

*BURRIS HOUSE
Kennedyville, Maryland
(ca 1870)*

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Burriss House

2 LOCATION

South side Rt. 213 near junction with Creamery Street

CITY, TOWN

1st
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Kent

STATE

Kennedyville, 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 John Lewin, Kate S. & Ann E. Burriss

Telephone #: 301-348-5152

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21645

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: WHG 16

Folio #: 324

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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

The Burris Property occupies on the lots designated #1 and #2 of the original plat of the town, bounded by Route 213 and Creamery Lane. The building sits on lot #2 leaving about 80 feet of lawn between it and Creamery Lane.

This house is one of the several buildings in Kennedyville that closely resemble southeastern Pennsylvania vernacular buildings of the second and third quarter of the 19th century, but are virtually nonexistent on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Three stories in height, these structures are identifiable by the presence of small 3/3 sash windows on the upper story and shallow gable roofs. Their plan includes a side entry hall and an enclosed stair behind the front room.

The Burris House is frame, three bays wide. The main house is only one room deep, but there is a two story rear ell with a gable roof and a shed-roofed kitchen shed behind that structure. Around the turn of this century, a two-story two-bay side wing was added to the south east gable. This addition included two rooms per floor. At that time the original enclosed stair from the first floor was removed and some alterations were made in the second floor plan. A dog-leg stair was constructed in the former entry hall. This simple stairway has a square newel and plain balusters.

The building is covered with weatherboards which are 5" wide and which are finished with 5 1/2" cornerboards. The gable roof, now covered with asphalt shingles, has a box cornice at the front facade and returns at the gables. The crown molding is fairly large in scale and made up of a cyma recta-and-cove profile.

Windows are evenly spaced on the main facade and have 6/6 sash windows on the first two floors. The exterior trim used in the building consists of a plain unbeaded frame with a quarterround backband; there are plain projecting wooden sills. The main doorway has four-light transom and three-light sidelight assemblies with lower panels edged

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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"/> 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 1870* BUILDER/ARCHITECT *William and Ida Culp*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house was built about 1870 by William and Ida Culp. They purchased two lots #1 and #2 in 1868 and probably built the dwelling soon after.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, 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, 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
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bolection moldings. The door itself has a beveled glass light with plain panels beneath and probably dates from about 1900. Exterior shutters are paneled on the first floor and louvered above. The panels are raised and finished with Greek-ogee and bevel panel moldings.

This detailing is used throughout the original portion of the house. Exterior detail of the side wing is similiar.

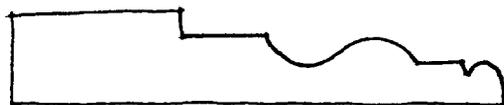
The front porch is nearly as wide as the original house and one bay deep. Its very flat hipped roof has a cornice which duplicates the main house cornice but at a smaller scale. There are square posts with sawn wooden bracketts and a railing with plain balusters. A porch on the south east side of the rear ell has a shed roof supported by attractive lattice columns with simple, well-proportioned sawn bracketts.

The structure is 25' 2" wide and 50' 4" long including the rear kitchen.

There is one room on the first floor of the main house and one in the rear ell. The original stair was located in the ell room and ran along the rear wall of the main house. From the second to the third floor the stair turned 90° and was enclosed between the two original rooms on the second floor. The stair had no decorative quality and was merely functional.

Fireplaces were located in the northeast wall in the major rooms. A mantle in the living room has a plain shelf with a bold cyma recta bed molding and a crossette surround defined by a Greek-ogee and bevel molding.

The trim used in the major rooms is illustrated below. In the attic and kitchen the trim is a board with an inner bead. Original flooring 6" wide yellow pine.



Trim, half scale

Chain of Title

BURRIS HOUSE (K-386)
Kennedyville, Maryland

Land Records of
Kent County

Transaction

WHG 16
324

TO: John Lewin, Kate S. & Ann E. Burris
FROM: Marian B. Redmile
DATE: Sept. 18, 1950

95' on road, 160' deep.

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TO: Marian B. Redmile
FROM: Ernest Linwood Redmile, her husband
DATE: Feb. 28, 1944

The property was made up of the following two purchases:

JTD 17
500

TO: Ernest Linwood Redmile
FROM: Lucy H. Martin & Anna E. Physick
DATE: Sept. 25, 1908

In 1877 a blacksmith shop was located on the southeast part of this property. The selling price was \$125.00. This is not the property where the house is located but south-east of the house. It was purchased from Henry B. Martin, Trustee, on Nov. 3, 1899. (JTD 3/77)

JTD 17
120

TO: Ernest Linwood Redmile
FROM: Sarah E. Barwick
DATE: Feb. 25, 1911

This is the property where the house stands. It includes all of Lots #1 and #2 except that purchased in JTD 17/500 which is a part of lot #1.

JTD 3
95

TO: Sarah E. Barwick
FROM: Lucy H. Martin & Anna E. Physick
DATE: Jan. 3, 1900

For \$1,200.00 the lot described above without the blacksmith shop.

