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Fair Hope Farm
Quaker Neck
1st Quarter 19th Century

Fair Hope Farm is a 20th Century name given to an old farm composed of parts of East Huntington, Tilghman's Farm and Norris Forest. The house itself stands on East Huntington and is an early 19th century frame farmhouse, 2-1/2 stories tall, five bays long, with a two-part service wing which is 1-1/2 stories tall. The entire structure is one room deep.

The house is similar to others on Quaker Neck in form and plan. Its plan consists of two rooms and central stairhall, with a dining room in what appears to have been the service wing. These are all located on the same level. At ground level in the service wing there is a three bay kitchen.

The dining room is refuted to be the earliest part of the house. It has a fine early 19th century yellow pine corner cupboard. The details of the stair in the main section appear to date from the 1840's, but the rest of the millwork is the product of Brognard Oakie, the Pennsylvania architect responsible for remodeling the house for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stokes in 1935.¹

The farm was owned in the early 19th Century by Samuel Merritt ² whose family lived on the adjoining tract of Godlington Manor. During the period between 1836 and 1880, William Lamb owned the farm.³ In 1852 the house was listed as "in tolerable repair", which meant that it was not new.⁴ For thirty years before the Stokes family purchased the farm, it was the home of the William T. Maslin family.⁵

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1. Land Records, Lib. RAS 13, fol. 447.
2. Land Records, Lib. JNG 13, fol. 208.
3. Land Records, Lib. DCB 1, fol. 609.
4. Kent County Tax Assessment, 1852.
5. Land Records, Lib. JTD 11, fol. 29.

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Fair Hope
Chestertown
Private

Early 19th Century

Fair Hope house has many typical features of an early Kent farm house: telescoping wings, a central hall, and an exposed chimney back; it is frame. In the 1930's the building was enlarged and restored by the Philadelphia architect, Brognaid Okie.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fair Hope

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Quaker Neck

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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Charles Stokes

Telephone #: (301) 778-3153

STREET & NUMBER

Route 3

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: RAS 35

Folio #: 259

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fair Hope is located on Quaker Neck south west of Chestertown. The house is a part of a complex of buildings, stables, barns, and tennant and guest houses. The garden front of the house overlooks pastures with a distant view of Broad Creek.

The main house is two and one-half stories tall with high brick foundation and gable roof with three gable dormers. This is a five bay frame house with a central hall and a series of wings telescoping to the southeast side. The building was restored and enlarged by the present owner in 1934 with assistance of Brognaid Okie, a Philadelphia architect.

Windows are evenly spaced on the main house. On the approach front are 12/12 sash windows with narrow trim made up of composite moldings of the type common in the Federal period. There is a window at the stair landing and below this the main entrance which has an entrance porch with conical roof and round columns. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingles. It is finished with a denticulated box cornice. The dormer windows have diagonally boarded cheeks.

On the garden front, 10-light, double casement windows are used on the second floor side bays with two narrow 6/4 sash windows in the central bay. 8/8 sash windows light the first floor. A shed roof porch with two benches shelters the entrance.

Enclosed brick chimneys are used in each gable end. The chimney back on the northwest is exposed.

The oldest portion of the dwelling is the first wing, a one and one-half story structure with low brick basement. It has wide, old weatherboarding and replacement trim on the door and window of the approach front. The attic is lighted with a single dormer with a small nine-pane sash. The steep gable roof is finished with a plain box cornice. There is one room per floor; that on the first is used as the dining room.

The kitchen is housed in a second one and one-half story wing; this one has two small six-pane windows on the upper floor and a gable roof. Also frame, the wing sets close to the ground. It is connected by a three bay, segmentally arched arcade, to a one and one-half story laundry with steep gable roof and large, exterior brick chimney. The arcade and laundry were added to the old house in 1934.

The interior paneling replaces the original interior finish which was lost. Its design is based upon a corner cupboard which remains in the dining room. Major down stairs rooms have raised and beveled paneled walls, that in the northeast room being natural cherry.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Restored by present owner in 1934 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Brognaid Okie

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fair Hope is significant as an example of early Kent County architecture and as a restoration. The old building has many typical features of an early 19th century farmhouse; it has telescoping wings, a central hall with stair and entrances, and an exposed chimney back. The restoration may also be interpreted as an historical document, "the state of the art" of restoration of the 1930's. Today, Fair Hope is an extraordinarily beautiful house, certainly grander than it was in its original state as the main house of a prosperous Kent County farm. The beauty of the building is enhanced by well designed landscaping.

