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Holly Springs

Architectural Survey File

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Holly Springs **1790;1920**
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Riverside vic.
Private

Located near Riverside in the southwestern section of Charles County, Holly Springs was extensively documented by architectural historian J. Richard Rivoire in the 1980's. Erected circa 1790, Holly Springs consists of a 2 ½ story double-pile, frame structure with a pair of end-chimneys joined by a projecting pent. The dwelling has been enlarged several times, most significantly with the 1920 addition of a cross-gable wing opposite the massive chimney. Despite alterations in the 19th and early 20th century, the dwelling retains its original four-room plan and some of its distinctive woodwork including ceiling cornices, molded door and window architraves and paneled wainscoting. Chimney breasts in all first and second story rooms are intact as is a built-in corner cabinet in the dining room and an elaborate molded architrave that separates the entrance hall and stair passage.

Holly Springs is significant as an important and relatively rare example of 18th century architecture in southwestern Charles County, as well as for its association with the religious history of Southern Maryland. The dwelling was built by Walter Hanson Harrison, the rector of Durham Parish(CH-63) from 1779 until his death in 1798. Harrison served during an era of great transformation after the American Revolution when the Episcopal Church, formerly the Church of England, lost its right to impose a tax on all citizens. Harrison's severe financial hardships during this period were reflective of the financial burden faced by the former Church of England as they formally separated from secular governing bodies.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-109

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Holly Springs
other	

2. Location

street and number	west side Holly Springs Road	___	not for publication
city, town	Nanjemoy	X	vicinity
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			telephone	unknown
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)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership

___ public
X private
___ both

Current Function

___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
X domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	___	buildings
___	___	sites
___	___	structures
___	___	objects
2	___	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

1

7. Description

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Condition

___	excellent	___	deteriorated
X	good	___	ruins
___	fair	___	altered

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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Despite alterations in the 19th and early 20th century, the dwelling retains its original four-room plan and some of its distinctive woodwork including ceiling cornices, molded door and window architraves and paneled wainscoting which were formally documented by Rivoire. Chimney breasts in all first and second story rooms are intact as is a built-in corner cabinet in the dining room and an elaborate molded architrave that separates the entrance hall and stair passage.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
X 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philospohy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
__ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	X religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime industry	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates 1790; 1920 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1790;1920

Evaluation for:

____ National Register ____ Maryland Register X 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.)

Holly Springs is significant as an important and relatively rare example of 18th century architecture in southwestern Charles County, as well as for its association with the religious history of Southern Maryland. The dwelling was built by Walter Hanson Harrison, who was educated in England, ordained by the Bishop of London and licensed for Maryland in 1774. In 1779 he returned to Charles County where he was elected rector of Durham Parish (CH-63). He maintained this position until his death in 1798.

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

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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

name/title	Cathy Hardy/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning	dat	5/19/2003
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-5815
city or town	La Plata	stat MD	zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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.*

Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles Co., Md.
J. Richard Rivoire, 1980 Co. Md. Cultural [illegible] Md.

