

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

*James T. Steele House*

AND/OR COMMON

James T. Steele House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2811 Jerusalem Road

CITY, TOWN

Kingsville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harford

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James T. Steele

Telephone #: 879-1571

STREET & NUMBER

2811 Jerusalem Road

MD

CITY, TOWN

Kingsville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 685

Folio #: 205

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

Maryland

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small, two story, frame house faces north. The original structure has many inexpensive frame and metal additions and sheds. The main structure is built onto low, stone foundations.

The main structure is 3 bays by one and the principle entrance is in the center bay or the north side. The door at this entrance is wood with 5 moulded panels. Windows are 6 lights over 6. An attic window is located at each gable end. The roof line is gableflank with wide eaves and is covered with tar paper. There are no chimneys. A one tier, shed roof porch runs the length of the 3 bay main structure. It is supported by four 4" x 4" pillars.

Attached to the west side of the main structure is a 1 story, gable flank addition. It is covered with asbestos siding and has a tar paper roof. A small window is on the east of the north side and a garage-type door is on the west of the north side.

On the south side of the main structure is a one story frame shed at the east and a two story shed roof frame addition at the west.

Behind the garage addition are two, one story, tin and ply board additions.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
400-1499	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The importance of this, small, crude, frame structure lies in its relationship with the Jerusalem Mill. The dwelling was probably constructed in the late 19th century to provide housing for workers at the Mill. It is difficult to pin point the date of this building's construction. The Martinet Map of 1878 shows several buildings in the area of the Jerusalem Mill but not quite as many as existed at that time. The house and buildings indicated may have been those considered to be the major buildings of that time. The Steele House, forms, with other houses and building in that area, the Jerusalem Mill Community.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Directory, 1953.  
Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun  
Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press,  
Baltimore, 1967.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

It is bounded by Jerusalem Mill on the west; Jerusalem Road on the  
North; Railey's property on the east; Pullen's property and the Gun-  
powder State Park on the south side.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Susan Deeney, Field Historian	DATE	October 29, 1976
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	DATE	838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	TELEPHONE	
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	STATE	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

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Milton W. Railey  
2809 Jerusalem Road

James T. Steele  
2811 Jerusalem Road

GRG	685/205	8/20/65	Grantor: Louise H. Carr, widow Grantee: Milton W. and Gloria L. Railey Acreage: .70 acres
RLW	23/301		Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Harry S. Pyle Grantee: Louise H. Carr
DGW	198/212	4/28/26	Grantor: Franklin V. Hurley, unmarried Grantee: Harry S. Pyle Acreage: 25 acres including mill seat. Property was sold by heirs of Alexander A. Hurley.
WSF	122/144	10/2/07	Grantor: Hymen M. Smotrisky and others Grantee: Alexander A. Hurley
WSF	122/3	6/19/07	Grantor: Joseph and Rachel Weiner Grantee: Hymen M. and Joseph B. Smotrisky and Jacob Cornblatt
WSF	115/359	9/17/05	Grantor: Henry Weiner and wife Grantee: Joseph weiner and wife
WSF	115/127	3/27/05	Grantor: William A. Wilson Grantee: Joseph and Henry Weiner
ALJ	71/259	7/11/1891	Grantor: Darlington Hoopes, executor of Ezra E. Phillips & c. Grantee: William A. Wilson
ALJ	56/452	8/16/1886	Grantor: David Lee and Wife Grantee: Ezra E. Phillips
OWB	7/ 814	3/10/1862	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Ralph S. Lee, father of Grantee: David Lee. Acreage: This is just a portion of the lands devised to David Lee.
SR	1/72	8/2/1811	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of David Lee, father of Grantee: Ralph Sackett Lee
HD	T/342	1806	Grantor: Thomas Bond Onion Grantee: David Lee Acreage: 24 acres, 34 perches of tract called Jerusalem
JLG	M/473		Grantor: Corbin Lee Onion Grantee: David Lee Acreage: 39 acres, 59 perches, part of a tract called Jerusalem.
JLG	F/395	1785	Grantor: Stephen Onion Grantee: Corbin Onion Acreage: 318 acres Jerusalem

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ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 9/24/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: "Railey Tenant house"

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Same as 'Railey - North

NAME OF OWNER: James T Steele

ADDRESS: 2811 Jerusalem Rd  
Kingsville

STORIES: 1 [ ] 2 [✓] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ] 6 [ ] BAYS: 3 x 1

WINGS, ADDITIONS:  
1st story shed ADD.  
rear of house



WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [✓] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- [ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- [ ] LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1 [ ] 2/2 [ ] 6/6 [✓] 9/6 [ ] 9/9 [ ] other [ ]  
pegged [ ] nailed [ ] wide [ ] narrow [ ]  
original [ ] replaced [✓] prob-

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center bay 5 moulded panels

HARDWARE: original [ ] replaced [ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, <sup>wide</sup> EAVES:  
original [✓] replaced [ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original [ ] replaced [✓] Tar Paper

