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King's Grant Cottage
West side of Worton Creek
late 18th Century

Overlooking the headwaters of Worton Creek, on part of the original Great Oak Manor, King's Grant Cottage is a two and one half story, three bay, brick house. It is nearly contemporary with its neighbor, the Delario House and has some features in common. King's Grant Cottage, however, has suffered the misfortune of remodelings which have left few original features. The central stair is a close string affair with turned newels, rectangular balusters and a paneled spandrel. Original 12/8 sash remain in the second story windows. The first story would have originally had 12/12 sash.

The principal facade of the building faces Worton Creek, to the east, and is laid in Flemish bond in contrast to the Liverpool bond elsewhere. A cheaply constructed one-story wing was added to the south gable of the building in the 20th Century; at the same time two huge shed dormers were added to the main roof.

On the 1852 Tax Assessment this farm is listed under the ownership of Anthony Bell with the following information:

"Pt. Great Oak Manor
Brick House & other Buildings
in tolerable repair, formerly
to Philip Reybold."

"A. Bell" is also indicated as owner in the 1877 Atlas.

KING'S GRANT COTTAGE
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1800)

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King's Grant Cottage is significant as an early Kent County farmhouse, and is sited, as was typical, along water ways navigable in the last two centuries. The building is 2½ stories tall, three bays long, and 1 room deep with a gable roof. In form and brick detailing, the dwelling is typical of vernacular houses of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Incompatible changes in recent years have reduced the building's architectural value.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

King's Grant Cottage (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side head of Worton Creek

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

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 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

Carribel S. Ender

Telephone #: 301-778-1421

STREET & NUMBER

Greak Oak Manor

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 93

Folio #: 129

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 LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

King's Grant Cottage is located at the head of Worton Creek, with the waterfront of the house facing east. It is at the end of a curving 1¼ lane.

The building is a 2½ story brick structure which is three bays long and two bays deep. The building, rests on a basement and has a gable roof, now broken by long shed dormers on each slope. On the south gable is a 1½ story, long frame addition of recent date and undistinguished design. The first story of the river front of the house obscured by a one-story, enclosed porch.

The bricks are medium orange in color with random black glazed bricks. The walls are laid in Liverpool bond, except the east facade which is Flemish and has a two-course belt course.

Brick chimneys with corbelled and banded caps. The north chimney projects one brick's length from the gable and has a stepped shoulder.

The building retains some early, possibly original, sash on the second story; they have 12 over 8 sash. First floor windows are longer and probably had 12 over 12 sash, now replaced by 9 over 9. Windows have been added to the first and second floors and small gable attic windows closed.

Doors have been changed, but the door frame on the west appears to have an original quarterround backband molding.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The verge boards are replacements and the box cornice has simple, bold cyma crown and bed moldings.

The house has a central hall plan. Its major stair has a closed string with plain balusters and a simple turned newel with block base and top.

The interior of the building has been extensively remodeled, but an early stair remains in the central hall. It has a closed string with plain balusters and a simple turned newel with block top and base.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 ca 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Chaptown VICINITY Mattota STREET NO. Handys Point Road - 1/2 mile west of Mattota - lane on north side of road ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwellin PRESENT OWNER Frank Russell PRESENT USE dwellin WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY k-238
2. NAME Great Oak Manor or Kings Grant Cottage DATE OR PERIOD STYLE Colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **No**

Robinson, Manager

Kings Grant Cottage is a 2 1/2 story brick home, 3 bays long and 2 bays deep. Its east facade is laid in Flemish bond, and there is a double milled water table and a 2 brick belt course. Above the windows on flat brick arches and the windows have ^{13/8} ~~13/8~~ ^{13/8} s-h and button shutters. There is a basement with windows on ~~the~~ ^{east + west} ~~side~~ facades. The chimney - the water gable projects slightly from the plane of the wall. It has an "A" roof but the entire house is ruined by the addition of huge shed dormers on each side of the roof. ~~Other~~ ^{poor} additional, enclosed porch on the east facade and a one 1/2 story wing on the south

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.
W.P.A. Guide, p 384

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne
DATE OF RECORD **Oct 8, 1968**

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

Forman?

King's Grant Cottage is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story brick house, 3 bays long and 2 bays deep. Its east facade is laid in Flenish bond and there is a double molded water table and a 2 brick belt course. Above the windows are flat brick arches and the windows have 12/12, 12/8 sash and batten shutters. There is a basement with windows on east and west facades. The chimney in the north gable projects slightly from the plane of the wall. It has an "A" roof but the entire house is ruined by the addition of huge shed dormers on each side of the roof. Other poor additions are, an enclosed porch on the east facade and a one and $\frac{1}{2}$ story wing on the south.

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View to East

Chestertown,
Kent County

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