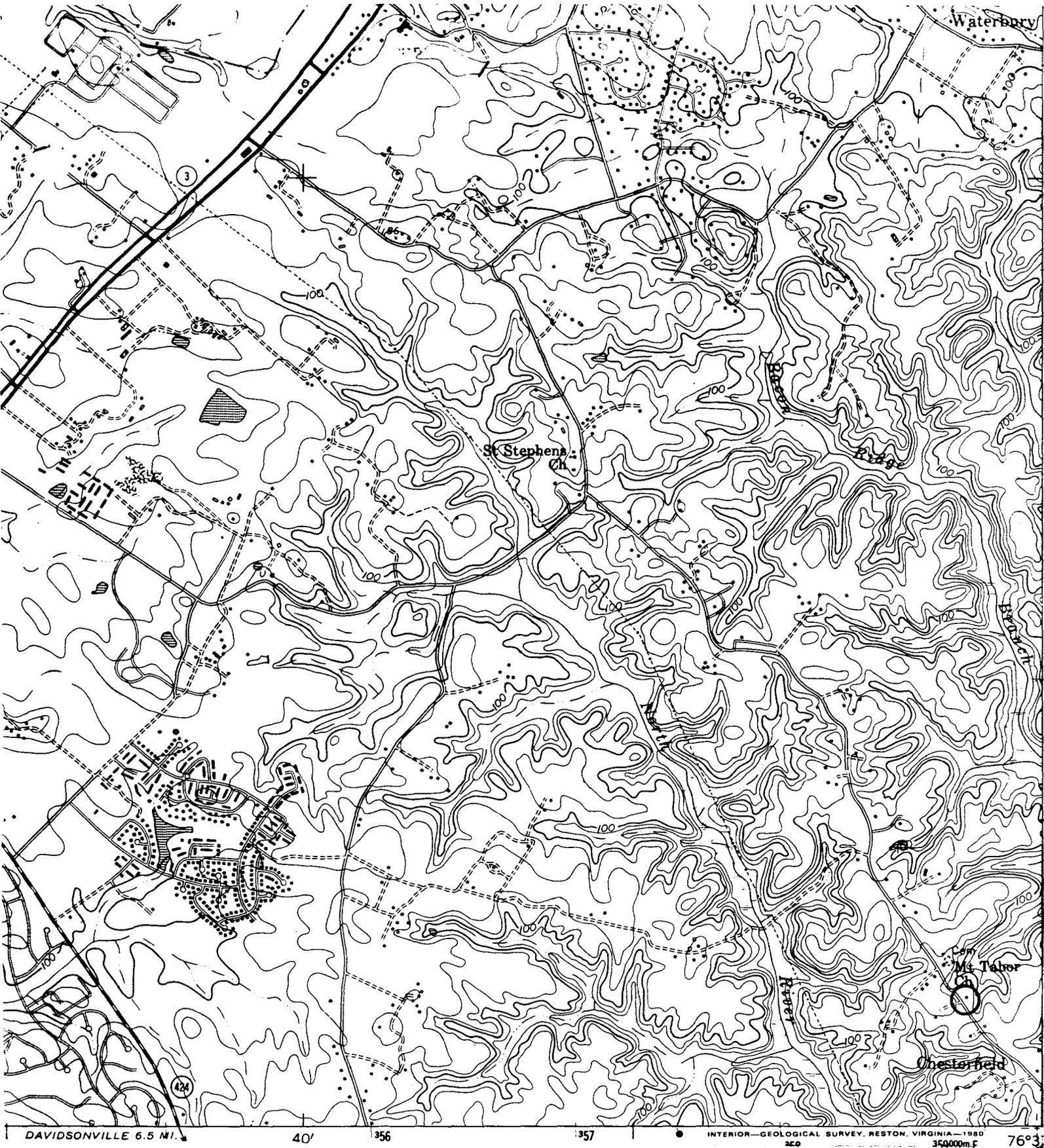
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In 1921, the post office was moved to Crownsville. Fletcher Lane, Sr. (possibly an ancestor of the present owners) was the last postmaster in Chesterfield.² Route 450, located to the south of Chesterfield, became the major thoroughfare between Annapolis and Washington, by-passing Chesterfield. Today a few dwellings survive, including the frame Lane House and the Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Church and Lodge (see AA-735). During the late 19th century, members of the United Sons and Daughters of Levi, Beneficial Society No. 1 of Mount Tabor, acquired 167 acres of land adjacent to Mt. Tabor Church. Lots were laid off and offered for sale to the church members. A small black community grew and exists today.

Footnotes

1. Eva Gasperich, "Chesterfield, Land of English Earl and French Royalty," Evening Capital, (Annapolis: June 29, 1949).

2. Ibid.



Odenton, MD
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1957; photo revised 1979

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Rear: N.E. elevation



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N.W. gable end



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Facade: S.W. elevation &
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