

McDANOLDS FARM
Still Pond, Maryland
(late 18th century)

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The McDanolds Farm house is significant because it is one of Kent's early buildings. A side hall plan house, the building is two rooms deep and has a side wing. Both the 2½ story main house and the 1½ story wing are constructed of brick. The house has a room of fine paneling as well as a handsome Victorian porch.

Some of the architectural features of the building resemble those in other early Kent County houses. Most unusual, perhaps, is the small window located at the side of the rear entry door of the main house; Rose Hill (K-119) has the same detail. And the benches flanking this door were a common feature in Kent houses from early in the 18th (Lamb's Meadow (K-113), ca 1780) to the early 19th century. The paneled room closely resembles the paneled dining room at Providence Plantation (K-84.)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

McDANOLDS FARM

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

North side Route 292, near west edge of Still Pond

STREET & NUMBER

1st

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. William R. McDanolds

Telephone #: 301-348-5357

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Betterton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21610

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 78

Folio #: 330

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, Maryland

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

The McDanolds Farm is located on the north side of Route 292 just west of the village of Still Pond. The house sets back off the road surrounded by three ponds and pastures. Behind the house are barns, a granary, and other buildings necessary to a working farm. All appear to be twentieth century structures.

The house was built in two sections, both of brick. The earliest section is three bays wide and two rooms deep, laid out in a side-hall plan. This section of the building rests on a basement and has a gable roof. The other portion of the house is 1½ stories tall, 4 bays long, and one room deep. It has a steep gable roof with two shed dormers on the rear, but no basement. In recent years, its rear roof has been extended to cover a frame shed, making the wing nearly as wide as the main house. The only entry door to the wing is on the rear wall.

The brick walls are laid in Flemish bond on the front facade and Liverpool bond elsewhere. The wing has a low beveled water table on the front, and the main house has a beveled water table on the front, rear, and east gable. The brick is very even in shape, soft pinkish orange in color and laid with well stuck mortar joints. The walls were once painted white.

The main house was greatly altered during the Victorian period. Most notable is a bold one-story porch across the front. It has an unusual style of Gingerbread with a pineapple-like pendant also used on a small rear, gable roofed entry porch on the rear.

Victorian 2 over 2 sash have been installed in most windows. On the north and east walls are some earlier 9 over 9 sash; these are probably not original. On the front windows and on the east gable window, jib doors with raised panels have been added.

The main entry is a double Victorian door with a red-glass transom and side lights.

Other changes include the closing of two brick windows on the west gable and a

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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 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 3rd quarter, 18th BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McDanolds Farm house is significant because it is one of Kent's early buildings. It has a room of fine paneling as well as some handsome Victorian wooden detailing.

Some of the architectural features in the building resemble those in other Kent County houses. Most unusual, perhaps, is the small window located at the side of the rear entry door of the main house; Rose Hill (K-119) has the same detail. And the benches flanking this door were a common feature in Kent houses from early in the 18th century (Lamb's Meadow (K-113), ca 1780) to the early 19th century. The paneled room closely resembles the paneled dining room at Providence Plantation (K-84.)

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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 DATE
Kent County Planning Commission 778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Court House

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Chestertown, Maryland

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patch on the same gable where an original chimney was removed. There is a chimney with a corbelled cap in the east gable and a chimney in the wing.

The rear entry of the main house now has a Victorian door, but the outline of a small, probably 4 over 4 sash window, adjacent to the door. Also visible are marks in the brick for the back and seat of benches flanking the door and window.

The windows in the wing have 9 over 6 sash set in plain frames. They also have louvered shutters. Wooden roof trim has been covered with aluminum.

The house trim is white, shutters are painted golden beige, and the roof is the color of new wooden shingles.

The interior stair of the main house has very bold balusters with octagonal shafts, an open string and turned newel. The spandrel on the first floor has a series of recessed vertical with applied ogee panel moldings. The stair is the dog-leg type and rises in a wide stair hall to the attic. In a closet under the stair hall, probably in front of this fireplace, its exact configuration cannot be seen.

The south room on the first floor has been remodeled as has most of the main house. It has a Victorian slate mantle against the gable wall, but marks in the floor on both stories show the location of the original corner fireplaces. Doors in the remodeled rooms have 6 raised and beveled panels and, like the windows, are set in trim with a fillet and ogee backband. The windows in this room have paneled, splayed jambs and deep sills.

The north room on the first floor of the main house retains almost all of its original woodwork and an early coat of paint. All walls are paneled with molded boards. There is a diagonal corner fireplace with vertical panels above. There is no baseboard, although there is a 4" painted one. The cornice is very small, about 1 3/4", and consists of a cyma recta and lower cove. In the northeast corner of the room is a glazed corner cupboard with butterfly shelves. Window and door details duplicate those in the parlour. Paint colors are mauve with plum panel moldings and trim and dark pure grained doors.

The wing, two rooms long, is also largely remodeled but it has its corner stairs, some early window and door trim, and a low board and door hung on strap hinges that formerly lead to the kitchen yard on thenorth side of the house. Also remaining in the original west gable door of the main house is a door with 6 raised and beveled panels on the inside and diagonal borading on the outside. It is hung on long strap hinges.

Examination of the attic floor shows that originally beaded ceiling beams and **f**looring with beaded edges were exposed.

