

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-1

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pemberton Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Pemberton Drive ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

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

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

name Pemberton Hall Foundation

street & number % Dr. Robert McFarlin
Lemon Hill Lane

telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Md 21032

7. Description

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.

Pemberton Hall is located on the south side of Pemberton Drive several miles east of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half Flemish bond brick house is centered in a large county-owned park that borders the Wicomico River. The house, owned by the Pemberton Hall Foundation, is a principal historical focus of the park. Facing south, the gambrel roof is oriented on an east/west axis.

Dated by an inscribed brick to 1741, the story-and-a-half, three-room plan, Flemish bond brick house is supported on a high Flemish bond brick foundation. Glazed headers are found within the foundation wall in a checkerboard pattern that is repeated more consistently on the north and south walls. The gambrel roof is covered with wood shingles. Attached to the east gable end is a single-story wing erected during the past twenty years and known as the Parsons wing.

The south elevation is a slightly asymmetrical three-bay facade with double leaf raised-panel doors framed by a mortise-and-tenon surround. A jack arch stretches across the top of the door opening. Located to each side are twelve-over-twelve sash windows that are also topped by brick jack arches. The windows are flanked by raised-panel shutters. Finishing the base of the roof is a plastered cove cornice. The steep slope of the roof is pierced by three hip roofed dormers filled with nine-over-six sash windows. Piercing the foundation wall are cellar openings filled vertical diamond-cross sectioned bars.

The west gable end, also laid in Flemish bond, is accented with random glazed headers with the checkerboard pattern less consistent than the north and south sides. A two-course beltcourse stretches across at the second floor level. Centered on the wall is a shed roofed cellar entrance with beaded edge board-and-batten doors. North of the cellar entrance is a small window opening, and two six-pane windows light the second story. The gable end is finished with a molded bargeboard. Rising through the center of the gable end is an interior brick chimney stack. Several glazed headers accent the Flemish bond pattern of the west face of the stack.

The north wall is similar to the south elevation with a center door opening filled with double leaf raised panel doors. The twelve-over-twelve sash windows flank the entrance and each opening is topped by a brick jack arch. The base of the roof is finished with a plastered cove cornice. Lighting the second floor are three hip roofed dormers filled with nine-over-six sash windows.

The east gable end is largely covered by the Parsons wing. Exposed on the southeast corner of the house is a nine-over-six sash window flanked by raised-panel shutters. The second floor is lighted by one six-pane window. Rising through the end wall is an interior brick chimney stack. The Flemish wall bond has random glazed header highlights.

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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
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<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1741

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.

Pemberton Hall, located on a large tract of land bordering the Wicomico River, is the earliest dwelling to remain standing in the immediate vicinity of Salisbury. Dated by an inscribed brick located over the east gable end door, the gambrel roofed, three-room plan house is distinguished by Flemish bond brickwork with a glazed header checkerboard pattern, plastered cove cornices, and extensive mid eighteenth-century woodwork. Construction of Pemberton Hall was accomplished by Isaac Handy (1706-1762) on land he purchased in 1726 from Joseph Pemberton. In addition to being a sizable land owner and merchant\planter, Isaac Handy also served as a Justice of the Peace and a colonel in the Maryland militia. Prior to the official creation of Salisbury in 1732, the small community at the head of the Wicomico River was known as "Handy's Landing."

The three-room plan house that Isaac Handy financed is well known within the vocabulary of English vernacular architecture as transplanted and adapted in the American colonies. Known variously as the "hall" or "outer room," the largest space, consuming over half the first floor, is entered directly through the front and back doors. During the mid eighteenth century, this multipurpose room was the most public space, employed for entertaining guests along with daily chores such as cooking in the expansive fireplace. The room is finished in a high order with raised-panel woodwork and fluted pilasters that flank the hearth. Fixed in the northwest corner is the original staircase, which is largely enclosed behind the raised-panel wall. A series of steps is exposed within the room and it survives with its original closed stringer, turned baluster handrail. The arched cupboard in the southwest corner was recently restored, and its form and details were based on regional examples. The combination of pilasters and deeply set raised panels assembled across the fireplace wall conforms to an architectural idiom found throughout the East Coast colonies during the early to mid eighteenth century. The hall is further enhanced by the raised-panel interior partition that divides the first floor. Piercing the south end of the raised-panel partition is an unusual arched door opening that provides access to the larger of the two east rooms.

