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The Knock Farm, or Hendrickson Farm  
Near Millington  
4th quarter 18th Century

The Knock Farm stood on the west side of the Millington-Massey Road, about a mile north of Millington. The house, mentioned as "unique" in H. Chandlee Forman's Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland (1939), was a frame dwelling composed of three parts. The largest section was a three-bay, gambrel-roof structure with two end chimneys. It was the arrangement of the chimneys which set this building apart from others. The east chimney was built outside of the gable and the west chimney was built in the northwest corner of the house. This is the only known example of a gambrel-roof house with corner chimney to have existed in Kent County.

With the placement of the chimneys and windows, it would appear that the stair was located on the hall side of the partition which separated it from the parlor. Located several steps lower, on the west end of the house, there was a one-and-a-half-story building sheathed with vertical board and batten siding (probably the siding concealed an earlier log or plank building). It had a fireplace in its western end, but there would have been enough space for two rooms, probably the kitchen and either a pantry or dining room. Attached to the west end of the house there was a leanto addition.

Prior to his death in 1855, Jesse Knock, a farmer and local Justice, purchased the farm that was either part of London Bridge or Partnership, or both.<sup>1</sup> He bequeathed it to his son, Samuel Henry Knock.<sup>2</sup> Samuel, his wife, and his mother apparently grew greatly in debt and had to sell it in 1872 to

Peregrine Hendrickson.<sup>3</sup> The farm remained in his family until 1946. In 1954, it was purchased by the present owners who replaced the old house with a modern brick rancher. The Knock and Hendrickson graveyard remains north of the site of the former farmhouse.

1. Land Records, Lib., fol.
2. Wills, Lib. , fol.
3. Land Records, Lib., fol.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K-168

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Knock Farm

and/or common Hendrickson House (site)

**2. Location**

street & number 10810 Galena Road  not for publication

city, town Millington  vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Kent

**3. Classification**

|  |   |  |   |   |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Category</b>                          | <b>Ownership</b>                            | <b>Status</b>                                | <b>Present Use</b>                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district        | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

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

name J. Edward and June M. Anderson

street & number 10810 Galena Road telephone no.: 410-928-3187

city, town Millington state and zip code MD 21651

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber WHG 33

street & number Cross Street folio 346

city, town Chestertown state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | date of move    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed |   |   | demolished 1956 |

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

The Knock-Hendrickson farm house stood on the west side of the Millington-Massey Road about a mile north of Millington.

It was a three-part frame/wood structure composed of a 3-bay gambrel roof section with hall-parlor plan; a 1½ story 'A' roof kitchen wing with two-room plan and an enclosed leanto on its west gable.

The gambrel roof section was elevated about 2½ feet on a brick foundation with weatherboard siding and wood shingle on the lower slope. The upper slope of the roof was covered with tin. Its facade had a leanto porch and two windows flanking a central entrance. Two shed-roof dormers lite the second floor rooms. On the east gable was an outside brick chimney that was the same width up to the middle of the second floor windows before it tapered into a narrower stack. Its form indicated the presence of a fireplace on both stories. Two windows on each floor flanked the chimney all of which had 2/2 sash, but which originally has 9/6 on the 1st floor and 6/6 sash on the second.

Its floor plan would have been similar to "Partners Addition", with a hall-parlor plan, the parlor having a corner fireplace. That's where the similarities stopped, for this house had an outside chimney with flanking windows in the hall. That condition indicates that the stair was in the center of the building opposite the front door or in the Southwest corner of the parlor.

The kitchen wing was several steps lower than the main part and was composed of a pantry and kitchen. Within the west gable was a pyramidal kitchen fireplace with ladder to the loft. The loft was also divided into two spaces, the back space being lite by at least one shed-roof dormer window. The outside covering of the kitchen wing was vertical boards, an indication that it may have been built of logs. The leanto was probably a late 19th Century porch, enclosed in the 20th Century as an additional service area.

The house was torn down in 1956 after a new brick house was built to the Southeast.

The Knock-Hendrickson Farmhouse was a unique vernacular structure in Kent County, possessing a somewhat typical floor plan, but having a corner fireplace/chimney on the gambrel form of roof.

# 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
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| <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               |
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| <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 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** 4th Quarter 18th Century **Builder/Architect** unknown

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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.

