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Broadnox, Poplar Neck  
Near Rock Hall  
Mid 18th Century

The unsavory character of the 17th century Thomas Broadnox has been thoroughly exhausted in other histories. Suffice it to say that the man was a scoundrel. In 1659 the land on which Poplar Neck was built was patented to Broadnox who lived on Kent Island at the time.

In the 18th Century 640 acres of this tract came into the possession of the Dunn family, early members of St. Paul's Church. When the house was actually built has not been thoroughly researched.

By the time of the 1852 Tax Assessment, the farm was in the possession of James E. Barroll, one of Chestertown's prominent lawyers, who resided at the Hynson-Ringgold House. Like his father before him, Barroll probably enjoyed life on the farm as much as life in town. By 1860, Poplar Neck, as it had become known, was owned by C. M. and E. Deputy and by 1877 it was in the occupation of R. H. Rouse.

In 1940, the farm was purchased by Glen L. Martin who employed the architectural firm of Clyde and Nelson Friz of Baltimore to draw up the plans for renovating the building.<sup>1</sup> Whatever remained of the old house was destroyed, except the floors in two rooms. The lovely paneling and other details all date from the 1940-41 renovation.

The original house had a very typical form, but the scale and fenestration was unique. Five bays distinguished the Flemish bond with

glazed header facade. The five bays, however, were not evenly placed and there were two doors and three windows. The center window was one pane narrower than the outer two. Two dormers in the steep A roof were placed symmetrically on both the front and the back. There was no door on the first story of the back facade.

A slight difference in size and color of the brick between the main section and the four bay kitchen wing suggests that the latter was built after the initial building. The wing was constructed several feet narrower than the main section, however, the roof was made as wide (similar to the treatment of the kitchen wing at Hinchingham).

In form and plan, as well as in regard to some other details, Broadnox is similar to Clarke's Conveniency on Quaker Neck. The house is currently used as a guest house for Remington Farms.

1. Johnson, Robert, J. Gravesend, Serene But Still Profound. Rock Hall American Revolutionary Bicentennial Committee 1975.

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Broadnox  
Rock Hall  
Private

1704-1708

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Broadnox

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Ricquob's Branch Langford Road

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Remington Arms Co., Inc.

Telephone #: (301) 778-1565

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: WHG 45

Folio #: 439

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The main facade, facing east and looking over a good stand of old trees, is five bays long plus a four bay long wing, both one and one-half storys in height. The five bays are placed unusually, in so far as there are two entrance doors placed between three windows. The doors have transoms and the outside windows have 12/8 sash and the center window has 9/6 sash. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the entire facade, the main portion having glazed headers, and stepped water table. The door on the wing is located on the second bay from the north (or main section). All windows of the wing have 6/6 sash and all shutters are paneled and have a half-moon pierced in the upper panel. Eash side of the "A" roof have six dormers, three on each section. A large brick chimney pierced the apex of the roof at both gables and where the two sections join. The "A" roof of the wing has an overhang of about four feet on the west side. It (the west facade) is four bays long while the main section has only three bays, having 6/6 sash and 9/6 sash repectively. This side of the dwelling is laid in common bond while the north gable is laid in English bond and is pierced by three casement windows, two being on the second story, the third on the first story adjacent to the basement entrance.

When Glenn L. Martin bought the building in 1940, he set about restoring it. The four rooms, are from south to north, kitchen, dining room, hall and parlor. The latter three have very good paneling which dates from the restoration. Only two rooms on the second floor have original floors.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

Robert Dunn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Broadnox is significant because it is a very early Kent County structure which is associated with early local history. Architecturally it has bricks which are good representatives of the building practices of the 18th century. Unfortunately most of the wooden detailing of both interior and exterior has been lost.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H.C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, privately published, 1934, p. 222.  
Rock Hall Historical Collection, Privately published, 1957, p. 14.

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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, Michael Bourne, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

