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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #817

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Alexander-Cook House
AND/OR COMMON James House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER R. D. #1
CITY, TOWN Conowingo VICINITY OF 1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 Fred and Dorothy James Telephone #: 378-4360
STREET & NUMBER R. D. #1 Box 197
CITY, TOWN Conowingo VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: WAS 274
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court Folio #: 204
STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse
CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 Alexander-Cook House c. 1850 is located on the west side of the Conowingo-Oakwood Road just south of St. Patrick's Church. The main facade faces east while the gable runs north/south.

The mid 19th century 2^{1/2} story frame structure was built in two sections, Both 2 bays across by one room deep. A single story shed addition was added to the west side and a single story shed porch to the main (east) facade. The house rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof is of medium slope and covered with tin. The eaves are extended and soffits are sloped. There is a small brick stretcher bond stove stack in the north gable end.

The east facade is a total of four bays across, assembled in two different stages. There is a drop in the roof line between sections and a narrow seam on the east wall between the second and third bay. The main door is located in the north section and the southern of the two bays. The window sash is 6/6 throughout with louvered shutters. The trim is plain on both door and window surrounds. There is a plain boxed cornice on the southern 2 bay section. The single story front porch has 19th century turned posts and cut out brackets in each corner. The half gable ends of the porch roof are decorated with a saw-tooth board decoration.

The north gable end is one room deep with two 6/6 sash on each floor. Two 4 pane attic window flank the stove stack. All but the attic windows have louvered shutters. The shed roof addition on the west end is one bay deep with a door and small window.

The single story shed roof addition extends across the west side. Similar detailing is found on this section of the house along with the south gable end. There are no attic windows however on the south end.

Although entry was not gained in this instance two separate rooms are pre presumed to be on the first floor.

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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 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

7/11/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

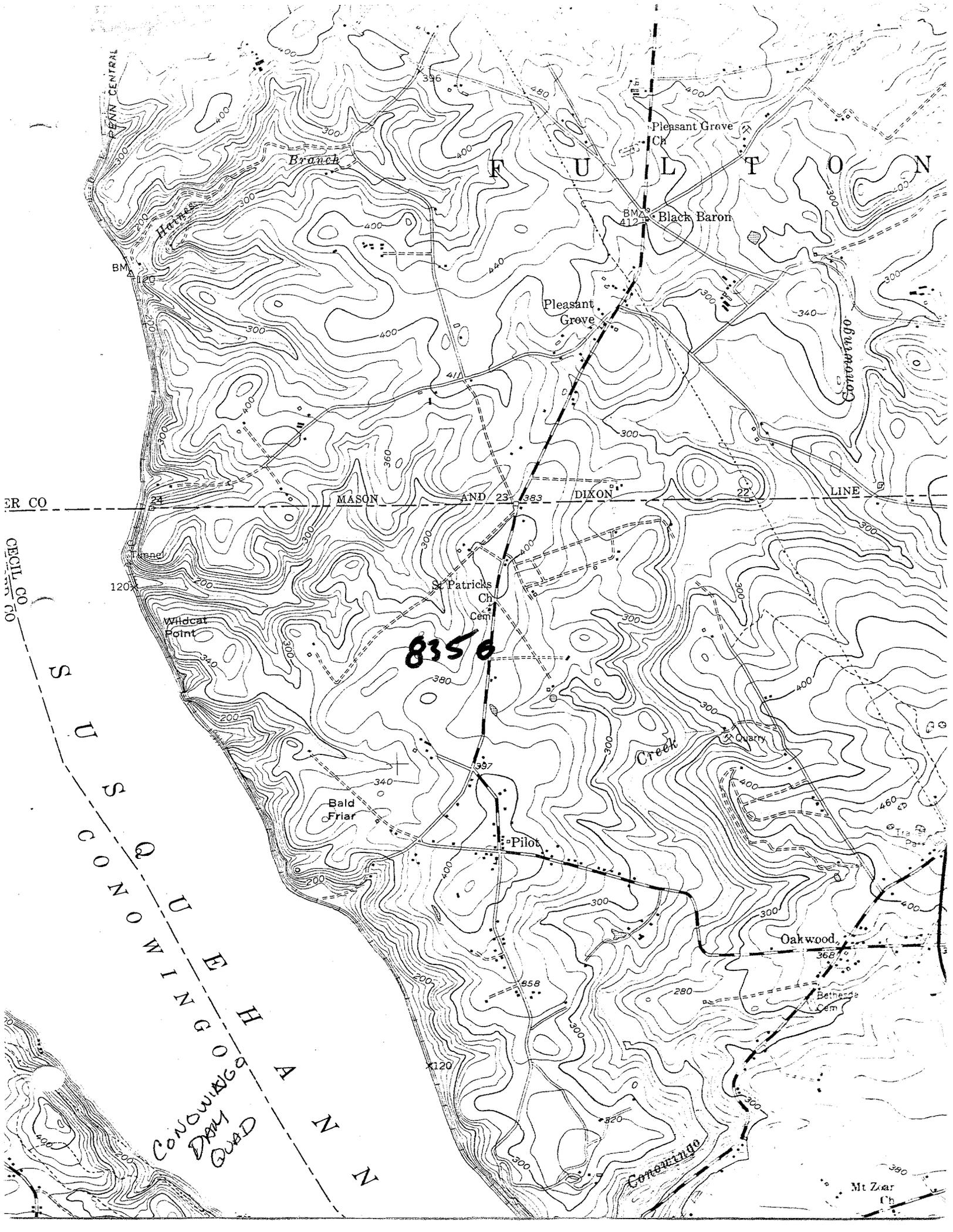
STATE

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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PENN CENTRAL

F U L L E T O N

Pleasant Grove Ch

Black Baron

Pleasant Grove

CONOWINGO

3R CO MASON AND 23 383 DIXON LINE

CECIL CO

Wildcat Point

St. Patrick's Ch. Cem

8356

Bald Friar

Pilot

Creek

Oakwood

Bethel Cem

CONOWINGO
DRY
QUAD

CONOWINGO

CONOWINGO

Mt Zion Ch



ALEXANDER - COOK HOUSE
~~WATER~~ SOUTHEAST ELEV.

CE. 535

NR PILOT TOWN, MD.

3/80 PPT

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CE-835

ALEXANDER - COOK HOUSE

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

NE PILOT TOWN, MD.

3/20 PBT

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