

The construction of this 2 story two bay by two rooms braced timber frame house is attributed to John Graham and William Graham Jr. and Sr. when they owned <sup>the property</sup> ~~it~~ around the turn of the 18th Century. Local tradition records the house being built two years after its neighbor, the Fulton-Alexander House c. 1796. The use of 18th Century wrought nails and the survival of some late 18th Century oval molded door surrounds and molded chair rail tend to substantiate the traditional date.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File # 818

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Pembroke Farms

AND/OR COMMON

Bruce Property

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R D 1

CITY, TOWN

Pilottown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Bruce

Telephone #: 378-4255

STREET &amp; NUMBER

R D 1

CITY, TOWN

Pilottown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

21921

Maryland

Liber #: RR6 95

Folio #: 137

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY 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

~~Pembroke~~ <sup>Pembroke</sup> Farms c. 1800 is located just west of the Conowingo - Oakwood Road and south of St. Patrick's Church. The timber frame structure rests on the southwest side of a slope and faces east, while the main gable runs north/south.

The 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> story structure is almost square (30' x 26'4") and 2 bays across 2 rooms deep. A later single story kitchen addition was added to the southwest corner and a single story wrap around porch is found on the west, north and east sides. The structure is supported by an uncoursed stone foundation and is sheathed with asbestos tile. The slate roof is of a medium to steep pitch.

The east (main facade) is 2 bays across with the main door occupying the southern most bay. The main entrance has a 4 light transom over a six panel door. The other bay has a two over two late 19th century sash. The windows on the second floor are 6/6. There is no boxed cornice and the eaves are extended and open which would substantiate the fact that the roof covering was replaced at a much later date, probably when the slate was added. A late 19th century single story shed roof porch with turned supports extends across this facade along with the north and west.

The north gable end is two bays deep with 2/2 sash on the first floor and 6/6 on the second. Two small 4 pane attic windows flank the stretcher bond brick stack which was probably another late 19th century addition. The barge boards are slightly flared at the ends.

The west side is similar to the east except there are 12 over 6 sash windows on the first and second floor. A later door was cut through next to the northernmost bay. Since the house is located on a slope the basement is partially exposed on this side. An eight over eight sash illuminates the basement on this side. Located also on this corner of the house is a late 19th early 20th century story shed addition ~~and an exposed basement~~. There are six over six sash and an entrance on the west side of the house.

The south gable end is also 2 bays deep and the basement is fully exposed with an entrance in the eastern of the two bays. A single 6/6 window is only found on each floor due to the massive stone chimney pile. A 6/6 attic sash is located in the eastern most bay. The 20th century addition extends around to this side of the house and ends about half way across. A shed roof protects the basement entrance and consists of mortised timbers. Some beaded weatherboards remain above the door. The mortise and tenoned door frame is still in place

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along with an adjacent 6/6 sash. The eaves are not extended on this gable end due to the massive chimney pile.

The interior is presently an arrangement of three rooms with the possible absence of one partition wall. (see floor plan) The dog-leg stairway is to the left of entrance along the east wall. The newel and balusters are later alterations. There is a raised six panel door to the inclosed cellar stair. The door surround is about five inches wide with an ovolo backband and a small bead on inside edge. The chair rail is found throughout the first floor. (see profile)

The fireplace has been covered over in the present dining room. (southwest room) and the mantel removed. The main framing members of the house are exposed in each room. The best example is in the cellar stair way. The main timbers have been covered with a beaded board on the exposed sides.

The attic is unfinished except for a board partition which divides the space into two rooms. A small door is located in the center. <sup>COMMON RAFTERS</sup> The roof framing ~~is~~ is typical with collar beams set into the rafters. The rafters are lapped and pinned at the peak.

The cellar is divided into two rooms. The south side was probably used for cooking .... etc., the north room for storage. The entrance to a barrel vaulted chamber is found in this room. The vault extends under the house and out under the yard. It may have originally been used for ice, or cool storage. The cellar was originally used for cooking suties since there is a cooking fireplace and brick floor. The walls had been whitewashed also. The door to the east of the fireplace is a board and batten door with wrought strap hinges fastened with rosehead nails. An early newel and molded handrail also remain <sup>w/ THE</sup> A <sup>STAIR.</sup> retangular middle rail provides added support.

| 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            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE  | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
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| <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

Historical research has been completed by the owners and exact same acreage has been maintained since the early 19th century.

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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**

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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.