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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, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Chestertown</u> VICINITY <u>Quaker Neck</u> STREET NO. <u>Rt 289</u> , <u>2.7 miles SW of High St., Chestertown (south east)</u>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-89</u>
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Charles P. Stokes</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2 1/2</u>	2. NAME <u>Fair Hope Farm</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>18th Century</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO
Fair Hope Farm house is a 2 1/2 story, 5 bay long frame house, with "A" roof having 3 dormers on each side

1 1/2 - 10 pane double casements in 2nd } low shutters
12 pane casements - w/d - 6 A = (center double bay (baths))
porch -
8/12 = wing - 9 - dormers - 2 bays long.
brick foundation - brick chimneys - gable -
3 bay kitchen, cullorade + wash house. better shutters
dentil cornice.
Exposed fireplace on 1st story - 1 bay on gable side floor

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior good Exterior good

wood at stair head in north side 8/8 - 8/12 on 2nd fl.
Chimney = gable of kit + wash house.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u> <u>MAT</u> DATE OF RECORD <u>at 12, 1968</u>
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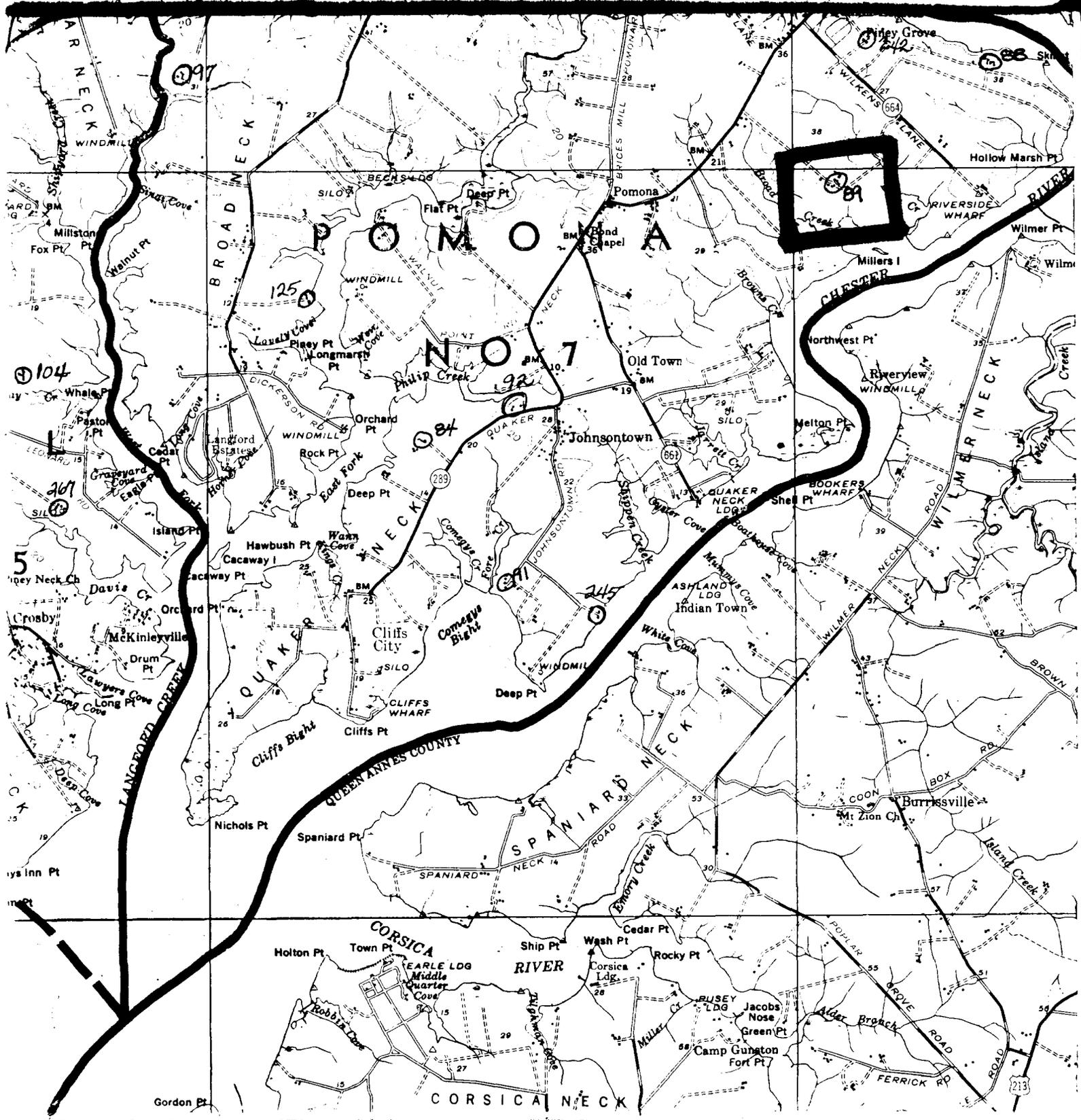
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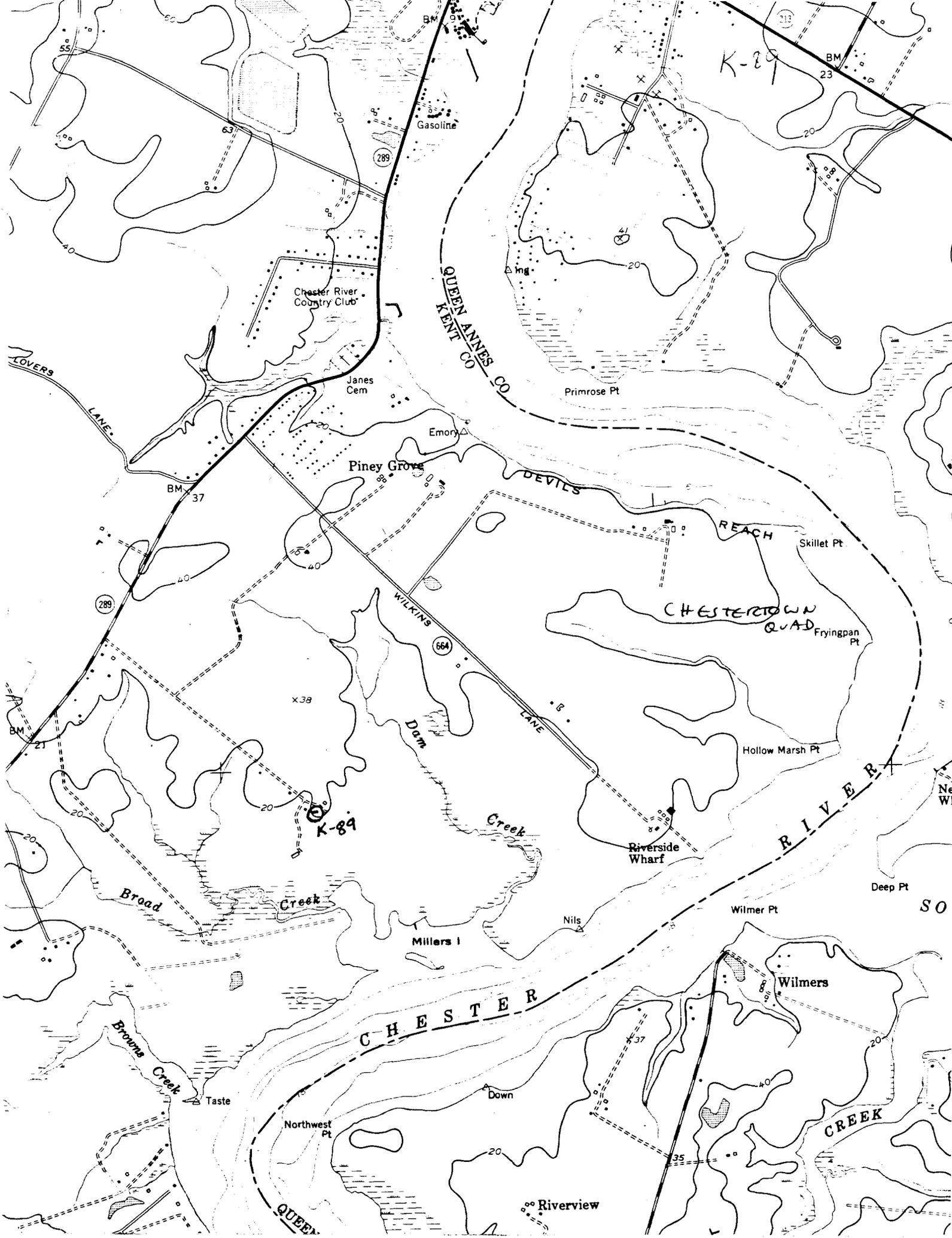
Fair Hope Farm house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story, five bay long, frame clapboard building with an "A" roof having three dormers on each side. The structure sits on a high brick basement and there is a two bay, $1\frac{1}{2}$ story wing with a three bay long kitchen wing, having the same pitch as the $1\frac{1}{2}$ story roof, plus a colonade and wash house. The windows have 12/12 sash on first story, ten-pane double casements on the second