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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property
   (indicate preferred name)
   historic: Holly Springs
   other

2. Location
   street and number: west side Holly Springs Road
   city, town: Nanjemoy
   county: Charles

3. Owner of Property
   (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   name: Samuel C. Linton, Jr et al
   street and number: 3480 Laurel Drive
   city, town: Indian Head
   state: MD
   zip code: 20640-3111

4. Location of Legal Description
   courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Charles County Courthouse
   tax map and parcel: 70 p. 223
   city, town: La Plata
   liber: 1191
   folio: 41

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
   Other

6. Classification
   Category
   district X
   building(s) X
   structure
   site
   object
   Ownership
   public X
   private
   both
   Current Function
   agriculture
   commerce/trade
   defense
   domestic X
   education
   funerary
   government
   health care
   industry
   landscape
   recreation/culture
   religion
   social
   transportation
   work in progress
   unknown
   vacant/not in use
   other:
   Resource Count
   Contributing 2
   Noncontributing
   buildings
   structures
   objects
   Total 2
   Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 1
Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Holly Springs was extensively documented by J. Richard Rivoire and published in his 1990 work "Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland" published by the Southern Maryland Studies Center in La Plata. A formal survey form was never completed for the property. The following information is extracted from the published information which includes copies of photographs and scaled drawings housed at the Southern Maryland Studies Center, College of Southern Maryland in La Plata. The dwelling is the focal point of a 230 acre farm on the west side of Holly Springs Road. The site includes a number of outbuildings most notably, a pyramidal roof meathouse believed to be contemporary with the dwelling.

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8. Significance

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Specific dates 1790, 1920

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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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Harrison was part of an elite group of landowners in Charles County. Born at nearby Walnut Landing, Walter Hanson Harrison was the brother of Robert Hanson Harrison, Aide-de-Campe and trusted associate to General Washington. Robert was also a delegate to the first Constitutional Convention. His brother William was a member of Congress from Maryland from 1785-1787. Walter Hanson Harrison served at Durham Parish alongside General William Smallwood, Major General of the Maryland Line during the Revolutionary War (Smallwood's Retreat CH-12).

The Episcopal Church, originally known as the Church of England, was the predominant religion of English colonists and congregationists began meeting and worshiping soon after arriving in Southern Maryland. In 1692, an act was passed that established parishes and appointed vestries to govern the church affairs. The Governor appointed the rector of each parish from a list of nominees supplied by the Bishop of London, usually taking into consideration the will of the parishioners. The Church was supported by a tax of 40 pounds on every person in the parish regardless of their faith. After the American Revolution, the Episcopal Church lost its right to impose a tax on all citizens and suffered severe financial hardship.
9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 230
Acreage of historical setting 230
Quadrangle name Nanjemoy
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000
Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 70, Parcel 223.

11. Form Prepared By

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Fig. 140. Holly Springs. An early view of the house showing its nineteenth-century, two-part, west wing, which incorporated a former detached kitchen. The two porches and their contrasting designs are intriguing. Picture File, SMSC, (gift of Samuel C. Linton, Jr.).

Fig. 141. Holly Springs. John M. Wearmouth, SMSC.
Fig. 134. Holly Springs. West end elevation. (A. former pent window; B. a door was cut through the pent wall when the addition was made to this end of the house in the early nineteenth century (Fig. 140).) The bricks of the chimneys and pent are laid in English bond. Author.

Fig. 135. Holly Springs. Restored first floor plan. Author.
The initial stage of this two-story, two-part frame house is believed to have been built by members of the Harrison family. Walter Harrison, a late 18th century rector of Durham Church, and Robert Hanson Harrison, an aide-de-camp to General Washington during the Revolutionary War, are believed to have lived here at various times. The structure has been altered in both the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
1. STATE MD.
COUNTY CHAS.
TOWN Grayton AT VICINITY Holly Springs
(STRIP H.S. R.D.)

2. NAME Holly Springs -
DATE OR PERIOD Ca. 1760
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

   CHIMNEYS - N END. 2 ROOMS DEEP -
   3 ROOMS S END DOOR: W, W, D. (DBL. PARLOR
   S END HALL). NEW WING TO S END REPLACES
   ONE OF G. 1820 VINTAGE.
   CELLAR
   ROOF "A" - N = S
   CHIMNEYS EXT.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE
   Endangered
   Interior good
   Exterior good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
   INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
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