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Ryley's Beginning
Near Still Pond
c. 1790

When the house was built on Ryley's Beginning in the late 18th century, it was a simple vernacular brick building, three bays long and two stories tall, built over a full basement, with a two-bay, one-story log kitchen wing on the west side. The door was originally in the central bay, flanked by two windows, and there were three windows placed symmetrically above. The house had three chimneys one on either end of the brick section (the west chimney later removed) and another at the western end of the kitchen. (The arch for the west chimney of the brick section remains in the basement, as does the finishing board which outlined the hearth on the first floor.) Basically the plan was a hall-parlor with a one room kitchen.

The house appears to have remained unchanged until the late-19th century when the original 'A' roof was replaced by a mansard. During the remodeling, the central entrance was bricked in and turned into a window and the west window was converted to an entrance. The plan was then changed to a stairhall and parlor on the first floor, with the old kitchen becoming the dining room. A new kitchen was added onto the back of the dining room and the whole addition became two stories. A porch was built across the brick section.

It remained essentially unchanged until the late 1970's when the old wing was replaced by a new one and a leanto was added off the north side of the brick section.

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On both the 1860 map and the 1877 Atlas, the farm appears to have been in the possession of the John Wilson family.

RYLEY'S BEGINNING
Still Pond, Maryland
(ca 1790)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC RYLEY'S BEGINNING
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER North side Route 422, 3/4 mile east of Still Pond
 CITY, TOWN Still Pond CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st Kent
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Frederick J. Krastel Telephone #: 348-5089
 STREET & NUMBER Ryley's Beginning
 CITY, TOWN Still Pond, VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland, 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House Liber #: EHP 64
 STREET & NUMBER Folio #: 750
 CITY, TOWN Chestertown, Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County
 DATE 1968 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis, Md. 21401 STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The brick building has walls laid in Liverpool Bond on all facades and a water table on the front and rear only. This stepped water table is interrupted at the entry door. Window openings are topped with rowlock arches. The brick walls are painted white.

Windows in the brick section are evenly spaced; they have 6 over 6 sash on the second floor and 9 over 6 sash on the first. The window frames on the second floor have an inside bead and molded sills. The doorway dates from the Victorian alteration and has a transom light and side lights. There is also a three-bay, one-story porch on the front of the building.

The Mansard roof has curved bracketts and dormers with curved heads and 2 over 2 sash. In the east gable is a brick chimney with two flues. It retains its original size and shape; although the cap is rebuilt.

According to a 1968 survey by Michael O. Bourne, the present two-bay, two-story wing on the west side of the house was extended by a lean-to kitchen. This section had a chimney back exposed to the fireplace level, a detail which rarely appears in buildings constructed after the 1860's. Nothing more is known about this structure.

The wing is presently covered with aluminum siding and a picture window has been added to the front (south) facade.

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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 checked="" 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 ca 1790 with ca 1890 & ca 1980 alterations
 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ryley's Beginning is the 18th century named for the tract of land upon which this house stands.

The old section of the house resembles both the house at Camp Tockwogh (K-218) and the building on Salutation Farm (K-109). All three buildings have Liverpool bond walls and side hall plans. Salutation Farm and Ryley's Beginning have beaded, exposed interior structure.

The combination of typically late detailing--the bond pattern--with exposed interior framing in very simple houses make dating very difficult. Probably the buildings were built no earlier than 1790 and no later than 1825 with this house and Salutation House earlier than that at Camp Tockwogh. In Kent, Mansard roofs were built primarily in the Betterton area in the 1880's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The interior stair is quite simple and dates from the Victorian period. It has a turned walnut newel, a round handrail, and tapered round balusters on an open string.

During the present remodeling, several beaded ceiling beams (second floor joints) were uncovered. These have been reexposed. In the parlour, a reproduction paneled overmantle and jambs have been installed and the fireplace finished with a molded surround. The details are a fair representation of simple, late 18th century detail, although the panels are shallow than the original.

Some wide pine flooring remained in the house and may be reused. The attic space under the Mansard roof has been converted into a modern study.

This house is three bays long, built of brick, is two stories high with an attic of mansard roof. The entrance occupies the west bay and has double doors, transom and sidelights. Apparently the brick part dates prior to the roof which is a good example of a mansard ~~roof~~^{style}. There is a two story two bay frame wing with a lean-to on the north side. The chimney back is exposed at fireplace level. There are two large chimneys on the east side of the brick portion.

Cornice of roof has *Shaped* brackets. The dormers have arches to roof. Porch across south facade of brick *portion*.

1. STATE *MD*
 COUNTY *Wart*
 TOWN *Stilpwood* VICINITY *Stilpwood*
 STREET NO. *Rt 566, 9/10 mile west of Rt 298*
North Side

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE *dwellin*
 PRESENT OWNER *John ~~Krassel~~ Krassel*
 PRESENT USE *dwellin*
 WALL CONSTRUCTION *brick*
 NO. OF STORIES *2 1/2*

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY *K-215*

2. NAME *Krassel*
~~House~~

DATE OR PERIOD *c. 1800 + 1820*
 STYLE *Colonial + Mansard*
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

This house ~~is~~ ^{long built} 3 bays of brick, is 2 story high with a
 attic of Mansard roof. The ~~entire~~ ^{entire} occupies the west side and
 has double doors, trans + sidelights. Apparently the brick post date
 prior to the roof which is a good example of a mansard roof.
 There is a 2 story 2 bay frame wing with lean-to on
 north side. The chimney base is exposed at further level.
 There are 2 large chimneys on east side of the brick
 portion.

