

Friendship Farm
CH-101
Nanjemoy vic.
Private

c. 1790; c. 1840

Friendship Farm is a modest three-part dwelling with a telescoping plan that was constructed during the second quarter of the 19th century. The dwelling is surrounded by open fields and woodlands and is situated on a 132-acre farm. The main block is two stories in height and three bays wide with a single-pile, side-passage plan. Although extensively altered, the center block and kitchen wing may predate the main block, forming the original building.

The dwelling at Friendship Farm is a significant example of the types of modest homes constructed in Charles County during the middle of the 19th century. This relatively small and unadorned dwelling, likely the abode of an overseer or farm manager and his family, has the typical telescoping facade of its larger and more formal counterparts.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-101

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Friendship Farm (preferred)
 other Karlsson Farm

2. Location

street and number 4225 Friendship Landing Road not for publication
 city, town Nanjemoy vicinity
 county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Christopher R.B. and Evelyn K. Merritt
 street and number 4225 Friendship Landing Road telephone unknown
 city, town Nanjemoy state MD zip code 20662-3439

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 61-4
 city, town LaPlata liber 216 folio 574

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: MIHP form 1978

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Friendship Farm is a modest three part dwelling with a telescoping plan that was likely constructed during the second quarter of the 19th century. The dwelling faces northeast and is surrounded by open fields and woodlands comprising a 132 acre tract. The main block has a two story side passage, single pile plan with two telescoping one room extensions off the east elevation. Although extensively altered, the center block and kitchen may predate the main block, forming the original building.

The exterior of Friendship Farm was surveyed in 1978 by J. Richard Rivoire. The dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation and the wood frame is covered with weatherboard siding throughout with the exception of a twentieth century rear addition now covered in German siding. The tin roof is currently covered with a layer of tar. The cornice is boxed and the dwelling is heated by two chimneys laid in American bond. On the west end of the main block is a narrow stepped exterior brick chimney. The center block east wall reveals a larger chimney stack. The entire foundation has been reinforced and replaced during the mid-twentieth century with concrete blocks.

The main block is two bays wide with large, original 6/6 light wood sash double hung windows throughout. The original door has been replaced. A pedimented Victorian/gothic porch with dentils now covers the entranceway which opens onto a side-passage plan. The center section and kitchen wing descend in steps from the main block. Both are one bay wide and a single room deep. All windows are of 6/6 light double-hung wood sash composition with beaded wood surrounds.

The west elevation includes the narrow stepped chimney flanked by two square attic story windows.

The rear elevation is dominated by a shed addition that stretches the entire length of building, most of which appears to be of twentieth century origin. The center block includes a single second story 6/6 light window, while the kitchen wing is without second story fenestration.

The east elevation includes two original windows in the kitchen block, one on each floor and of the same composition as those on the façade. Under the shed roof is an exterior door and a 6/6 light window.

INTERIOR

The plan of the main block is essentially a side passage plan. Much of the early or original plaster throughout is intact and all floors and woodwork appear to be largely intact and original. The primary entranceway opens onto a narrow hall with the parlor to the right. What is now the rear doorway, opposite the entrance, is a four panel door that retains its 19th century hardware. The door includes a two-light transom above and simple beaded molding. The hall includes wood paneling, stripped of its earlier finishes in the twentieth century and a relatively modest newel. Unusually, the stair now faces south, while the primary entrance is on the north. This and further evidence make it likely that the buildings orientation may have changed over the history of the structure.

The parlor to the west of the hall in the main block contains a modest mantle almost

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identical to that found in the c. 1860 Simms/Burch House (CH-626). Both have a stylized oak leaf ornamentation. The fireplace of the first floor appears to have been reworked. The door to the parlor has four panels and its original hardware. A second door to the rear of the room also has four panels and includes a 2-light transom. This door currently provides access to a mid 20th century kitchenette. The room above includes a similar less ornate mantle of small proportions. Also floors, baseboards, doors and surrounds are the same as those found below. The floor consists of wide wood boards with wide beaded baseboards. Walls and ceiling are of plaster.

