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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rose Hill (SITE), Keene's Retreat

AND/OR COMMON

Strawberry Hill

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

FERRY LANDING RD. (Now on Fielder Court)

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

VICINITY OF

DUNKIRK

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

### 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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

ED. NOYES

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

MAIN HOUSE DEMOL. - OUT BLDGS. IN CT-7  
VARIOUS CONDITIONS.

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main dwelling at Rose Hill (now called Strawberry Hill) was demolished in and replaced by a modern split-level dwelling, making it the third house on that site. See CLVT-7, (Brinkman) for information on previous houses.

There are seven other buildings on the property which are historically and architecturally important. This farm is the last in the area of old Smithville (Dunkirk) still in the possession of the Smith family. Besides the main house, there is

Building A. A stable measuring 20' x 30'. The exterior is board and batten. The interior contains eight stalls separated by a center aisle on the first level and there is a hayloft above.

Building B. A tobacco barn measuring 40' x 48' and constructed of machine cut limber that is nailed together. It has the familiar three part plan with the center portion containing opposite standard double doors measuring C. 9 1/2' x 12'. Every fourth or fifth board of the vertical siding is mounted on butt-hinges.

Building C. This board and batten structure appears in a 1925 photograph in the Smith family papers. The boards average 9 1/2 inches in width and the battens 3 1/2 inches. There appear to have been many alterations and repairs although the south facade appears to be in original condition.

The structure is built into the side of a hill, thus it is like a German bank barn in that it is one story high on one side but two stories on the other. The semi-subterranean level provides a concrete foundation 8' in height.

Building D. This may be the oldest structure on the farm; its dates are at least those of the second house that was built after the fire of 1780. It is constructed of overlapping clapboards nailed to a post-and-beam frame which is made of hand-hewn timbers joined via mortise-and-tenon with trunnels.

Exposed rafters and size suggest that this was a meat house and family tradition supports this claim. The building is 10'5" square with 6' walls.

Building E. Mrs. Mettan who is <sup>years</sup> old and has spent much years of her life at Rose Hill says that this tenant house was built C. 1916. Some changes have taken place since then. In its present state, it is T-shaped in plan with the front (S) being three bays and one deep. The entrance is in the center of the front facade and a four posted porch runs the entire length.

There is a rear (N) portion of the house 16' in length and 14' in width. A porch, which has been enclosed occupies the northeast corner of this wing and measure 7' x 9'. Both front and back portions of the house are 2 1/2 stories high with A-frame gable-end roofs. There is no fire place although there is a chimney to facilitate wood and coal stoves.

Building F. A tobacco barn measuring 28' x 44', three part in plan with opposite doors in the center section measuring C. 10' x 12'. The frame is machine

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The deterioration and subsequent demolition of the main dwelling at Rose Hill certainly diminished the effectiveness of the farm to act as a visual document of local history and Nineteenth Century rural life, but the farm is not totally void of this ability. There are in fact seven other structures remaining to tell the story of this the last property in the vicinity of old Smithville to remain in the Smith family.

The farm is on land which was part of the original Smith grant.

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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

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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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circular cut and nailed.

Building G. Also a tobacco barn and appears to be older than Building F, Mrs. Mettam that the oldest barn on the property is on the hill "back toward Adees" (Building H) and dates from "early 1900's". It is also the largest and the addition on the south side makes it measure 40' x 60' in overall size.

Mrs. Mettam says that her father built another barn and tenant house to the west of these buildings but they are no longer standing. An unidentified photo in the Noyes Collection of Smith Family papers may be that barn.

Building H. This building is reputed to be slave quarters, although structural analysis indicated that it is not that old. The lack of a hearth, types of nails etc. suggest that the cabin was not built to house slaves.

Nevertheless, the building may well be a late 19th Century structure. It is structurally divided into two parts, suggesting an addition. The west portion is the largest, it is three bays wide and one deep. The door is central. The east portion is two bays wide and one deep with one door and one window on the front (S) facade. Both portions form a one-story building measuring 38'6" in timbers are visible in the west portion, the windows are 4/4 and the chimney bricks appear to be older than those on the east chimney. The windows in the east portion are 6/6; there is wavy glass in both.

