

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pullen's Neglect

and/or common Orchard's Cove Farm

## 2. Location

street & number \_\_\_\_\_  not for publication

city, town Lloyds \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 1st district

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Dorchester County

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert Heist

street & number P.O. Box 262 \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: 476-3266

city, town Trappe \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code Maryland 21673

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio

city, town Cambridge \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No. D-645

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Pullen's Neglect is located on the east side of Castle Haven Road approximately one mile north of the intersection with Maryland Route 343 at Lloyds, and about five miles west of Cambridge. The farm is located at the head of LeCompte Creek and the house faces east down LeCompte Creek into LeCompte Bay.

The early house at Pullen's Neglect is a 1½ story frame dwelling, three bays long and one room deep, with exterior brick stone chimneys at each end of a pitched gable roof. The house is 30 feet long and 18 feet four inches deep. A two bay frame wing, measuring about 16 feet square, projects from the north gable wall.

The front facade of the main house faces east to LeCompte Creek. The door is slightly offset to the south in the center bay, with one 6/6 window to the north and a window with replaced 2/2 sash to the south. Two 6/6 pitched roof dormer windows are symmetrically placed on the roof. The house rests on low brick piers and is covered with plain horizontal weatherboards secured with machine-made nails. The eaves are boxed in and trimmed with a plain beveled crown mold; the roof is covered with wood shingles.

There are no openings in the south gable wall. An original brick exterior stove chimney rises against the center of this wall. The siding matches the front facade; the eaves have been framed out and finished with a plain barge board.

The rear of west facade is virtually identical to the front facade, with the original south window sash replaced with 2/2 sash. The dormer windows, siding, cornice and roof match the front facade.

The north gable wall is almost completely concealed by the north wing.

The north wing is only 16 feet deep and is set flush with the west facade of the main house. This wing consists of an early frame with rebuilt first-floor framing and is completely new above the original first story top plates. This early building was a low one story structure, but in the 20th century the roof and second story flooring were removed and the walls were raised to form a true story-and-a-half wing with a porch tucked in under the roof on the east facade.

On the west facade, there is a door in the south bay and a 6/6 window in the north bay, with a single 6/6

# 8. Significance

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D-645

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The early house at Pullen's Neglect, commonly known as Orchard Cove Farm, is an excellent example of 1½ story hall and parlor plan dwelling that was widely utilized in Tidewater Maryland throughout the 18th century and the first half of the 19th century. The construction details and decorative trim suggest that this house dates to the middle of the 19th century, probably circa 1840-60. The smaller one story wing to the north contains portions of an early house frame that was enlarged in the late 19th century from one story to a true story-and-a-half. Of particular interest are the narrow, finely planed ceiling joists with beaded edges found in the first floor ceiling of the wing. These are certainly earlier than the mid-19th century and suggest that at least part of the wing predates the construction of the main house.

Other notable features on the farm include a late 19th century tenant house with an unusually large exterior gable chimney, several outbuildings dating to the late 19th and early 20th century, and a brick-lined well near the main house.



## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

pitched roof dormer in the center of the second story. The wing rests on brick piers and is covered with horizontal siding, oversailing eaves and a wood shingle roof. Single 6/6 windows are centered on the first and second story of the north gable wall. The siding has been covered with modern asbestos shingle siding. On the east facade, there is a door to the south and one 6/6 window to the north. The roof is carried out eight feet beyond the facade wall for a porch that stretches from this facade.

The interior of the main house consists of a hall-parlor plan with the rooms nearly equal in size. The larger south room measures 15 feet in length and 17 feet deep while the slightly smaller north room measures 14 by 17 feet. The front and rear doors open into the south room; a four-panel door in the center of the interior partition opens into the north room. A partially enclosed stair rises in the southwest corner of the north room to the second story. The first four steps rise in a straight run against the west wall; the stair then winds 90° to the east and continues up to the second story. The lower section is an open-string stair with a simple balustrade consisting of a square newel with molded cap, a simple rail and square balusters. The upper part of the stair was inclosed with vertical beaded boards but this has been altered. Original mid-19th century mantels are centered on the exterior gable wall of each room. These mantels consist of a board surround with flat pilasters and plain sideblocks below a plain frieze and heavy shelf. The pilaster cap moldings and the bedmold below the shelf are typical of the mid-19th century. All of the original trim survives intact. The standard architrave trim consists of a broken-field fascia with no backband. Both the edge mold and the center mold are beaded. The baseboard trim is plain; there are no chair rails. Original four-panel doors may be found on the front and rear entrances, the interior door between the two original rooms, and to the left of the north mantel, opening to the north wing. All of the walls and ceilings of the main house are plastered on machine sawn lathing; the framing members are pit sawn from hewn timber.