What is most unusual is configuration of the second floor landing which covers the transom windows of the current main entrance door. On the exterior, the transom has been partially covered with weatherboards. Also the door off the landing that accesses the center block is partially over the descending staircase. This may be evidence that the current stairway post-dates the original construction of the main block and that an earlier stair continued to provide access to the second floor until the new stair was constructed.

The center block probably predates the main block but substantial alterations complicate its dating. Vinyl currently covers the floor and drywall has been screwed to the ceiling to prevent the plaster from collapsing. Twentieth century French doors open onto a room under the shed addition. The first and second floor mantles as well as the mantle found in the first floor kitchen wing are all similar consisting of a simple two part composition. Four panel doors are also present. Upstairs window surrounds are square edged. Although it was not observed, according to the occupant, there is a break in the floor in the center block second floor near the middle of the west wall, close to the current stairs which may be evidence of an earlier stair.

The kitchen wing includes a board and batten door with box lock and a beaded wood surround. A door to the shed addition is 4-panelled with beaded surrounds.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
Specific dates	circa 1840	Architect	unknown		
Construction dates	Circa 1840	Builder	unknown		

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Originally part of "Friendship", a large tract purchased by Thomas Dent from Captain Guither before 1676, during the 18th century a small dwelling CH-8, barn CH-9 and grist mill stood nearby. The early history of the Friendship tract has been well researched by J. Richard Rivoire(1993). The Dent family retained ownership of the property until the 1816 when the property, encompassing 1,052 acres, was sold to Joseph Gray, Sr. and John Franklin Gray.

Before the Gray's acquisition there were several buildings on the farm including the Friendship House CH-8, believed to have been occupied by William Dent; the Dent family principal residence, occupied superintendent George Hudson; and a third house occupied by Charles Adams. (1798 Federal Direct Tax for Charles County).

After the Gray's purchase, the property was divided in two. Joseph assumed possession of the northern half which continued to be known as Friendship and John acquired the lower portion which he renamed Chinquapin. Joseph Gray owned a number of tracts in the neighborhood and resided at Mansion Hall CH-20(site) about one mile northwest of Durham Church. He died in 1820 and his property was divided equally between his sons Robert F. and Joseph, Jr. Robert received 227 acres on the north side of the road (Lot 5)while Joseph received 254 acres on the south side (Lot 6). The property descended through the Gray family until 1925 when George William Gray sold to Arthur Karlsson 288 acres of the Friendship tract.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 132.25
Acreage of historical setting 5
Quadrangle name Nanjemoy Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 4225 Friendship Landing Road is associated with Charles County Property Map 61, Grid 2, Parcel 4.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept.	date	1/03/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/2000

North arrow:



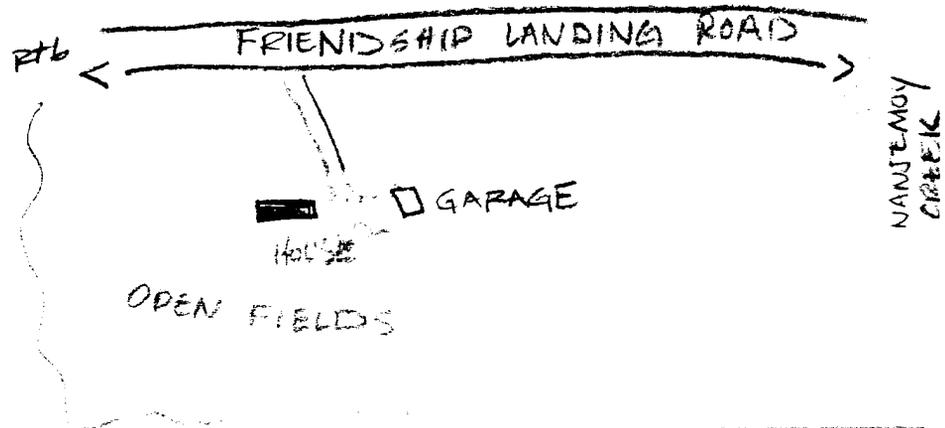
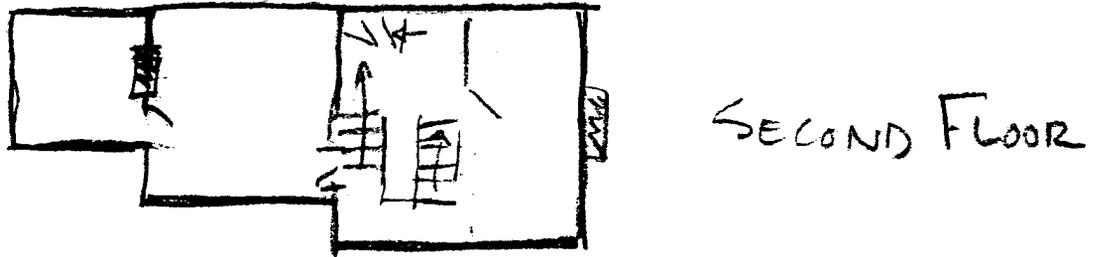
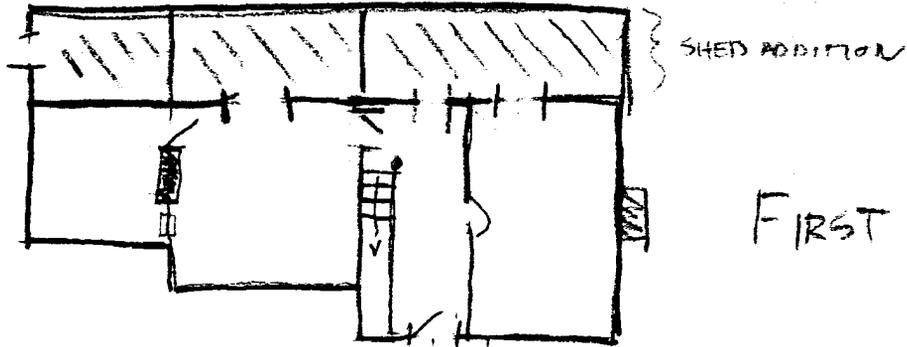
Name: FRIENDSHIP FARM

Address: 4225 FRIENDSHIP LNDG RD

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Charles County, Maryland

NANJEMOY Vicinity



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Friendship Farm
name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of title:

- April 18, 1816 William Dent to Joseph Gray, Sr. and John Franklin Gray.
Entire Friendship tract containing 1052 a.
IB 11 Folio 333
- 1820 Division of Joseph Gray, Sr.'s real estate.
Lot 5 - to Robert F. Gray. Land on north of road 227 3/4 a.
Lot 6 - to Joseph Gray, Jr. South side 254 a.
Court Proceedings, 1821-1822: 420-437
- April 16, 1925 George William and Fannie D. Gray to Arthur Karlsson. "Friendship"
containing 288 acres acquired as follows.
1. Mathilde Dent to GWG April 9, 1883 BGS 6 folio 285.
2. Mathilde Dent, et al to GWG same date
3. Ann Mathilde Gray and husband to GWG December 20, 1919 WMA 35
folio 666. Corrective deed for the 4 acres omitted in #1.
4. Paul Gray, unmarried to GWG April 14, 1925 another corrective deed.
5. By descent as heir at law of Mathilde Dent, as to 1/4 interest of 4 acre
lot.
WMA 43 Folio 459

