

SUMMARY

HA-1531

James-Magness House
3308 Churchville Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

The main, el-shaped portion of this 2-story gable-roofed clapboard house dates from 1928 when it was constructed for Clifford T. & Emma Magness. At that time the 1-story, shed-roofed wing on the North end was moved from farther back on the property where it had probably served Charles H. James in his cabinet shop enterprise, located here between 1870 & 1908.

This house is typical of the evolution of a number of houses in Churchville. Most of the building lots are carved out of one of several large farms - this one had belonged to William Luckie at the end of the 18th. century. As in this case, a number of houses have 19th century origins and a 20th. century addition that superseded the earlier structure. Also typical is the mid-19th. century form for the 1928 house (see also Chesney-Bodt House, HA-1524). Old forms never died in Churchville.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Magness-House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3308 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

n r. Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J.H. Goldberg

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3308 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, MD 21014

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

24-531

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>1985</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

James-Magness House

This 2-story, e1-shaped clapboard house with a gable roof is located on the North side of Churchville Road (MD Rte. 22).

Set on a raised, rough-faced concrete block foundation, the structure comprises 3 parts. On the West is a 2/bay wide and one room deep section with an East-West ridgeline and an entrance in the East Bay of the South side. On the East is a 2 bay wide and 2 room deep section with a North-South ridge line, its South end flush with the South side of the West section. The whole South facade is spanned by a one-story, shed-roofed porch with carved brackets, turned posts, and a railing with plain balusters.

On the North end of the East Section is a one-story, one room shed-roofed wing with a bulkhead basement entrance; it measures approximately 10' X 10'.

An e1-shaped partially-enclosed porch encircles the East and part of the North sides of the East section. In the East bay of the North end is the indication of a blocked-up entrance. There is another entrance in the North bay of the East side. Except for the North wing which has 6/6 sash windows, windows have 2/1 sash and louvered shutters. There is one exterior brick chimney on the North side of the West section, and the roof has a boxed cornice with gable returns.

Investigation of the interior indicates that the North shed-roofed wing predates the rest of the house which was constructed in the first quarter of the 20th century. Although the North wing has a hewn sill in the basement, there are no other indications that this section is log as the niece of a former owner reported.

The interior plan of the main section of the house consists of 2 rooms flanking a central staircase, with a sun room off the East room, and a kitchen on the North. The attic is continuous over the whole structure. Carved into the underside of the staircase (visible from the basement) are the initials "E.B.M." and "C.J.M." with the date "1928".

North of the house is a 2-story, gable-roofed outbuilding, which is 3 bays wide and one room deep, and has a gable-roofed ventilator. The structure is sheathed in German siding and has a garage on the West and storage rooms on the East and the 2nd floor. The exposed framing on the interior is of sawn lumber.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input 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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James-Magness House

While the 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map indicates no structure in this location at that time, the 1878 Martenet's Map shows Chas. James Cabinet shop near here and it is likely that the 10' X 10' North wing of the present structure was built for him. The rest of the house dates from 1928, when it was constructed for Clifford and Emma Magness.

Charles H. James purchased 84 acres of the tracts, "Stony Ridge" and "Montreal" for \$3,350 in 1870 from the estate of John Keithley.¹ Besides owning a cabinet shop, as the 1878 Map indicates, James did carpentry work. The present owners of the William A. Bodt House (HA-1520) found a board in the staircase with "C.H. James 1857" carved into it. In 1908 Charles H. and Mariah James sold 6.65 acres to their son, Marion T. James,² and in 1925 the lot was sold to Clifford T. Magness, who built the main portion of the house,³ and moved the 10' by 10' North wing from farther back on the property.

