

HUNTINGFIELDS

Of a three part, ell shaped composition, this rambling frame house retains many interesting architectural features. The initial stage consisted of a one and one half story, three bay ~~block~~^{block} with two exterior chimneys at one end. At a later period a one and one half story frame kitchen-hyphen addition was made to the rear elevation. In the late 18th. or early 19th. century a two and one half story, two bay addition was made to one end of the initial stage. It has a single exterior chimney. Interior detail dates from the late 18th. Federal, and Victorian periods.

One of the more interesting exterior features of this house is an overhanging jetty on the rear wall of the original house.

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STATE Maryland	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
COUNTY Calvert County	INVENTORY CT-24
TOWN Huntington	2. NAME Huntingfields (Stanforth House)
STREET NO. Huntington	DATE OR PERIOD mid & late 18th cent.
ORIGINAL OWNER Stanforth Family	STYLE Maryland Colonial
ORIGINAL USE Dwelling	ARCHITECT
PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Donald Weber	BUILDER
PRESENT USE Dwelling	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION Random widths, clapboard	
NO. OF STORIES 1-1/2, 2-1/2	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

The oldest part of this complex house is on the left. It dates from the very early 18th century and is 3 bays wide, 1-1/2 story high. It has two end chimneys on the left end, separated from the wall above the first story level. The door occupies the right front bay and has an overlight. There are two pedimented dormers on the roof. To the right of this part of the house is a 2 bay wide 2-1/2 story section that dates from the end of the 18th Century. There is one pedimented dormer on the roof. There is an interior chimney on the right end, separated from the wall above the second story level. The back wall of the old section has an overhang of the second story of about 8 inches. This is called a jetty and is rather rare in early Maryland architecture. An old ell also comes off perpendicular to the main house at the rear. The old section of Huntingfields has all its original chair rails, baseboards, window frames, and mantels. This house has a stone foundation and there is brick noggin; used to fill the walls. The stairhall is simple and the steps have scrolled ends. The stairhall has an interesting paneled arch making the ceiling partially rounded. There is an ivory half-penny in the newel known as an "Amity King" - this was put here by the builder to finish the job and is a rather rare detail. All of the doors are of the old six-panel type.

There is a corner cupboard of Federal design in the dining room
(CONTINUED ON BACK SIDE)

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Excellently Restored /

6. LOCATION MAP (If an Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEW RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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DATE OF RECORD

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with very elaborate detail. There is also a small narrow staircase enclosed in vertical beaded panelling. The perpendicular wing at the rear was added about 1820.

This property is very well maintained and kept beautffully. It is a fine and interesting house.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hunting fields

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lowery Road (now on Huntingfields Drive)

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

 VICINITY OF COX

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas M. & S. Laverne Weeks

Telephone #: 535-1279

STREET & NUMBER

Lowery Road

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

STATE, zip code

MD

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County

Liber #: JLB165

Folio #: 492

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick, MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The possibility that Huntingfields is that dwelling is supported by the early construction evident in the oldest portion of the house (south wing). This is true 1½ stories with two laterally partitioned rooms downstairs and two up. The downstairs rooms are not of equal size. A side hall contains the stairs. Each of the two rooms are heated by a fireplace on the south end of the room thus requiring the two large chimneys on that end of the building.

Among the early features are the handmade nails that were observed in the enclosed stairs in the old kitchen wing in the attic of the south parlor. The attic also reveals hewn rafters that once formed a steeply pitched roof. The overhang of jifty on the west side of this building is a much written about feature that is indeed an early characteristic, although Forman says that even it is an alteration. In its original appearance this house was not totally dissimilar to "White Cliffs" (CLVT-31) or "Holly Hall" (CHAS-21). Framing in the attic and an alteration in the bricks on the south exterior show that the south wing once had a roof with much greater pitch.

Brinkman is accurate in his description of the original house except in regard to the interior. While the chair rails and other mouldings are consistent with those seen in other mid-eighteenth century houses, the mantels are decidedly later.

The north wing is a Federal era addition which is quite well preserved. It is believed that the house may have undergone an entire remodeling at this time which would account for the scrolled step-ends and pay-penny in the hall and Federal mantels.

While the house has been written about on several occasions only brief mention has been made about the fact that two barns, a post-and-beam carriage house, and a cemetery add to Huntingfields significance. Barn #1 is south of the house and has not been included in the historic district. It has a hewn post-and-beam frame with two inch studding that is still partially covered with riven chestnut clapboards. Sheds protect much of the original exterior fabric. On the south wall there is a batten door containing hand made nails and forged strap hinges with unusual fleur-de lees shaped ends.

