

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Trelawn (preferred)

and/or common Joseph K. Roberts house

2. Location

street & number 14519 Elm Street not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Prince George'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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Charles Carter

street & number P.O. Box 487 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland, 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. PG Co. Courthouse liber 5840

street & number Main Street folio 793

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland, 20870

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title PG Co. Historic Sites & Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records PG Co. Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland, 20870

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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Trelawn is a three-part frame dwelling which stands on a large lot in the Town of Upper Marlboro. It consists of a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof main block, to which are attached two smaller gable-roof wings in telescoping form. It is distinguished by its Victorian Italianate detail and its unusual roofline.

The main block is two-and-one-half stories high, three bays by two, with gable roof; it follows the side-hall-and-double-parlor plan but differs from most of the surviving examples of this plan in that the parlor chimneys are located in the interior wall. It also differs from other examples of the type in that there is an entrance into the stair hall both in the east facade and in the north gable end.

The principal entrance is now in the first bay of the two-bay north gable end, through double doors, each leaf having two deeply molded round-arched panels over two rectangular panels. The double door is framed by a plain board surround, with a wide four-pane transom, and narrow three-pane sidelights over deeply molded wainscot panels. This north gable front is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch, supported by chamfered posts with molded capitals. The porch has a boxed molded cornice, plain rail balustrade and wooden floor, and rests on brick piers.

The second (and probably original) entrance into the main block is in the third bay of the east elevation, through a single-leaf door with two round-arched deeply molded panels over two rectangular panels. This door also has a plain board surround, a three-pane transom, and three-pane sidelights over molded wainscot panels. This door is also sheltered by a one-story hip-roof entry porch with the same decorative detail as the north porch.

The main block is sided with plain horizontal board painted white. Windows are large 6/6 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds and dark green louvered wood shutters. A single window lights the third story in the north gable front; it is a 6/6 double hung sash window with round arch. Two small 3/3 windows light the loft level at the opposite south gable end.

The gable roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and below it is a plain board frieze; the cornice is returned at both gable ends. The raking cornices of the north gable end are embellished with jigsaw brackets. Two interior tall corbelled brick chimneys rise from the roof of the main block, between the second

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and third bays, i.e. they are set in the wall which divides the northerly stairhall from the parlors. The main block rests on a stone foundation, which encloses a full cellar. Sill beams are hand hewn, and pegged together in mortise and tenon joints.

A twentieth-century sleeping porch has been constructed along the northerly two bays of the west elevation. It is two stories high with shed roof, four bays long and two deep, and rests on piers of concrete block; it is lighted on the first story by 6/6 double hung sash windows, and on the second by banks of twelve-pane single-sash windows.

A lower two-story gable-roof wing extends south from the south gable end of the main block. It is three bays long and is inset from the main block on both the east and west elevations. Entrance is through a modern door in the central bay of the east facade; it is approached by an unroofed porch with plain rail balustrade. The south wing is sheathed with German siding painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, but smaller than those in the main block. Roof treatment is the same as in the main block; there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge between the first and second bays from the south. Cornices are boxed with crown molding and plain board frieze, and are returned at the south gable end. This wing rests on a brick foundation.

Extending farther south from the two-story wing is a later (1940's) one-story kitchen addition. It is one bay by one bay, and has a gable roof with plain but slightly flared vergeboards. Entrance is in the south gable end, accessible by a high gable-roof entry porch. The porch has slim chamfered posts and a plain rail balustrade, and it rests on tall concrete piers. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, and the siding is plain board painted white. This small kitchen wing rests on a high concrete foundation.

Floor plan of the main block is the traditional side-hall-and-double parlor plan, made unusual by the fact that the parlor fireplaces are in the interior wall between parlors and stairhall. The interior was not observed during this survey, but some information exists from an earlier survey. The open-string stair rises along the north exterior wall of the stairhall (across the windows in the second bay, which are false), turns 90° and rises along the west wall, then turns 90° again and rises to the second story. There is a heavy turned newel on an octagonal base, and the balusters are turned; the stairends are bracketed and the spandrel is panelled. Two doors in the south wall of the stairhall lead into the two large parlors, each of which is warmed by a pilastered wood fireplace in its north interior wall. A door from the east parlor leads into the two-story wing, which is composed of a long east corridor (with a two-run staircase at its north end) and two rooms on the west.