The buildings is in a state of near ruins and the numerous patches etc. result in various types of siding, however, the oldest appears to be butt joined. Some square head nails are visible among the many types used. Evidence of whitewash around the sopping suggests that at one point the cabin was painted.

Mrs. Mettam remembers two other buildings at Rose Hill which were called slave quarters. One was "directly left of (the) Maple tree by (the) strawberries (where there is now an above ground swimming pool.) It had huge chimney-open hearth (with) cupboards on either side. All clothes (were) stored in trunks there."

Another building was "by peach trees over by the tenant house (Building E)" and it had "huge ste s, three doors and chimneys (on) both ends and middle." These excerpts taken from Mrs. Mettam to Mrs. Noyes on May , 1976 in response to questions asked by this surveyor.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

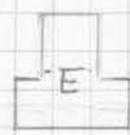
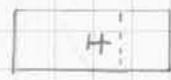
<p>1. STATE Maryland          COUNTY Calvert          TOWN Dunkirk VICINITY          STREET NO.</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER Mr. Richard Keene          ORIGINAL USE Dwelling          PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Mettam          PRESENT USE Dwelling          WALL CONSTRUCTION clapboarding          NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME Rose Hill or Keene's Retreat</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD Mainhouse ca. 1800          STYLE Country late colonial or early          ARCHITECT /Federal          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC no</span></p> <p>This is a two storey clapboarded house 3 bays long. There is a central door with an overlight and an exterior chimney on either end of the house. The clapboarding is 19th C. and narrow on the main house. The windows are 9/9. The mantels are early Federal, decorated with oval recessed designs, and slender reeded columns on the side. The door and window frames are pedimented, cut in flat boards in a very simple Greek Revival style. The staircase is early 19th Century. The balusters are simple round ones, but the newel post is an overblown Victorian one. The present owner, Mrs. Mettam, a descendant of the original owner (who obtained the land from the original Smith grant) states that an older house on the site burned around 1780, and this one was built 10-20 years later. The 2 one storey connecting additions are older, 1760 at least, originally a kitchen and small room. The windows are 6/6 and very old bubbly glass. The pitch of the roof is steep. Originally a huge walk-in fireplace was on one end, but this is now gone. This section has vertical beaded panelling on the interior divider walls and horizontal panelling on the outer walls. The ceiling has all exposed beams. There is a very small staircase in one corner which leads to the</p> <p>The boxwood planting on the property was listed as 230 years old in 1930 by the Towson Nurseries. There is a slave cemetery with approximately 50 graves on a hill behind the house. The slaves never left the house after the Civil War but stayed on. A meathouse behind the house is said to be approx. 150 years old, although it has largely been rebuilt. Mainhouse also has a small Victorian addition. All of the wood used in the house is black walnut which was cut on the property.</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered Interior Exterior</span></p> <p>House is deteriorating rapidly - has no central heat and is only occupied during the summer. Owner has no money to repair house and plans to tear down the older one storey section of the house.</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>	<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>Paul A. Brinkman</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD July 18, 1967</p>

ROSE HILL (not to scale)

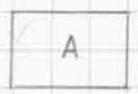
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- A. 20' x 30'
- B. 40' x 48'
- C. 28' x 24'
- D. 10'5" x 10'5"
- E. 16' x 32', 14' x 16' (REAR PORTION)
- F. 28' x 44'
- G. 40' x 60'
- H. 14'6" x 38'6"

