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Green Forest  
Kennedyville  
c. 1830

Green Forest is a three-bay, gable roofed, brick house with an unusually tall two-bay wing, all built at one time. There appears to be basement under the entire building and that is probably the reason for the height of the wing. Most often, there is no basement under the kitchen wing on Kent County houses. One other exception to the rule is Stepney, which was built considerably earlier.

Like several other buildings constructed in the 2nd quarter of the 19th century, Green Forest has a corbeled cornice. Its closest neighbor, Suffolk, shares this treatment. As a matter of fact, both buildings were constructed for Benjamin Howard. His son, Joseph, lived on the farm and received it upon his father's death in 1865.<sup>1</sup> Joseph sold it to his sister, Mary Ellen Haman, in 1871.<sup>2</sup> It appears to have remained in the family until after the death of B. Howard Haman, attorney in Baltimore, in 1932.

It was acquired by Glenn L. Martin, founder of the Remington Arms Corporation, who modernized the interior.<sup>3</sup> The only original feature of the house is the stair, with its round rail and turned newel and balusters.

1. Wills, Lib. JF 1, fol. 286.
2. Land Records, Lib. WHG 15, fol. 144.
3. No. 2.

GREEN FOREST  
Kennedyville, Maryland  
(2nd quarter, 19th century)

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Green Forest house probably dates from the 1830's or 1840's and exemplifies one house form of that period. Five bays wide and one room deep the house has a central hall and a side wing and simple exterior detailing. Thus it shows the evolution to simpler detailing and brick work after the decline of the Federal Style. The building was probably constructed by Benjamin Howard, a large land owner in the Kennedyville area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC GREEN FOREST

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West side of Turners Creek Road  
(Route 448) 1st

CITY, TOWN Kennedyville xx 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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. & Mrs. John B. Harris Telephone #: 301-348-5087

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 15  
Folio #: 444

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE  
Chestertown, Maryland

**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 checked="" 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 Green Forest farm buildings occupy the center of the section of farmland bounded by Bloomfield Road, Route 298, and Route 448 and about 1½ miles from Kennedyville. The building faces south with a view of Suffolk (K-139) and the Davis House (K-361.)

The house is a typical three bay, gable roofed early 19th century home with an unusually tall, two bay side wing. The building is brick, painted white; Flemish bond is used on the south facade and 1 to 5 running bond elsewhere. The front and rear walls of the house and wing are continuous, implying that they were built simultaneously. There are simple brick chimneys enclosed within each gable and a three step brick corbel cornice. The roof is covered with wooden shingles.

Windows have 6 over 6 set in 2" frames with a 3/8 " inside bead. There are jack arches above each window and recent brick sills. There are basement windows in each window bay and small two over two sash window in the attic gables. The main entry has a modern door and transom light.

A three bay hipped roof porch with decorative, modern wrought iron columns shelters the front door. The porch has a brick floor and is probably a modernized Victorian addition.

In the 1940's this house was rebuilt by Glenn Martin who later founded Remington Arms, a natural preserve near Rock Hall. The interior was entirely modernized, and probably the only original feature is the stair with its round handrail and turned balusters and newel. Interior trim is modern, although it is used with reeded corner-blocks. The floors are narrow oak boards.

Behind the house is a board and batten smoke house with braced framing and a gable roof. A later outbuilding nearby has been converted into a modern outside bath.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 2nd quarter 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT (probable) Benjamin Howard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Green Forest house probably dates from the 1830's or 1840's and exemplifies one house form of that period. It also shows the evolution to simpler detailing and brick work after the decline of the Federal style.

