

VICTORIAN COTTAGE (K-400)  
Chestertown, Maryland  
(ca 1885)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Victorian Cottage

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast side of Flatland Road, <sup>(CR 514)</sup> 3/4 mile  
from junction with Morris Road

JK 2/7/94

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

1st

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**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. & Mrs. William Nelson Roe

Telephone #: 301-778-2537

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. #4

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: RAS 39

Folio #: 377

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

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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    |   |   |

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mr. & Mrs. William Roe's Victorian cottage is a three bay, true 1½ story frame structure with a gable roof and central gable facade. The roof has overhanging eaves and turned wooden finials at the peak of each gable. The central gable retains its open-scallop decoration and turned pendants at the peak and base.

The main entry door is located under the central gable; it has a small transom light, a four panel door and a field stone step. The two over two double-hung window in the central gable has a round-headed upper sash. There are also one over one windows on either side of the main entry. The fenestration in this facade is carefully arranged to emphasize the centrality of the composition and to give a vertical feeling to a building which is essentially horizontal in shape. A tall brick chimney is located in the middle of the building, behind the central gable.

Window and door frames are plain as are the sills; the one over one sash are recent replacing the original two over two sash, and there are aluminum storm windows on all windows. The exterior of the building is covered with imitation stone asphalt siding; the roof is also covered with asphalt shingles.

The only original addition is a rear kitchen ell with a shed roof constructed on the south side of the rear wall. The side shed addition was constructed by the present owners.

The most interesting feature of the interior is the floor plan shown below. The central location of the entry, chimney, and stair reflects the centrality and vertical emphasis of the main facade.

The building is sited at the side of Flatland Road. It faces southwest.

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 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little house is a variation on the central gable buildings commonly constructed here in the late 19th century. It has an unusual and economical floor plan with an enclosed central stair and central chimney located in a kind of service care directly behind a small entry foyer. Originally there were just two rooms on each floor and a one-story shed addition at the rear.

The scale of sawn wooden ornament used in the building is fairly large and in its original condition gave the structure a lively and fanciful appearance. Each gable was once edged with the scallop-work shown in the photograph. Drops were used at the bottom of the gables; finials were used at the peaks. Other original detailing--porches, shutters, siding--are no longer visible. It is interesting to note that the sawn-work scallops are identical to the larger Joiner house (K-399) next door.

Old maps show that the partially completed Tolchester extension of the old Kent County Railroad ran through the back of this property and the owner reports finding railroad spikes in her garden.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson. An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne (sic) Counties, Md. (Philadelphia: 27 South Sixth Street, 1877.)

Hayman, John C., Rails Along the Chesapeake. (Salisbury, Md.: Marvadel Publishers, 1979.)

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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  
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STREET & NUMBER Court House TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Chestertown, Maryland STATE

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Victorian Cottage

View to Northeast

Chestertown

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