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Stanley's Hope, Jacobus Creek Farm, Grange
Still Pond
Private

1743

Stanley's Hope or the Jacobus Creek House was first erected in 1743 as a one and one-half story hall and parlor type house. A date in glazed headers in the gable and an inverted V of glazed brick along the eave define its early proportions. In the middle of the 19th century a second story was added and central stair introduced. The building was recently restored.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jacobus Creek Farm, Grange (1845)

AND/OR COMMON

Stanley's Hope

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Still Pond Neck Road near Coleman

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Robert Sparre

Telephone #:(301) 778-0441

STREET & NUMBER

Stanley's Hope

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: WH 669

Folio #: 83

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 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

Stanley's Hope also known as Jacobus Creek Farm House, is a one and one-half story brick farm house constructed in 1743, as dated by the numerals in glazed headers on the west gable. In the 19th century a second story was added, but the first eave line is visible, marked in the gable by an inverted "V" of glazed headers.

The house was originally a hall and parlor plan dwelling with enclosed stairs in corners. It has undergone two major plan changes in its history. The first, certainly when the second floor was added, was the addition of a central stair with a window on the landing in the rear facade. The most recent change enlarged the living room by placing the first run of the stair against the wall and removing the central stair hall.

The house is three bays wide and one room deep. It has a gable roof of about 90° which is finished with verge boards on each gable end and a simple three-course corbelled cornice. The two chimneys are enclosed within the gable walls and finished with a simple two-course cap. There are no attic windows; gable dormers are centered over the two outer window bays and have 6/6 sash windows and gable roofs with simple returns.

The brick bonding and detailing on the first floor is typical of mid-18th century Kent County buildings. The river facade, originally the front of the dwelling is laid in Flemish bond while gable walls and present approach facade are in Liverpool bond. There is a water table on both long facades; its upper-most course is stepped and the bonding pattern below is English. Segmental brick arches of headers are used above the first floor windows; above entrance doors the segmental arch is of stretchers.

Windows are evenly placed on long facades with 6/6 sash used in each. Prior to the recent restoration a 9/6 sash remained in one window of the north facade. Whether or not it is original is unknown; it is however, typical of sash used here in the 18th century. With the addition of the second story, 6/6 sash windows were placed above the original first floor openings. In addition a landing window with 6/6 sash was placed, slightly left of center on the river facade. Basement windows in each window bay probably date from the first period of the house.

Entrance doors are in their original position; doors and trim have been changed. Photographs taken during the restoration show four-panel 19th or 20th century doors. There is a transom light above the lake side door, but not on the approach facade. Trim with what appears to be a backband molding is evident on the lake facade.

A two story frame wing with two entrance doors on the east gable was constructed in the 19th century originally as a kitchen. It has a pyramidal fireplace and enclosed end chimney. Originally, it had two rooms on the first floor; there were two entrance doors on the facade until the recent restoration when one was converted into a window. There are two windows on the second floor, front and rear, but none in the gable. When Stanley's Hope was renovated, bricks were

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1743

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure, although greatly changed, is significant for its early date, and is certainly one of the oldest remaining in the county. The house was probably constructed by Phillip Rasin or one of his three sons. Phillip Rasin had purchased the land (200 acres total) in 1708 from John Marsh for 9600 pounds of tobacco. Land records (please see attached) show that in 1742 he divided the land into three parts for his sons and heirs. Evidently one of them constructed his/her one and one-half story, hall and parlor house facing Jacobus Creek the following year.

Subsequent owners included George W. Perkins, who sold the property to Henry J. Jump in 8/1845 and Martha A. Jump who transferred the property to Martha A. Crew in 8/1888. The Sparre family purchased the property from John Price in 1961.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swepson, Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country, New York, Weathervane Books, reprint of 1923 edition.
Deed and Land Records, Kent County, Maryland.

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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

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removed from a well on the property and used to sheath the exterior.

On the inside, the kitchen fireplace remains and beside it an enclosed corner stair. Some old pine floors remain on the second floor, but trim, doors, and mantles are either modern or date from the late 19th century. The present owners exposed old beams in the dining room and basement and converted the brick walled basement into a kitchen and den.