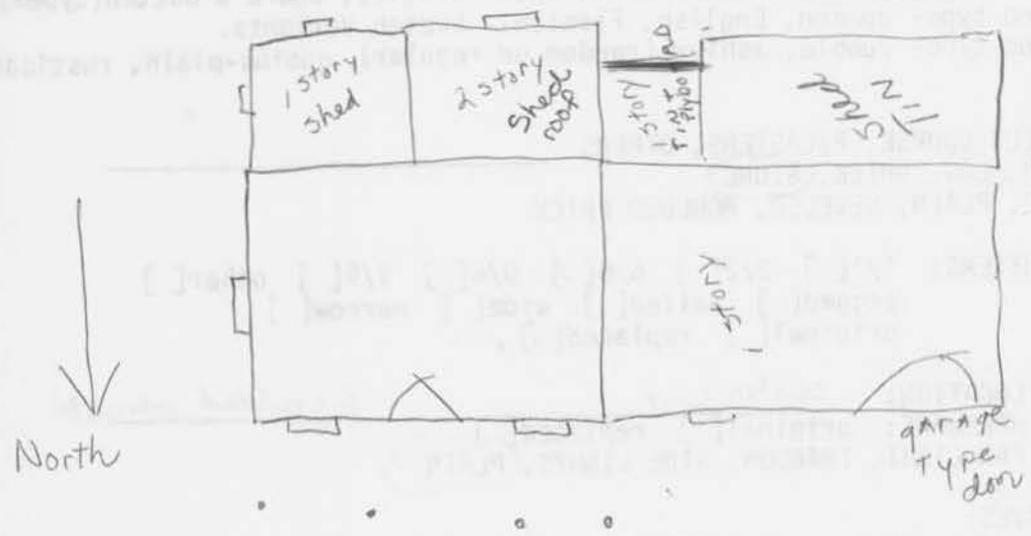
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed [✓] hip [ ] gable [ ] 4x4 pilings

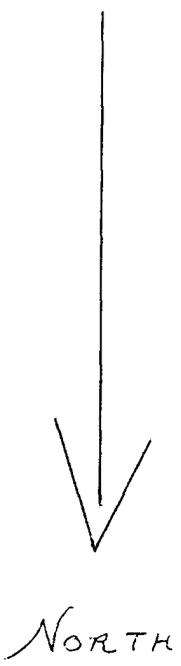
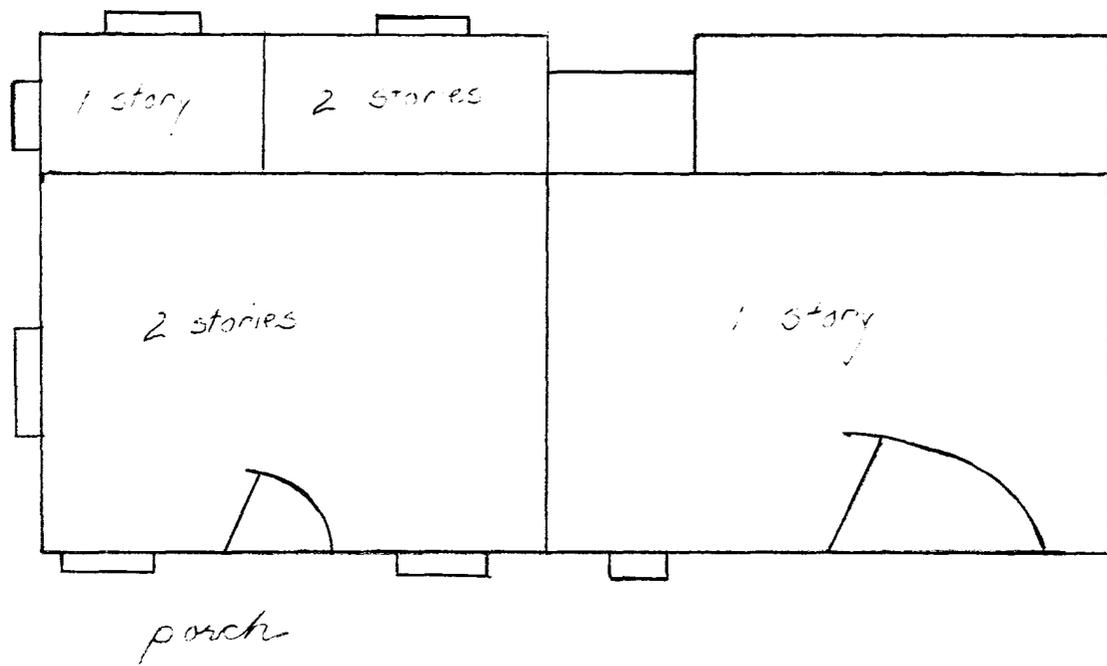
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER NONE BRICK [ ] STONE [ ] CORBELED [ ] original [ ] replaced [ ]  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES: NONE

COMMENTS:  
1 ATTIC WINDOW center each gable end.

INVENTORY NO. 457  
 DATE: 1/15/77  
 REMOVED BY: ERIC, ANDREW, BOB  
 PARCEL NO. 10  
 NAME OF PROPERTY: A. J. ...  
 LOCATION OF PROPERTY: ...  
 DIRECTION BELLING TOWER: ...  
 SIZE OF AREA: ...  
 VALUE: ...





Steele House  
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Small Frame House    HA-488  
Jerusalem, MD  
Paul Penrod  
October, 1976  
North