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scale: 1: 24 000
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long. 75° 38' 21"



PEMBERTON HALL

Cottonpatch

Point

Bell
Marsh

Pine Bluff
Sanitarium

Shad
Point

Tomylank

Sharps Point

RIVER

Patrick's
Landing

White
Creek

Sharps

Sharps

Creek

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Pemberton Hall
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

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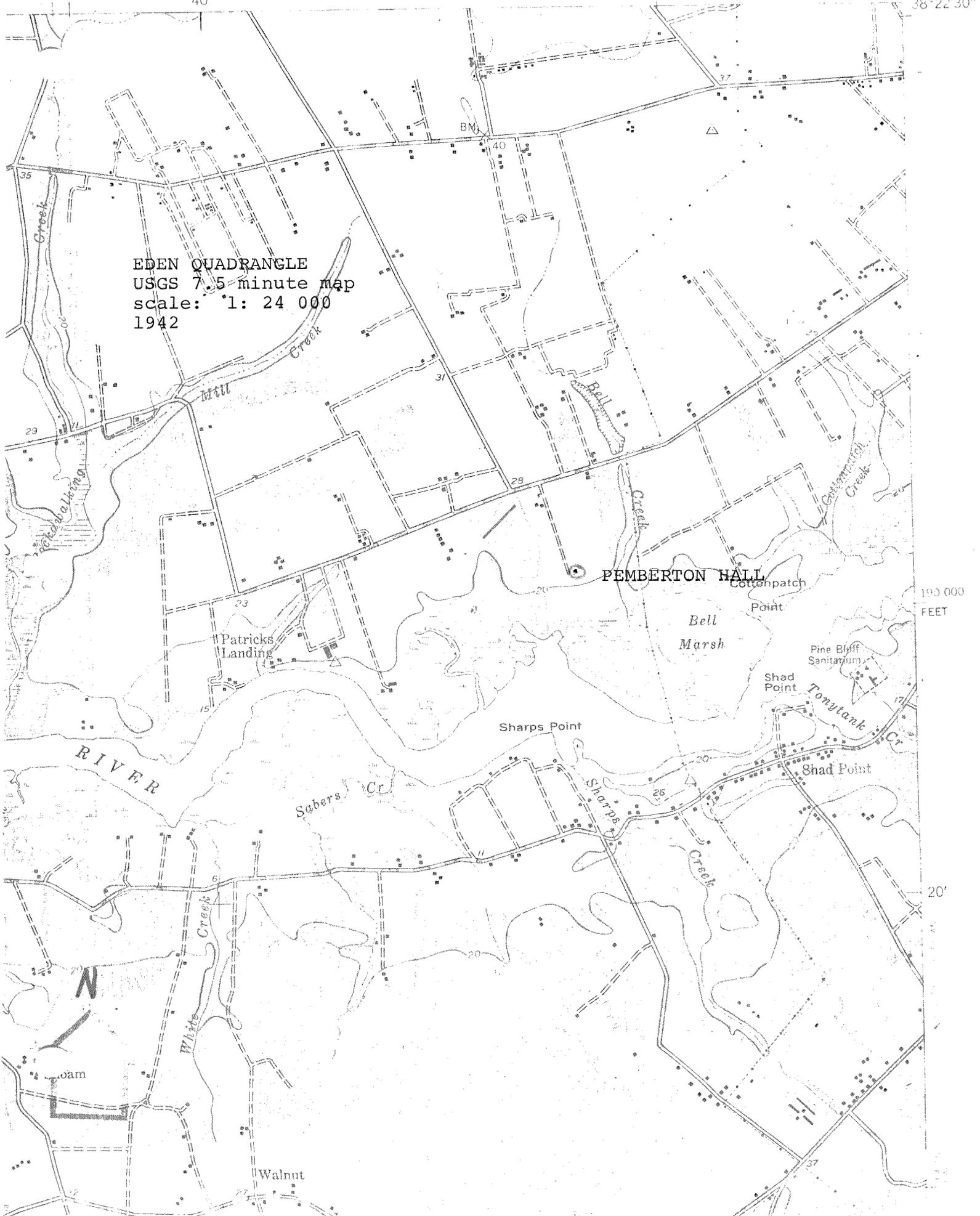
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EDEN QUADRANGLE
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