Land Records of
Kent County

Transaction

JTD 3
77

TO: Lucy H. Martin & Anna E. Physick
FROM: Henry B. Martin, Trustee (of Philadelphia)
DATE: Nov. 3, 1899

William and Ida Culp deeded in trust both lots #1 and #2 to a Rev. John Martin for life tenancy and thence, to his three daughters. One of them died and here H. Martin, the Trustee, sells the property to the other two for \$1.00.

SB 5
616

TO: Henry B. Martin, Trustee
FROM: William S. & Ida I. Culp
DATE: June 3, 1884

For \$2,000.00 lots #1 and #2. This property was acquired in two purchases:

JKH 7
153

TO: William & Ida Culp
FROM: John Kennedy & Margaret S. Kennedy (of Port Kennedy, Pa.)
DATE: June 6, 1868

Bought in 1868 before the plat was drawn. A lot for \$250.00; this is lot #2.

JKH 10
594

TO: William & Ida Culp
FROM: John Kennedy
DATE: July 29, 1872

For \$550.00, the Culps bought lot #1 and what was left of lot #3.

These two lots plus 5' from front to back of lot #3 which was purchased from IKH Jacobs (SB2/201.)

Therefore, the Culps built this house between 1868 and 1877 when it appears on the Atlas.

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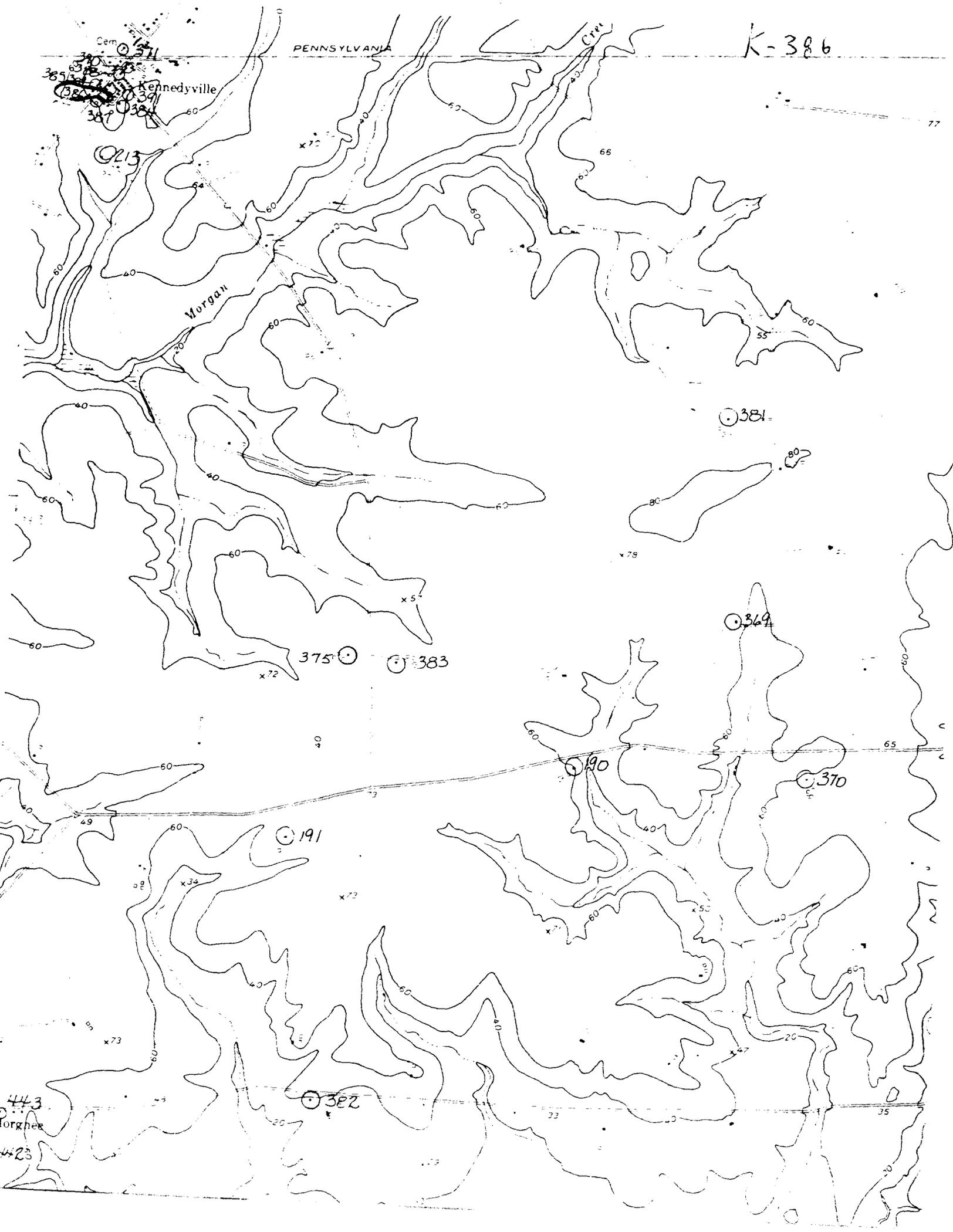
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Borris House

View to Northeast

Kennedyville

Kent County

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