

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Duncan's Folly, Betsy Turner's Place

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lynch Road

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

___YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Worton

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EAP 69

Folio #: 699

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

Duncan's Folly is an old brick residence, probably dating from the 18th century, which closely resembled the nearby Terra View in plan. The main house is a three bay building with gable roof and central entrance. Windows are evenly spaced on both facades; there is no central window on the rear (west) facade above the main entry where there was originally an enclosed stair which lead to the attic. There are no dormers but small four-pane attic windows in the gables. There is a chimney enclosed within the north gable; on the south an enormous basement chimney back projects from the gable.

Windows, with 9/6 sash on the first floor and 6/6 sash on the second, have beaded frames with backband moldings. There are louvered shutters, painted black on both floors. The original entrance doors have disappeared but the west door has a transom light and frame with backband moldings. A 19th century porch with turned posts and scroll type bracketts replaces the original.

There is beveled water table on front and rear facades and² three course belt course between first and second floors of the long facades. The brick walls are Flemish bond on the west, English bond on the east, and Liverpool bond elsewhere. Although the building is painted white, glazed headers may be seen on the Flemish bond walls and perhaps elsewhere. Segmental arches are used above first floor and basement windows.

South of the main house is an old one and one-half story wing. A book published some years ago dated this portion of the house to the 17th century, however, examination of the interior shows this to be a three-walled structure appended to the main house. The wing has uneven walls and fenestration and may, in fact, have been partially rebuilt or altered. It has a low stepped water table on three facades and uneven fenestration with 6/6 sash windows in long facades and small four-pane attic windows in the gable. There is an entry door into both rooms of the wing. The first room is two bays wide with 6/6 sash windows on the facade and a gable dormer on the roof above. There is a chimney and fireplace between the rooms. The second room has a central entrance door with flanking 6/6 sash windows and a central gable dormer.

The main house is of the hall and parlor plan type with a stair, from first to second, remaining in the northwest corner. Another stair from second floor to attic was removed in the 1960's. There is no visible evidence for another stair from first to second as is typical, but the most interior walls, floors, and ceilings have been covered with modern materials.

One old mantle remains on east room. In the south room on the first floor it has a rectangular opening with crossette surround and a broken mantle shelf supported by three frieze blocks; that in the north room on the second floor has a rectangular opening and two frieze blocks.

More early material remains inside the wing. It has two rooms per floor and is one room deep. There is a fireplace chimney

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enclosed within the south gable wall and another kitchen fireplace and stack rising against a central partition. There are no mantles remaining. Stairs are located in the northwest and the southwest corners. Both are enclosed within board and batten walls and have batten doors. There is a stair to the cellar beneath the northwest stair. The present kitchen (the northern first floor room) has beaded exposed beams. There is also a beaded board partition on the second floor.

Duncan's Folly stands in open fields. There is only one old outbuilding, a board and batten shed with gable roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input 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

mid 18th

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Duncan's Folly is an 18th century farm house typical of the hall and parlor plan except for the central enclosed stair formerly leading from second floor to attic. It is nearly identical and probably contemporary with Terra View nearby.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H. Chandlee, Early Manor and Plantation Houses, Easton, Maryland, 1934.

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Duncan's Folly
(Duncan's Folly, Betsy Turner Place)
11124 Lynch Road, Worton
Betterton Quadrangle





DUNCANS FOLLY

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WORTON-LYNCH RD.

LYNCH, MD.

FRONT FROM SOUTH

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