

WILSON-HUGGINS HOUSE  
Still Pond, Maryland  
(ca 1890)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wilson-Huggins House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Second house from northeast corner of  
Still Pond Crossroads

1st

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

\_\_\_ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Francis M. Huggins

Telephone #: 301-778-2948

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 127

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 #: EHP 61

Folio #: 691

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 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 Wilson-Huggins House is located directly behind the old Medders Store. It sits on city lot that includes a frame barn now converted into an apartment. The building faces southwest.

The house is three bays wide and two stories tall. It has a side hall plan with the entry in the east bay. Across the front of the building is a one-story, hipped-roofed porch with a raised seam roof, and at the rear is a four bay long by two bay wide ell. The main gable roof has its ridge parallel to the street. Covered with natural wood colored asbestous shingles, the roof is quite steep and finished with shallow cornice and retura that has a cyma recta and fillet crownmolding. There are new brick chimneys in each gable. Quite tall, they have stucco-banded caps similiar to 18th century chimneys here.

The house is covered with lapped siding finished against narrow corner boards. Window trim is flush with the wall surface as are the plain wooden sills. Above the windows is a drip molding which suggests an architrave. The treatment of siding and trim and the flat fascia beneath the roof cornice, creates the appearance of a tight, thin skin of siding.

Two over two sash is used in all windows but those on the first floor are the taller. There are also small pointed windows in the attic gables. Window shutters are louvered with operable panels. The main entry has a two-light transom, a door with round headed upper panels, and original cast brass hardware.

The front porch has square posts with scroll bracketts and a cornice like that used at the roof. There is another porch, recessed into the south wall rear on the second floor.

The building has recently been converted into two apartments and the interior

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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		
<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 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J. Frank Wilson

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house was constructed by J. Frank Wilson after 1888, the barn was built shortly before.

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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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

modernized. Entry to the second floor is along the side via a two-story porch which provides a balcony for the second floor apartment and a shaded porch and garden off the kitchen of the first floor rooms.

The interior is modern with new trim and mantles. The original stair has also been removed.

## Chain of Title

WILSON-HUGGINS HOUSE  
Still Pond, Maryland

Land Records of  
Kent County

Transaction

EHP 61  
691

TO: Francis M. Huggins (Chestertown 778-2948)  
FROM: Clara M. Krebs, Personal Representative of  
Estate of Caroline McK. Medders (Dec. 1974)  
DATE: January 27, 1975

RAS 27  
469

TO: Caroline McK. Medders  
FROM: Mary Turner & Malcolm S. Graham, New York  
State  
DATE: September 17, 1941

Inheritance

TO: Mary Turner Graham  
FROM: Mary Wilson Turner & Howard Turner  
DATE:

The parents died intestate and the property  
went to their only child (RAS 27/469.)

Inheritance

TO: Mary Wilson Turner  
FROM: J. Frank Wilson  
DATE:

Mr. Wilson died intestate and the property  
went to his daughter. (RAS 27/469)

SB 11  
207

TO: J. Frank Wilson  
FROM: George W. Turner & wife  
DATE: October 13, 1888

For \$625.00 "...all that lot or parcel of  
land, with the improvements upon the same, and the  
policies of insurance that may be in force upon  
such improvements..." 60 feet by 141 feet on the  
private road between the G. W. Covington property  
and the property of G. W. Harper (later Medders  
Store.) "The improvements consist of a barn with  
loft for hay, and some fencing around said piece  
or parcel of ground..."

Land Records of  
Kent County

Transaction

DCB 3  
235

TO: George W. Harper  
FROM: Sarah Ann Gale  
DATE: June 30, 1877

For \$150 the lot shown on the 1877 Map which included two lots (K-447 & K-432) in all two roods and one perch more or less and improvements. The improvements are not listed but for this price could not have included the store or barn.

Wills liber  
EC 1  
1

TO: Sarah Ann Gale  
FROM: John Gale  
DATE: July 25, 1867

Devised to his wife two lots of land at or near Still Pond Crossroads.