The second story of the main house consists of an enclosed, narrow stair passage flanked by a single chamber on each side. The second story chambers are not fitted with stove flues or thimbles and evidently were unheated. The chambers are trimmed with plain baseboard, beaded broken-field door architraves and plain trim on the cheek walls of the dormer windows. Four-panel doors with no panel mold open into the two chambers; a later five-panel

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## 7.2 DESCRIPTION (cont'd)

door opens from the north wall of the north room into the second story of the north addition. This door is trimmed with plain architrave trim and is clearly a cut-in opening. A small original closet is located at the east end of the narrow stair passage. The door to this closet has a pair of tall narrow, flat recessed panels. The interior face is unpainted and the hinges are marked "N. ENG. BUTT CO." and "WIRE JOINTS"

The roof is constructed of pit sawn common rafters mitred and nailed at the ridge. Light collars are scabbed to each rafter pair and nailed with machine nails. The rafters rest on flat false plates supported by the second floor joists. Early unbeaded exterior weatherboards remain in place on the north gable, visible from the second floor of the north wing.

The first story of the north wing is an early frame structure with finely planed and beaded ceiling joists and riven plaster lath. This early structure was moved against the north gable wall of the mid-19th century house and was adapted for use as a kitchen wing. The roof and second story flooring of this wing are 20th century and may be the result of a chimney fire or of later repairs.

The first floor of the wing consists of a single room with an enclosed winder stair in the northwest corner and a built-in cupboard in the northeast corner. The walls are plastered on riven lath above vertical beaded wainscot paneling with a molded chairrail. A small crown mold encircles the room; the ceiling joists are concealed above fiber board paneling. These joists are unusually narrow in section measuring  $6\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. They are very finely planed and the edges are carefully beaded.

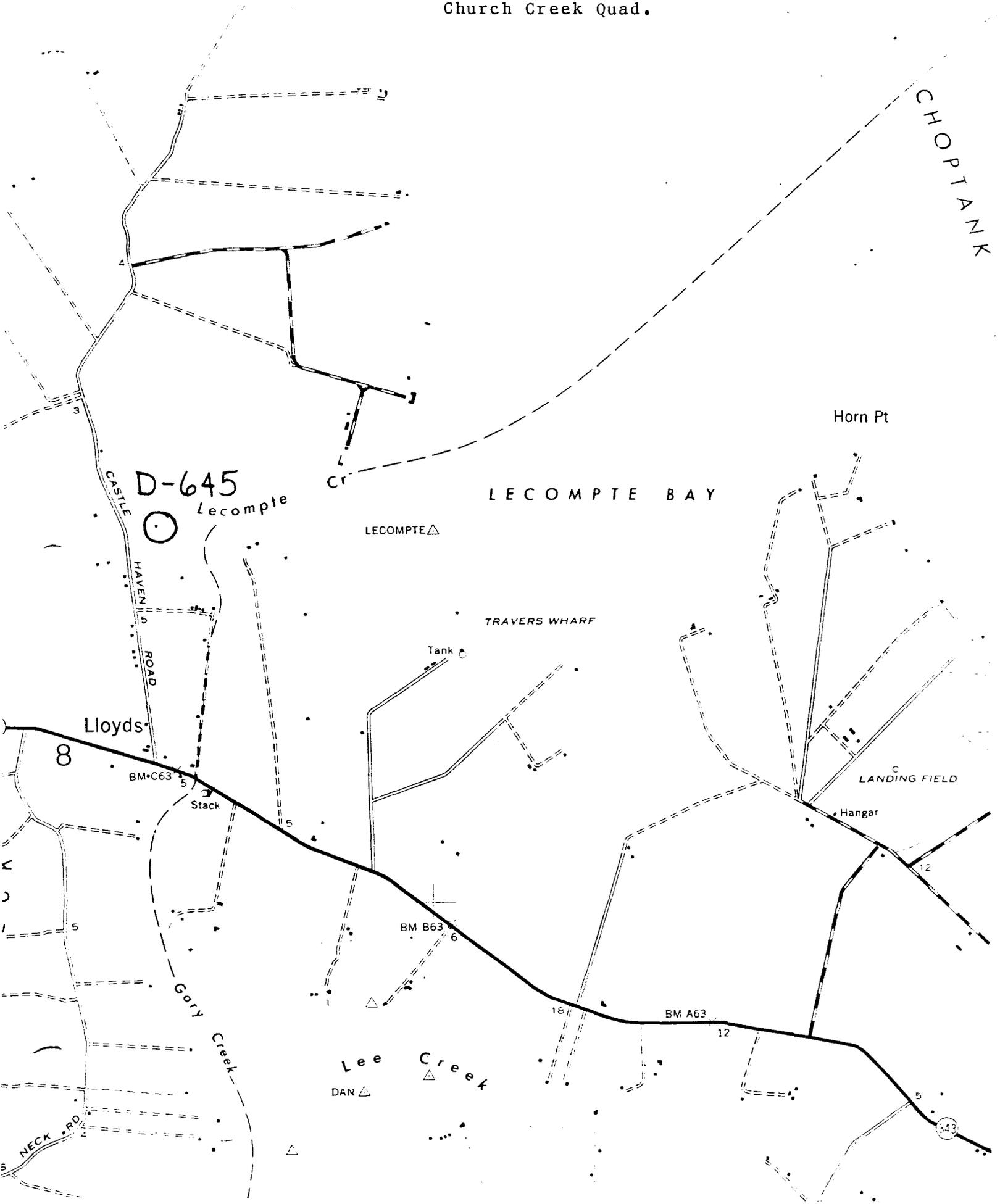
Second Dwelling House: To the east of the early house is a two story frame tenant house dating to the late 19th century. This house is a typical three bay cross gable dwelling distinguished by an exceptionally large exterior brick chimney at the south gable wall.

