

Tompkinsville House
CH-87
Tompkinsville
Private

Circa 1870

Built around the time of the Civil War, the Tompkinsville House is an interesting example of an early Victorian dwelling with Gothic-inspired details. The two story, side gable frame dwelling includes a decorative cross gable, exterior end chimneys and a two-story rear service wing creating an overall L-plan. The dwellings most notable feature is the scrollsawn decorative vergeboard adorning the cornice, representing one of the few documented examples to survive in Charles County.

Erected before 1871, the dwelling was likely built for members of the Tompkins or Dutton families who ran a store nearby. In 1913, the property was transferred to E. Lancaster Dutton. After his death, his heirs sold the property including 52 acres to Phyllis Frere. Frere was the postmaster at the nearby early 20th century Tompkinsville Store (CH-749) from 1939-1968.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-87

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Tompkinsville House
 other Issue House/Frere House

2. Location

street and number 15065 Rock Point Road not for publication
 city, town Newburg X vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Aileen and Hollis Reed
 street and number PO Box 378 telephone Unknown
 city, town Newburg state MD zip code 20664

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 86 p. 76
 city, town La Plata liber 990 folio 122

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

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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.

Likely erected just after the Civil War, the Tompkinsville House is a two story, center-passage frame dwelling with a rear service wing forming an overall L-plan. The three bay, single-pile dwelling faces west and stands approximately 50 yards from Rock Point Road. Scrollsawm vergeboard adorns the Gothic-inspired center-gable. The front elevation is three bays in width and the gable ends are capped with exterior-end brick chimneys with stepped shoulders and corbelled caps. The site also includes a non-contributing garage to the rear of the dwelling.

Original plaster walls have been covered with imitation paneling. Changes to the floorplan include the removal of the hall partition wall to enlarge the parlor, the former dining room now being used as a kitchen. The original massive newel and the decorative scrollwork stair are some of the dwellings notable features.

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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1850-1880	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1850-1880		

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 Tompkinsville House is an interesting and unique surviving example of Gothic-inspired architecture in Charles County. Erected before 1871, the dwelling was likely built for members of the Tompkins or Dutton families. In 1871 the Port Tobacco Times printed an equity dispute between members of the Tompkins family resulting in the sale of "part of Tompkin's Purchase generally known as Tompkinsville". The description goes on to add that the "lot has a storehouse with grocery room attached and a dwelling". In 1913, the property was transferred to E. Lancaster Dutton. After his death, his heirs sold the property including 52 acres to Phyllis Frere. Frere was the postmaster at the nearby early 20th century Tompkinsville Store (CH-87) from 1939-1968.

Featuring the characteristic cross gable on the front elevation, the Tompkinsville House is the only example to include exterior end chimneys. Their presence and its early construction date just after the Civil War suggests that this is a transitional example. While adopting the characteristic feature that would dominate local building design until the beginning of World War II, the structure retains the earlier tradition of exterior end chimneys. All other known later examples feature interior flues.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.4

Acreage of historical setting 131+

Quadrangle name Colonial Beach North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 86, Parcel 76.

11. Form Prepared By

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Tompkinsville House

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of Title:

- 1972 Nancy Marie Knapp Denton to Aileen E. Reed and Hollis E. Reed.1.412 acres
252/287
- 1964 Phyllis M. Frere, widow to Billy Ray Knapp and Nancy Marie Knapp, wf.
169/493
- 1940 Caroline Dutton to Phyllis M. Frere. 52 acres designated as division A
"Tompkinsville" (Also see last will and testament of E. Lancaster Dutton CAW
21/403)
73/263
- 1918 Mary L. Dutton to E. Lancaster Dutton
WMA 33/333
- 1913 E. Stone Posey, trustee to E. Lancaster Dutton
HCC 25/ 653
- 1871 Elizabeth Tompkins vs. James R. Tompkins - farm to be sold "Part of Neale's
Gift" 170 acres with dwelling **Also, "Part of Tompkins' Purchase" and
generally known as "Tompkinsville" Lot has storehouse, grocery room
attached and dwelling.**
December 22, 1871 *Port Tobacco Times*