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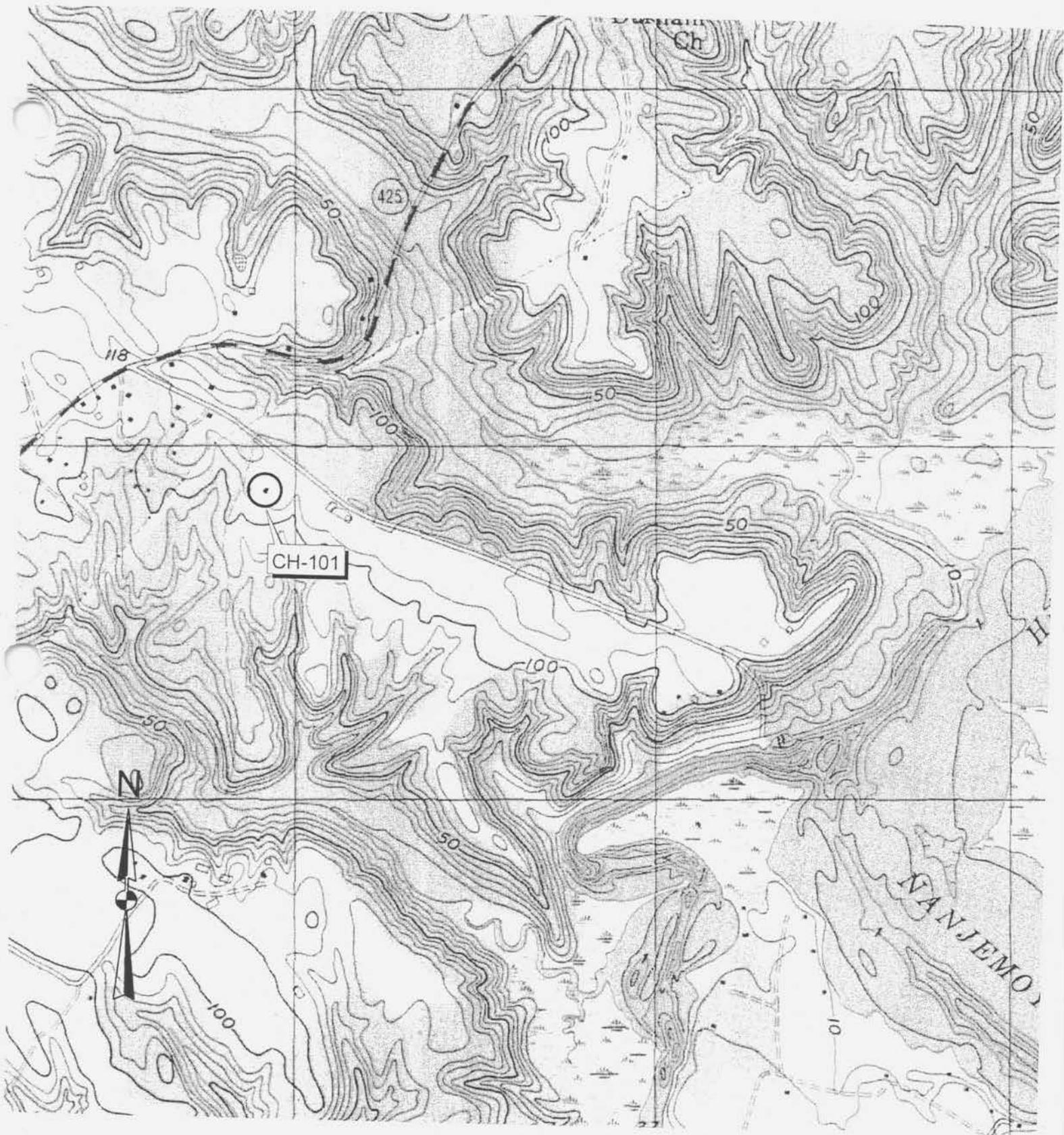
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Charles County, MD
Nanjemoy, MD Quad



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MD SHPO
LOOKING SOUTHWEST



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CHARLES CO, MD

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C. CURREY
MD SHPO

MAIN BLOCK, HALL LOOKING SOUTH
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MD SHPO

WEST WALL / CHIMNEY
30F 10



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C. CURREY
MD SHPO
LOOKING NW



