

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bristol Farm

and/or common Herbert Usilton Farm

2. Location

street & number RD # 3 - 1/2 mile east of Langford Langford Brices Mill Road July 2/1994
 not for publication

city, town Chestertown vicinity of 1st congressional district

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 Herbert F. Usilton

street & number RD # 3 telephone no.: 301-778-3196

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland 21620

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber WHG23

street & number _____ folio # 1

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-468

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 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 five bay wide, 2½ story frame house, this building has late Victorian detailing throughout but appears to rest on an earlier field stone and brick foundation. It is one room deep with a central hall plan and a shed-roofed kitchen wing at the southeastern gable.

8. Significance

Survey No. K-468

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

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

The old house on the Herbert Usilton Farm is a Victorian dwelling probably constructed in the third quarter of the 19th century. Like most houses of that period it has architectural ornament its builder purchased from the millwork catalogues of the time. This house has an exceptionally handsome stair and rather unusual wooden hoods over the front windows. Unlike most other houses of the late 19th century this building is narrow and has a side wing instead of a rear ell, both explained by the existence of an earlier foundation visible only in the cellar.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 2½ stories, 5 bays wide, 2 bays deep
Wing A: Modern - 1 story, 1 bay wide, 2 bays deep
Wing B: Demolished - Side Kitchen -
2. Plan type - Central Hall, one room deep; side wing.
3. Roof type - Main Section: Gable
Wing: Shed
4. Chimneys - Location: Enclosed in 2 gable ends
Materials: Brick
Decorative elements: None; chimneys are supported by brick piers in cellar
5. Material/Walls - Main Section: Frame - Lapped siding covered with asbestos
Wing A: Frame - Same - modern porch, enclosed
Wing B: Demolished - Side kitchens (summer and winter)
6. Material/Roofs - Asphalt
7. Material/Foundation - Main Section: Field stone below grade with brick, the lowest 3 courses of which are large handmade; upper courses small 19th century.
Wing A: Brick
8. Age - Main Section: Third quarter 19th century on earlier foundation
Wings: Modern
9. Style - Vernacular Victorian

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main Entry: Located in the center of southwest facade, door has single light side light; a 3-light transom. Like the front windows this door has a sloped lintel with Greek ogee and fillet hood moldings. The door has an upper light and a pair of panels with bolection moldings with block corners.
Secondary entries: Located in modern kitchen. A rear door in the northeast facade has been covered over on the exterior. Basement entry in east gable. Same foundation description as above.
2. Windows - Main Section: type - double-hung
lights - 6/6; central window, front, has side lights.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

details - Plain flat trim with plain sills and hood as described above. On 2 side bays and rear narrow fillet and bead frames. 3-light basement in every bay around the house except east gable.

shutters - none in place.

Wings: Various modern.

3. Dormers - Three in each roof slope. Gable with widely overhanging eaves and a return, bracketed pilaster base and 6/6 sash.

4. Roof details - Main section: Eaves overhang about 1' and have a return at the gables. Their crownmold is an cyma and fillet. There is a deep (ca. 12") fascia at the top of the wall that once had brackets.

Wings: Box

5. Porches - A three-bay wide, one-bay deep front porch with flat roof, box cornice with cyma and fillet crownmold and plain square replacement columns.

6. Color - Current: white/green roof
Historic: ?

7. Other - Pilasters at corners of house have a single recessed panel with Greek ogee and bevel panel molding.

Interior Description

1. Plan type - Central Hall

2. Major stair -Rounded handrail, turned balusters, foliated step brackets; vertical panels with bold Grecian ogee and bevel panel moldings. Very handsome and elaborate.

3. Major mantles - Late Federal mantle from New England; delicate moldings on shelf, grooved pilaster. In dining room a slate mantle.

4. Major trim - Windows/doors: Wider than usual with wide 1½" fillet, flattened ogee and bevel and side bead. In dining room is similar trim with split face.

Baseboards: About 9" with flattish Greek ogee and bevel upper molding and split face.

Cornices: None

Chair rails: None

5. Major doors - 4 panel with shallow raised panel and Greek ogee and bevel moldings.

6. Floors - Random yellow pine with wider boards in the attic.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

7. Walls/ceiling finishes - Plaster, some with wallpaper.

Outbuildings/Site Description

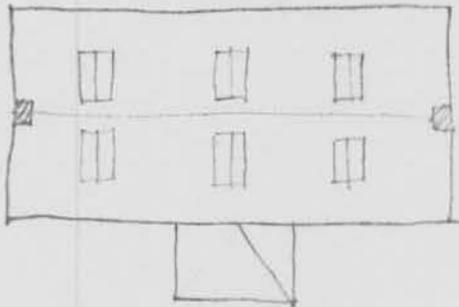
1. Major outbuildings - None of historic interest remaining. Ice house, northeast of main house is demolished.
2. Site description - Surrounded by farmlands, the house has a small yard planted with many ornamental shrubs and trees including box, evergreens, maples.
3. Views to/from site - Eliason Farm house and other nearby farms.

