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Toll In Farm
Near Still Pond
c. 1790

North of Still Pond, this late 18th century, brick, farmhouse has seen many changes over its nearly 200 years of life. When first built, it was similar to many other Kent County farmhouses of the period. Its five-bay facade was constructed of Flemish bond brickwork above a chamfered water table. The plan consisted of a central stair passage with two flanking rooms. The original size and height of its kitchen is unknown, but several other buildings in the area are known to have had two-story service wings, e. g. Maxwell's Purchase and Lavenham.

The signs of a fire are discernible in the roof rafters. (This may have been the cause of the destruction of the kitchen wing.) After the fire, the exterior and interior finishes appear to have been replaced with 'up-to-date' materials from the late 19th century. At that time, the cornice was replaced with a bracketed one of a Victorian Italianate nature. A wide porch was constructed across its facade.

On the two maps of Kent County which designate owners of various properties, G. M. Brooks is listed as owner in 1860 (Martinet), and T. Rasin, Sr. appears in 1877 (Lake, Griffing, Stevenson Atlas).

TOLL IN FARM
Still Pond, Maryland
(19th century)

Toll In Farmhouse is a five-bay wide, central hall building built in the early 19th century. Its Flemish bond facade is exceptionally well laid with vertical mortar joints which are only about 1/8" wide. The horizontal joints are wider, but both are tooled into a bead. The house was extensively remodeled in the late 19th century and most woodwork dates from that period.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC TOLL IN FARM
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side Rosedale Cannery Road, 1½ miles
north of Still Pond.

CITY, TOWN Still Pond VICINITY OF 1st Kent
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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 William B. Wheeler, Trustee Telephone #: 301-587-6200
STREET & NUMBER 930 Bonifant St.
CITY, TOWN Silver Spring VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 20910

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: EHP 38
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House Folio #: 526
STREET & NUMBER

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Toll in Farmhouse is located on the east side of Rosedale Cannery Road about 1½ miles north of the village of Still Pond. The building is nicely sited on a hill overlooking a ravine which drains into Lloyd Creek. The house faces west and is reached by a curving lane edged with spring flowering trees.

The brick building is two stories tall with an attic, a gable roof, and a basement demarked by a water table on the west facade. Five bays wide and one room deep, the house measures 48' by 20' excluding the 4" beveled water table. On the front facade the brick walls are laid in Flemish bond; elsewhere they are Liverpool bond. Throughout the building the bricks average 2½ by 8½ by 4 and 3 courses equal about 8". The masonry is exceptionally well laid. Vertical mortar joints measure only about 1/8", with wider horizontal joints; all are struck. Because the house has been painted white, the brick and mortar color is not visible.

The building has been greatly altered, first in the late 19th century and again in the middle of the 20th century. It retains its basic form and its central hall plan, but virtually all detail and wings date from the later periods. These alterations include one-story gable-roofed additions on each gable and a 1½ story rear ell on a tall basement. Between the rear wing and the south wing is a large wooden deck. All additions are brick painted white.

Windows are evenly spaced and have 6 over 6 sash in 1½" half-round or bead frames. On the first floor the pane size is 10" by 17"; on the second floor the glass measures 10" by 12". The frames and sash date from the second half of the 19th century. Wooden louvered shutters were originally hung on Victorian-period hinges screwed into the frames, but now are nailed to the brick walls.

The main entry frame is 1½" wide with a ½" inside bead and surrounds an opening

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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 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 first quarter, 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Toll in Farm is a significant early farmhouse which probably dates from the early 19th century.

It has been greatly altered, and interior and exterior detailing dates from both the late 19th and mid-20th centuries.

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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

STATE

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which originally had room for a wide door and transom but now contains only a modern door.

There are stuccoed brick chimneys in each gable. The one on the south is set just behind the ridge to accommodate a corner fireplace stack within. Both chimneys contain two flues.

The front porch is as wide as the building and divided by large, square columns into 5 bays. Its roof is a flat shed which is finished with a shallow box cornice decorated with delicate sawn bracketts about 1" o.c.

The main house cornice is similiar. Also a box, it has a cyma recta crown mold and somewhat larger bracketts set about 14" on center.

Toll in Farmhouse once had a fire which scorched the rafters and may have resulted in the reconstruction of much of the interior during the second half of the 19th century. Consequently interior trim is a Greek ogee and bevel and 1" fillet on a wide beaded surround. The central stair is a dog-leg type with painted, turned balusters and a bold turned newel. Doors are the simple 4-panel type and the only antique mantle (on the diagonal fireplace upstairs) is mid-Victorian. Only one simple 6-panel door remains.

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Toll In Farm house is a five bay long two story brick house, painted white with a modern wing on each gable and one out the north side. The facade is laid in Flemish bond and has a molded water table. The entrance is located in the center bay. It has a one story porch with brackets which match the late brackets of the main cornice. On each gable is a chimney which has been stuccoed. Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. It appears to be of late 18th century date with later additions and remodelings. There are two four-pane casements in each gable.

It has a good location looking over a deep ravine which leads down to the Sassafras River.



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View to Northeast

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