The house appears to be a substantial ante-bellum side-hall-and-double-parlor dwelling, which was renovated in the 1870's, at which time the north double doors and the Italianate cornice detail were added. The sleeping porch and one-story kitchen wing were added in this century.

A small one-story gable-roof dovecote stands a short distance southwest of the house. It is sided with plain horizontal board painted white, and has entrance through a batten door centered in the east elevation. High in the south gable end are seven bird holes above a platform shelf. The gable roof is covered with black asphalt shingle; the cornice is boxed with flared vergeboards at the eaves. This small building rests on rotting hewn sill beams.

Three more outbuildings once stood along the service lane southeast of the house; they were dismantled in 1987, to make way for construction of a new Post Office facility on the lot just east of the dwelling. The westmost of these outbuildings was a two-by-two-bay garage structure sided with wide horizontal board, and with entrance in its south gable end. A short distance to the east was a gable-roof corn crib with vertical board siding, with entrance in its west gable end through a batten door with long strap hinges. South of the corn crib was a large stable building, with long shallowly pitched gable roof. The stable had board-and-batten siding painted white, and had four openings in its west gable end.

Trelawn is approached by a circle drive from the north; it is framed by large evergreen and deciduous trees.

8. Significance

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Period	Area 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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					local history		

Specific dates ca. 1850's **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.

Trelawn is an unusual example of a mid-nineteenth century side-hall-and-double-parlor plan dwelling, embellished and expanded in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to its present telescopic form. It stands on a large town lot in the center of Upper Marlboro, and was the home for over a decade of Joseph Kent Roberts II, a prominent attorney who practiced in the County Seat.

The land on which Trelawn stands includes parts of two one-acre lots surveyed and designated #39 and #40 in the 1706 and 1744 plans of the Town of Upper Marlboro. It belonged, early in the nineteenth century to John Brown Brooke, prominent attorney and clerk of the County Court. The main block of the house may have been built by Brooke, to serve as his town residence; his plantation was Poplar Neck, the ancient Brooke family place approximately seven miles southwest of Upper Marlboro.¹ After Brooke's death in 1853, his son (of the same name) sold the lot (in 1856) to William Clark, and it became the home of Clark's son, Shelby Clark, who had come to practice law in Upper Marlboro in 1853, and had in the early 1850's lived with a group of other young professionals in one of the Marlboro hotels.² The main block may have been built by Clark, as late as the late 1850's.

Shelby Clark never received a legal deed to the house and lot, although he and his wife raised their five children in this house. William Clark died in 1867 before having executed a deed to his son; Shelby Clark died four years later, and his widow subsequently brought her case to the Court of Equity, explaining that William Clark had given the house to her and his son, but had never executed a legal deed to them, that the house had formerly been a good one, but had "gone to decay".³ She petitioned the Court to sell the property and divide the proceeds among the Clark heirs. The Court ordered the sale and appointed R.B.B. Chew as trustee to sell the property. It was advertised in 1874 as "house

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and lot in Upper Marlboro on which the late Shelby Clark formerly resided, containing approximately 2 acres." Also on the property were an old office and stable.³ The lot was purchased in 1875 by Joseph Kent Roberts II, who enlarged and renovated it to become his family home.⁴

Joseph Kent Roberts II of Rose Mount was also an attorney who practiced law in Upper Marlboro. In 1866 he had married Edith Bowie, daughter of General Thomas Fielder Bowie of Upper Marlboro; Roberts lived in the subject house and practiced law in Upper Marlboro until his death in 1888.⁵

Roberts accomplished several changes in the building shortly after this purchase. A new entrance was opened into the north gable end of the main block, reorienting the house to front on the old School (now Elm) Street; Victorian arched panelled doors were hung in the new opening as well as the old. It was probably at this time that the cornice was embellished by the addition of jigsaw brackets, and that the two-story south wing was built. Roberts had at the same time purchased the adjoining (to the east) lot #32 on which had stood one of Marlboro's old hotels.⁶ This hotel was destroyed by fire in December 1853; its site, known thereafter as the Burnt Hotel lot, contained also an old stable building. After Roberts' purchase of these two parcels in 1874 and 1875, the combined 3-1/2 acre residential lot became a handsome terraced landmark on one of the town's busy corners.⁷