Use of Building

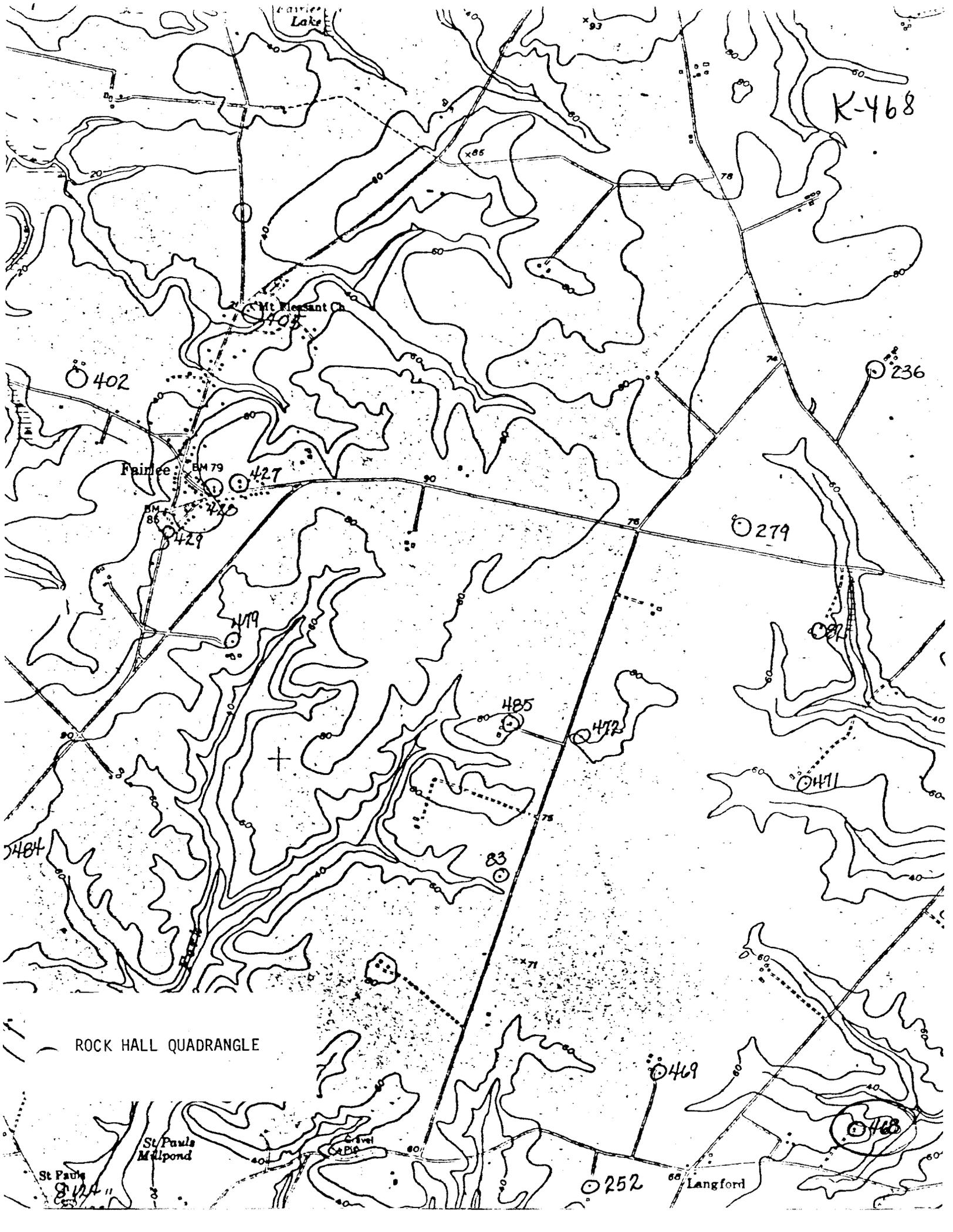
1. Current - Residence
2. Historic - Residence

History of Building/Past Ownership

Formerly in the Bristol Family.



SKETCH ROOF PLAN
HERBERT USILTON HOUSE K-468
6/21 MLE.



K-468

Lake

Mt. Pleasant

Fairlee

402

427

429

479

485

472

471

279

236

83

469

252

468

ROCK HALL QUADRANGLE

St. Pauls Millpond

St. Pauls

Langford



View to Northeast

HERBERT USILTON FARM (K-468)

Langford, Chestertown, Kent County

Photograph: M. L. Fritz, June 1981