

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

House on Kent Fort Manor

AND/OR COMMON

Kent Fort Manor

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Kent Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Kent Point

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Reynolds

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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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 #: MWM 161

Folio #: 266

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 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		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house known as Kent Fort Manor was located on the east side of Kent Point Road approximately 1 1/2 miles north of Kent Point.

Dating to the early 19th century, this small frame house was at one time believed to be the original manor house constructed on Kent Fort Manor in the late 1630's. Subsequent research and investigation proved that this was a much later dwelling probably constructed in the early part of the 19th century. The house was demolished in the 1960's and replaced with a modern house of similar scale and proportions.

The following description is based on the work of Henry Chandlee Forman, who first published an account of the house in his book Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland (privately printed, 1934). This account includes one exterior and one interior photograph and a measured plan. In the appendix, Dr. Forman argues that this is the original 17th century manor house. In a subsequent book, Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens (New York, 1956), Dr. Forman retracted his earlier assessment and suggested an early 19th century date

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

for the house. Brief descriptions of the house have also appeared in Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State (New York, 1940) and in Wilson, Maryland's Colonial Mansions and Other Early Houses (New York, 1965), but both of these are brief and rely on Forman's previously published accounts.

The house at Kent Fort Manor was of frame construction, 1 1/2 stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep with flush brick chimneys at either end of a steeply pitched gable roof. A small one story frame wing projected from the northeast gable wall.

Based on Dr. Forman's plan, the front facade faced northwest, with a door in the center flanked by two windows on each side. The door on the rear facade was offset to the south, with two 6/6 windows to the north and one 6/6 to the south. There were two 6/6 pitched roof dormers on this facade with early 19th century detailing. The exterior of the building was covered with wood shingles, evidently concealing earlier horizontal weatherboards or clapboards. Other features visible in the 1932 photograph are the brick foundation piers, box cornice, and standing seam metal roof. The north chimney back was left exposed up to the first floor eave. The small frame wing was covered with vertical board and batten siding and a metal roof.

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7.2 DESCRIPTION

The interior consisted of a center stair passage with flanking rooms. The stair rose against the north wall of the hall to a landing at the rear. It was an open-string stair with square newels and balusters and a simple rail. The stair ends were left plain, and the partition below the stair as well as the north wall of the hall were sheathed with random width vertical beaded boards. Other details noted by Dr. Forman are the brick nogging walls, interior batten doors, and a transom above the front or west door.

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
1400-1499	<input checked="" 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 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

Demolished in 1964, the small frame house popularly known as Kent Fort Manor derived its name from a land grant made in the first decade of settlement on Kent Island. For many years the house was believed to date to the original land grant, in large part due to an architectural monograph published in 1934 by Henry Chandlee Forman and more widely disseminated in Maryland: A Guide to the Old Line State, published in 1940. In a later book, Forman revised his earlier assessment and noted that the house was constructed after 1800. This early 19th century story-and-a-half house had a center passage plan with a relatively plain open-string stair in the passage. The flanking chambers were approximately equal in size, with fireplaces centered on the gable walls. Forman made particular note of the brick nogging in the walls, beaded vertical paneling, and the low clearance on the second story. A detached kitchen structure stood near the main house.

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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
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/21/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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.

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(301) 267-1438

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