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"Green's Delight", Circle M Farm
near Richardsmere
private

c. first quarter of the 19th c.

The farm known today as Circle M Farm consists of parts of three 18th-century land grants, "Bourn's Forest," "Greenbury," and "Green's Delight." Although the 241 acre farm was probably inhabited through the 18th century, the present house and barn date to the first decades of the 19th century. Joseph Moore acquired the property in 1813 from a James Sims of Cecil County, while owning an adjacent farm which he bought in 1803 when he moved south from London Grove Township, Pennsylvania. Since Joseph Moore held the property until 1836 he was probably responsible for building the present two and a half story fieldstone farmhouse with its three room plan. The double pen log barn, however, was built by James Sims who left his initials and 1806 date inscribed into one of the foundation stones.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Green's Delight, Bowen Forest, Greenbury
 AND/OR COMMON Circle M Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North of Route 1 - JUST EAST OF KILBY CORNER
 CITY, TOWN Conowingo CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Edwin A. Orvis Telephone #: 378-3971
 STREET & NUMBER Route 1
 CITY, TOWN Conowingo STATE, zip code Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court Liber #: WAS 121
 STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse Folio #: 403
 CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____
 DATE _____
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Orvis Farmhouse C. 1820-1840 is a 2½ story 3 room plan stuccoed fieldstone structure located north of Route 1 and just east of Kilby Corner. The house is located at the end of a long lane with the house on a southern slope of a small hill. The main facade has a southern exposure with the main gable running East/West.

The main block is four bays across by one ~~two~~ room deep. A mid 19th century one room stone wing extends to the north and later frame additions to the west from the gable end. A front porch of late 19th century design is attached to the main facade. The main block rests on a full uncoursed stone basement. The fieldstone is stuccoed and white washed and the ^{gable} slate roof is of medium pitch.

The South (Main) facade has two central entrances with late 19th century molded panel doors and half round ^{measuring for} door surrounds. The window sash is a later 2/2 arrangement with similar trim. There is a boxed cornice and interior gable end stretcher bond brick chimneys. The west stack is stuccoed but the east stack has an elaborate corbelled cap. There are two dormers with 4/1 sash and fluted surrounds on the south slope of the roof. The front porch has turned supports and star motifs in the cut-out corner brackets.

The east gable end has two 2/2 sash windows on each floor had 2 basement windows with diamond cross-sectioned horizontal bars. The back section has a door in the southern bay and 2/2 sash window in the northern bay. There is a small bead on the window and door surrounds.

The north (back) side of the main block is partially covered with the rear addition. There is a single 2/2 sash in the western bay on the first floor along with two 2/2 sash windows on the second floor. A small 4 pane sash is located near the center of the wall and near eave level to light the back stair. The west end additions are later 19th century frame sections with standing seam tin roofs. The roof line is a couple of feet lower than the main block.

The interior of the main block was extensively altered due to the removal of partition walls and woodwork. The wall between the two rooms along with the corner fireplaces were taken out. The openings between the east and west rooms was enlarged ~~and~~ and the mantel in the main room is gone.

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The stair remains inclosed and rises against the north wall. The second floor has lost a good deal of its original woodwork. The house must have been extensively modernized in the late 19th century.

The basement is entered through the back section. It contains a sunken vault of some sort, probably for cold storage. The third floor has been finished off so no clues to construction could be detected there.

One of the most interesting and valuable aspects of this property is the double pen log barn with a central threshing floor. The exterior is covered with board and batten siding and a shed addition extends off the south end. The logs are in excellent shape and are joined by V-notches. Access to the pens is ~~is~~ gained through large openings in the interior log walls.

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 Orvis farmhouse is one of many three room plans with a symmetrical facade and located on the south slope of a hill. ~~This modified German plan is well represented in this part of the county and may be the result of a German movement in the late 18th or early 19th centuries into this area.~~ The farmhouse interior has been renovated in the late 19th century so little remains of early 19th century detailing. The late 19th century woodwork, however, was added with discretion and should not be considered inferior.

~~Even~~ More significant than the house is the double pen log barn which is the only barn of its type located in this area. The once, undoubtedly, common form has become relatively extinct in this section of the state.

★ 1806 DOUBLE PEN LOG BARN / BARN
 INITIALS J. S. STAND FOR JAMES SIMS

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

9/22/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

JS 37/377

Green's Delight

1836

Joseph Moore - Cecil Co., Farmer
To
Joseph Raman
159½ Acres \$4000.00

JS 9/443

10/1/1813

James Sims of Cecil Co.
To
Joseph Moore
Greenbury, Green's Delight, Borans Forest
159½ Acres \$6000.00

JS 3/216

5/28/1807

George Gillespie
To
James Sims
159½ Acres \$2,666.00

WILL

7/21/1787

George Gillespie, Father
To
George Gillespie, Son

WKS 10/115 P.116 1. John Steel & Wife Eliz.

8/23/1746

To
George Gillespie (Part of Barans Forest)

WK 2/31 P32

5/4/1734

2. John Lorgant (?) sp.
To
George Gillespie

JD 3/318 P 139

11/4/1719

Abraham Pennington
To
John Lorgant
Greenbury or Green's Delight

P 2 3/500

1714

Proprietors of State of Maryland
To
Abraham Pennington
241 Acres - Greenbury - Green's Delight

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James Sims of Cecil Co. Oct. 1, 1813

to

Joseph Moore
Tracts mentioned "Greenbury, Green's Delight,
"Borans Forest"
159 acres \$ 6000.00

JS 3/216

George Gillespie May 28, 1807

to

James Sims 159½ acres \$ 2,606

Will

George Gillespie, father July 21, 1787

to

son George Gillespie

WKS (?)