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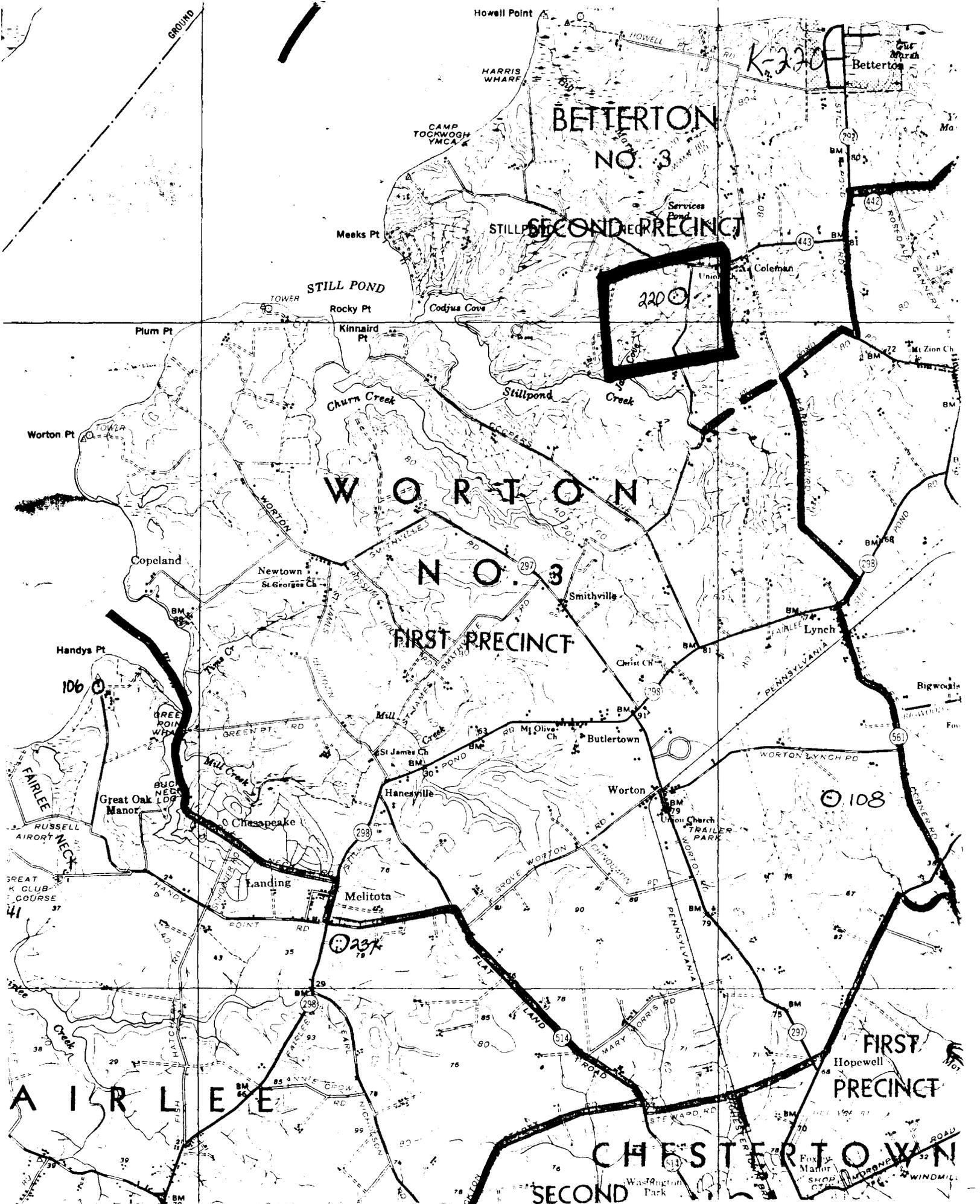
1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Stillpond VICINITY Coleman STREET NO. Rt. 443, 1.4 miles west of Rt. 292, (south) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER R.H. Sparre PRESENT USE lodge WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 2½	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K - 220
	2. NAME Jacobus Creek farm formerly, Stanley's Hope DATE OR PERIOD 1743 and later 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 good Exterior good	
 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 March, 1969

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Jacobus Creek farm, formerly called Stanley's Hope, is now a three bay, 2½ story house with a three bay two story wing, frame with brick facing.

