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Torres House

c. 1850

~~THE~~ Jones Chapel ^{AREA} consists of a small cluster of structures along Old Elk Neck Road just south of Elkton. The Torres House is one of the more substantial residences and possessing a stylish exterior touch with its dentiled cornice. W. T. Jones seems to have owned the house in 1877 along with 36 acres. A school ^{WAS ONCE} ~~once~~ ^{LOCATED} ~~operated~~ across the street but has since been extensively remodeled.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File # 3-102

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Torres House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

RD 1 Box 405 Old Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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 checked="" 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

Justo Torres

Telephone #: 398-1783

STREET & NUMBER

RD 1 Box 405

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21921

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 255

Folio #: 134

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Torres House c. 1850 is a 2 story single room plan brick house on Old Elk Neck Road just south of Jones Chapel Road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The 3 bay by 1 room brick structure rests on a full uncoursed fieldstone foundation and is covered with a medium sloped composition tile roof. A much more recent 2 story 2 bay 1 room frame section, covered with asbestos extends to the north of the main block. Attached to it is a single story frame section of modern construction.

The eastern (main) facade is laid in 7 course common bond with a dentiled brick cornice. The entrance is located in the central of three bays with plain surround and modern door. 6/6 sash windows flank the entrance with extended wood lintels and sills. Three 6/6 sash illuminate the second floor and have louvered shutters. The northern frame addition has a shorter elevation but has similar details. Two 6/6 sash with louvered shutters are found on each floor. A shed roof front porch with square posts and a seamed tin roof stretches across the entire front of the house.

The south gable end is a plain brick wall with a small attic light and plain bargeboard.

The west ^{side} ~~gable~~ has similar detailing, however the central entrance has been closed up. A corbelled brick cornice without dentils stretches across at eave level.

The north end is entirely covered with the later frame additions but a small interior brick stack with 2 course cap rises out of the end wall.

The interior has been extensively remodeled but winder stairs to both cellar and second floor remain in the north-western corner. First floor joists are still left in the round and are visible in the basement. The stack support has a flat arch with storage shelves below.

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 checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Torres House is a common form for the mid 19th century but uncommon for the relatively isolated Elk Neck Area. Stylish building forms were undoubtedly reaching the Neck but no more than one of two houses are found with similar stylish details. The Torres House is one of a very few brick structures on the Neck and the only one known with a dentiled brick cornice. A small community seems to have developed around Jones Chapel with a small school across the street and a few residences, the Torres House being the most substantial of any surviving today. It appears as if the house was owned by a W. T. Jones in 1877. The 1877 Tas Assessments lists 36 acres and two brick dwellings, one valued at \$400 and the other at \$300, *UNDER JONES'S NAME*.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 17 acres

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

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse Parks and Historic Trust

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

5/3/78

TELEPHONE

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STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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BACON HILL 1 MI.

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EAST CORNICER

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