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| <p>1. STATE <u>Maryland</u><br/>         COUNTY <u>Kent</u><br/>         TOWN <u>Millington</u> VICINITY<br/>         STREET NO. <u>Rt 313, 1 mile north of</u><br/> <u>Millington X-rd.</u><br/>         ORIGINAL OWNER<br/>         ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u><br/>         PRESENT OWNER <u>J. Edward Anderson</u><br/>         PRESENT USE <u>new dwelling erected on site</u><br/>         WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>-</u><br/>         NO. OF STORIES <u>-</u></p> | <p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY<br/>         INVENTORY <u>K-168</u></p> <p>2. NAME <u>Hendrickson House</u><br/>         DATE OR PERIOD <u>-</u><br/>         STYLE <u>-</u><br/>         ARCHITECT<br/>         BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p> |
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Forman, H. Chandler  
Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland  
1934, p. 218

"Hendrickson House near Millington, with a stair climbing up the slope of a pyramid fireplace, and a corner chimney on a gambrel roof."

Site

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

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| <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>  | <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>  |
| <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)<br/>         INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>                          | <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER<br/> <u>Michael Bourne</u><br/>         DATE OF RECORD <u>May, 1970</u></p> |

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Site of Hendrickson  
~~Hendrickson~~ House - K-168

Forman, H. Chandler

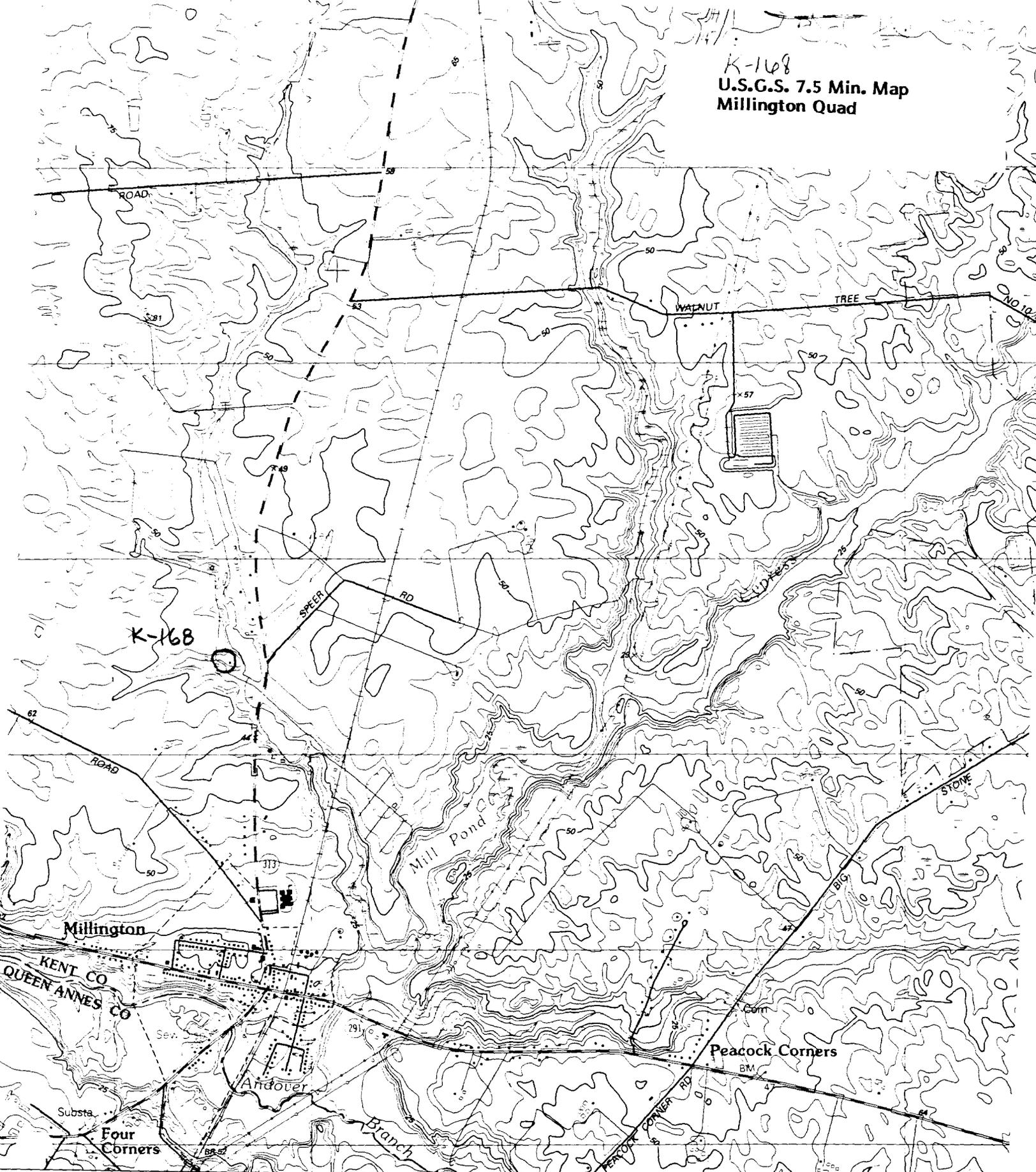
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map  
Millington Quad