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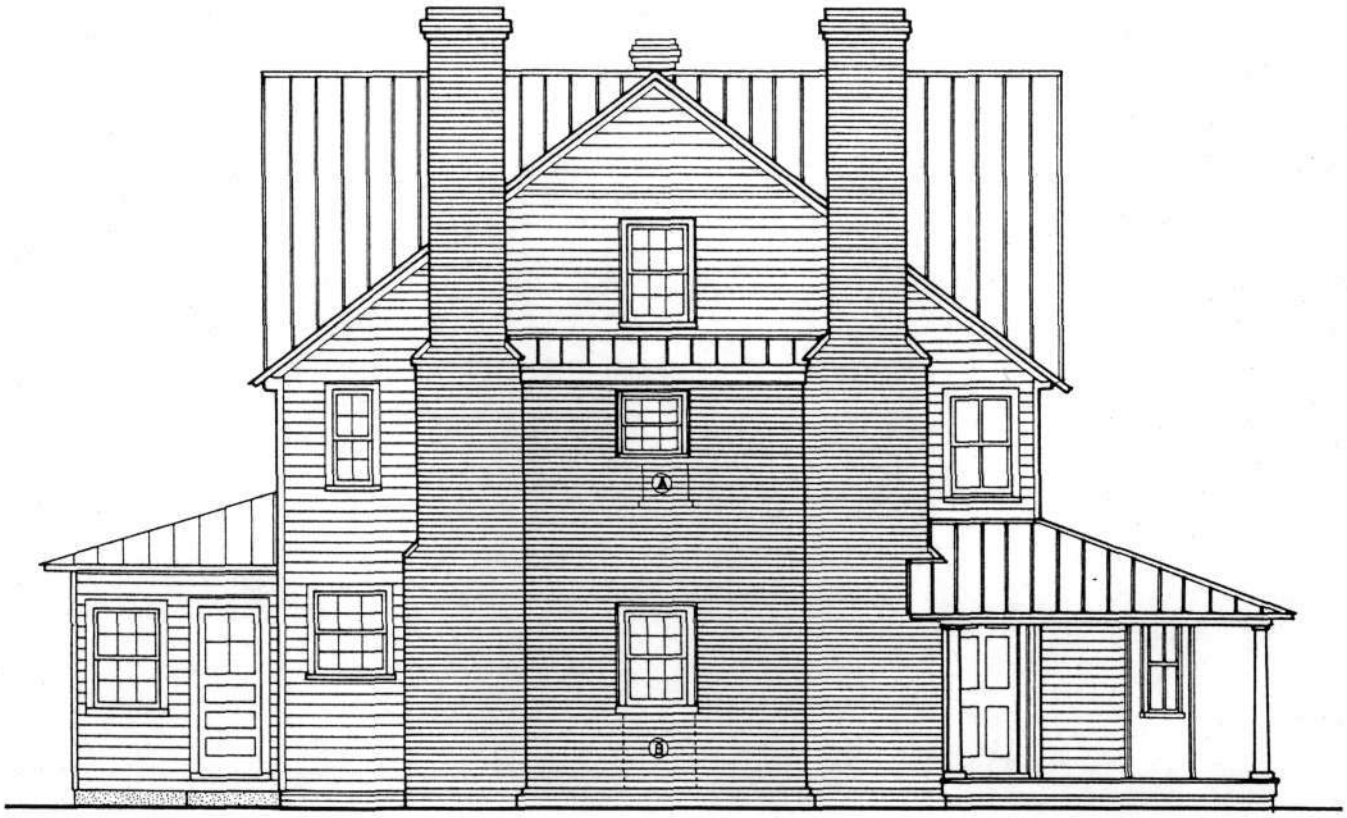


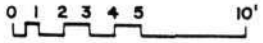


Fig. 134. Holly Springs. West end elevation. *(A. former pent window; B. a door was cut through the pent wall when the addition was made to this end of the house in the early nineteenth century (Fig. 140).)* The bricks of the chimneys and pent are laid in English bond. *Author.*