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Footnotes

1. ALJ 25/245
2. WSF 125/216
3. DGW 195/205

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, & Equity records of Harford County
1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
1878 Martenet's Map
Interview with Elizabeth Monks, Niece of Emma Magness, 4/80

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE
7/80

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

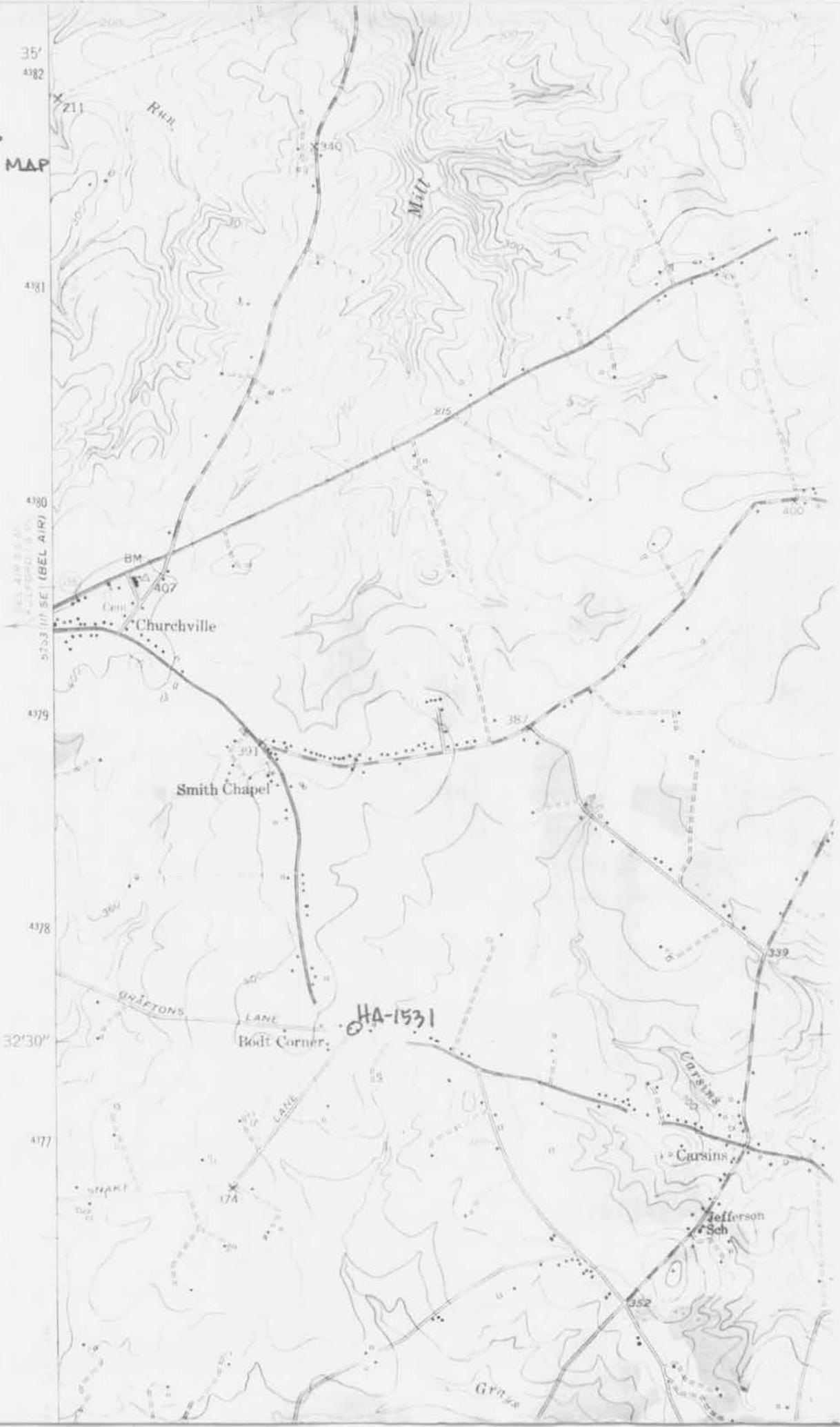
STATE
MD 21014

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ABERDEEN USGS
QUADRANGLE MAP





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Natalie Shivers
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Southeast



James-Magness House
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North

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