Joseph K. Roberts II continued to practice law in the County Seat, and spent the rest of his life in this house. After his death in 1888, his heirs rented the house to a nephew of the original owners, Augustine T. Brooke, who had conveyed his own house (PG #79-45) to the Vestry of Trinity Church for use as the Rectory.⁸ In 1896 J. K. Roberts' four heirs made an amicable division of his property, and the Marlboro house was allotted to his son, Joseph Kent Roberts III, who also practiced law in Upper Marlboro.⁹ Early in the twentieth century Trelawn became the home of the Euwer family, relatives-by-marriage of attorney Roberts. The Euwers resided at Trelawn until 1946, keeping the adjoining Burnt Hotel lot as a pasture for horses. In the 1920's they sold a small portion of the property in the southeast corner to F. M. Hall who built a bungalow there¹⁰, and in 1946 Hall and his wife purchased Trelawn itself.¹¹ The one-story kitchen wing was added by the Halls soon after their purchase.

Trelawn remains to this day in the possession of the Hall family. In 1987, the Burnt Hotel lot was sold to the U.S. Government as the location of a new Post Office facility; the stable, corn house and garage, as well as the bungalow were removed, and the ground was graded, after archaeological investigation of the Hotel site. Construction of the Post Office commenced in May 1988. Because of the recent grading, Trelawn has become a much more visible landmark in the town of Upper Marlboro.

Trelawn is an unusual example of a mid-nineteenth century side-hall-and-double-parlor plan dwelling, embellished and expanded in telescopic form. It differs from the many contemporary examples of this plan in its two entrances and in the placement of its parlor chimneys. Only the Elliott-Beall house (74B-16b) exhibits the same placement of the chimneys

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in its interior wall; and only the Rectory at St. Mary's Church, Aquasco, (87B-8a) has the same arrangement of two entrances into its stairhall.¹² Trelawn is an excellent example of its type, the home of a sequence of prominent Upper Marlboro lawyers, and a prominent and handsome landmark in the County Seat.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, early nineteenth century.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed CSM #1:420; Planters' Advocate, November 2, 1853; Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1850.
- 3 Prince George's County Equity #923.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed HB #10:253.
- 5 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; cf. MHT form #73-9, Rose Mount.
- 6 Prince George's County Deed HB #9:192.
- 7 Prince George's County Equity #271; Planters' Advocate, January 4, 1854.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed of Partition, JWB #37:567; cf. also MHT form PG #79-45.
- 9 ibid; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1880's, 1890's.
- 10 Prince George's County Deed #108:408; see plat #108:410.
- 11 Prince George's County Deeds #205:69, #884:463.
- 12 See MHT forms PG #74B-16b and PG #87B-8a.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Notes, Item #8
cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 19,754 sq. ft.

TM # 101, parcel 161
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	PG Co. Historic Preservation Commission	date	June 1988
street & number	#4010 CAB, MNCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	Maryland, 20772

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(301) 269-2438

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(revised information entered 11/9/81)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Trelawn

AND/OR COMMON Joseph H. Roberts house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 14519 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Maryland Prince George's COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Louise B. Hall

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 14519 Elm Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Md. 20870 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 684
Folio #: 463

STREET & NUMBER Elm Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro, Md. STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, History Division, NHCPC

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737 STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prelawn was built in the early 1870's by Joseph Kent Roberts, Jr., son of Joseph K. Roberts of Rosemount. In 1870, the younger Roberts, who was practicing law in Upper Marlboro, purchased the "BurntHotel lot", upon which had stood the hotel run for much of the early nineteenth century by John Brookes.¹ Roberts built the house, probably incorporating decorative elements from an earlier structure, and resided there until his death in 1888. His son, another prominent Upper Marlboro lawyer, held the property until 1912.²

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2. #85:295; Plat #108:410

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G. Co. Deeds: HB#9:192; #85:295; JTB#37:567
 Equity # 271; Plat #108:410

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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 Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE June 1981

