

CE-982  
Kennedy House  
Near Warwick  
Private

C. 1860-1870

The Kennedy House stands on property that borders the Sassafras River and the owners of this property have had a continuous history of owning land in both Cecil and Kent Counties. The house appears in 1877 on the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas under George Kennedy's name and adjacent to a grist and saw mill. The two story three bay frame house saw a radical change in the late 19th Century with the addition of gable end bay windows and a mansard roof.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File 1-138

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Kennedy House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Sassafras-Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Sassafras

 VICINITY OF

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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Middle town

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Delaware 19709

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

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: ~~WAS~~ WAS 126  
Folio #: 94

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

MARYLAND

**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**

KENNEDY HOUSE

The Kennedy house is a three story three bay by one room frame house with a two and one-half story T kitchen section to the east. The house was extensively remodeled in the late 19th Century with the addition of the mansard roof for the full third story in front and three story end wall bay windows on the main block. Numerous single and double story additions have been attached to the different sides. Maryland 282 passes 100 yards in front and replaced the earlier road which the house fronts. The main facade faces west with a north/south primary gable orientation.

The house rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The second floor of the bay windows is covered with decorative round edged fishscale shingles. The sides of the mansard roof are covered with aluminum.

The primary facade is three bays across with an entrance in the central bay. The window and door trim is plain. The single pane sash are flanked with louvered shutters. Five two-over-two sash dormers stretch across the mansard roof with extended eaves and shallow gable roof. A single story screened in porch covers the entire first floor, and is supported by a concrete block knee high wall. The north and south end of the main block have projecting bay windows and the mansard roof continues to cover them. Decorative brackets adorn the outside corner soffits of the mansard roof since the sides of the windows are on a diagonal. The two-over-two window sash have plain trim with slightly molded caps. A single third floor dormer window lights the attic. A single bay two story section is attached to the southeast corner of the T plan and contains a side entrance and bathroom above. The entrance has been changed to a window but the hip roof porch with doric columns remains. A single story porch and enclosed kitchen extends around the kitchen section. The second floor has two-over-two sash lights and a two-over-two sash dormer on the south side. Two six pane attic lights flank the interior end stove stack. The eaves are extended on this section with the soffits sloped. The north side of the house has the first floor continuation of the kitchen and a two story glassed-in sun porch in the northeast corner. Another chimney stack does rise out of the northeast corner of the main house. One other stack rises out of the center of the main block.

The interior was extensively remodeled in the last 19th Century or early 20th but some of the fluted door surrounds with bulls eye corner blocks remain with their four panel doors. Alterations to the first floor removed the north interior hall wall and a large oak stair rises to the third floor. There is a landing and ninety-degree turn three stairs from the first floor. The newel is square and the balusters turned with a molded handrail. Another later addition was the north parlor mantel on the northeast wall of the bay window. The naturally stained oak mantel has detached columns that rise to support a cornice above the over mantel which has a beveled oval mirror. Applied oak foliate decoration embellishes the overmantel also. Greenish tile decorates the spandrels on either side of the fireplace opening which is covered with an elaborate cast iron grill. Detailing throughout the rest of the house remains basically plain. The third floor was also finished.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

ERIOD	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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kennedy house appears to have been a fairly non-descript "I" house of around 1860. The house shows up on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas under the name of G. Kennedy and adjacent to the Grist and Saw Mill.

Although the house has seen a radical change in appearance the architectural quality of the alterations did not destroy the integrity of the structure. The significant woodwork dates from the late 19th Century remodeling.

**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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STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

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DATE

10/18/79

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STATE

Maryland 21921

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CECILTON, MA.  
Qu. 30.  
MURCH

NECK

BIDDLE ROAD

BIDDLE

WARDS

HILL

ROAD

Ginns Corner

BUDD LANDING ROAD

Duffy

Creek

Sassafras

CECIL CO  
KENT CO

CE-902

428 50'

429

(MILLINGTON)  
5862 IV SE

47'30" 432

SCALE 1:24000





KENNEDY House

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NEAR

WAILWICK,

MD.

ON

SASSARILAS

CREEK

NORTHEAST

ELEVATION

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CE-982

Kennedy House

NR  
Warwick, Mo. on Sassafras Creek

South Elevation

6/79 PIST



Kennedy House

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NE WARWICK, MD. ON SASSAFRAS CREEK

W. EAST ELEVATION

6/79 PIST