Aug, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

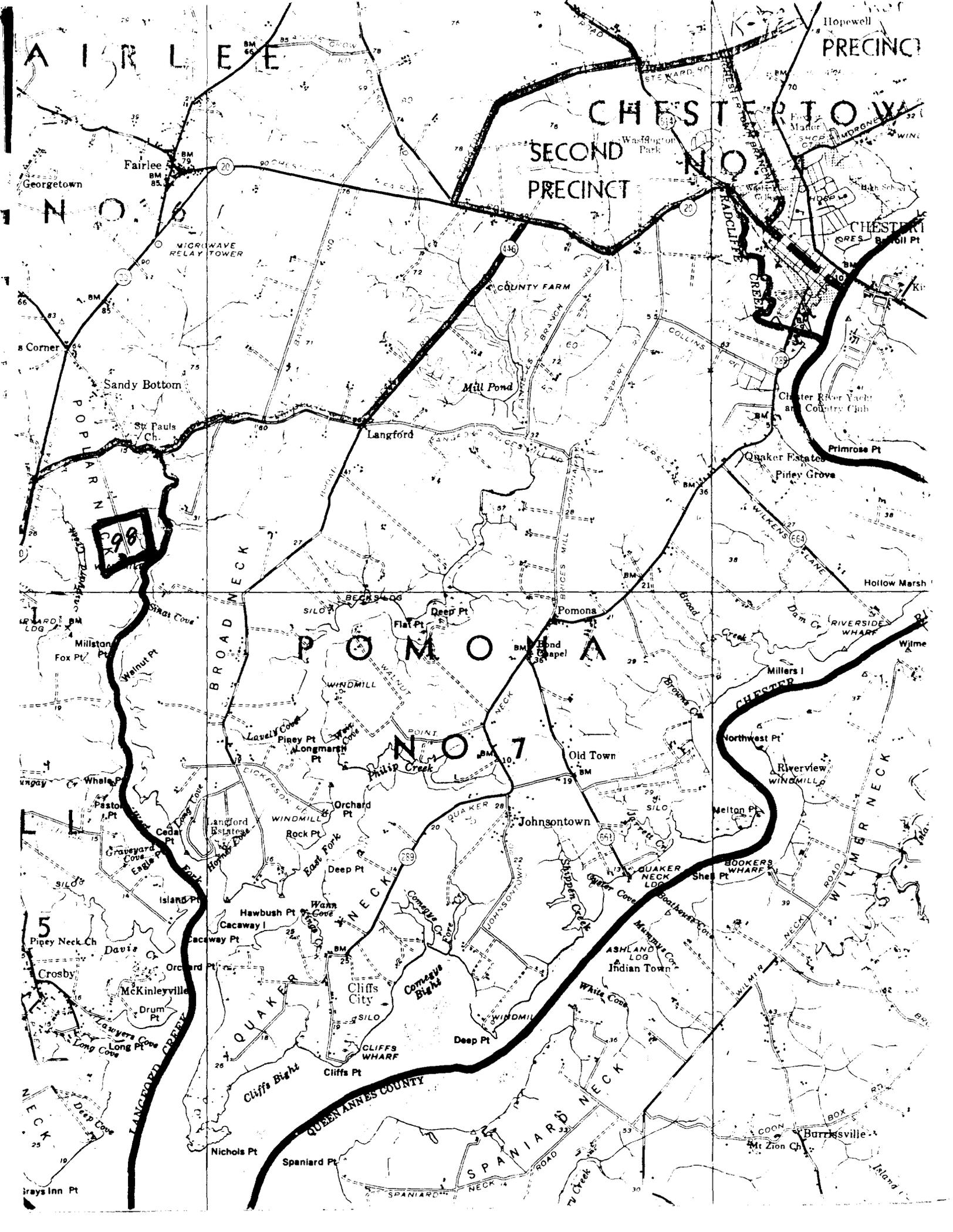
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Rock Hall VICINITY Sandy Bottom STREET NO.  ORIGINAL OWNER Robert Dunn ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER Remington Arms Co., Inc. PRESENT USE guest house WALL CONSTRUCTION brick NO. OF STORIES 1½	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K-98
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	2. NAME BROADNOX  DATE OR PERIOD c. 1708 STYLE colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER Robert Dunn  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
<p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>yes</u></p> <p>Broadnox is supposed to have been built in 1704 - 1708 by Robert Dunn, a member of the first vestry of St. Paul's Church. Previously the land had been owned by <del>A</del> Thomas Bradnox, an infamous character of the 17th century.</p> <p>The main facade, facing east and looking over a good stand of old trees, is five bays long plus a four bay long wing, both 1½ stories in height. The five bays are placed unusually, in so far as there are two entrance doors placed between three windows. The doors have transoms and the outside windows have 12/8 sash and the center window has 9/6 sash. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the entire facade, the main portion having glazed headers, and a stepped water table. The door on the wing is located on the second bay from the north (or main section). All windows of the wing have 6/6 sash and all shutters are paneled and have a half-moon pierced in the upper panel. Each side of the "A" roof have six dormers, three on each section. A large brick chimney pierced the apex of the roof at both gables and where the two sections join. The "A" roof of the wing has an overhang of about four feet on the west side. <sup>(the west facade)</sup> It is four bays long while the main section has only three bays, having 6/6 sash and 9/6 sash respectively. This side of the dwelling is laid in common bond while the north gable is laid in English bond and is pierced by three casement windows, two being on the second story, the third on the first story adjacent to</p> <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior <u>good</u> Exterior <u>good</u></p>	
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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH  8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Forman, H.C. Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, privately published, 1934, p 222. Rock Hall Historical Collection, privately published 1957, p 14.
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne  DATE OF RECORD October, 1968	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



Hopewell  
PRECINCT

AIR LEE

CHESTER TOWNSHIP  
SECOND PRECINCT

NO. 6

Georgetown  
Fairlee

Sandy Bottom  
St. Pauls Ch.

Langford

Mill Pond

CHESTER  
SRES. B. Hill Pt

98

BROAD NECK

POMONA

NO. 7

FL

5

NECK

QUAKER NECK  
CLIFFS BIGHT  
CLIFFS WHARF  
CLIFFS Pt

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY

SPANIARD NECK

Burkesville  
Mt Zion Ch.



BROADNOX

MHT-X-98

RICAUDS BR - LANGFORD RD.

ROCK HALL, MD

FRONT FROM EAST

C. ENGSTROM AUG. 1977



BROADNOX

MHT - K-98

RICAUDS BR. - LANGFORD RD.

ROCK HALL, MD.

END FROM SOUTHWEST

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