STREET & NUMBER Calvert Mansion MHCPCO, 4811 Riverdale Rd. TELEPHONE 779-2011

CITY OR TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737

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CHAIN OF TITLE

TREILAWN - Joseph K. Roberts House

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884:463 16 Oct 1946 Deed	Carey Euwer et ux to Frank & Louise Hall, lot in Upper Marlboro, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, same property on which J.K. Roberts formerly resided, & which M. Cary McNab acquired from C. Stanley
727:244 12 Apr 1944 Deed	Mary McNab Euwer, widow, to Cary McNab Euwer; 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot, formerly of J.K. Roberts
336:149 May 1929 Deed	Maude McNab Brainard et vir to Mary McNab Euwer, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot formerly of J.K. Roberts (Maude's one-half interest)
WTD#2:104 14 Jan 1929 Will	M. Cary McNab, testator: to two daughters, Mary McNab Euwer and Maude McNab Brainard, all property real and personal
108:408 30 Nov 1915 Deed	Margaret, Charles, and William Stanley (executors under will of Chas.H. Stanley) to M. Cary McNab, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot former home of J.K. Roberts
WAM#1:525 3 Jan 1914 Will	Testator, Charles H. Stanley: executors Margaret, Charles Jr., and William Stanley empowered to sell real estate of testator, including 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot which Stanley acquired from Roberts in 1912
82:295 6 June 1912 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts to Charles H. Stanley, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot, same conveyed to JKR to JWB#37:567
JWB#37:567 9 Nov 1896 Deed of Partition	Edith Roberts (widow), Sallie R. Stanley (widow), Joseph K. Roberts and Thomas F.B. Roberts - division of property: Joseph K. Roberts receives house and lot in Upper Marlboro with land attached on which Joseph K. Roberts resided; four parties are heirs of said J.K. Roberts deceased, intestate
HB#9:192 2 July 1874 Deed	R.B.B.Chew & S.B. Hance, trustees, to Joseph K. Roberts, Jr.; Chew was administrator of John Brookes deceased, to sell site of Burnt Hotel; sold to Medley & Dyer; they sold to S.B. Hance (1865), etc., finally

Chain of Title

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acquired by Eleanor Belt (1872) who sells to J.K. Roberts; now Chew & Hance, trustees, together with Eleanor Belt, execute this deed to J.K. Roberts; lot #32 in Upper Marlboro, site of Burnt Hotel, property of the late John Brookes

date entered 6/12/80

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey : 79-17 Date 1870

Building Name Trelawn (Joseph K. Roberts Jr. House)

Location Elm Street at Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro

Open to Public yes x no

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Trelawn				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Roberts House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Elm Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Frank Hall				
STREET AND NUMBER: Elm Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is built in three sections, the largest also being the oldest. This north section, with a gable-end entrance, is 2-1/2 stories. Originally, the entrance was through a double door, with transom and side lights, on the east facade; now a door on the north facade is used. The stairhall has a three-run staircase at the west end. Doors from the hall lead into the two south rooms of the old section. These have fireplaces at their north ends, giving the house an unusual appearance from the exterior since the stacks are about 1/3 of the distance from the north end. The southeast room gives into a hall in the middle section; two small service rooms open off the hall to the west and a staircase rises in the northeast corner. Finally, the kitchen forms the south section.

The house sits on a high brick foundation. The east facade has three bays, the entrance being in the north bay.

The below-ground foundation is stone. Sill and girt are hand-hewn, mortised and tenoned, and pegged. The attic has been ceiled just below the rafters.

The detailing of the mantles and staircase is Federal; the exterior has been remodelled to give it an Italianate flavor.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: May 9, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-17

Building Date: ca. 1850's

Building Name: Trelawn

Location: 14519 Elm Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Trelawn is a three-part frame dwelling which stands on a large lot in the Town of Upper Marlboro. It consists of a gable-roof main block, to which are attached two smaller wings in telescoping form. The main block is two-and-one-half stories high, three bays by two, with gable roof; it follows the side-hall-and-double-parlor plan. The principal entrance is now in the first bay of the two-bay north gable end, through double doors, each leaf having two deeply molded round-arched panels over two rectangular panels. The second (and probably original) entrance into the main block is in the third bay of the east elevation, through a single-leaf door with two round-arched deeply molded panels over two rectangular panels. Windows are large 6/6 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds and dark green louvered wood shutters. A round-arched window lights the third story in the north gable front. The raking cornices of the north gable end are embellished with jigsaw brackets. Two brick chimneys rise from the roof of the main block, between the second and third bays, set in the wall which divides the northerly stairhall from the parlors. A lower two-story gable-roof wing extends south from the south gable end of the main block. Extending farther south from the two-story wing is a later (1940's) one-story kitchen addition.