10/115-116

John Steel and wife Eliz. August 23, 1746

to

George Gillespie (part of Boran's Forest)

WK 2/31-32

John Lorgant (?) 5/4/1734

to

George Gillespie

JD 3/138-139

Abraham Pennington November 4, 1719

to

John Lorgant (Greenbury or Greens Delight)

3/500

Proprietors of the State of Maryland 1714

to

Abraham Pennington 241 a. Greenbury-Greens

Delight

CHAIN OF TITLE

ORVIS 1836 J.S. 37/377

From Joseph Moore to Joseph Roman
159 acres, Green's Delight

Joseph Roman to Jane Way Will C 10/8
1852

March 6, 1874 A W M 1/417 (141)
Heirs of Jane Way to Joshua Way

April 2, 1881 J A D 1/538
Lydia Way to June E. Way

Nov. 27, 1882 J A D 6/61
June Way to Sarah Way Samellands

Sarah Way to Philip R. West
March 23, 1892 J A D 23/476

RR. West to Boyd C. Etter CLP 1/213

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Conowingo Md. Pa.
4397
QUAD.

Rock Springs

New Valley Sch

Porters Grove Ch

Richardsmere

Conowingo Ch

Conowingo (PO) Kilby Corner

Conowingo Sta

OCTORARO

Rowlandsville

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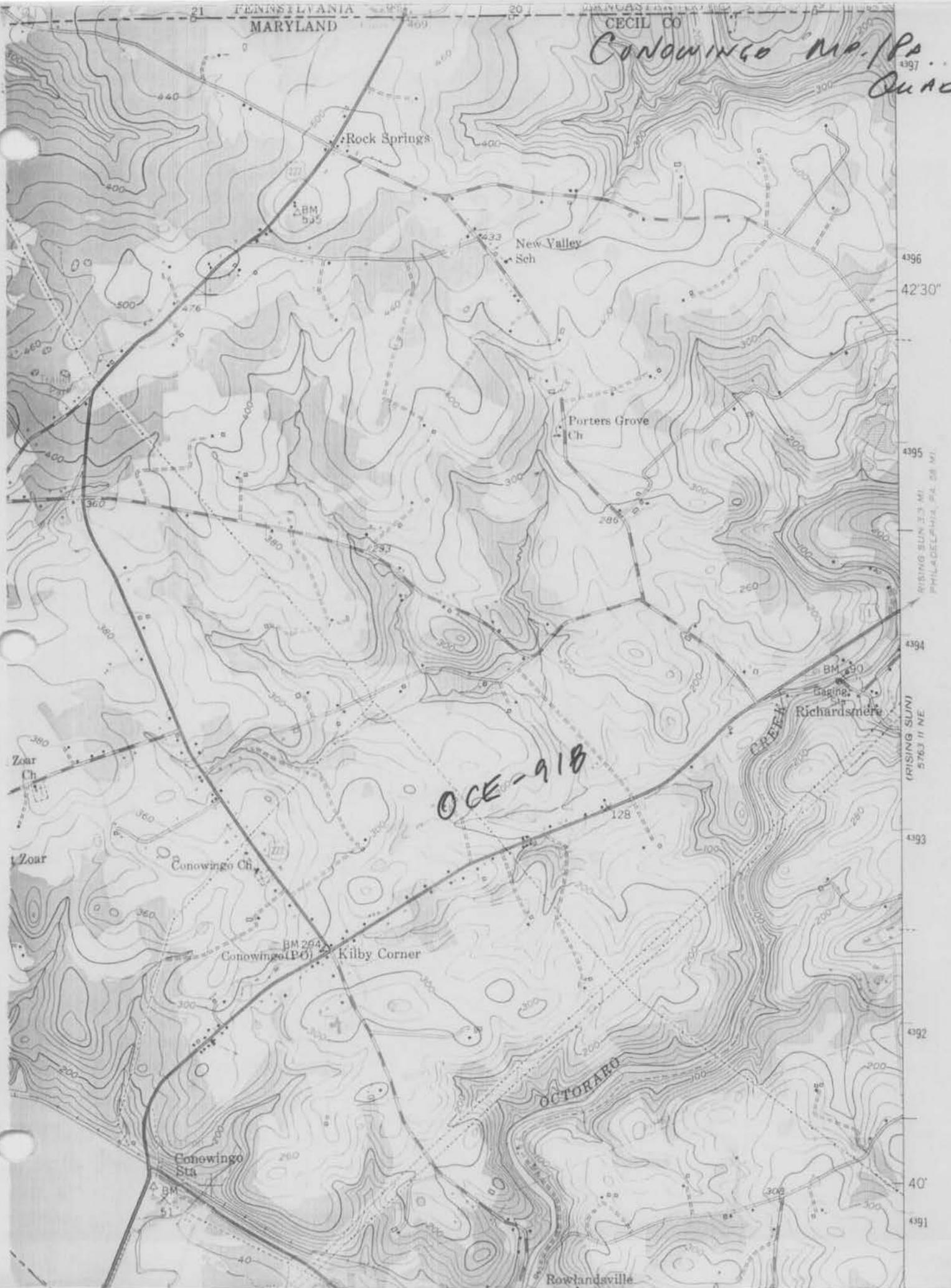
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40'

4391

RISE SUN 3.3 MI
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 28 MI.

(RISE SUN)
5763 11 NE





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GREEN'S DELIGHT
CONOWINGO, MD.
SOUTH ELEVATION

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NORTH ELEVATION

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BARN - WEST ELEVATION

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BARN INTERIOR

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