Originally it was a 1½ story dwelling as can be seen in the smaller brick above the second floor level. Also in the west gable, the next to last brick of the original pitch of the "A" roof is a glazed header and there is the date 1743, also in glazed headers in the gable.

Presently the house is used as a gunning lodge. When it was purchased four years ago, the entire building was remodeled, leaving no 18th century woodwork within. One novel feature of the house is the modern kitchen located in the basement of the original portion, where it apparently was located originally, (like Willow Grove, near Stillpond).



BETTERTON
NO. 3

STILL POND
SECOND PRECINCT

WORTON
NO. 3

FIRST PRECINCT

FIRST
PRECINCT
Hopwell

CHESTER TOWN
SECOND

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GROUND

Howell Point

HARRIS WHARF

CAMP
TOKWOGH
YMCA

Betterton

Meeks Pt

Services
Pond

STILL POND

Rocky Pt

Codrus Cove

Coleman

Plum Pt

Kinnaid Pt

Worton Pt

Copeland

Newtown
St. Georges Ch

Smithville

Handys Pt

GREEN
POINT
WHARF

Great Oak
Manor

RUSSELL
AIRPORT

GREAT
OAK CLUB
COURSE

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Chesapeake

Landing

Melitota

Butlertown

Worton

Union Church
TRAILER
PARK

Bigwoods

WORTON LYNCH RD

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AIRLEE

CHESTER TOWN

SECOND

Washington
Park

Fox
Manor

SHOP

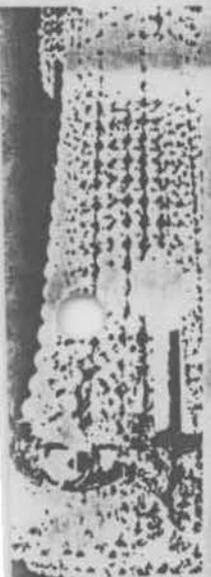
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The chandelier hangs from one of the exposed beams in the dining room in Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sparre's renovated farmhouse in Kent county. The main section of the house, below, is believed to date to 1743. The wing on the left was added in 1825.



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seated by the fireplace in the living room, which was enlarged. Changes included moving the original stairway. The house is on a 200-acre farm.

HENRY WILLIAM KLENDER

their restorers, quite a few old farmhouses still stand at entry lanes in the rural heart of the state. If lacking the elegant interior finishes of the rich Eighteenth Century mansions in Chestertown and a leading port of entry for the tobacco trade between 1720 and 1790), these farmsteads have the enduring grace of English prototypes. Their weathered historic shadows on a hillside, are the stuff of res-

where he is associated with the du Pont company.

They knew it would be a long and gradual project to rehabilitate the house, which was in disrepair. But it was a goal for retirement, still in the future.

"We were living in Kinston, N.C., when we bought the property in 1961," said Mrs. Sparre, "from John Price, whose family had owned it for a hundred years. . . . Our program for a full-scale renovation was planned in stages over eight or nine years, and was supervised by our longtime friend James L. Coleman, who lives in Wornton, a few miles up the road. We used to come up from North Carolina twice a year to fol-

"our two children were away at school and were delighted to come home to the country." Especially their daughter Trina, now a senior at the Gunston School in nearby Centreville, who loves to ride and has her own horse at the farm. Their son Carl is a senior at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

The house faces an eight-acre spring-fed lake, formed when Jacobus Creek, which gave the farm its name, was dammed up many years ago. The lake and smaller ponds studding the property come alive seasonally with flocks of migrating Canada geese.

added in 1800, was an open porch. Now there are two extra bedrooms and a bath.

A one-and-a-half story clapboard porch, built in 1825, has been covered with matching bricks, which was the 90-foot well on the property. The first floor was made into a chess room (called the "brick-floor" room), the enclosed narrow staircase, the master bedroom and bath. Except for the old slave quarters, this suite is private from the rest of the house.

Renewed throughout with traditional refinements and modern



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BEFORE RESTORATION - COPY OLD PHOTO -

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Stanley's Hope MHT R220

Still Pond Neck Rd

Still Pond, Md

Front. Before restoration

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Frank. extra story added -
dated 1743.

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