

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Violet Hill Farm

and/or common Violet Hill Farm

2. Location

street & number SE side Brice's Mill Rd., 1-1/8 mile S. of Rt. 20 not for publication

city, town Chestertown vicinity of congressional district FIRST

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wilbur Ross Hubbard

street & number Water Street telephone no.: 301-778-2121

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber EHP29

street & number Water Street folio 829

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. K-466

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

A 2½ story, three bay Victorian farm house, Violet Hill is a frame structure with a gable roof. There is a rear ell, and chimneys and a central stair/entry hall. A very large fireplace in the last ell room has an exposed fireback and may indicate that this section predates the main house.

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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| Specific dates | Builder/Architect |
|--|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or | |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Violet Hill Farm house is a vernacular Victorian period house of the central gable type. Although it is an unprepossessing structure, it exhibits typical details, plan and form of the 1870's and 1880's buildings of the county.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
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| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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| name/title | Marsha L. Fritz, Surveyor | | |
| organization | County Commissioners of Kent County | date | 5/22/81 |
| | Historical Society of Kent County | | |
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| | Church Alley | | 778-3499 |
| city or town | Chestertown | state | Maryland 21620 |

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
 Shaw House
 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 2½ stories, 3 bays wide, 2 bays deep
Wing A: 2 stories, 2 bays wide, 4 bays long
2. Plan type - Central hall.
3. Roof type - gable
4. Chimneys - Located in gables. Made of brick; recently caps were rebuilt. Decorative elements - simple corbel.
5. Material/Walls - Main Section and Wing A: Are Frame - probably German ship lap now covered with asbestos.
6. Material/Roofs - Main Section and Wing A: Sheet metal
7. Material/Foundation - Brick
8. Age - Main Section: Circa 1880
Wing: Same, perhaps with some earlier elements.
9. Style - Vernacular, Victorian

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main entry: Located in the center of northeast facade. Double doors with round-headed upper panels, 4-light transom, 3-light side lights with lower panels. A leaf-motif on transom bar.
Secondary entries: Located in sides of ell, rear of main house, end of ell. *All entries and details appear to be original to the major construction period.
2. Windows - Main Section: type - double hung
lights - 2/2
details - narrow bead and fillet frames,
plain sills. A pair of these windows used on second floor, center of main house.
shutters - wooden louvered
Wing: Same
3. Dormers - Very squat dormers with round-headed upper sash and overhanging eaves in main house. Double-window dormer in center has a large (14" - 15") round applied medallion between windows.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

4. Roof Details - Very simple overhang. No moldings
5. Porch - Concrete steps lead to doors. No porches although the main facade probably had a porch.
6. Color - Current: white/green shutters
Historic: ?
7. Other - In interior, rear room of ell has a broad fireplace with no damper, a steel lintel, and a corner stair, enclosed, beside it. All boarding, hardware, and flooring in the room is typical of the Victorian period. Fireplace is sketched on attached sheet.

Interior Description

1. Plan type - Central Hall
2. Major stair - A dog-leg stair rises to the attic. It has turned balusters and a heavy turned newel.
Other stairs - Enclosed stairs lead to rear rooms.
3. Major mantles - Wooden, catalogue mantles with curved shelf and applied panels.
4. Major trim - Windows/doors: 6" wooden trim with inside head, a broad 2" fillet and composite backband. The molding profile is unusual. Same profile used for bottom of apron. See attached sketch.
Baseboards: Plain 6"
Cornices: None
Chair rails: None
5. Major Doors - 4-panel
6. Floors - 3"-6" random pine
7. Walls/ceiling finishes - plaster

In attic are the original interior louvered shutters and hardware.

Outbuildings/Site Description

1. Major Outbuildings - Farm buildings - barns, horsebarns, and chicken sheds. Are 19th-20th century frame barns, of bay framing.
2. Site Description - No formal gardens, only a small yard around the house, 2 large maples. Farm buildings to rear and north of house. The house is located on a hill with farmlands surrounding it. Land behind the house slopes down to the wooded banks of the East Fork of Lankford Creek.

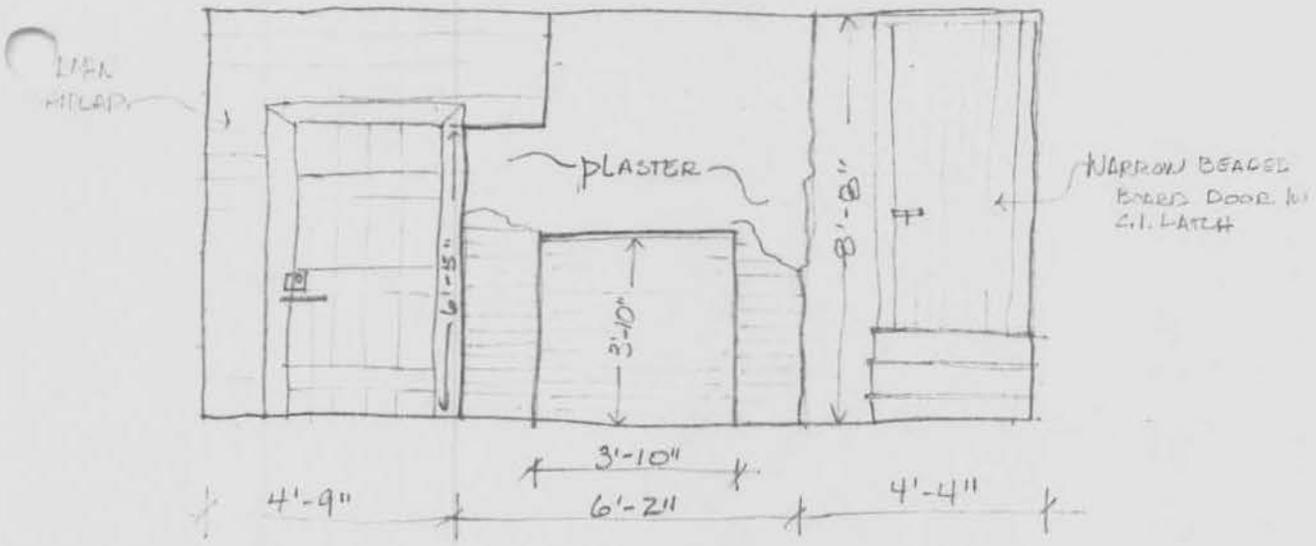
- CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

3. Views to/from site - Farmlands/ woodlands. No buildings visible in summer.

Use of Building

1. Current - Tenant house.
2. Historic - Residence.



(HEARTH: 6'-2" x 2'-0")

ORIG. KITCHEN FIREPLACE
VIOLET HILL FARM - K-466
5/22/81



HALF SCALE SKETCH OF MAJOR TRIM
VIOLET HILL FARM K-466
CHESTERTOWN, M.D.

5/21/81

MLF



K-466

71x

204

LAND ROAD

ROAD

QUEEN ANNES ROAD

281

271

465

473

478

95A, B, C

91

85

80

86

472

94

Chester River Country Club

CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE

QUEEN ANNES ROAD

Janes



View to Southeast

VIOLET HILL (K-466)

Chestertown, Kent County

Photograph: M. L. Fritz, May 1981