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FRIENDSHIP FARM

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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C. CURREY

MD SHPO

MAIN BLOCK WEST WALL, MANTLE, FIRST FLOOR



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FRIENDSHIP FARM

CHARLES CO. MD

11/2000

C. CURRY

MD SHPO

MAIN BLOCK WEST WALL, 2ND FLOOR MANTLE



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FRIENDSHIP FARM
CHARLES CO., MD
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C. CURREY
MD SHPO

MAIN BLOCK, STAIR, LOOKING NORTH



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FRIENDSHIP FARM
CHARLES Co, MD

11/2000

C. CURREY
MD SHPO

CENTER BLOCK, EAST WALL, 1st FLOOR



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FRIENDSHIP FARM
CHARLES CO. MD

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C. CURREY
MD SHPO

CENTER BLOCK, EAST WALL, 2ND FLOOR

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CHARLES CO. MD

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C. CURRY

MD SHPO

Kitchen, WEST WALL, 1st FLOOR

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Nanjemoy vicinity
Private

Circa 1840

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY *PREC # 0101015404*

1 NAME

HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP FARM (Karlsson House)

AND/OR COMMON _____

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side Friendship Landing Road

CITY, TOWN Nanjemoy VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Maryland COUNTY Charles

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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Arthur Karlsson Telephone #: _____

STREET & NUMBER Friendship Farm

CITY, TOWN Nanjemoy VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Charles County Courthouse Liber #: 216

STREET & NUMBER Charles Street (P.O. Box B) Folio #: 574

CITY, TOWN La Plata STATE Maryland 20646

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Friendship Farm is a two story, three part frame farmhouse situated on the south side of Friendship Landing Road about one half mile from its junction with Md. Rte. 6. Of simple architectural styling, the house appears to have been built in different stages, but each of the three sections appear so closely related in age that it is difficult to determine which is the older part.

The largest section is located at the west end and is two bays wide on both floor levels. The main entrance door, formerly surmounted by a transome that has been covered over by clapboard, occupies the first bay from the east end. The doorway, with a plain unornamented surround, currently frames a fully glazed "French" door. The three windows all frame sash of six-over-six panes. Fronting the door is a Victorian Gothic-style pedimented porch with vertical dentils decorating the gable and square tapered posts with inset tapered panels rounded at the top and bottom.

The opposite side of the house, like the front, is two bays wide. A one story shed roofed porch extends the full width of the rear of the house. The area fronting the west end section is completely enclosed and has two windows. All four windows of this elevation frame six-over-six sash. The west end of this section has a centered chimney with stepped shoulders and free-standing stack.

The center section of the house is slightly lower than the west end but is a full two storys high. It has a single six-over-six sash window at both levels of the north side. The rear elevation has a single second floor window and a double-leafed "French" door at the first floor opening into a screened area of the rear porch addition. This portion of the house has a single chimney at the east end that appears at one time to have been exposed and is probably similar in design to the chimney at the west end of the house. It is likely that the middle and west end sections are contemporary with one another and constitute the original house, though this is only conjectured.

The east end section is also two storys and lower than the middle wing. Since the front (north) elevations of the house step back from one another in telescoping fashion yet are flush on the south side, the east wing is the smallest part of the house. It has a single window on both floor levels of the north side but no other openings. The rear porch extending across the south side is enclosed in this area and has a single window on its back wall and a door and window in the east end.

All parts of the house are sheathed with lapped clapboards except the enclosed areas of the porch which are sheathed with "novelty" siding. Except for the front porch of the main section, the house is extremely plain, lacking even simple moldings to trim the windows

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (continued on the attached sheet)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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"/> 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

Friendship Farm is located on a 137 acre tract of land identified as Parcel 4, Map 61, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976.)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

October 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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and eave cornices. The roof of all parts of the house are sheathed with composition shingles.



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FRIENDSHIP FARM; View From

SE. J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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FRIENDSHIP FARM, View From

NE. J.R.Rivoire, 1978