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## Brooke Place Manor

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18th. c.  
(altered)

Originally a one and one half story brick house possessing a jerkinhead(?) roof, interior end chimneys, and three bays in length, Brook Place Manor was extensively altered in the mid-19th. century. At that time the roof was raised to two full storys and a heavy, bracketed cornice introduced. Also installed was a completely new interior. All that remains of the first house are the exterior walls.

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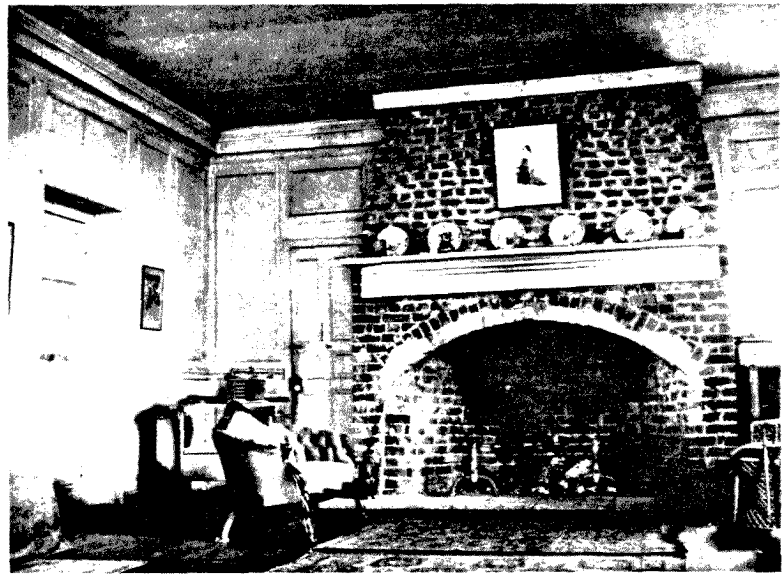
1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY <b>Calvert County</b>		INVENTORY <b>CT-46</b>	
TOWN	VICINITY	2. NAME <b>Brooke Place Manor</b>	
STREET NO. <b>Williams Wharf</b>		DATE OR PERIOD <b>1652 and later</b>	
<b>Kings Road</b>		STYLE <b>Maryland Colonial</b>	
ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Lord Brooke</b>		ARCHITECT	
ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b>		BUILDER	
PRESENT OWNER <b>--</b>		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
PRESENT USE <b>Dwelling</b>			
WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Flemish bond brick</b>			
NO. OF STORIES <b>2-1/2</b>			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>NO</b>	
<p>This brick structure, of Flemish bond brick, was an early 17th century 1-1/2 story building with a very steep A-roof. It was enlarged in the 1840's into a 2-1/2 story Greek Revival structure, with a gently sloping A-roof. The house now has a heavy wooden cornice along the roof line. The house has a water table of simple sloping brick. Below the water table the brick is laid in English bond, while above the water table the walls are of Flemish bond. The line of the old walls is clearly visible in the newer brick - especially on the East end where in the old gable all the headers are of glazed brick. There are two chimneys built into the East end wall of the house.</p> <p>The house is 3 bays wide and 2 deep. The old windows on the first story have segmental brick arches. All the interior woodwork of the house dates from the 1840's remodeling.</p> <p>This house is important as one of the earliest manors in Maryland. It commands a fine view of Battle Creek. At present it is deserted and prey to vandals.</p> <p>Something should be done about this.</p> <p><u>Deserted, but in good condition</u></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER	
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PRESTON-AT-PATUXENT was built in 1650 by Richard Preston, who was called by Gov. Charles Calvert "the Great Quaker". The property was surveyed for him on July 27, 1651. Another property surveyed for him was "Charles' Gift", laid out in 1652 on the Bay shore. "Preston" was the Capitol of Maryland in 1654.

PRESTON-AT-PATUXENT had at one time a "curtain" and kitchen wing, as may be seen in the plan. The present Living Room, which is forty-three feet long, was originally divided by a partition. The panelling is of the Eighteenth Century. The ceiling is very high for such an early house: ten feet and nine inches.



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BROOKE PLACE MANOR was built in 1652 by Governor Robert Brooke, Lord of "De La Brooke Manor". It was patented in 1658 for his son Baker Brooke. The original roof line can be traced in the brick. There was a straight gable, with probably two chimneys at either end. Charles Brooke in 1671 left "Brooke Place Manor" to Robert, Baker, and William, sons of his brother, (Gov.) Robert Brooke.

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