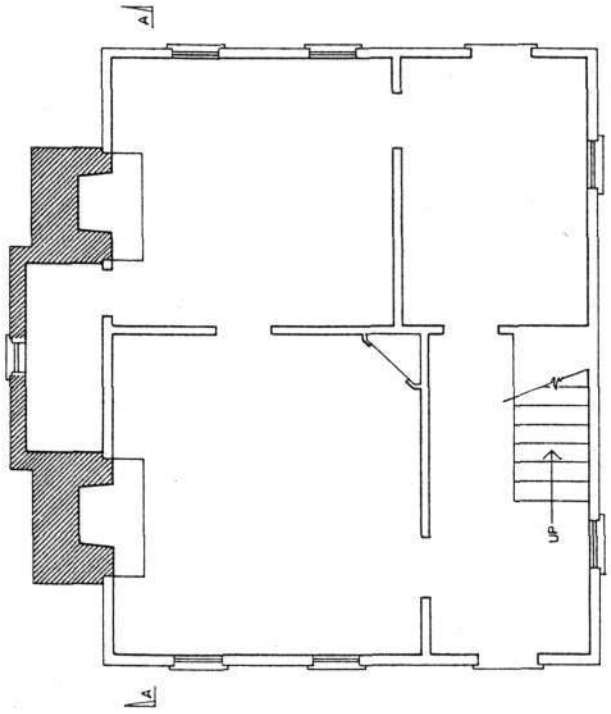
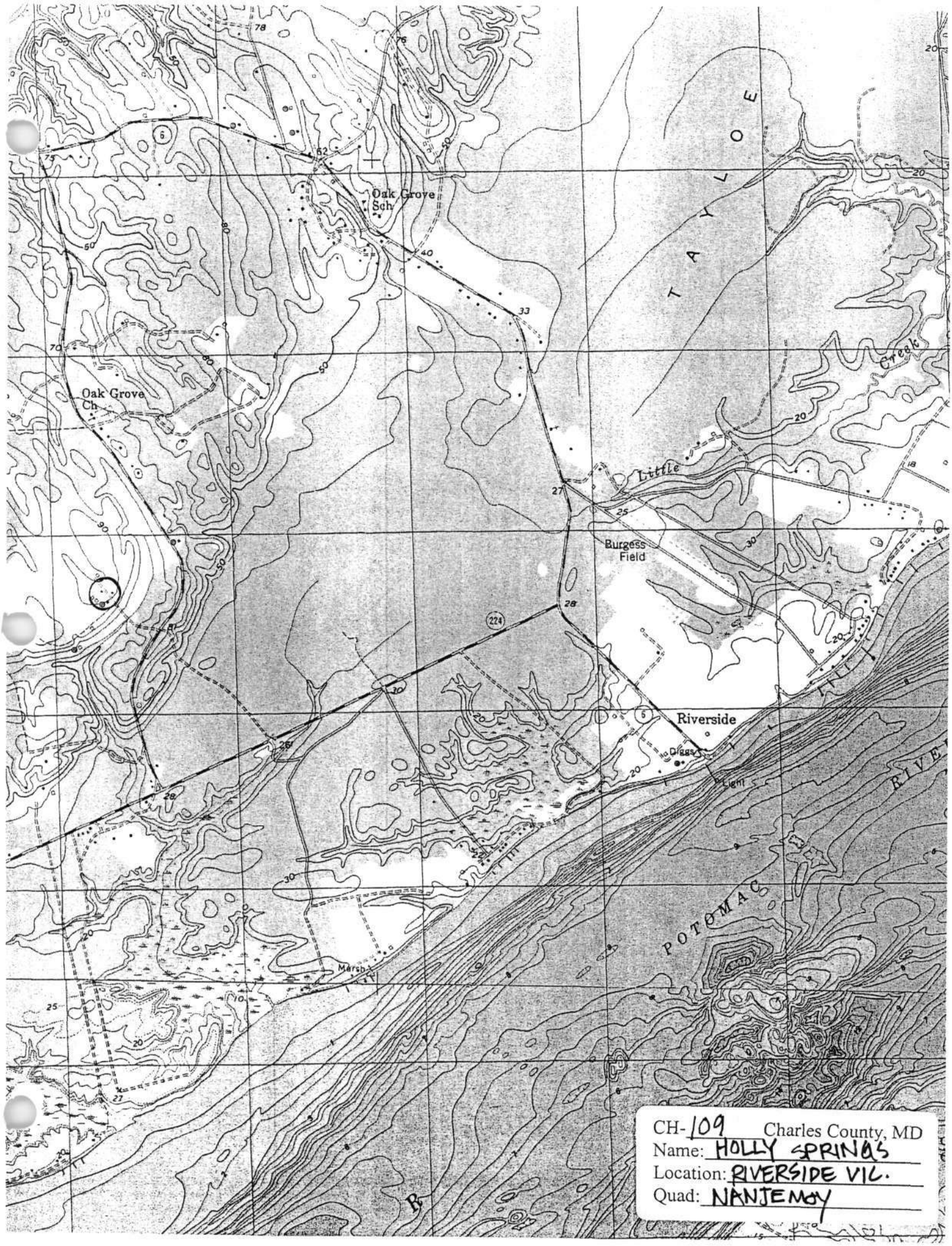


Fig. 135. Holly Springs. Restored first floor plan. *Author.*



CH-109 Charles County, MD
Name: HOLLY SPRINGS
Location: RIVERSIDE VIC.
Quad: NANJEMOY

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Holly Springs
Grayton
Private

late 19th century

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.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE MD.
COUNTY Chas.
TOWN GRAYTON AT VICINITY HOLLY SPRINGS
STREET NO. (N SIDE H.S. RD.)

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER SAM. LINTON JR.
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION FRAME / BRK. NOG.
NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

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 OPEN TO PUBLIC

dbl. chimneys - N END. 2 ROOMS deep - 3 bays ℄ end door: W. W. D. (DBL. PARLOR ℄ end hall). NEW WING TO S end replaces one of c. 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.

DATA S.L. MHT FILE

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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