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Millington

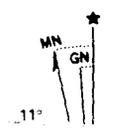
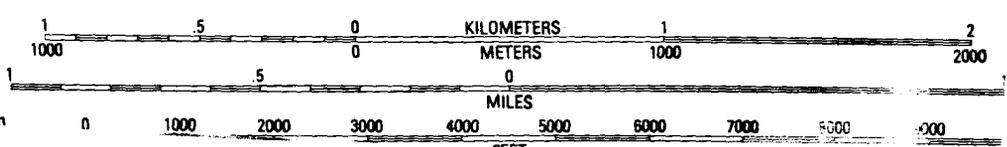
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Four Corners

Peacock Corners

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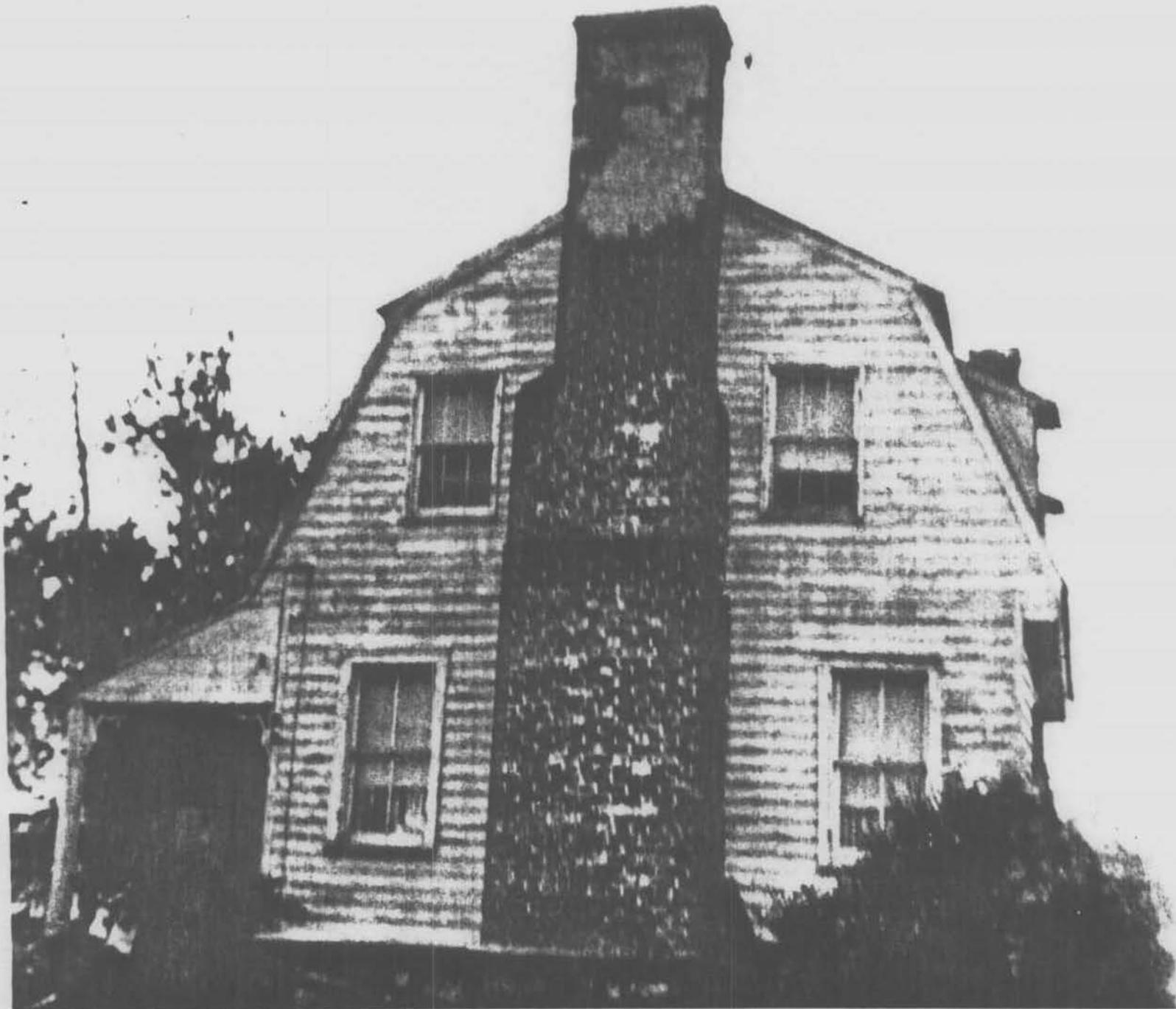


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