

Harris Lot House
CH-705
Harris Lot
Private

Mid 19th century

The Harris Lot House is a simple two story, single-pile frame dwelling standing directly on the west side of Rock Point Road in the former village of Harris Lot. The dwelling is three bays in length and includes a one-story shed roof addition to the west and south elevations. The site is amazingly well-preserved retaining original woodwork, windows, doors, and exterior siding. The interior has been modestly altered by the removal of a partition wall separating the hall passage from the parlor. Once at the heart of the 19th century village of Harris Lot, the site included a blacksmith shop and storehouse nearby. The dwelling is associated with Locust Grove (CH-353), and Harris Lot Dance Hall (CH-731).

7. Description

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Condition

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

Built around the time of the Civil War, the Harris Lot House is a simple two-story, single-pile, frame dwelling that stands directly on the west side of Rock Point Road in the former village of Harris Lot. A one-story shed-roof addition is attached to the west and south elevations. The dwelling is three bays in length with the entrance door occupying the northernmost bay. An exterior brick chimney with a stepped shoulder and corbelled cap is attached to the south gable elevation of the main block. Overall, the building is exceptionally well-preserved including a high degree of early or original materials and design. An early 20th century garage stands on the site.

Currently, the frame is covered with both German and weatherboard siding. The roof is asphalt. Windows include 6/6 double hung wood sash. One of the building's most unusual features is its shallow overhanging roofline which may indicate that the structure has been modified from its original form. The porch is supported by narrow square wooden posts and the floor is of tongue and groove plank.

Originally having a side-passage plan, in the 20th century the partition wall was removed to enlarge the living space of the parlor. The stair is intersected by the gable-end window and makes a quarter turn near the second-story landing. Hand wrought nails are visible in the stair framing. Railings have been partially replaced. Under the stair is a small closet with plank door.

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"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates circa 1875 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates circa 1875

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.)

The Harris Lot House is a well maintained and relatively well preserved example of vernacular late 19th century architecture in Charles County. Additionally, it is significant as one of the last remaining structures associated with the 19th century crossroads village of Harris Lot. Harris Lot originally included at least 25 acres. In 1881, 3/4 of an acre, including a blacksmith shop, wagonhouse, storehouse, stable and dwelling was sold to James R. Perry. One acre was conveyed to Dawson P. Norris in 1935 and later the State Roads Commission acquired several acres for the expansion of Rock Point Road. The Maryland Directory of 1878 identifies the village, near then Potomac and Wicomico Rivers, as having four general stores and a mill supporting a population of 85. The village included two blacksmiths, two physicians and a brickmaker. Three teachers taught at the public school, and three churches were found nearby including a Methodist Episcopal, Episcopal and Catholic congregation. Principle crops included wheat, oats, corn and tobacco. Harris Lot was noted as a place where "emigrants here will find cheap land, well adapted to the growth of all kinds of crops, especially hay and stock raising, and the waters abounding with game, fish, oysters, crabs and terrapins in season."

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 3/4

Acreage of historical setting 25

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Harris Lot House is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 86, Parcel 159.

11. Form Prepared By

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Chain of Title:

- 1991 Interfamily transfer. Marie DeLozier. 143 acre Perry Farm.
First: Harris Lot 19 acres.
1) 3/4 acre BGS 5/312
2) 1 acre conveyed to Dawson P. Norris WMA 60/472
3) to state roads PCM 88/211
Second: Banks O' Dee
- 1935 Bernard L. Perry and Annie H. Perry to Ann Dawson Norris. A portion of the tract known as "Harris Lot". Buildings and Improvements thereupon erected made or being. One acre on west side of road.
WMA 60/472
- 1916 Sara E. Perry, City of Baltimore and Ruth L. Perry, City of Washington, DC to Bernard L. Perry and Annie H. H. Perry. 25 acres on the west side of the public road from Rock Point to LaPlata.
CP 30/301
- 1912 Sarah E. Perry of Baltimore, James and Anna Perry, and Edward C. Perry all of California, Frances L. Perry of Washington DC to Ruth L. Perry. Harris Lot. 25 acres.
HCC 24/282
- 1906 Mary St. J. Perry or New York to Sarah E. Perry. Harris Lot. 25 acres more or less.
FDM 17/161
- 1881 Charles Carter Perry and Elizabeth F. Perry to James R. Perry." that lot of ground situated on the public road containing 3/4 of an acre enclosed by a post and plank fence upon which is situated a dwelling house, storehouse, blacksmith shop and stable and wagon house"
BGS 5/312
- 1864 Benjamin G. Harris, Henry G. Harris, trustees by decree of the Circuit Court of Equity. Case of Henry G. Harris, next of friend to Ann G. Harris and her infant children...To Charles C. Perry Composed of that piece of land called Harris Lot and of a part of "James Purchase" on the brick house ____ 20 acres.

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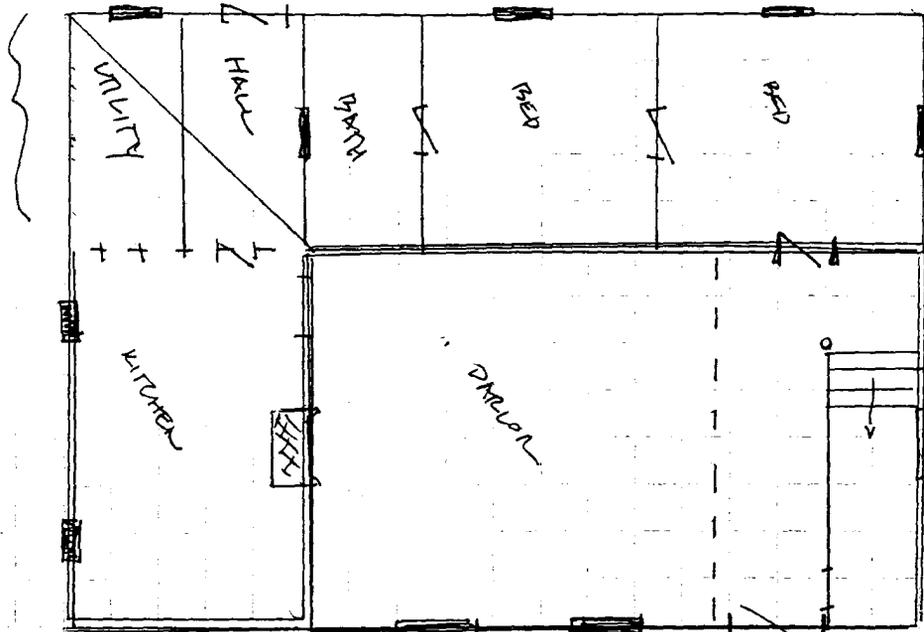
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Location: NEWBURG VIC.

