

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Bishopton
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West side Pinder Hill Road

CITY, TOWN
Church Hill VICINITY OF
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Queen Anne's

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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Robert and Lynn Brody Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
RT#1, Box 34

CITY, TOWN
Church Hill VICINITY OF
 STATE, zip code
Maryland 21623

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Queen Anne's County Courthouse Liber #: **CWC 98**
 Folio #: **76**

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN
Centreville STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Field Survey, St. Mary's City Commission

DATE
August 9-10, 1972 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
St. Mary's City Commission

CITY, TOWN
St. Mary's City STATE
Maryland

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bishopton is located on the west side of Pinder Hill Road 1/4 mile south of Johnny Powell Road and one mile north of Church Hill. The house is sited on open, high ground on the north side of Brown's Branch, a tributary of South East Branch.

The early house known as Bishopton is of brick construction, 1 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep with flush brick chimneys at either end of the steeply pitched gable roof. Believed to date to circa 1730, the house has undergone a number of changes and repairs. Sometime before 1963 the south end of the east facade and the south gable evidently collapsed and was rebuilt. The early bricks and the bonding pattern match the original work but the jointwork is all 20th century. The south chimney was not rebuilt except as a flue stack projecting through the roof. A frame wing on the south gable end was built circa 1974-75 and replaced a 19th century frame addition. Other recent work includes construction of an enclosed bulkhead cellar entrance and renovation of the cornices on both facades and the dormer windows

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

on the west facade.

The west facade remains largely undisturbed. The door is offset slightly to south of center, flanked by single 6/6 windows on each side. Two 6/6 shed roof dormers are ranged across the steeply pitched roof. The brickwork is laid in glazed header Flemish bond above a plain water table and an English bond foundation. The window openings have segmentally arched lintels one brick high. Glazed headers alternate with plain stretchers in the arches. The lintel above the door has been reworked. The window frames are not original and are tricked out with early 19th century trim. The roof is covered with modern split shingles and the dormers and cornice are entirely rebuilt.

The north gable is laid in glazed header Flemish bond on the first story and a variation of Flemish bond in the upper gable that forms glazed chevrons. The foundation is laid in English bond; there is no water table. An opening has been blocked up to the left of the chimney on the first floor; two small windows flank the chimney in the upper gable. The blocked opening on the first floor appears to be original but may have been altered in the early 19th century. It presumably served as a door, but may

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

have originally been a window, later enlarged to form an exterior door, and was finally blocked up. A small gable roof cellar entrance has been added to the right of the chimney in recent years.

The east facade is similar to the west facade except the south end of the wall has been extensively repaired. The center door is flanked by single 6/6 windows; three 6/6 gable roof dormer windows are ranged across the second story. These dormers are pilastered with cornice returns and blocks, typical of the Federal period. The roof is covered with modern split shingles; the cornice is rebuilt.

The south gable wall has been completely rebuilt. The original bonding pattern was reproduced including the glazed headers and glazed chevron. The only opening is a small window to the right of the chimney in the upper gable.

The frame addition on the south gable wall was constructed circa 1974-75 and replaced an earlier 19th century frame wing of similar proportions and size.

The interior consists of a hall-parlor plan with the larger hall to the south. The interior evidently remained unfinished throughout the 18th century and was not completed until the Federal period.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

The hall is relatively bare, with a wood floor, bare masonry walls and an exposed joist ceiling. The fireplace on the south gable wall was not rebuilt when that wall was reconstructed in recent years and the steep winder stair in the southwest corner of the hall is a 20th century replacement. A door to the left of the original fireplace location opens into the wing. A door in the center of the brick interior partition opens into the smaller parlor to the north. This room is one step higher than the hall. Evidently the existing floor of the hall is an insertion, perhaps dating to the Federal period. Evidence of an earlier herring-bone brick paved floor survives in the crawl space under the existing floor. The fireplace in the parlor remains undisturbed. It is an unusually large opening with a heavy wood lintel, a panel of herring bone brickwork in the back firewall, and small niches in the cheek walls of the firebox. The large flue is split in two by an arched brick divider above the lintel, a feature noted in several other early houses in the county, including Silk Farm (QA-106). The interior plaster is gone in the parlor with the exception of a small patch surviving to the left of the chimney, and it is clear that the interior was originally only whitewashed, with the plaster added at a later date.

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7.4 DESCRIPTION

The exposed ceiling joists are hand-planed and beaded and rest on heavy wood plates imbedded in the upper portion of the brick masonry walls. The heavy wood door frame between the parlor and the hall is also beaded and is trimmed with a Federal architrave with a broken-field fascia and ovolo backband.