story south facade (8/12 on the gable and the north facade) and 12 pane casements in the dormers. The center bay of the second story south facade has two windows with 6/4 sash in each, while the center north facade has 8/8 sash and is located at stair landing level. All windows have louvered shutters. On west gable the fireplace back is exposed. Chimneys are located on each gable of the main portion and the east gable of the kitchen and wash house.

A hipped roof porch covers the north door and a long leanto porch covers the south door, both of excellent design for a country house. There is a dentil cornice on both sides of the house.

The original woodwork was removed during the first quarter of this century but a facsimile has been re-installed with fine detail.

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Gasoline

Chester River Country Club

Janes Cem

Piney Grove

Primrose Pt

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COVERS LANE

BM 37

DEVILS REACH

Skillet Pt

CHESTER TOWN QUAD

Fryingpan Pt

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WILKINS

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Hollow Marsh Pt

BM 21

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DUM

LANE

CHESTER RIVER

Ne WI

Deep Pt

SO

Broad Creek

Creek

Riverside Wharf

Wilmer Pt

Nils

Millers I

Wilmers

Browns Creek

Taste

CHESTER

Down

Northwest Pt

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CREEK

Riverview

QUEEN

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FAIR HOPE

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QUAKER NECK RD.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

FRONT FROM NORTH

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FAIRHOPE

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QUAKER NELL RD.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

STAIRWAY

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ORIGINAL CUPBOARD FIRST FLOOR

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