

K-617

Nineteenth century

Hem-Mar Farm
Near Chesterville
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hem-Mar Farm

2. Location

street & number South side Rt. 291,
1 mile south Chesterville _____ not for publication

city, town Chesterville vicinity of _____ 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 Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Miller

street & number _____ telephone no.: son -928-5129

city, town Kennedyville _____ state and zip code Maryland 21645

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse _____ liber EHP 19

street & number _____ folio 728

city, town Chestertown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys NONE

title _____

type _____ 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 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.

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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/
<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	Circa 1825-1860	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.

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The main section, including the original building and its addition, is about 40 feet wide by 18 feet deep. The two-storey wing is about 14 feet wide by 26 feet deep, and the new one-storey addition at the rear of the earlier wing is about 14 feet wide and 16 feet deep.

The exterior walls are covered now with white aluminum siding. Earlier they were covered with asphalted composition panels imitating red brick applied over its earlier horizontal, lapped weatherboard. The weatherboard can be seen in the cellar entry. Its exposure is from 5-3/4" to 6-3/4".

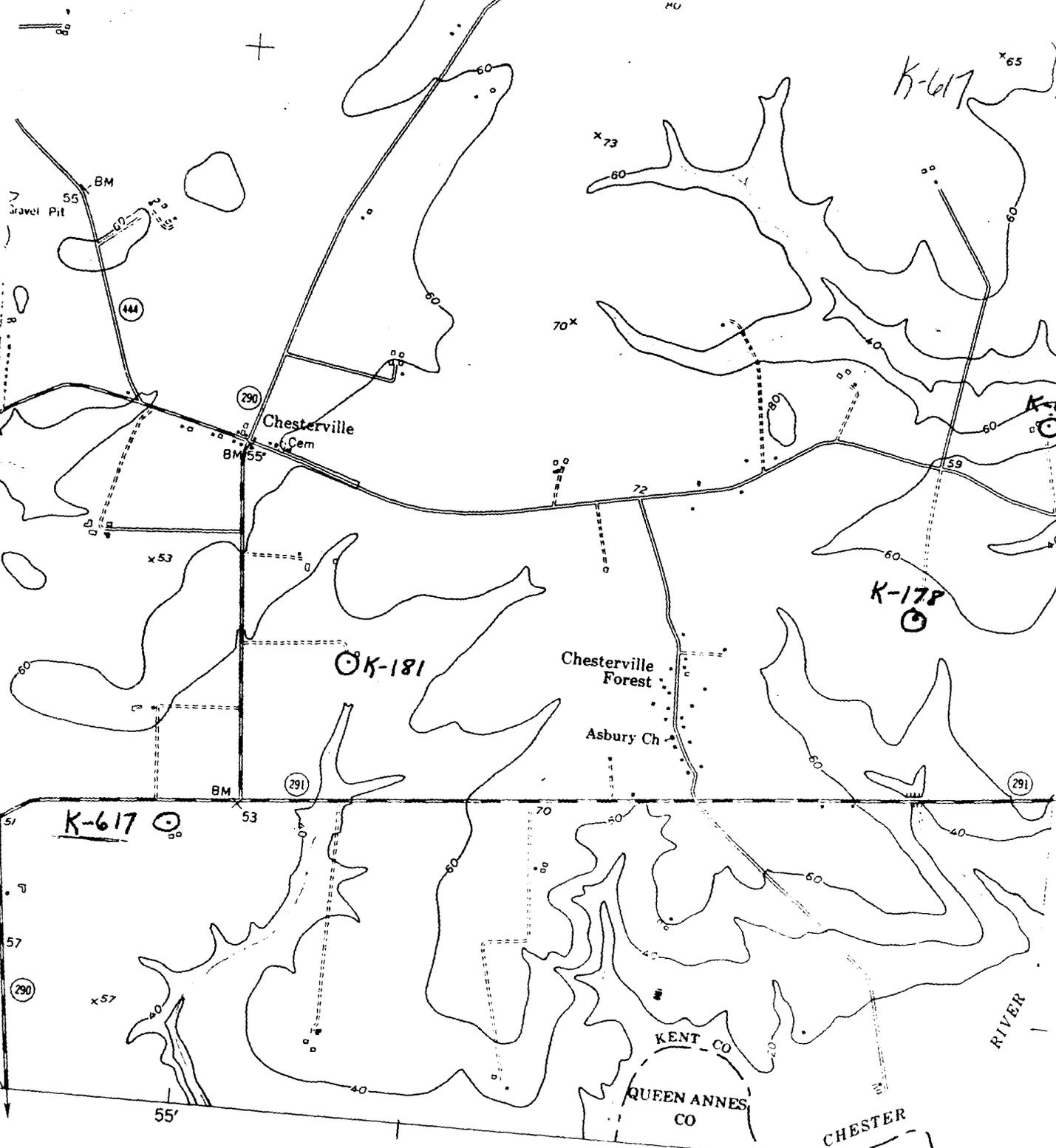
The foundation of the western, original portion of the main section is uncoursed "Port Deposit" granite. Above the foundation walls, as can be seen in the cellar that underlies this section, there are no large sills, just thin boards that serve the same purpose. The entry to the cellar is through a covered, gable-roofed entry in the west end's south bay. The floor is dirt. The west-end chimney base is solid and built of stone, an extension into the cellar of the stone foundation. There is a curious brick-walled "tunnel" system past the beginning of the space for the eastern addition, that turns back to go under the wing, where it is shallow. Presumably this is just for access, but these are substantial walls, and they are old enough to have been whitewashed at least part way. The main-section addition and wing are built over a crawl space. The east part of the main section has a stone foundation wall on its north, main-facade side, but brick walls elsewhere. The cellar had a single front and rear window.

The chimneys at each end of the main section, at the center within the walls, are quite short. They are built of brick and now parged. They have two-course parged caps. The wing's chimney is at the rear center of the wing, within the wall. It is taller and also of parged brick. The owners intend to remove it since the mortar is now entirely sandy. There is now, on the one-storey recent addition, a new chimney at its rear end.

There are now no openings in the east end of the main section. Casement windows have been closed there. The west end evidently only had one casement originally, which is still there. The west end has no openings on the first or second storey. Windows are double-hung except for the remaining casement. Many have been replaced. On the south side the easternmost bay, probably at the rear of a now-central hall, now has a small window in it, to light a bathroom. The original three bays are very close together. There is a noticeable break in fenestration between the original section and the addition end, and the three bays' openings in the original section are not evenly spaced either. Openings are aligned from first storey to second, however.

The gable roofs are fairly shallow, and there are flush verge boards at the ends of the main section. The cornice is boxed.

A handsome three-bay wide hipped-roof porch was added across both facade sections in the late nineteenth century. The bays are not equal; the center one is larger. There are handsome, pierced sawn brackets on each side of the posts. The steps and porch floor are now concrete.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		4 LANE 6 LANE	Light-duty	
Medium-duty		4 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt	

U. S. Route State Route

GALENA, MD.
SW/4 CECILTON 15' QUADRANGLE
N3915-W7552.5/7.5
PHOTOINSPECTED 1974
1953



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Rt. 291, near Chesterville

M. Q. Fallaw - 5/6/86

View to south

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Hem-Mar Farm

Rt. 291, near Chesterville

M. Q. Fallaw - 5/6/86

View to northeast

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