

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Castle Marina, Riverside Manor

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Castle Marina Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

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 checked="" 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

Joseph Vannier et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 346

CITY, TOWN

Chester

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21619

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

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

Liber #: MWM 166

Folio #: 663

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

QA-213

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

Castle Marina, also known as Riverside Manor, is located on the south shore of Chester River on Kent Island, approximately one mile north of the intersection of U.S. 50/301 and Maryland Route 18 at Chester. The house has served for some years as a restaurant in association with a modern marina.

Additions and alterations undertaken since the house became a restaurant have greatly altered the original building. Fortunately, two early photographs have survived, and these provide a wealth of information about the original exterior appearance. One of these photographs appears to date to the turn of the century, while the other was taken circa 1950. Copies of both photographs are in the possession of Mrs. Mildred Schoch, Chester, Maryland.

The house is of brick construction, two stories high on a high foundation. It is five bays wide and two rooms deep with a standing seam metal hip roof. Paired brick chimneys flank the central passage front and rear. Two large one story additions made in recent years have obliterated most of the early detail on the east and

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

south facades. The following exterior description is based primarily on the early photographs and is written in the present tense for ease of reading.

The principal five bay facade faces west. The entrance is located in the center bay of the first floor, framed with sidelights and transom and flanked by two large 6/6 windows on each side. On the second story, a 6/6 window with narrow flanking sidelights occupies the center bay, with two 6/6 windows to either side. Large cellar windows pierce the high foundation; there are no dormer windows on the roof. The brickwork is laid in eight-course common bond with no water table or belt course. The eaves are finished with a modillion block cornice and a plain wide frieze below a deep soffit. Paired brick chimneys flank the interior center passage on this facade providing fireplaces for the front rooms on each floor. A one story porch with bracketed posts and decorative rail extends across the entire front facade.

A secondary entrance is evident in the center bay of the south wall, flanked by single 6/6 windows on each side. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story, and large cellar windows are visible in the foundation. A one story porch protects the center bay of the first story.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

On the north gable wall, there are two 6/6 windows on the first and second floor and two 3/3 cellar windows.

The interior plan has been altered somewhat in recent years, but the original form is still discernible. A center stair passage bisects the house from the front entrance on the west facade to a rear entrance on the east facade. A secondary passage connects the south entrance with the center hall. There were two rooms to the north of the center passage and two smaller rooms to the south flanking the secondary hall. The partition between the two north rooms has been removed. There are two stairways, one at the east end of the main hall, the second at the south end of the secondary passage. The former has been removed, part of the latter survives.

The first floor plan is repeated on the second story and in the cellar.

Scattered remnants of early trim have survived, but the majority of the early detail has disappeared. The most interesting surviving feature is an inscription on a rafter near the attic stair, consisting of a painted bird with flowers and the following signature and date:

J.C. Tolson Aug^t 4, 1860

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.C. Tolson (?)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house known today as the Castle Marina Restaurant was an excellent example of conservative Italianate architecture. The form, massing and plan were all consistent with earlier Eastern Shore building traditions, but the detailing was clearly conscious of new architectural ideas. Probably constructed circa 1860 by J.C. Tolson, the building served as a dwelling until recent years, when it was converted to a restaurant. Subsequent renovations and additions have dramatically altered the appearance and historical integrity of the building.

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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