Corning roof has ^{shaped} ~~shaped~~ and brackets - the downers
 have over to roof - porch across S facing brick portion.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered *NO* Interior Exterior *fair*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD *Sept 23, 1968*

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

EHP 8/54
 Deed - 361 acres

Michael Jacobsen used to live in this house across from Still Pond. Do you have it on the inventory?

back
Harry
Davis (?) House

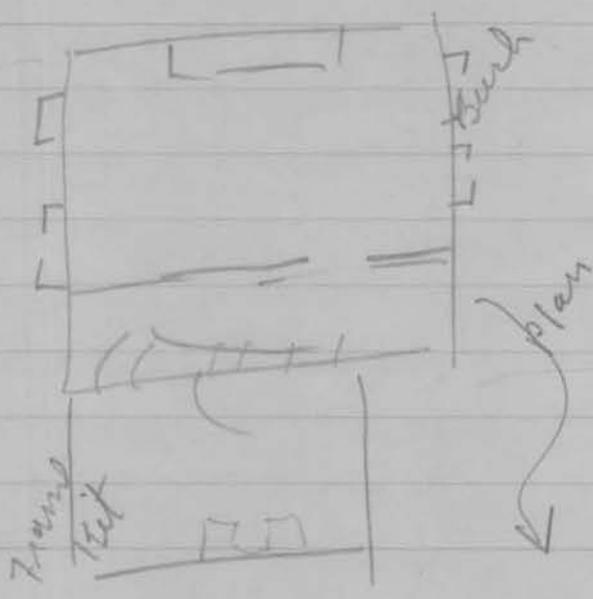
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June 70 to Phoebe Jacobsen



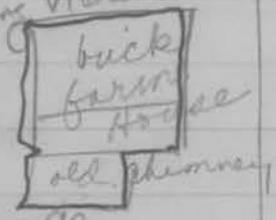
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Leah meadow

road

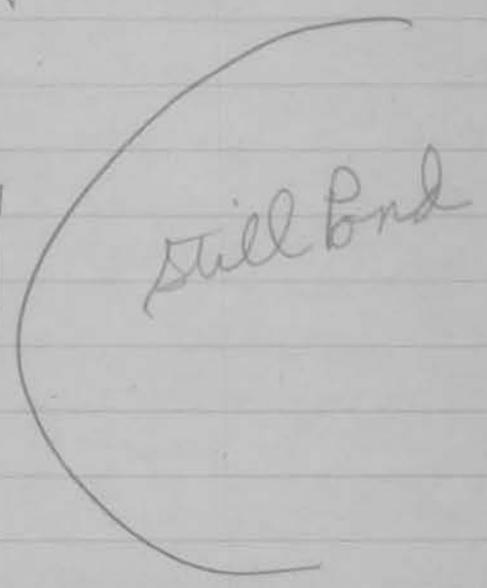


Riley's Beginning Victorian Top
c. 1800



Wm. Medders to Clara
H. Krebs / 1950's

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Mike Probst Jacobsen used to live
in this house across from
Still Pond. Do you have it on the inventory?

yes!

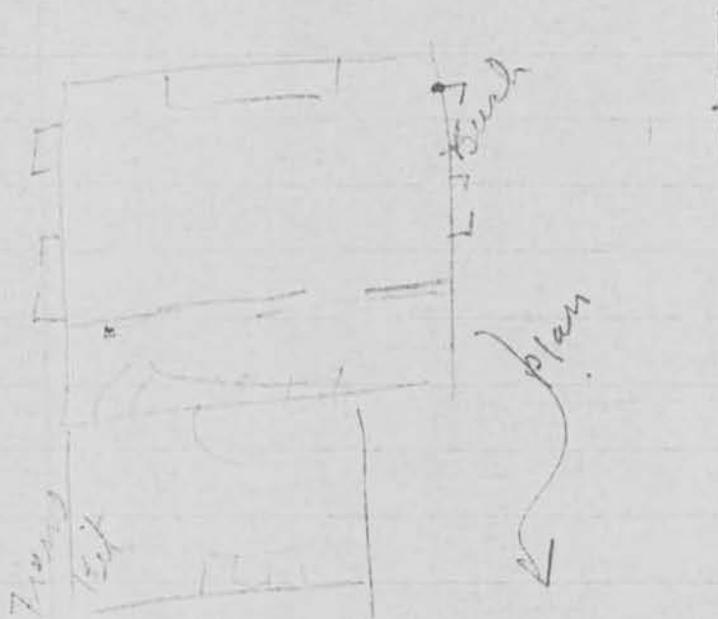
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Kraedel Farm

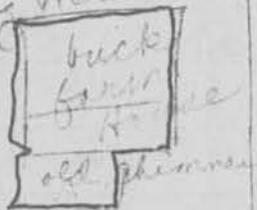
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road

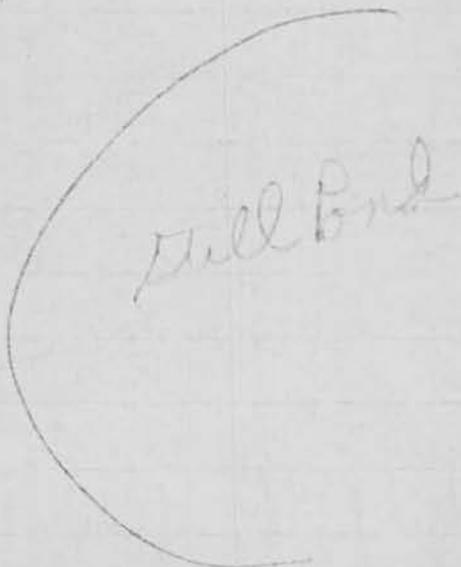
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c. 1800



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"Riley's Beginning" - Kent Co.

Mrs. Jacobsen

Another name

Historic

for Krestel Farm

Mrs. Jacobsen made title search for property
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Ryley's Beginning

View to Front

M.L. Fritz

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