Significance

Trelawn is an unusual example of a mid-nineteenth century side-hall-and-double-parlor plan dwelling, embellished and expanded to its present telescopic form. It stands on a large town lot in the center of Upper Marlboro, and was the home for over a decade of Joseph Kent Roberts II, a prominent attorney who practiced in the County Seat. The land belonged, early in the nineteenth century to John Brown Brooke, prominent attorney and clerk of the County Court. The main block of the house may have been built by Brooke, to serve as his town residence. After death in 1853, it became the home of Shelby Clark, who had come to practice law in Upper Marlboro in 1853; Clark lived in the house until his death in 1871. The house was purchased in 1875 by Joseph Kent Roberts II, who enlarged and renovated it to become his family home. A new entrance was opened into the north gable end of the main block, reorienting the house, and Victorian arched panelled doors were hung in the new opening as well as the old. It was probably at this time that the cornice was embellished by the addition of jigsaw brackets, and that the two-story south wing was built. The one-story kitchen wing was added by the Hall family soon after their purchase in 1946. Trelawn is an unusual example of a mid-nineteenth century side-hall-and-double-parlor plan dwelling, embellished and expanded in telescopic form.

Acreeage: 19,750 square feet

CHAIN OF TITLE

PRELAWN - Joseph K. Roberts House

P.G.#79-17

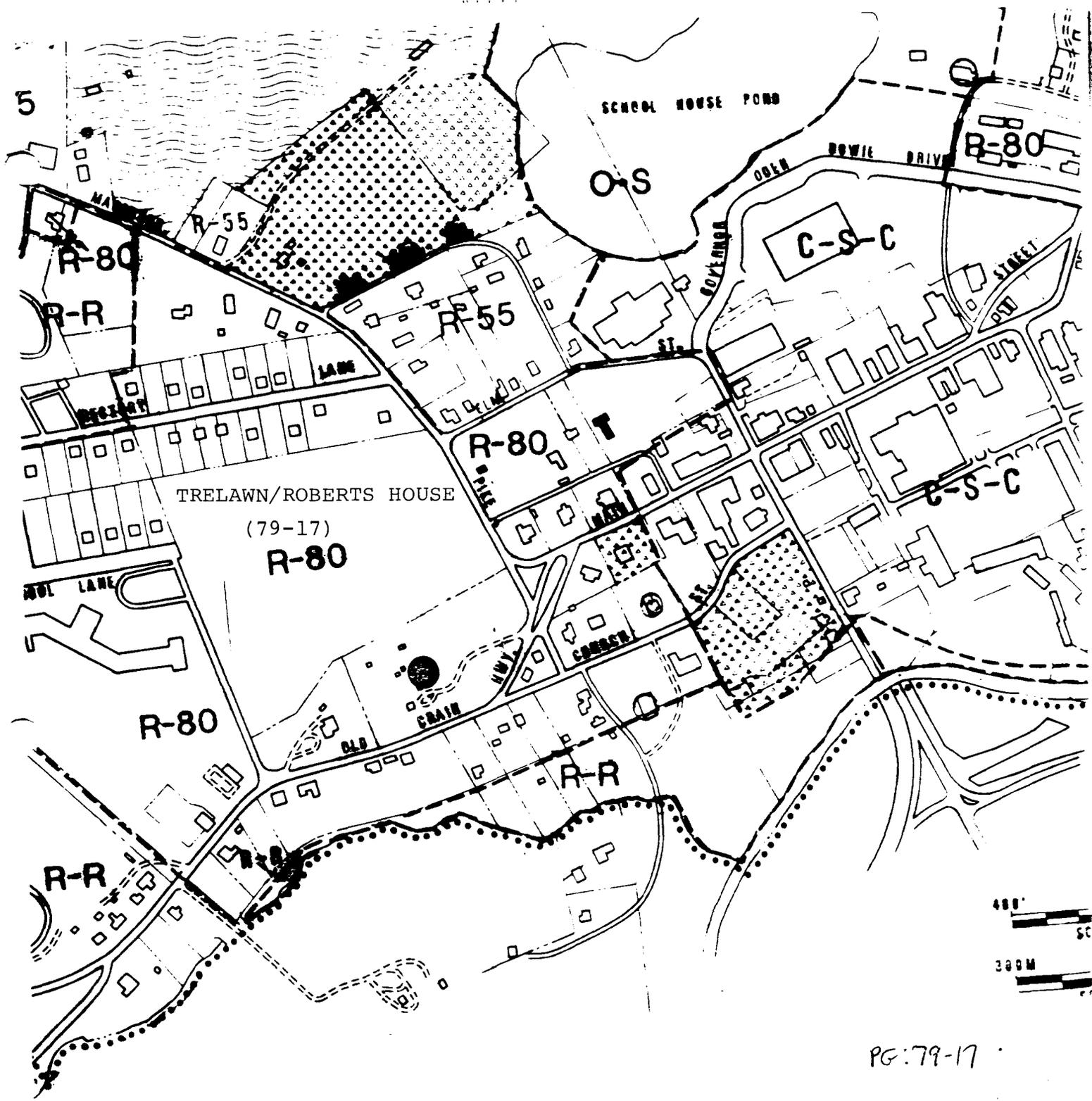
884:463 16 Oct 1946 Deed	Carey Euwer et ux to Frank & Louise Hall, lot in Upper Marlboro, 3½ acres, same property on which J.K. Roberts formerly resided, & which M. Cary McNab acquired from C. Stanley
727:244 12 Apr 1944 Deed	Mary McNab Euwer, widow, to Cary McNab Euwer; 3½ acre lot, formerly of J.K. Roberts
336:149 May 1929 Deed	Maude McNab Brainard et vir to Mary McNab Euwer, 3½ acre lot formerly of J.K. Roberts (Maude's one-half interest)