10/23/81

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

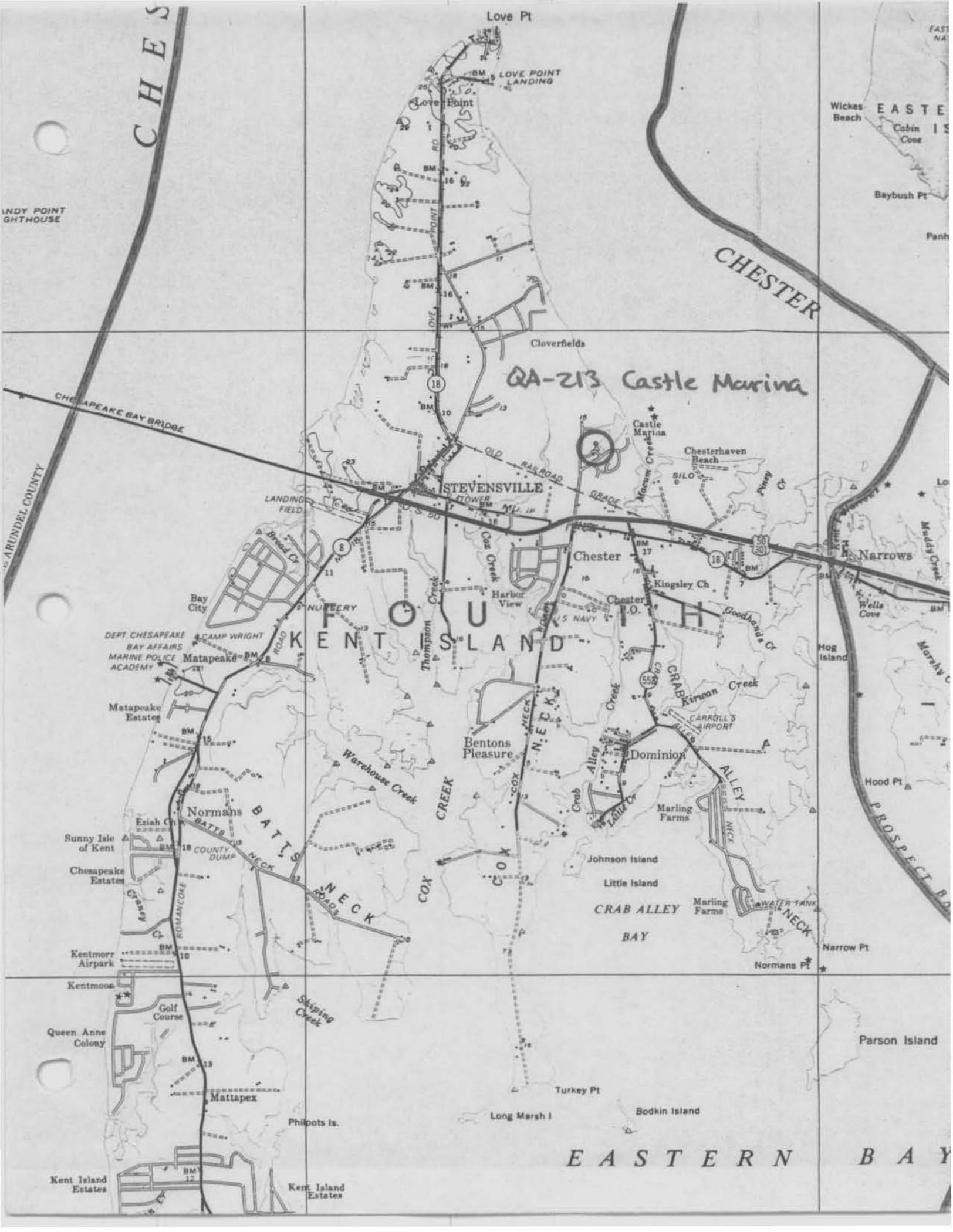
STATE

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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C H E S E

CHESTER

QA-213 Castle Marina

KENT ISLAND

E A S T E R N B A Y

ANDY POINT
GHYHOUSE

Wickes Beach
EAST
Cabin Cove

Baybush Pt

Panh

CHEAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE

ARUNDEL COUNTY

Cloverfields

STEVENSVILLE

Castle Maria

Chesterhaven Beach

NARROWS

DEPT. CHESAPEAKE
BAY AFFAIRS
MARINE POLICE
ACADEMY

Bay City

LANDING
FIELD

OLD RAILROAD
GRADE

GRAB

Chester

Harbor View

Chester P.O.

'S NAVY

Kingsley Ch.

Goodlands Cr

Crab Alley

Crab Alley

Johnson Island

Little Island

CRAB ALLEY

BAY

Marling Farms

Marling Farms

WATER TANK

Narrow Pt

Normans Pt

Turkey Pt

Long Marsh I

Bodkin Island

Hog Island

Wells Cove

Marshy C

Hood Pt

PROSPECT B

Parson Island

Philpots Is.

Kent Island Estates

Kent Island Estates

Shiping Creek

Golf Course

Queen Anne Colony

Kentmoor

Kentmorr Airpark

Chesapeake Estates

Sunny Isle of Kent

Esiah Cr

Matapeake Estates

Matapeake

Normans

Normans

Esiah Cr

Chesapeake Estates

Kentmorr Airpark

Kentmoor

Queen Anne Colony

Kent Island Estates

Kent Island Estates

Philpots Is.

Shiping Creek

Golf Course

Queen Anne Colony

Broad Cr

NUBERRY

Warehouse Creek

ROMANCOKE ROAD

BATTIS NECK

COX CREEK

COX C



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Castle Marina
Chester vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1981
View from southeast