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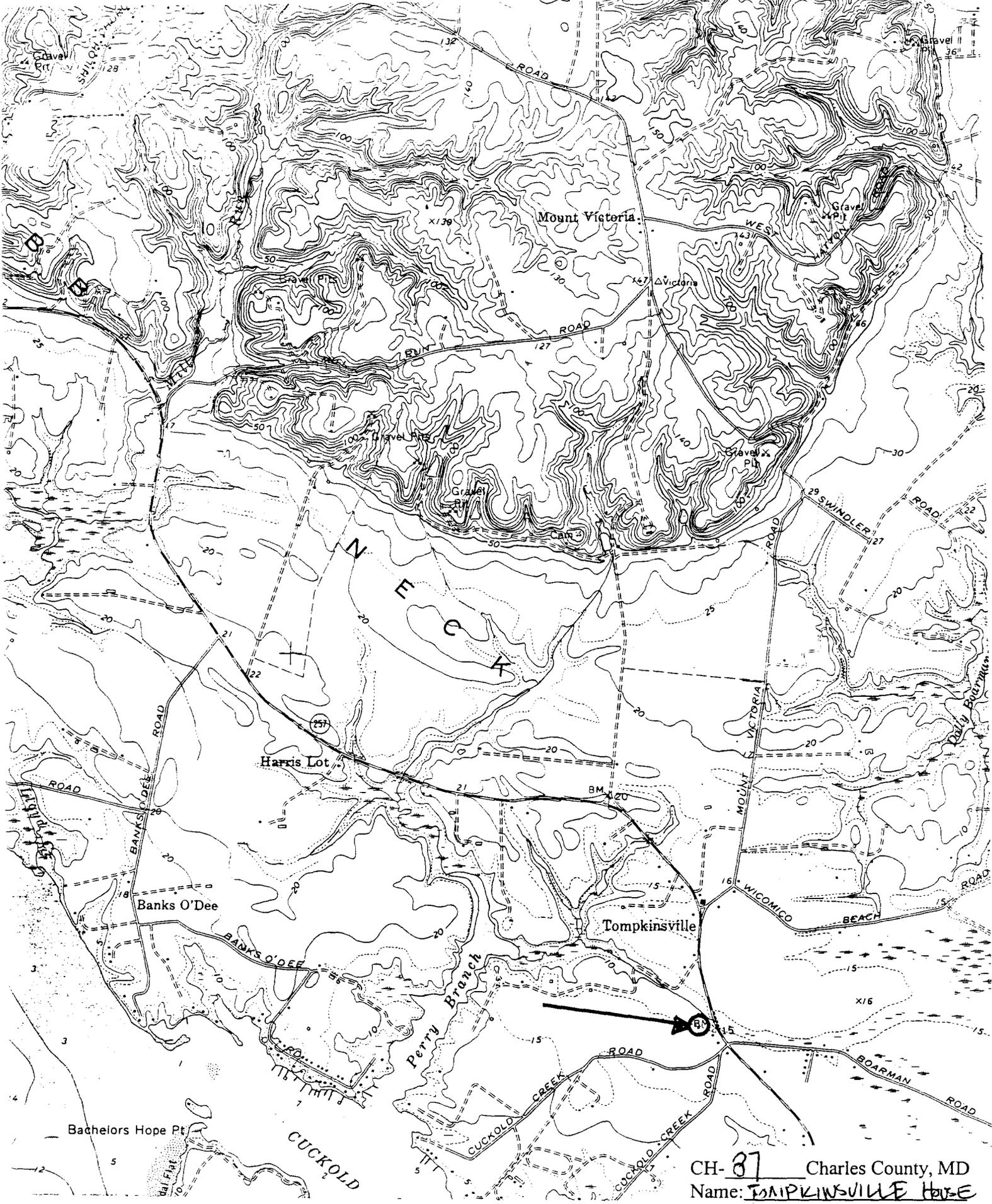
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Klaphor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland.
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.



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 Name: TOMPKINSVILLE HOME
 Location: 15065 ROCK PT. RD
 Quad: COLONIAL BEACH I



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NORTH ELEVATIONS

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LOOKING EAST

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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