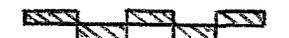
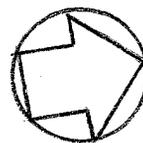
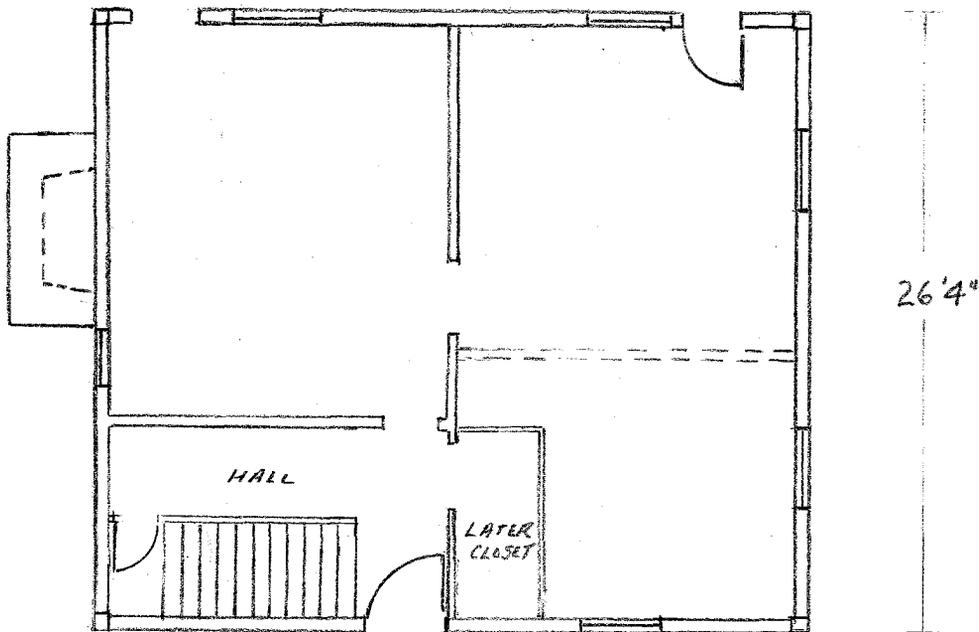
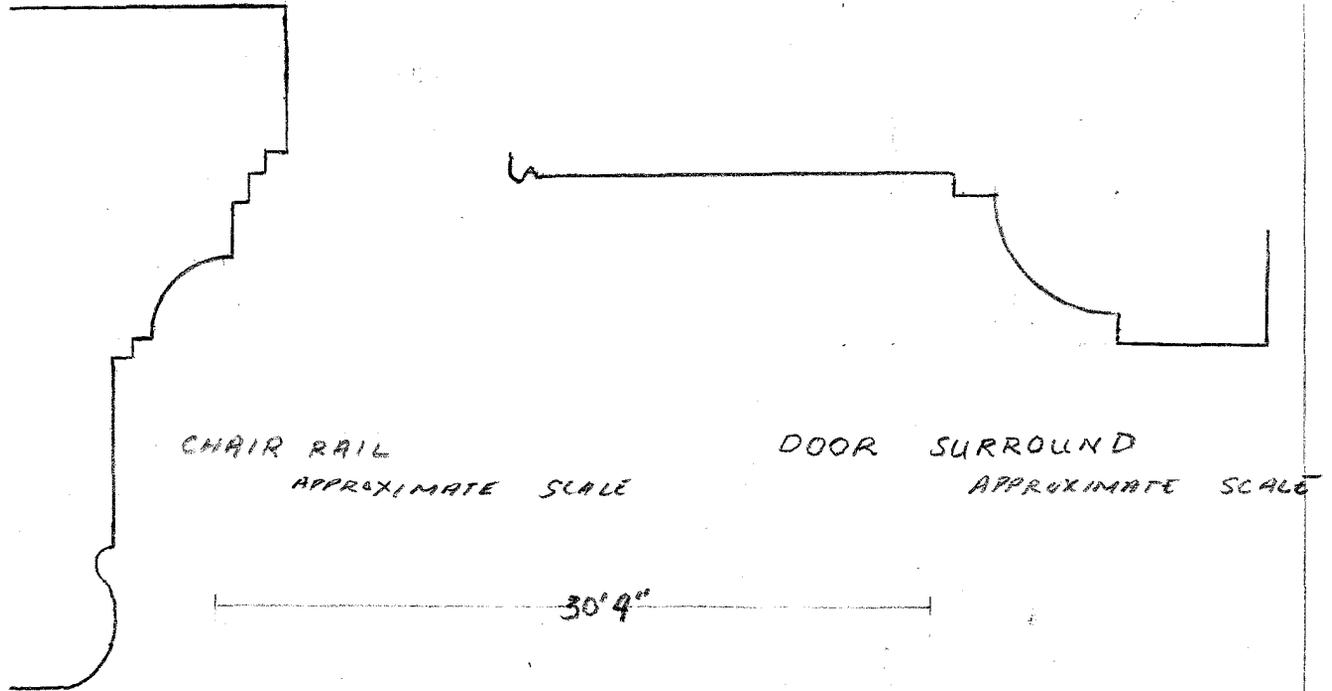
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PEMBROKE FARMHOUSE

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42-382 100 SHEETS 5 SQUARE  
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NATIONAL



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PEMBROKE FORM  
NORTHEAST ELEVATION  
PILOT TOWN, MD.

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Penikese Island  
West Elevation  
Pilot Town, Md.

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PEMBROKE FARM  
WEST ELEVATION  
PILOT TOWN, MD.

8/78 PIST

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