

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-4

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Bounds Lott, also Bounds Chance

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 4146 Rivermere Lane  not for publication

city, town Allen  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name G. Robert  Withey

street & number P. O. Box 4 telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code MD 21810

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 633

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 269

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" 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 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.

Bounds Lott is located on a parcel of land situated on a small rise on the northwest side of Cooper Road, which is now incorporated into a development known as Rivermere, located in the vicinity of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. Bounds Lott has been assigned a new address; 4146 Rivermere Lane. The house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the early and mid eighteenth century, the story-and-a-half, ell-shaped, brick-ended frame house is supported on brick foundation incorporating a partially excavated cellar. The foundation wall has been rebuilt in front, but the Flemish bond gable end walls are original. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with a layer of round butt wood shingles over an early layer of horizontal riven clapboards. Attached to the east gable end of the house is a series of later additions incorporating old buildings and materials salvaged from other places.

The south (main) elevation is a asymmetrical four-bay elevation that incorporates two distinct building periods. The western three bays of the four bay structure comprise the oldest portion of the house that is estimated to date to the first quarter of the eighteenth century, while the east end bay constitutes a mid eighteenth century (c. 1740) two-room plan addition. The original house followed a hall/parlor plan; three bays across by one room deep. Initially the main entrance was located in the second bay from the west with a window to each side. When the mid eighteenth-century addition was attached the position of doors and windows were rearranged. The center doorway was converted to a window and a double door entrance was substituted for the former window. Raised-panel double leaf doors and flanked by nine-over-six sash windows. Long louvered shutters cover the original raised panel doors. The entire front of the house is sheathed with restoration siding that repeats the flush beaded weatherboards that remain on the north side of the house. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with eighteenth century bed and crown moldings. Lighting the second floor are four gabled dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows. To the east (right) of the front door is a bulkhead entrance to the cellar.

The west gable end is a Flemish bond brick wall covered with a thin coat of stucco. A glazed brick checkerboard pattern is evident beneath the stucco. A small window opening near the southwest corner is spanned by a segmental arch. Rising through the gable end is an interior brick chimney. The base of the wall is finished with a stepped watertable.

The north (rear) wall is covered by a modern shed roofed enclosed porch. Original flush beaded siding survives within the porch, and a double leaf raised-panel doors open into the hall. Four gable roofed dormers light the second floor. Lighting the back room of the mid eighteenth-century addition is nine-over-six sash window.

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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 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
<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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Bounds Lott is a rare survivor of early eighteenth-century domestic architecture for the lower Eastern Shore. It is one oldest surviving dwellings in the tri-county region originally laid out as Somerset County. The first period of construction, estimated to date to the early decades of the eighteenth century, included the current stair passage and parlor. The long-term survival of Bounds Lott was aided substantially by the permanent nature of the west gable end, which, in contrast to the other timber frame walls of the initial house, was erected in brick. Brick-ended frame buildings appeared relatively early on the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. The specifications for the 1694 Somerset County courthouse at Dividing Creek called for a brick-ended structure, and Pear Valley in Northampton County is built in a similar manner.