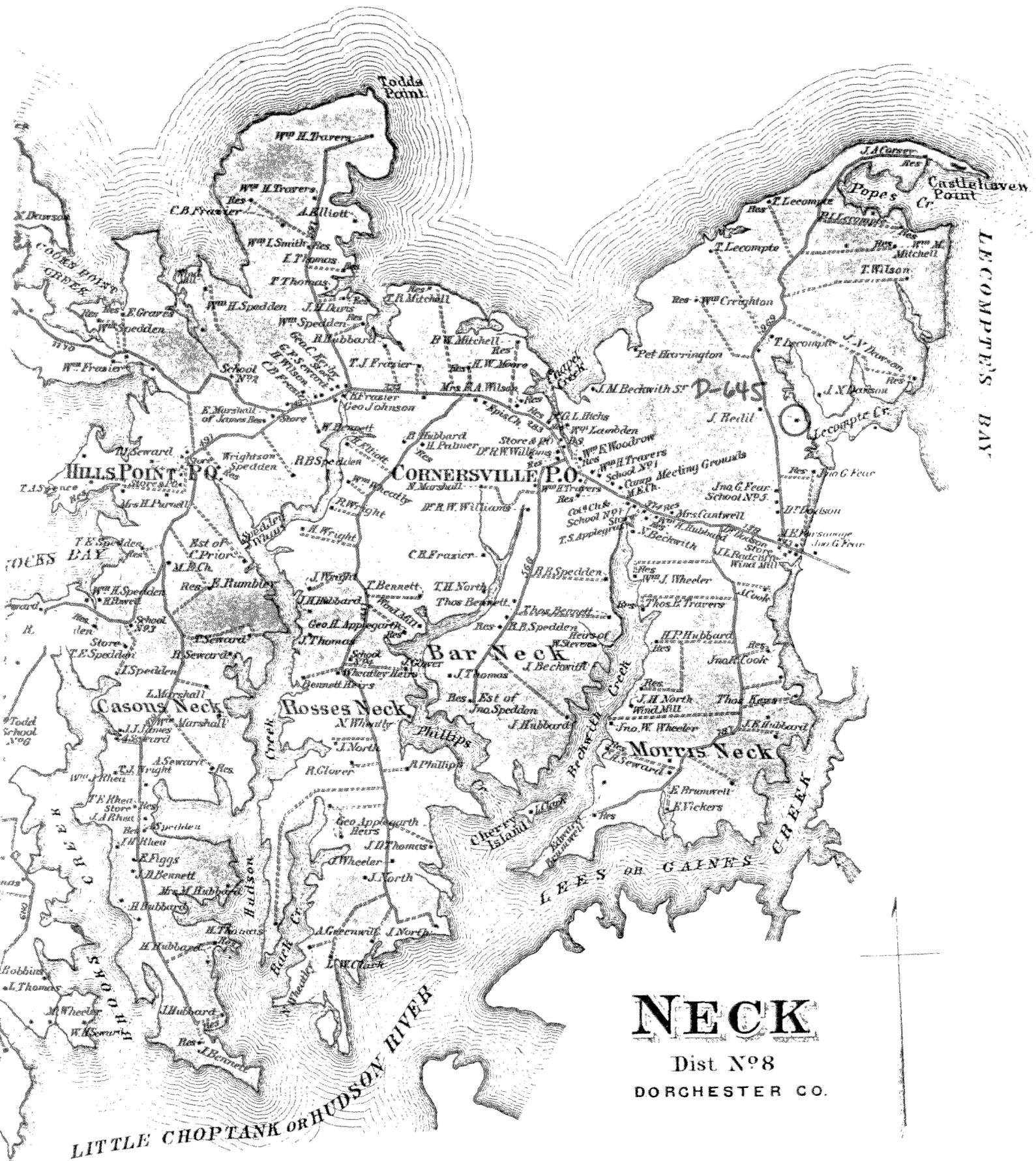
Brick-Lined Well: An early well is located approximately ten yards to the east of the east facade of the wing of the early house. It is now protected by a modern concrete collar.

Outbuildings: The ruins of two small barns, a meat house, and two storage buildings are scattered to the east of the early house. These all appear to date to the latter half of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th century.

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Cambridge Vicinity  
Church Creek Quad.

(OXFORD)





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Map Source: 1877 Atlas



D-645 Pullen's Neglect  
Cambridge vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V Spring 1983  
View from Northeast



D-645 Pullen's Neglect  
Cambridge vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V Spring 1983  
West facade