Quad: COLONIAL BEACH, NORTH

20th c. shed
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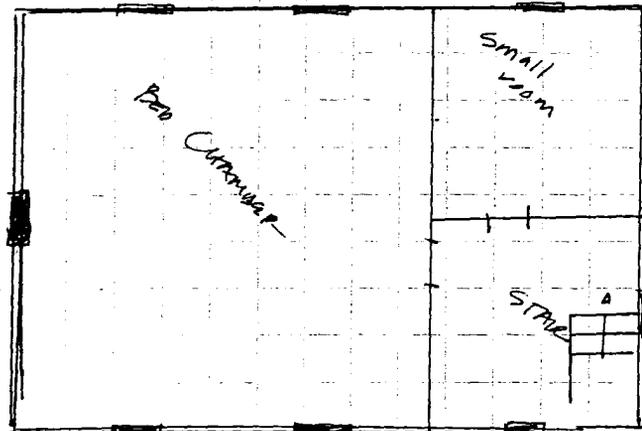
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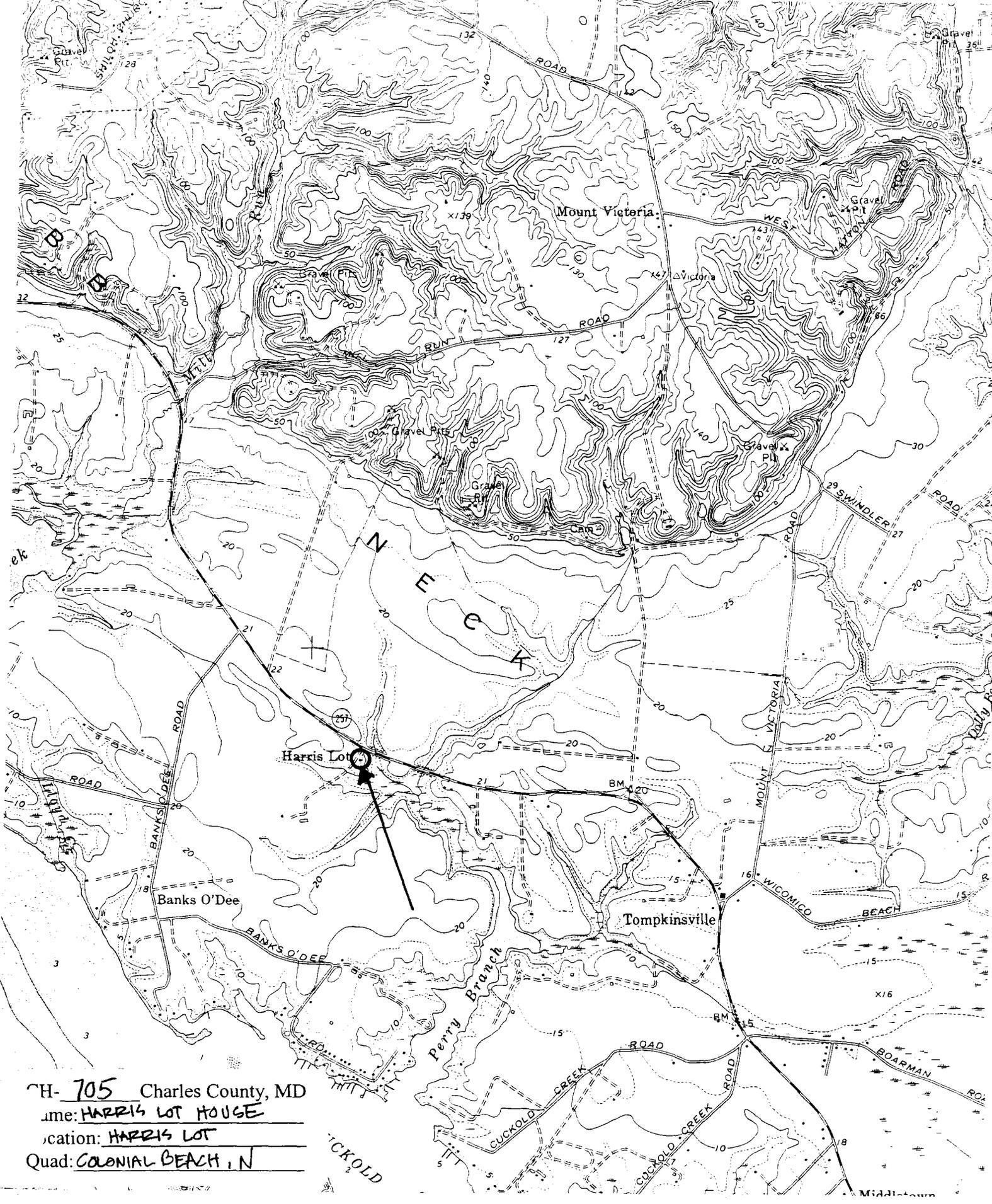
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ADDITION

PARTITION REMOVED

2ND
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NOT DRAWN TO SCALE



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