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Price House
Kent Island
Private

late 18th century

The Price House originally consisted of a 1 1/2 story, frame gambrel roof dwelling with a frame kitchen wing, probably dating to the mid-18th century or perhaps earlier. In the last quarter of the 18th century the house was enlarged by the construction of a 2 story brick section forming a right angle to the early frame house. When the Price House was renovated and restored in the 1960's, the frame sections were beyond repair and were replaced with a modern wing. The early brick "addition" has survived and now forms the main house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Price House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Route 8

CITY, TOWN

Queen Anne's Colony, Kent Island

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

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
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edward J. McGraw

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 30

Folio #: 171

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

The Price House is located to the west of Route 8, approximately six miles south of Stevensville on Kent Island. The house is sited on level ground between a small tidal creek and the Chesapeake Bay. This tract of land has been subdivided and developed as "Queen Anne's Colony", and the Price House is now situated on a lot in the center of the development.

In the early 1930's, this house was studied by Henry Chandlee Forman, who included a short analysis in his book, Early Manor and Plantation Houses in Maryland (privately published, 1934). Dr. Forman included a measured floor plan and a photograph of the house. Based on this evidence it is clear that the surviving 2 1/2 story brick section was an addition to an earlier 1 1/2 story frame house with a gambrel roof and a smaller frame wing. Forman concluded that the two earlier sections dated to the 17th and early 18th century. While it seems unlikely that either section predated 1700, certainly it can be said that they were considerably older than the brick section of circa 1770.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Price House originally consisted of a frame gambrel roof house, five bays wide and 1 1/2 stories high with a center passage plan and a story-and-a-half kitchen wing. It is unclear which was the earliest section, but both clearly dated to the mid-18th century or earlier. In the last quarter of the 18th century a large two story five bay brick section was added at right angles to the gambrel roof structure. This reoriented the house and transformed the original dwelling into a rear L. In the 1960's the two frame sections were demolished and the brick section was repaired and renovated.

Significant features include the evidence of tilted false plate eave construction in the demolished kitchen wing and the one-piece molded window frames found stored in the garden shed.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(1) Forman, H. C. Early Manor and Plantation Houses in Maryland. Privately published, 1934.

(2) "Price House". Kent Shoreman Vol. 7 No. 11, March, 1973.

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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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/15/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XVII; Recorded July 3, 1980.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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7.1 DESCRIPTION

By the early 1960's, the Price House was vacant and in extremely poor condition. When the property was purchased by the present owner, the two frame sections were considered beyond repair and were demolished. The brick section was extensively repaired and renovated and a modern rear L was added. Photographs taken by the owner offer a variety of views of each section of the house before and during the demolition and repair.

Based on Forman's work, the early frame house was a five bay, 1 1/2 story structure with a steeply pitched gambrel roof and a center passage plan. This building was oriented on a NW-SE axis, with a smaller story-and-a-half frame kitchen wing projecting from the southeast gable. A photograph taken by the owner clearly illustrates that this wing had tilted false plate eave construction, a feature generally associated with the first half of the 18th century. Later in the 18th century, probably in the last quarter, the surviving brick section was added, forming an enlarged L plan house. The manner in which this addition was made may be unique in the Tidewater region. Rather than butt the new 2 1/2 story brick house up against the

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7.2 DESCRIPTION

gable wall of the earlier frame dwelling, the new section was wrapped around the northwest parlor, creating a relatively odd plan (see Forman). When the frame dwelling was demolished, this left the brick section incomplete, and new walls had to be constructed to form a more traditional center passage plan.

This brick section is all that survives. It is five bays wide, two stories high and one room deep. The door is centered on the first floor of the northwest facade, flanked by two 8/8 windows on each side. There are five 8/8 windows ranged across the second story. The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond with a three-course belt course and a plain water table.

The northeast gable wall is partially covered by a modern garage. A pair of small windows flanking the chimney in the upper gable are the only openings in this wall. The brickwork is Flemish bond.

Only a small section of original brickwork survives on the southwest gable. This is also laid in Flemish bond. An exterior door at the west end of the wall is the only surviving original opening.

On the rear facade, only the two easternmost bays remain exposed, due to the large, modern rear wing.

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There are 8/8 windows in these two bays on both floors. The brickwork is Flemish bond with a three-course belt course and a plain water table.