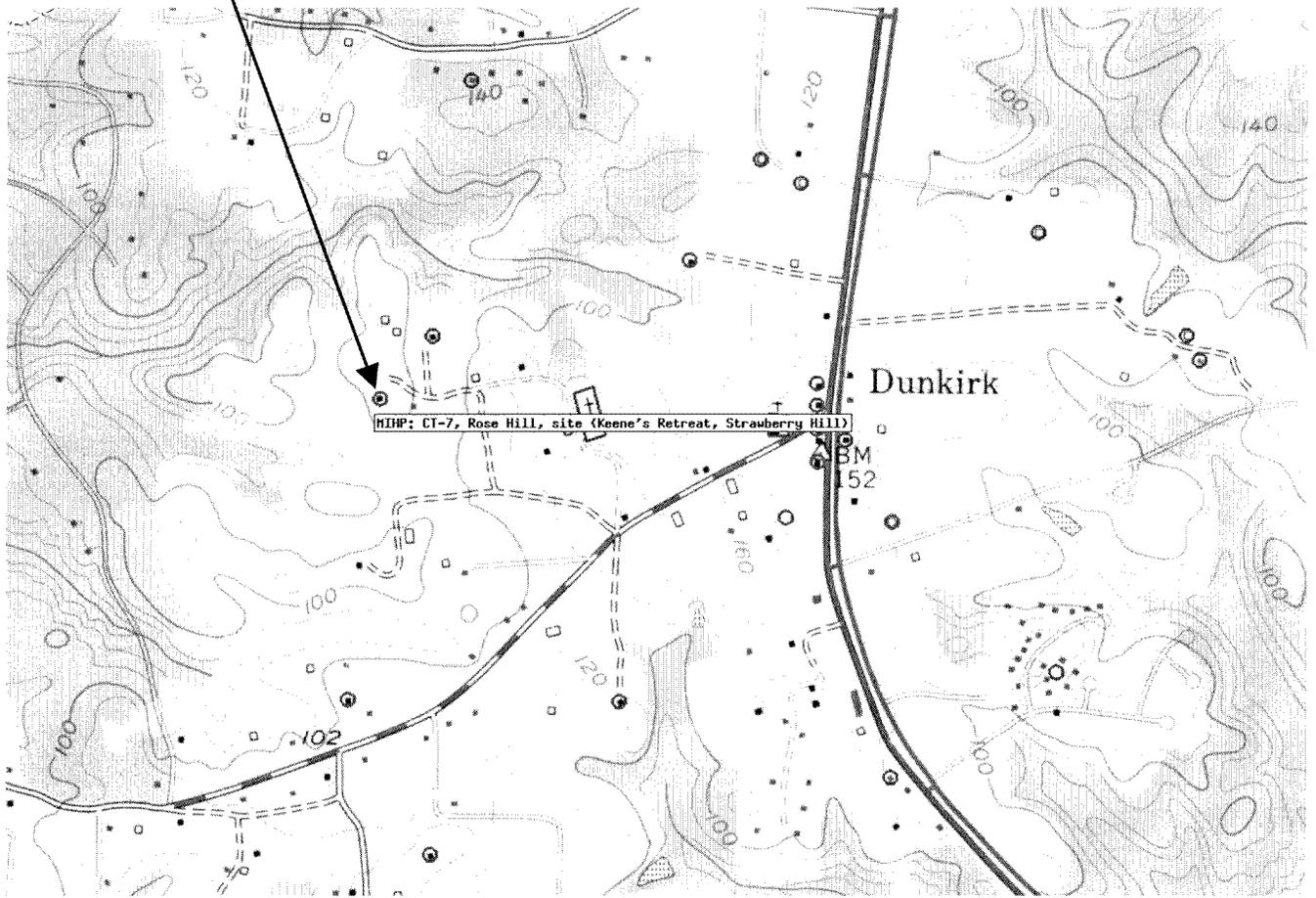


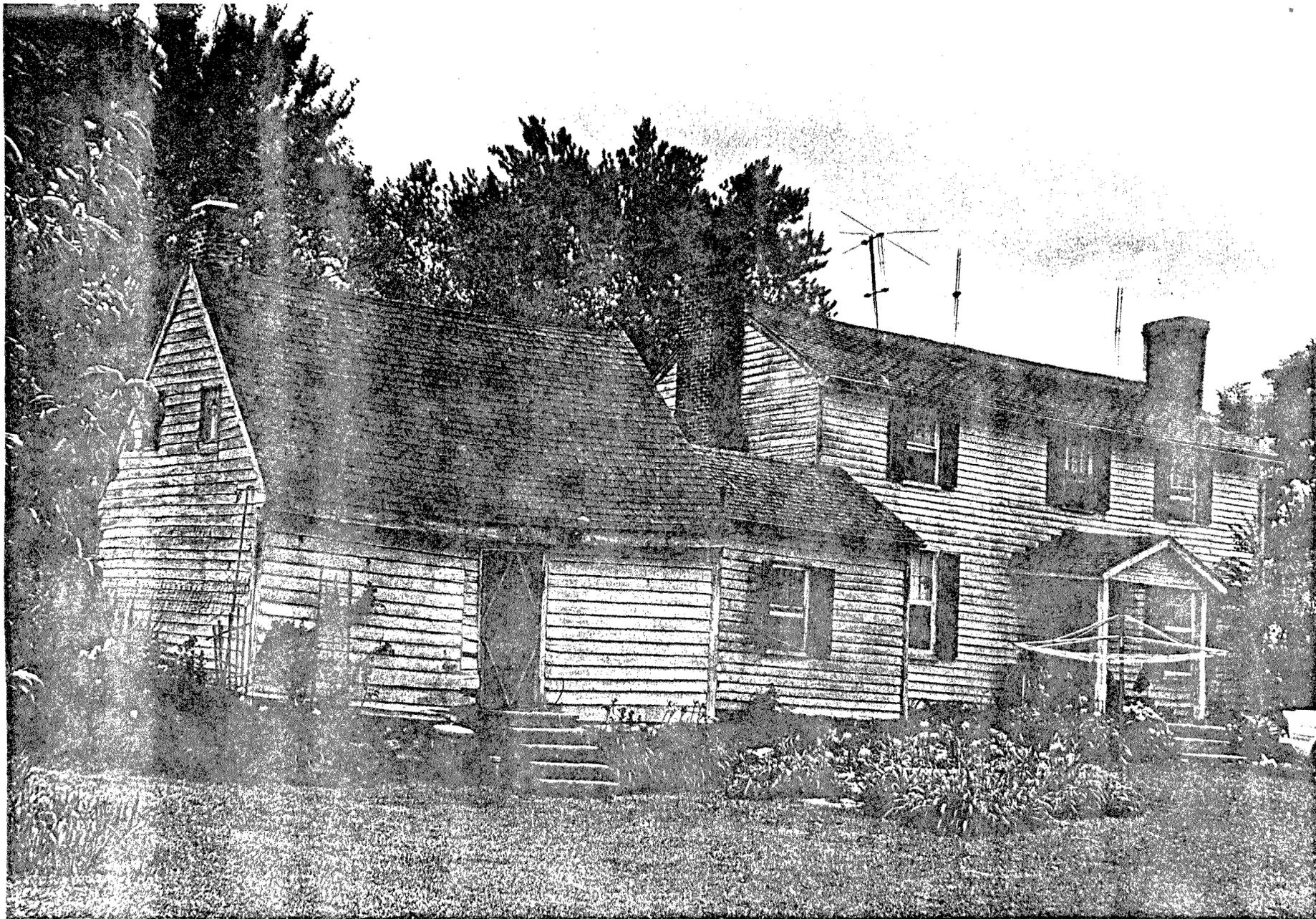
MODERN HOUSE



FERRY LANDING ROAD →

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Rose Hill, site (Keene's Retreat, Strawberry Hill)  
Lower Marlboro Quad





MHT CT-7 c. 1800 w 1760 kitchen  
Dunkirk  
ROSE HILL  
Calvert





CT-7 CLUT-7

"E"

S. facade

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W. Nield  
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277 CLUT ->  
"H."  
SOUTIT

W. Field  
Spring '76

134



ST-7 CLUT 7

"A"

S.E. corner

136

W. Field  
Spring 76



5-7 CLUT-7

"A"

N.E. corner

B-6

W. Field  
Spring 76



ST-7 CLUF-7

"A" + "B"

S.W.

B  
C

W. Field  
Spring '76



CT-7

CLUT-7

"D"

N.W. corner

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W. Field  
Spring 76



CT-7

CLVT-7

"D"

S. side

B  
L

W. Field  
Spring 76



Rose Hill

CT-7

CLVT-7

" F. "

S.E.

W. Field  
Spring 76



CLUT - 7

" G "

S. 31-7

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W. Field  
Spring '76