

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Hemsley's Fortune Inventory Number: QA-377

Address: Queenstown Centreville Road (MD 213) (southeast side) Historic district: yes  no

City: Queenstown Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Queen Annes

USGS Quadrangle(s): Queenstown

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation is presented in: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The present house at Hemsley's Fortune is large and sprawling, with numerous wings and additions attached to the main house. The earliest section of the house, clearly dating to the 18th c., was of brick construction, 1-1/2-stories high, 3-bays wide, and one room deep with a pitched gable roof and chimneys centered on each gable. [additions/alterations also in 18th & mid-19th c. See form/file for complete description.] The interior, laid out in a center hall plan, was totally renovated and now dates from the mid-19th c.

This property was traditionally associated with the Hemsley family, prominent in the early history of Queen Anne's County. In the late 18th c. it belonged to the Emorys, also important in local history, for a member of which family Emory University was named.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

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MHT Comments: Description from Federal DOE file; no actual DOE Form was found. JEF 2001.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Hemsley's Fortune  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Southeast side of Maryland Rt. 213

CITY, TOWN  
Queenstown  VICINITY OF First

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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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  
Frank S. Dudley, Jr.  
STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN  
Queenstown  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21658

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

Liber #: CWC 74  
Folio #: 279

STREET & NUMBER  
Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN  
Centreville STATE  
Maryland 21617

**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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hemsley's Fortune is located on the southeast side of Maryland Route 213 approximately one mile east of Queenstown. The house and farm buildings are clustered atop a knoll overlooking the source waters of the Back Wye River.

The present house at Hemsley's Fortune is large and sprawling, with numerous wings and additions attached to the main house. The earliest section of the house is of brick construction, and clearly dates to the 18th century. Although later alterations and additions and several coats of whitewash make it difficult to analyze the early part of the building, it would appear that the first house was 1½ stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep, with a pitched gable roof and chimneys centered on each gable.

At an early date, also in the 18th century, a two story brick wing was added to the northeast gable of the house. This building was also three bays wide and extended the full depth of the original house.

In the mid-19th century the main house was greatly altered. It was raised to three stories

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

6/11/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

Field Book QA-IX, Recorded May 14, 1979.

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

and was remodeled in a form quite common on the Eastern Shore, bearing considerable resemblance to the Italianate villas popular in more urban areas, but still following relatively traditional lines. The interior of the main house was totally renovated and now dates entirely to the mid-19th century, strongly suggesting that the original dwelling was gutted by fire or was in extremely bad repair.

Despite the extent of later alterations, a close examination of the building reveals considerable detail of interest. The southeast facade was evidently the principal facade, with glazed header Flemish bond above a plain water table. The central entrance is now fitted with an elaborate mid-19th century surround, a paneled door, sidelights and a transom. The door is flanked by a single six-over-six window on each side. Oddly enough, these window openings do not have any visible form of arched or reinforced lintel. The second and third stories are laid in five-course bond using smoother, 19th century brick. There are three six-over-six windows on the second floor, and three smaller windows fitted with paired two-light casements on the third floor. The low-pitched gable roof is set off with a heavy bracketed

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

cornice and a small widow's walk.

The southwest gable is laid in Flemish bond above a plain water table on the first floor, and in five-course bond on the second and third floor. The chimney projects about 12 inches from the wall surface and is also laid in Flemish bond on the first floor. There are single six-over-six windows flanking the chimney on the first and second floor and small double casements on the third floor. The bracketed cornice is carried across the gable eaves, and projects out to wrap around the chimney.