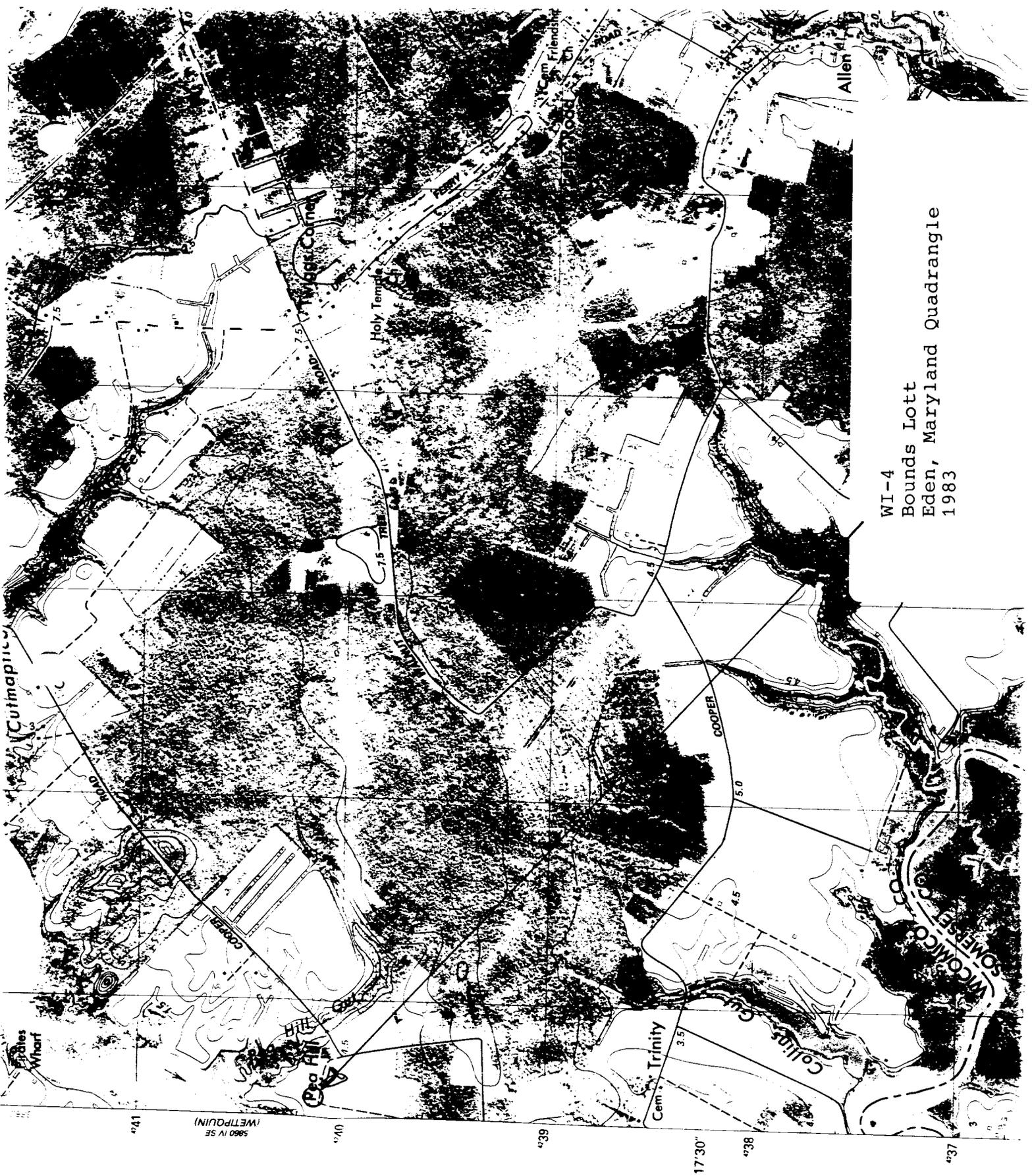
Measuring twenty-four feet across by eighteen feet deep, the initial two-room or hall/parlor plan house functioned much differently than it does today. The original front and back doors, which occupied the second bay from the west on each elevation, opened into the main room or hall, while the parlor was a smaller, more private room entered through a doorway in the off-center partition. Distinct evidence visible under a floorboard in the northwest closet of the west second floor chamber reveals the first period stair location and the formerly exposed and beaded framing elements. Also evident in this room is the obviously cut-down nature of the vertical, feather-edged board paneling that encloses the end wall closets. Since the raised panels have been cut in a manner uncommon to ordinary practice, it is clear that the feather-edged paneling was removed from its original location and adapted for installation in a different room. Clearly visible in the southwest closet are the back sides of the split oak clapboards, an early roof covering. Also indicative of early framing techniques is the tilted false plate on which the rafters rest.

Around 1740, the hall/parlor house was subjected to a significant reworking that included a substantial addition as well as a restyling on both floors of the original house. A two-room, brick-ended addition was made to the east gable end, and the first floor rooms were fitted with high style Georgian style woodwork. At the same time, the

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 Bounds Lott  
 Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
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Bound's L.H. - Wi-4

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Living Room Paneling - Bound's List - WI - 4

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Living Room Paneling - Bound's Lott - Wi-4

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Dining Room paneling - Board's LSH - Wi-4

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Stairs - Bound's Lott - Wi - 4

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