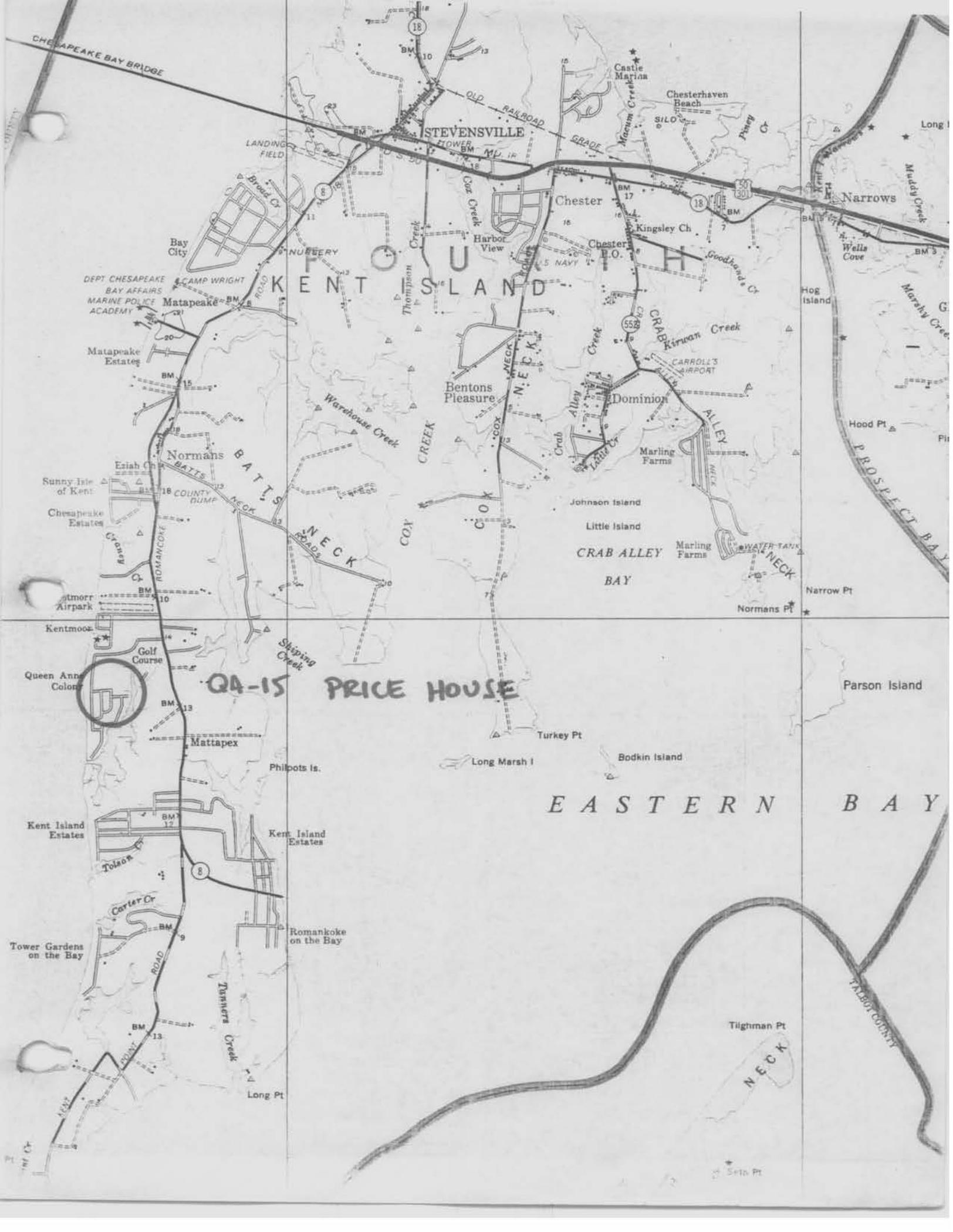
The interior has been totally renovated. The only early detailing to survive are the 18th century paneled soffit and jambs of the door from the first floor hall to the northeast parlor. This opening is fitted with a circa 1830's paneled door hung on Baldwin hinges. Other early trim was salvaged and remains stored in the garden shed. This includes a molded door frame with transom, molded architrave trim, paneled jamb pieces and window frames with one-piece architrave moldings. This method of running decorative moldings as part of the frame is characteristic of the 18th century, and contrasts with the more practical method of building up moldings out of individual components. Similar molded window frames can be found at No. 116 High Street in Chestertown.

To the rear of the house is a brick-lined well of indeterminate age. The Price family cemetery is located on a small, overgrown knoll to the south of the house, adjacent to the creek.

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9.1 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- (3) Wilfong, James C. "Bridging Antiquity"
Prince George's Post, November 13, 1975. p. 2.



CHEESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE

STEVENSVILLE

KENT ISLAND

EASTERN BAY

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PROSPECT BAY

DEPT CHESAPEAKE BAY AFFAIRS MARINE POLICE ACADEMY

Bay City

Matapeake

Matapeake Estates

Normans

Chesapeake Estates

Almorr Airpark

Kentmoor

Queen Anne Colony

Mattapex

Kent Island Estates

Tower Gardens on the Bay

OLD RAILROAD GRADE

Chester

Harbor View

Bentons Pleasure

Warehouse Creek

COX CREEK

Castle Maria

Chesterhaven Beach

SILO

Macrum Creek

Goodland's Cr

Kingsley Ch

Chester E.O.