The northwest facade is similar to the front facade, but the brickwork on the first floor is English bond to the left of the center door and three-course bond to the right of the door. On the second and third floor it is laid in five-course bond. The entrance door is not as elaborate as the door on the southeast facade, otherwise the fenestration is identical. The contrasting brickwork on the first floor is puzzling, but is probably evidence of a major repair, or could be further evidence of a mid-19th century fire.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

The interior is laid out in a center hall plan, with a single parlour on either side of the stair hall. The stair rises along the east side of the hall to a landing at the rear. It has an open string carriage, heavy turned walnut newels, turned ballusters and a simple walnut rail. The stair ends are decorated with scrolled brackets. The interior architraves are typical of the mid-19th century, with recessed "panels" in the fascia boards and bullseye corner blocks. The mantels in both parlours are Federal surrounds installed during a modern renovation. The upper floors of the house were not examined, but repeat the first floor in general plan and detail.

The two story brick wing is traditionally believed to be the earliest section of the house. Architectural evidence, however, clearly demonstrates that this was an 18th century addition.

The southeast facade is laid in glazed header Flemish bond above a plain watertable. The first floor openings have all been altered, and now consist of double glass doors in the center bay flanked by six-over-six windows. It is unclear when these windows were installed, but the openings have been

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.4 DESCRIPTION

reworked. On the second floor, there are two asymmetrically placed six-over-six windows which do not show evidence of alterations. The northeast gable of the wing is almost entirely covered by a frame addition. The southwest bay of the northwest or rear facade is also covered on the first floor by a modern addition. The exposed portion of the facade is laid in three-course bond on the first floor, with Flemish bond on the second floor. The first floor openings have been altered on this facade as well, and now include a center door with a single six-over-six window to the left. Evidence of an earlier door opening is visible to the left of the existing door, and the window opening has been reworked. There are two six-over-six windows on the second floor, placed asymmetrically as on the front facade. The eaves are finished on both facades with a box cornice, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The interior on the first floor is now composed of a single room with an enclosed stair against the southwest wall. A door to the left of this stair leads into the main house, and a door below the stairs leads to a second set of stairs down to the

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.5 DESCRIPTION

cellar. From the cellar stairs, it is possible to see the original watertable of the adjoining main house, and at the bottom of the stairs is the original bulkhead entrance to a small cellar under the main house. These two pieces of evidence, together with the lack of a bearing gable wall at this end of the wing all contribute to the conclusion that the wing is not earlier than the house.

It can be assumed that the first floor of the wing was originally divided into two rooms, but evidence of the partition is lacking. There is a fireplace on the center of the northeast gable wall, and a door to the left of the fireplace leads to the later frame wing. The fireplace wall has had paneling added in recent years. The second floor was not examined.

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**Account Identifier:** District - 05 **Account Number -** 004268

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	DUDLEY, FRANK S, JR.	<b>Use:</b>	AGRICULTURAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	YES
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	P O BOX 70 QUEENSTOWN MD 21658	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) MWM/ 245/ 777 2) MWM/ 245/ 773

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
	AG	364.40 AC N/SIDE US RT 301 N/E QUEENSTOWN
	WATERFRONT	

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
51	16	38						80		

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>	03		
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<b>Primary Structure Built</b>	<b>Enclosed Area</b>	<b>Property Land Area</b>	<b>County Use</b>
1890	5,183 SF	364.40 AC	

<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>
3	NO	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

**Value Information**

	<b>Base Value</b>	<b>Value As Of</b>	<b>Phase-in Assessments As Of</b>			
		01/01/2001	07/01/2003	07/01/2004		PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
<b>Land:</b>	197,130	197,130				
<b>Improvements:</b>	348,490	348,490				
<b>Total:</b>	545,620	545,620	545,620	NOT AVAIL		
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	95,130	95,130	95,130	NOT AVAIL		