Barn #2 appears not to differ greatly in age from #1. Both use eight room barns with hewn post-and-beam frames and both have been added on to. Like #1, barn #2 has a south door of early appearance containing hand made nails, forges straps, etc. These strap hinges, however, are loop-end.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was recorded by HABS (MD-105) in 1940 and MHT in 1967. It was declared an official Calvert County Historical District in 1976 and has been written about H.C. Forman, Mrs. A. Hutchins, and Mrs. B. Briscoe.

Mrs. Hutchins points out that "Huntingfields" is a recently given name and that this property was known as the "Somervell Farm" since the 1880's. The Somervells acquired the farm from the Stanforths many of whom are burried in the cemetery there. The earliest grave is that of John Stanforth who died in 1815. Mrs. Hutchins cites the 1738 will of an earlier John Stanforth which mentions a "dwelling plantation" purchased from Thomas Cockshalt who was rector of nearby All Saints Church 1697-1722.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Old Buildings, Gardens, and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, pp. 251-253
H. C. Forman, 1967

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

form compiled by:

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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These barns have a reputation of being quite old with some believing them to be Eighteenth Century. It is possible that the frames and south doors justify this belief but if the clapboard siding is original the machine cut nails attaching it to the frame point towards a mid-nineteenth century construction date.

The carriage shed is the size of a modern one car garage and is constructed of vertical siding nailed to a post-and-beam frame. The frame is made by joining heavy tree-posts and hewn pieces together via mortise-tenon and trunnes. This building stands next to the cemetery on its west side. There are a dozen or so Nineteenth Century Stanforth graves in it.

In his drawing printed in Old Buildings, Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, H.C. Forman indicates a "smokehouse", "ice house", and "underground dairy" immediately behind the kitchen (west). They would appear to have been where the present garage stands. According to Forman the dairy was constructed of brick.

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AILENE W. HUTCHINS

The property now called Huntingfields was once the home of the Stanforth family of Calvert County. The family cemetery near the house contains tombstone inscriptions for members of this family, the earliest of which is for John Stanforth, who died in 1815, aged 62. This John may have been the son of another John Stanforth, who was named in the 1738 will written by still another John Standforth (so spelled). In that will, John Standforth left his "dwelling plantation bought from Thomas Cockshutt" to his grandson, John Standforth, son of a deceased son, also named John. Thomas Cockshutt, by the way, was rector at All Saints Church from 1697 to about 1722, and John Standforth was church warden there in 1725. No later wills of the Stanforth family have been found, but the names ~~of~~ John and Levine Stanforth appeared on the Calvert County census in 1850 and 1860. In 1880, however, only John Stanforth, aged 20, appeared, with no other family members, and that same year, Samuel Williams and his wife, Elizabeth, also appeared, apparently then living on the Stanforth homestead.

The name Huntingfields was given to the property after its acquisition, in 1950, by Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Scott, Jr.. The Scotts purchased the land from Mr. Gordon Lyons as about 240 acres, but a survey made in 1951 showed that there were 264.74 acres, known as the Somervell farm.

Mr. Lyons purchased the property, in 1948, from the heirs of Elizabeth Somervell and her husband, Samuel C. Williams. Elizabeth S. Williams and her brother, Levin Somervell, lived in the house during their youth, and Elizabeth and her husband lived there until the late 1880's, when they moved to Baltimore. In 1889, Levin Somervell and his sister and brother-in-law mortgaged the estate, then

described as 716 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres. In the mortgage, the statement was made that the land descended to Levin and Elizabeth as "the only children of Mary E. Somervell, subject to the dower of their grandmother, Maria S. Stanforth". The statement clearly shows the Stanforth-Somervell- Williams line of ownership. Levin Somervell, who died about 1906, conveyed his interest in the same property to his brother-in-law, Samuel C. Williams, in 1891. In 1910 and 1914, portions of the estate were sold-- one parcel to Connellius Trott and another to Charles Mackall, leaving only the land around the home still in possession of the Somervell heirs.

Since the inventory states that the oldest part of the house dates from the earliest part of the 18th century, it is indeed possible that the John Stanforth whose will of 1738 mentioned his "dwelling plantation" was then living on the property now called Huntingfields. Architecturally, the three wings on the house help attest to its age, and the jetty or overhang, similar to one which once existed at Bond Castle in Calvert, is now the only such feature remaining in Calvert County to show a connection with medieval England.

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Maryland Calendar of Wills

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Annapolis + at Calvert Co. Courthouse

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Conversation with Mr. Gordon Lyons and his
sisters who also lived at Huntingfields -



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