Crab Alley

Narrows

Wells Cove

Hog Island

Crab Alley

Long I

Muddy Creek

Prospect Bay

Marley Creek

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





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~~Orlando Ridout V 1980~~

West facade

J.W. Sellman 1974

April 1974
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View from Southwest

J.W. Vallant 1974

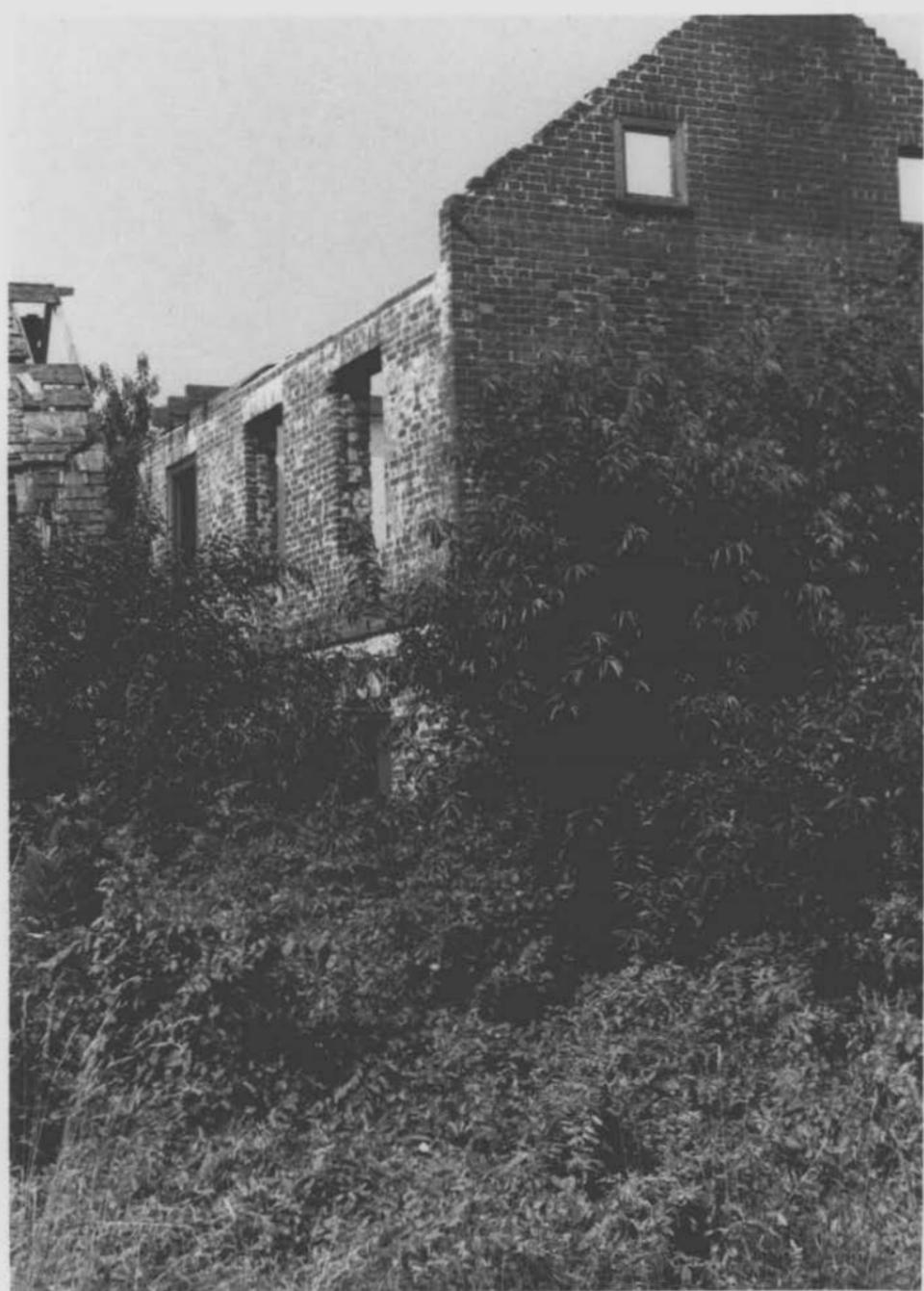
April 1974
J.W.V



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Price House
Kent Island
Michael O. Bourne 1964
View from Southeast

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Price House
Kent Island
Michael O. Bourne 1964
View from Northeast

PRICE HOUSE, KENT ISLAND - MOB. 1964 QA.15