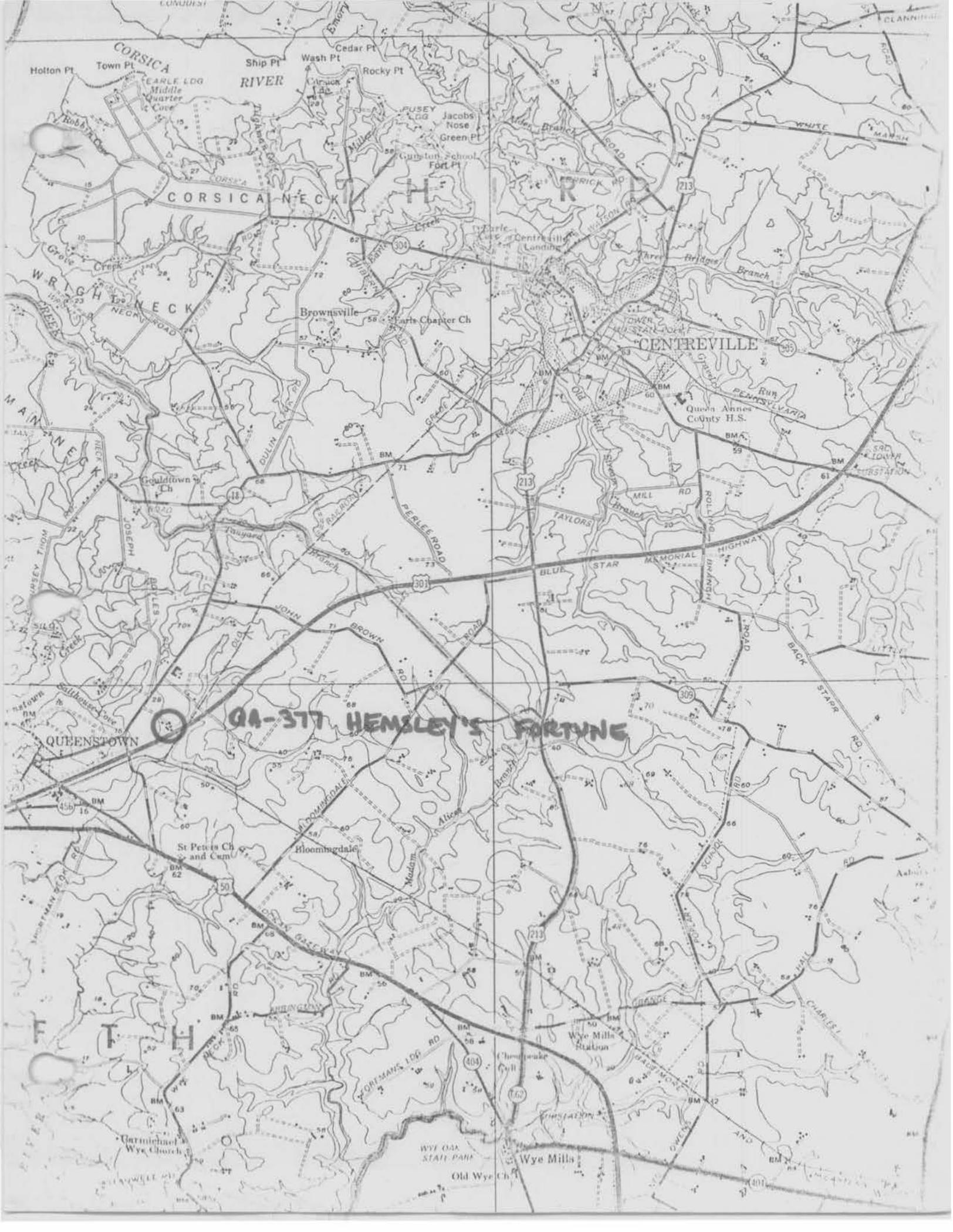
**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
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<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>County</b>	000	0	0
<b>State</b>	000	0	0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0	0

<b>Tax Exempt:</b> NO	<b>Special Tax Recapture:</b> AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX
<b>Exempt Class:</b>	



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Hemsley's Fortune

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





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Queenstown vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Northwest facade



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Hemsley's Fortune

Queenstown vicinity

Orlando Ridout V 1980

Southeast facade



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Queenstown vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Southeast facade of early  
section



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Queenstown vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Outbuilding