WED#2:104 14 Jan 1929 Will	M. Cary McNab, testator: to two daughters, Mary McNab Euwer and Maude McNab Brainard, all property real and personal
108:408 30 Nov 1915 Deed	Margaret, Charles, and William Stanley (executors under will of Chas.H. Stanley) to M. Cary McNab, 3½ acre lot former home of J.K. Roberts
WAM#1:525 3 Jan 1914 Will	Testator, Charles H. Stanley: executors Margaret, Charles Jr., and William Stanley empowered to sell real estate of testator, including 3½ acre lot which Stanley acquired from Roberts in 1912
82:295 6 June 1912 Deed	Joseph K. Roberts to Charles H. Stanley, 3½ acre lot, same conveyed to JKR bo JWB#37:567
JWB#37:567 9 Nov 1896 Deed of Partition	Edith Roberts (widow), Sallie R. Stanley (widow), Joseph K. Roberts and Thomas F.B. Roberts - division of property: Joseph K. Roberts receives house and lot in Upper Marlboro with land attached on which Joseph K. Roberts resided; four parties are heirs of said J.K. Roberts deceased, intestate
HB#9:192 2 July 1874 Deed	R.B.B.Chew & S.B. Hance, trustees, to Joseph K. Roberts, Jr.; Chew was administrator of John Brookes deceased, to sell site of Burnt Hotel; sold to Medley & Dyer; they sold to S.B. Hance (1865), etc., finally

Chain of Title
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acquired by Eleanor Belt (1872) who sells to J.K. Roberts; now Chew & Hance, trustees, together with Eleanor Belt, execute this deed to J.K. Roberts; lot #32 in Upper Marlboro, site of Burnt Hotel, property of the late John Brookes

HB#10:253
9 June 1875
Deed

R.B.B.Chew, trustee, to Joseph K. Roberts, Jr., all the lot of land of which William Clark died seized, adjoining the lot of W.A. Jarboe formerly of Daniel Digges, also adjoining the stable lot recently purchased by Roberts; sale ordered by Court of Equity (#923); being 2 acres, 2 roods and 22 perches, the same lot which John B. Brooke sold to William Clark by CSM#1:420 (1856)



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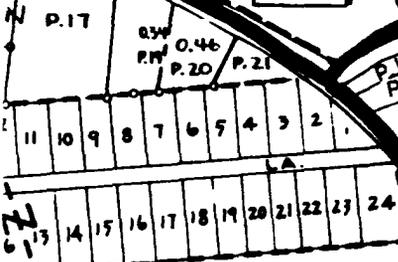
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LOCATION ELM ST. UPPER MARLBORO, Md.