JKH 3  
135

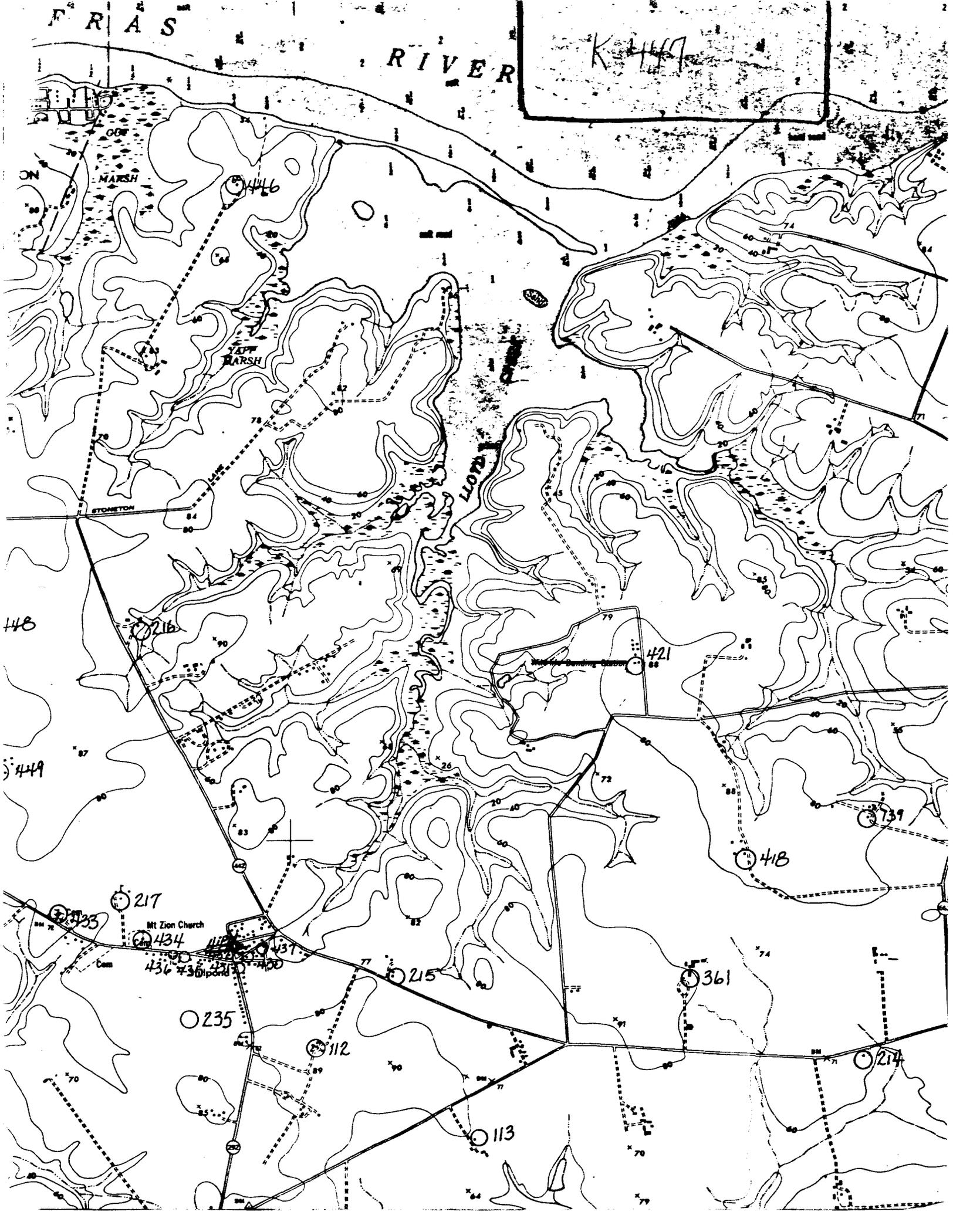
TO: John Gale  
FROM: Nathaniel & Anna M. Hynson  
DATE: March 26, 1862

For \$200.00 the ½ acre lot at Still Pond Crossroads at the corner of the road leading to Hepbron Town and a 22'6" right-of-way reserved for a road for public use. The other boundary was the Blacksmith shop of Lewis Hepborn. This is part of lands conveyed from Anna Maria Medford to William Welsh and Mary Louisa Mann. (?) In this deed the road is specified in some detail.

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