The second floor consists of three small chambers and a small stair passage. The passage extends from the stair in the southwest corner along the west wall to open into a heated sleeping chamber above the first floor parlor. Two smaller chambers are located to the east of the passage. The southernmost of these two rooms was presumably heated by a fireplace before the south gable wall was rebuilt. The second floor partitions are constructed of vertical beaded boards that have been concealed in some areas with plaster applied to machine-sawn lathing nailed with machine nails. These partitions are constructed with machine nails and were added in the early 19th century. In the north chamber, a small fireplace on the center of the north gable wall is framed by a handsome Federal mantel. Paneled pilasters flank the fireplace opening below sideblocks with incised six-point stars and a complex shelf embellished with a band of drilled and carved molding. Beaded

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.5 DESCRIPTION

vertical boards frame the mantel, chimney shaft and a small closet to the left. An early paneled door with foliated hinges survives but requires repair.

The roof is constructed of common rafters laid "flat" at a pitch of 52 degrees and joined at the ridge with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The collar beams are half-dovetailed, half-lapped and pegged. Until recently the attic crawl space was floored with riven clapboards similar to the third story ceiling at Cloverfields (QA-2), a larger brick house near Wye Mills constructed circa 1730. The majority of these clapboards were removed when the attic was insulated in recent years.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bishopton is an excellent example of a small brick hall-parlor dwelling probably constructed in the second quarter of the 18th century. The house is one of perhaps a dozen houses of similar form, size, and construction in the county. Notable features of the exterior include the glazed header Flemish bond brickwork and the glazed chevron pattern in the gable ends, a feature found at Stinton (QA-273) and Dixie (QA-202), two similar houses on Kent Island dating to the same general period.

The interior is interesting for several reasons. The interior rooms were not originally plastered but were simply whitewashed. The beaded ceiling joists were also whitewashed and left exposed, and the second floor was unfinished except for whitewash. Evidence survives of a riven clapboard ceiling on the second floor similar to the attic

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8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

ceiling at Cloverfields (QA-2). This is a technique occasionally described in documentary sources but rarely found in surviving buildings. It is probable that the roof was clapboard as well. Other interesting features include evidence of a brick paved floor under the first floor hall, a variety of early 19th century interior woodwork, and a handsome paneled closet door on the second floor with foliated HL hinges.

The property known as Bishopton can be traced to circa 1730, when it was owned by William Bishop. The early brick house that stands on the property has traditionally been associated with William Bishop's ownership and is believed to date to circa 1730. Bishop sold the property, amounting to 250 acres, in 1732 to William Pinder.⁽¹⁾ In 1736 Pinder deeded the property to his son William.⁽²⁾ The property remained in the Pinder family until the early 19th century. It is quite possible that the house was actually constructed by William Pinder Sr. or his son circa 1732-1750. In 1773, a valuation of the property of William Pinder, minor child under the guardianship of William Deford, included the following description of the 250 acre tract known as Bishopton:

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8.2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

...we find thereon one brick house 40 feet by 20 much out of repair one round log kitchen 18 by 16 with a brick chimney in good repair one old tobacco house and three small houses not worth repairing 63 apple trees and on the same plantation about 1000 pannels of fence and not in good repair the guardian is not permitted to cut any timber but for the necessary repairs of the same. In consideration whereof we estimate the annual value of the aforesaid plantation to be twenty pounds current money of Maryland. (3)

The poor condition of the house is probably indicative of the unfinished interior and may also be due to the death of Pinder's father.

In the early 19th century, circa 1806-07, the property passed out of the Pinder family. It was purchased by Allen Hollingsworth who sold it in 1814 to Henrietta James. (4) In 1831 Henrietta James Carmon and her husband, William Carmon, sold Bishopton to William Meredith. (5) The property remained in the Meredith family until 1890, and since that time has passed through nearly a dozen transactions. (6) The early 19th century improvements to the house appear to date to the 30 years or so following the Pinder's sale of the property in 1806-07.

Footnotes

- (1) Deeds RT A, folio 128. June 30, 1732.
- (2) Wills WHN 1, folio 403. May 27, 1736.
- (3) Deeds RT K, folio 234. September 21, 1773.
- (4) Wills RW 1, folio 317. November 9, 1814.
- (5) Deeds TM 6, folio 89. August 31, 1831.
- (6) See chain of title researched by Michael O. Bourne circa 1972.

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9 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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE
3/5/82

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN
Centreville

STATE
Maryland

Field Notebook QA-IV; Recorded July 19, 1978.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

Title

(Michael Bourne)

CWC 18/274. November 1, 1965.
Clarence W. Cannon to Eugene Kienzle.

TSP 3/128. October 15, 1951.
James P. Brown to Clarence W. Cannon.

WFW 4/139. August 17, 1913.
Madison Brown, trustee of James Meredith to James P. Brown.

SS 4/299. February 11, 1908.
Edwin S. Valliant to James B. Meredith.

JEG 2/559. January 6, 1902.
Wm. Hurlock to Edwin S. Valliant.

WD 4/506. August 25, 1890.
James W. Meredith to Wm. Hurlock.

Wills STH 1/362. January 15, 1866.
Wm. Meredith to James W. Meredith.