The building was probably constructed by Benjamin Howard, a large land owner in the Kennedyville area. He purchased Green Forest farm, 100 acres, from the estate of Moses Briscoe in 1823. (Kent Land Records TW4/203.) At his death in 1865, Howard lived at Suffolk, a property he willed to his daughter, Mary Ellen Haman. Green Forest was willed to his adult son, Joseph and Bloomfield Farm (K-422) to his son, George. (Wills liber JF1/286.)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Kent County Land Records and Wills, 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**

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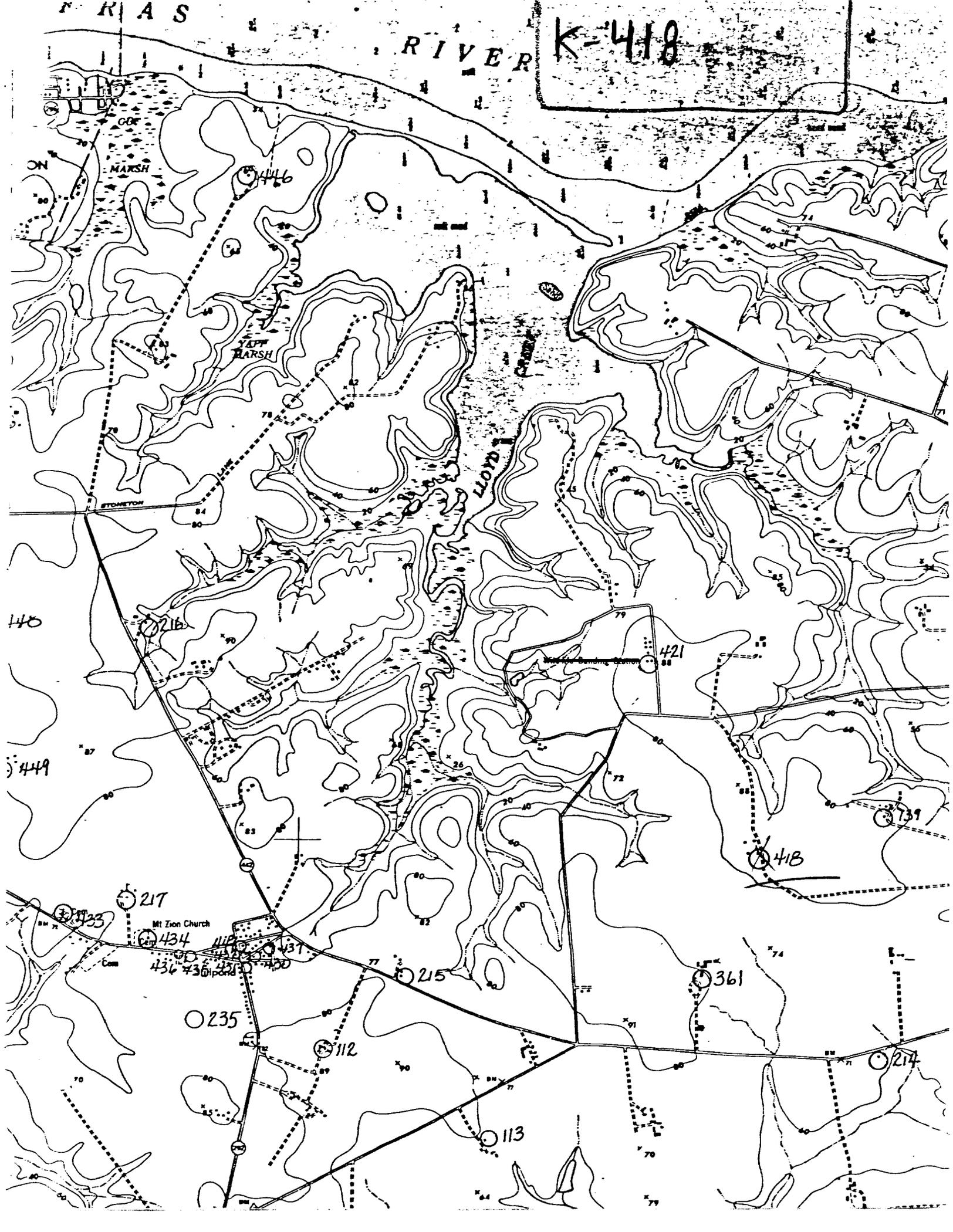
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
Court House

CITY OR TOWN STATE  
Chestertown, Maryland

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View to Northwest

Kennedyville

Kent County

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