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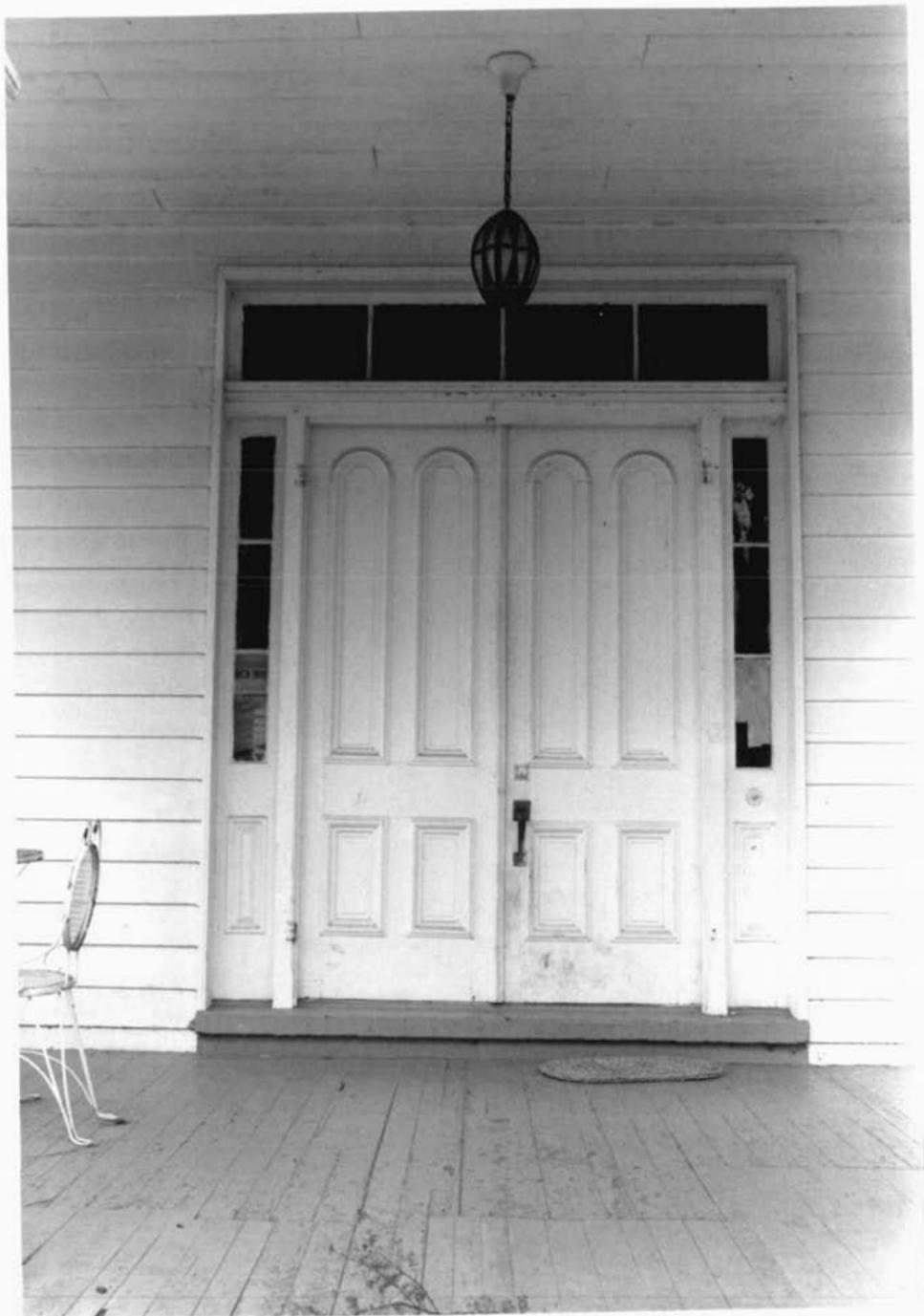
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