

QA-283  
Ward's Gift  
Centreville  
private

1790's and  
1912

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ward's Gift

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rt. 213, south end of town

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

\_\_\_ 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
- not applicable

**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

Mr. & Mrs. Terry R. Corkran

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 36

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

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

Liber #: CWC 56

Folio #: 552

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**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ward's Gift is a large two story brick dwelling standing on the east side of U.S. Rt. 213, on the south end of Centreville, north of Woodlawn.

The house is five bays wide facing the road and five bays deep on the south side. It has an 'L' plan. The walls are laid in common bond (5-1) throughout and the segmental arches over the doors and windows have two rows of headers with the upper row protruding from the face of the wall. The walls are constructed of used handmade brick up about four feet above the porch floor. From there up, it is a common brick of the period, c. 1912.

A porch extends across the west facade and over four of the five bay south wall. It has lattice between brick piers, round columns and plain balustrade. Across the east end of the kitchen is a porch with turned posts on a brick floor.

All of the windows have 2/2 sash and louvered blinds. There are also two dormers in the hipped roof, one on each of the long sides. Three brick chimneys rise above the roof, each with a bold corbeled cap.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

The plan of the house is similar to many mid-19th century houses in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. That is, across the facade are two living rooms flanking a central stairhall. Behind the south room there is a dining room, as well as back stair and kitchen. Behind the stair hall, a former back porch is now a small office.

The trim is the same throughout the house, the profile resembling a recessed pilaster. Features which were up-to-date include a wide opening to the stair hall from the principal living room, a buffet-type mantel in the living room; a built-in china cupboard in the dining room, with glass doors above two drawers which are in turn above paneled base cabinet doors.

One enclosed stair rises from the dining room and another rises from the kitchen. These two areas on the second story are not connected.

In the basement, below grade, the walls are the same as those which suffered in the 1912 fire. The basement exists only under the south side of the house. At each end of the basement is an arch support for the original fireplaces and chimneys. From the placement of the arches it appears that the house was facing north or south as opposed to west which it faces since being reconstructed in 1912. There is no basement under the north living room and probably the stair hall, only a crawl space.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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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

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DATE

8/3/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

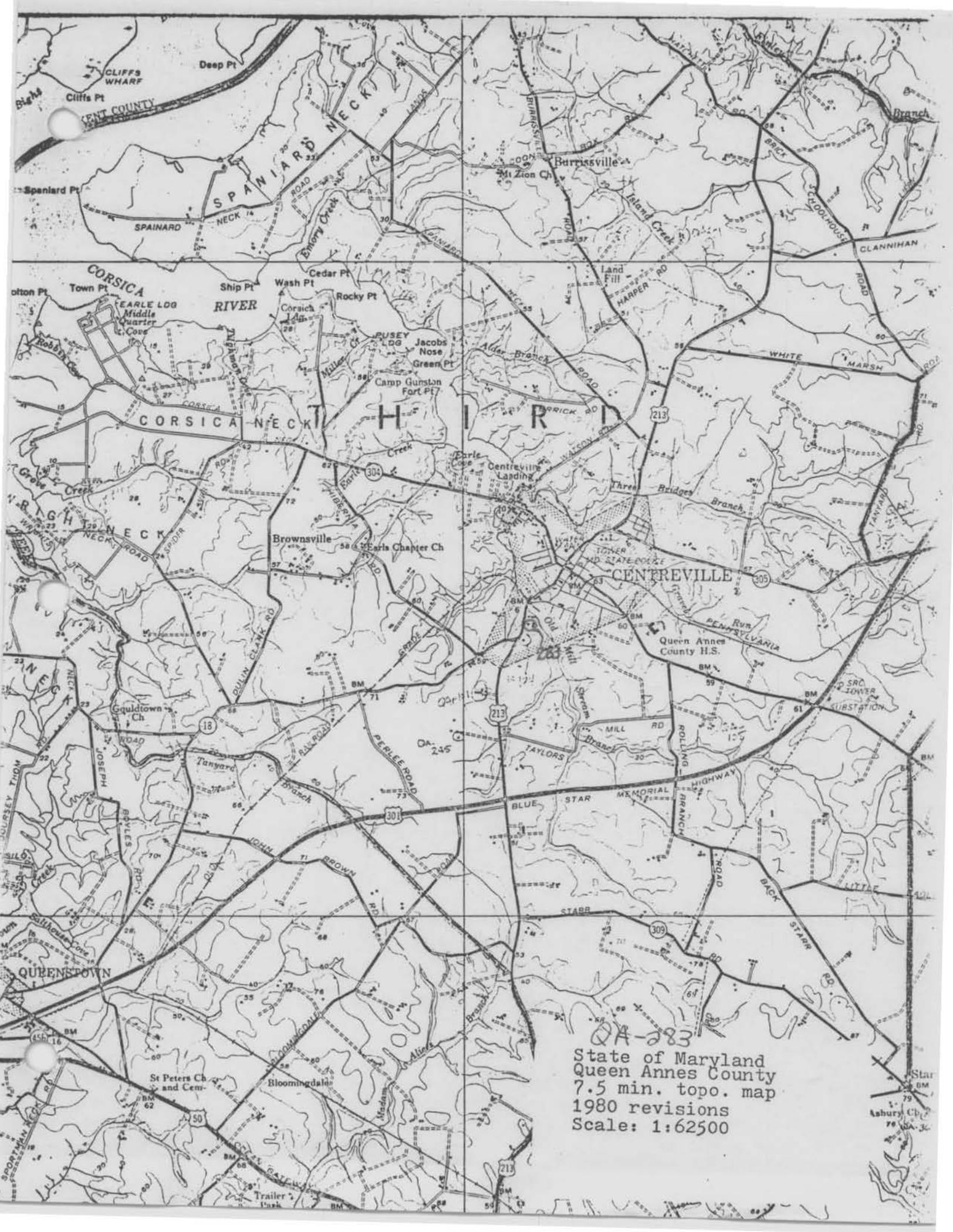
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Maryland

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Queen Annes County  
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