

CE - 838 Crother's House

c. 1860

Alpheus Crothers owned this farm along with 135 acres in 1877. The Lake, Griffings, and Stevenson Patron List records a Cecil County nativity that dates back to 1820.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File #820

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Crother's House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

End of Red Hill Road North of Oakwood

CITY, TOWN

Oakwood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harry Dempsey

Telephone #: 378-2027

STREET & NUMBER

Red Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21911

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 340

Folio #: 458

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Crother's House c. 1860-1879 is a 2 story frame hall/parlor farmhouse, 2 bays across by one deep. A 2 bay addition was added to the west gable end. A late 19th or early 20th Century shed roof porch is found on the south and east sides. A 20th Century single story shed addition 1 bay x 1 bay is attached to the west gable end. The house is found at the end of a long road and rests on a small rise. The main gable runs east/west with the main facade fronting south.

The entire structure rests on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation except for the shed addition which has a block footing. The house is partially sheathed with typical weather-board siding. The exposed areas, not protected by a porch, have been covered over with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched slate roof has boxed cornices and extended eaves at the ends, which are covered with aluminum. Stuccoed brick chimney stacks protrude at the gable ends and in the center of the house.

The fenestration is basically symmetrical. 6/6 sashes are found on the first floor, however, the second floor windows have had 1/1 sash replacements set in. The window trim is plain. There is one 4 panel door on the main facade.

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~~Wrought iron~~ turnposts support the porch and the posts rest on poured concrete slab with a block footing. The north side has an exterior cellar entry.

The interior of this house is extremely plain with un-decorated <sup>boards</sup>~~boards~~ outlining doors and windows. Inclosed stairs have vertically beaded board doors. The west wall of the hall/parlor section has a large plain mantel piece. The simple board shelf is supported by an unarticulated frieze and plain vertical supports. The second floor was not open for inspection.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
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<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
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<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 Crother's farmhouse appears on the Lake Atlas (1877) under the name A. Crothers. The house has not probably changed a great deal since the late 19th century. The interior, although plain is basically how it was constructed. The house is the only one in the general area and undoubtedly the one associated with the farm land nearby.

**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

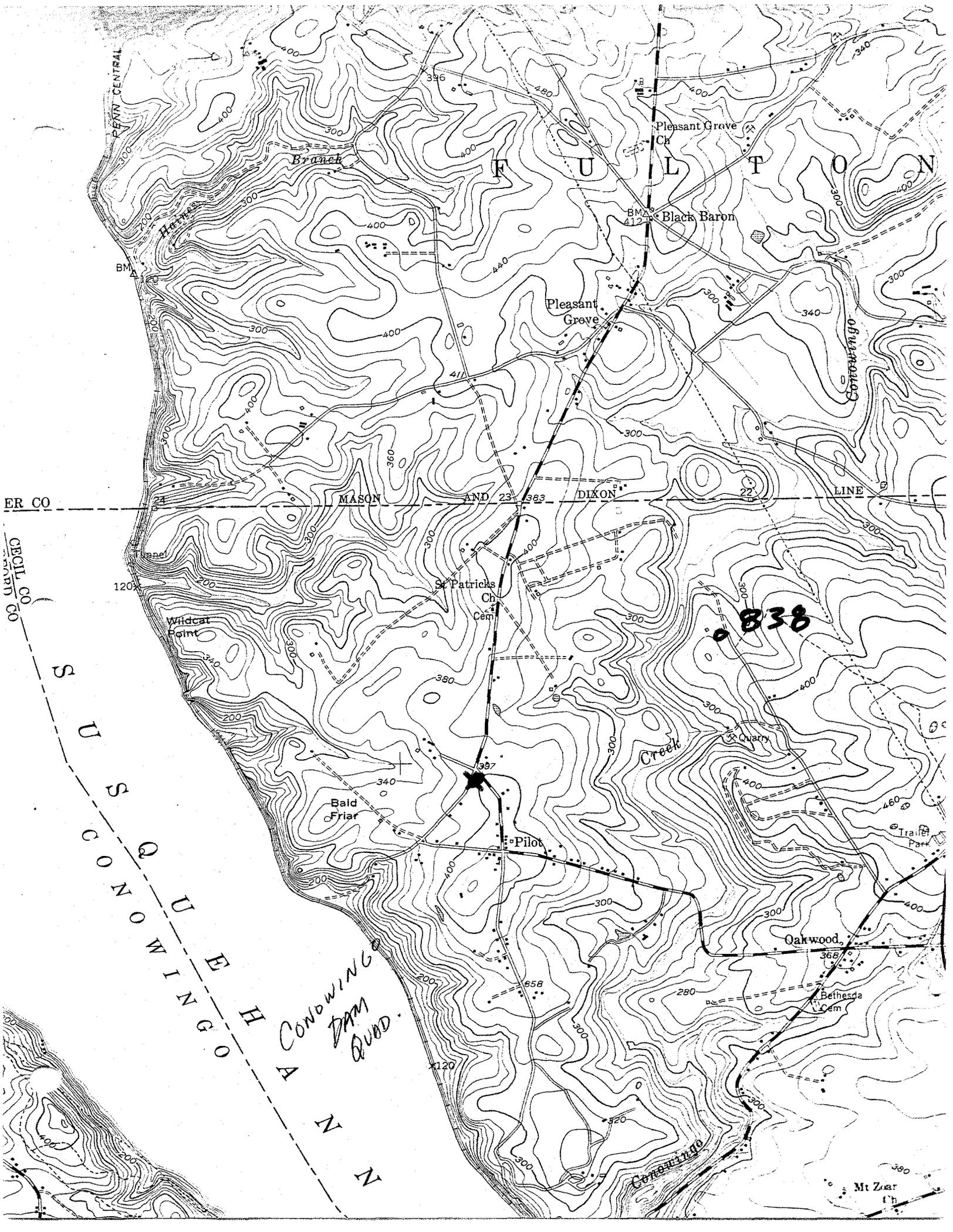
STATE

Maryland

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Pleasant Grove Ch

Black Baron

Pleasant Grove

MASON

AND

DIXON

LINE

St. Patrick's Ch

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Wildcat Point

Pilot

Bald Friar

Oakwood

Bethesda Cem

CONOWINGO DAM QUAD.

Mt Zion Ch

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