The building is in **excellent** condition and furnished with 18th and 19th century pieces.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Stillpond VICINITY STREET NO. Rt. 292, .2 mile west of Inter- section, with Rt. 566, (north) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER William L. McDanolds PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 1 & 2 1/2	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K-217
	2. NAME Mc Danolds Farm DATE OR PERIOD 18th century STYLE colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior fair 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 Danove DATE OF RECORD Sep + 23, 1968

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO APHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

The McDanolds Farm house consists of two brick portions. The large portion is three bays long on the south facade ~~and~~ (two bays on north facade) and two bays deep. The entrance door is located on the west side of the building and has a double victorian door. The windows on the first story have been lengthened to the floor and have gyp doors. The entire first story of this portion is hidden by a screened porch with victorian ginger-bread. On the "A" roof are two victorian dormers with 2/2 sash and arched roof. One large chimney is located in the east gable. The north side has one window on the east half and a door on the west half. Beside the door is an area which is now bricked-up, but originally must have been a window (this same arrangement is found on the back door of Rose Hill, K- 119). In the brickwork are grooves on each side of the door which apparently held the back of a bench (this is found in several houses along the south bank of the Sassafras River; e.g. Rich Hill, K - 127; Yeats House, K- 116, etc.) The remains of a chimney can be seen centered on the north half of the west gable. (The hearth of this fireplace can be seen in the closet beneath the Victorian stairs in the Hall).

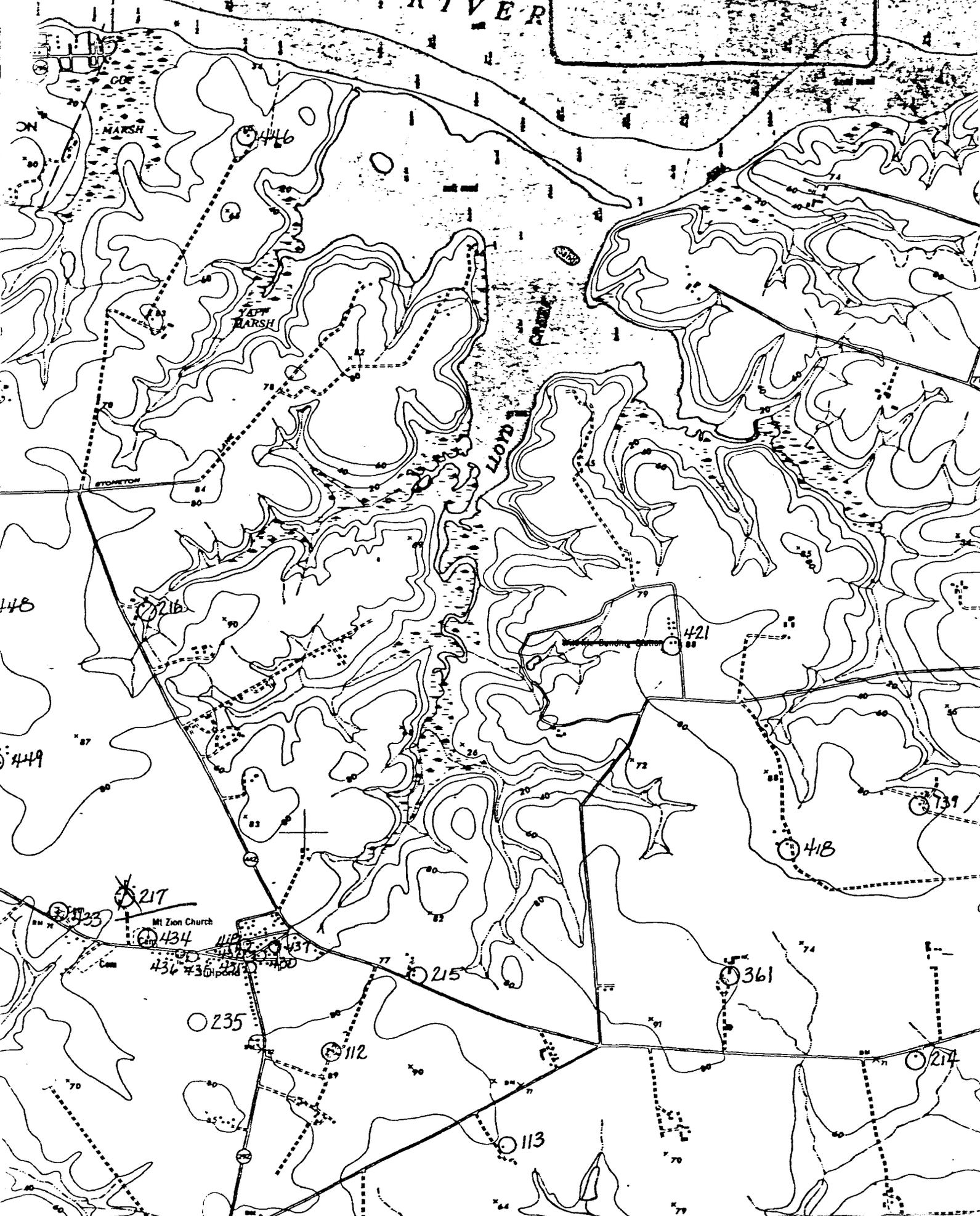
To the west of this structure stands a four bay long gable. On north it has a frame leanto. The roof is very steep and looks as though it should have dormers. On its west gable are two four-pane casements. Louvered shutters are used throughout.

The northeast room retains its original paneling; being fully paneled to the ceiling with vertical boards having an ovolo molding on their edges (similar to the original dining room at Providence Plantation, K - 84). The room has a corner fireplace and a glazed corner cabinet. The other rooms have been almost completely changed through the years, retaining no traces of 18th century woodwork.

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McDonalds Farm

view to North

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View to Southeast

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