TM 6/89. August 31, 1831.
Wm. Carmon and Henrietta James Carmon to Wm. Meredith.

Will RW 1/317. November 9, 1814.
Allen Hollingsworth to Henrietta James.

various deeds c. 1806-07.
heirs of Wm. Pinder, Jr. to Allen Hollingsworth.

Will WHN 1/403. May 27, 1736.
Wm. Pinder, Sr. to Wm. Pinder, Jr.

RT A/128. June 30, 1732.
William Bishop to William Pinder.

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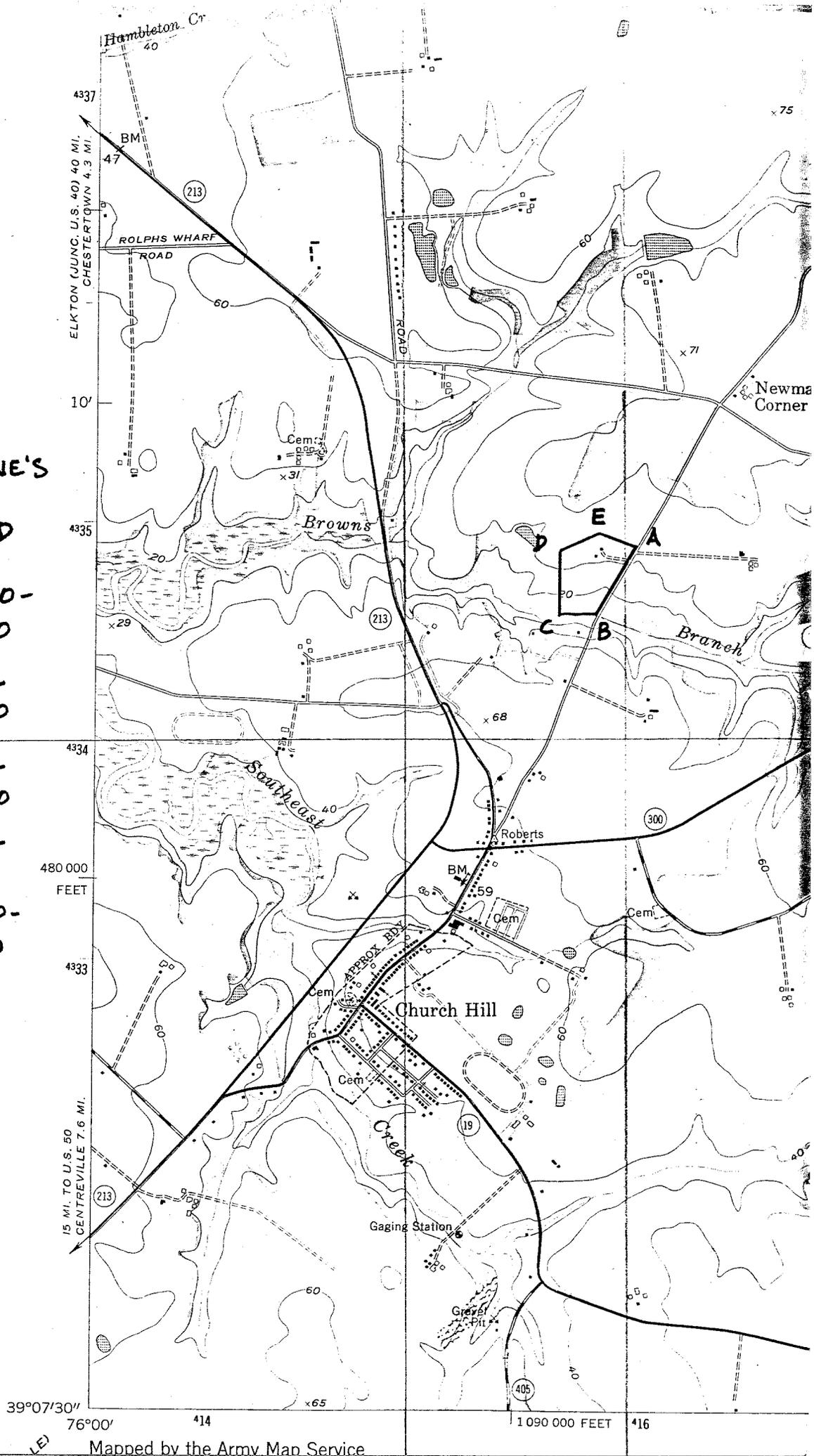
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Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT



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Bishopston

West facade

JWW

Spring 1973



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Bishopston

West facade

JWU Spring 1973



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Bishopton
Church Hill vicinity
James W. Valliant, 1973
East facade

BISHOPTON, F.M.V. SPRING 1973

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Bishopton
Church Hill vicinity
James W. Valliant, 1973
View from Southeast

JWV Spring 1973



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Bishopton
Church Hill vicinity
James W. Valliant, 1973
View from Southwest

JWU Spring 1973



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