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Harvey House, (Charles "Shorty" King Property)

Architectural Survey File

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HARVEY HOUSE

and/or common CHARLES (SHORTY) KING PROPERTY

2. Location

street & number 1207 DOUBLE GATE ROAD ___ not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MARYLAND county ANNE ARUNDEL CO

3. Classification

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

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

name CHARLES A KING SR.

street & number 1207 DOUBLE GATE ROAD telephone no.: 798-0762

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE state and zip code MD 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL CO COURT HOUSE liber 3414

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 389

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☒ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

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

SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEETS

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale _____

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11. Form Prepared By

city or town	DAVIDSONVILLE,	state	MD 21035
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The derelict Harvey House is located on a long dirt road behind the Charles King residence on the north side of Double Gate Road, 1-1/2 miles west of Route 424 and 1/2 mile east of Patuxent River Road. It faces east and is sited on a high rise surrounded by animal pens, animal and tobacco barns and extensive cultivated fields. It now affords partial shelter for hay, tobacco sticks, etc.

The post and beam frame house is single pile, side passage, two stories with three bays and a gable roof. The foundation measures 26 feet by 18 feet. The sills rest directly on the ground. With no siding surviving, the riven lath walls are fully exposed. The roof is now covered with corrugated metal. The front sill has essentially deteriorated causing this whole area to sag 6 inches. Current owners of the property recall that there had been a two-story addition on the north side. Its inferior construction caused it to collapse and all that remains is a small pile of bricks.

The entrance bay is on the north. There are windows directly above the lower bays. Apparently, all windows had 6/6 sashes. The door and all trim are missing. A cornice trim hangs loose from the eaves.

On the south side there had been an exterior chimney. The only surviving evidence of this is a void in both story floors indicating that there had been a hearth. The only windows on this side would have flanked the chimney in the gable end.

On the west facade only the passage bay and a window above it exist. Judging by houses of a similar plan, there likely would have been windows opposing those of the front.

The north wall now has only a doorway at each level on the east side and a small window in the gable. An area of plaster containing horse hair on the exterior is the only remaining evidence that there had been rooms on each floor. There remains no evidence of the dimensions of the outside walls of these ghost rooms.

The interior first floor consists of the side passage with the stair rising on the north wall and a single large room on the southern side. The only surviving door is between these two areas. It has six molded and raised panels and a box lock. All the doorways and window frames have molded trim with bull's-eye corner blocks. Under the staircase the area is enclosed by a three-paneled wall and a doorway to a closet with shelves.

The open well staircase goes to the attic. It has two flights to each level. The first four walnut newels are turned and tapered. The others are square. The walnut handrail is continuous from the ease through the ramp. The balusters are rectangular.

On the second floor there is a small unheated room at the east end of the passage. Its six panel door and one to the south room

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survive with their box locks. One set of door knobs is metal and the other white ceramic. The trim on all openings is molded but the corner blocks are plain.

In the attic, a small room above the east passage room had been partitioned off and the ceiling is plastered.

