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Smith Brick Kiln Site
Roberts vicinity
Private

4th quarter 19th century

Located in a heavily overgrown grove of trees on the south side of Roberts, the Smith brick kiln site is notable as a rare example of this manufacturing process with surviving physical evidence of both the kiln and the clay pit. Located conveniently close to both the railroad line and a road, this kiln probably was in production throughout the last quarter of the 19th century. It was operated by William R. Smith and may have been one source of the bricks used by Smith and Cook in 1880-81 to build the Victorian tower for St. Luke's Church in nearby Church Hill.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Smith Brick Kiln Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side Maryland Route 19

CITY, TOWN

Roberts

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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant land

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John R. Smith, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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 #: MWM 170/503

Folio #: MWM 173/743

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Smith brick kiln site is located on the west side of the Kent and Queen Anne Railroad line, approximately 150 yards southwest of Maryland Route 19 and on the southern edge of Roberts, Maryland. The only physical evidence of the kiln to survive is a pile of brick rubble covered with dense underbrush in a grove of trees just west of the railroad tracks. To the west of the kiln site is a small pond which is said to be the old clay pit.

Dr. John R. Smith, a descendant of the kiln operator, recalls that, until recent years, a series of arched vaults were visible, but these have either collapsed or are obscured by the heavy vegetation. Dr. Smith has been unable to locate a photograph of the kiln.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
400-1499	<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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historical research and oral tradition have identified a number of brick kilnsites in Queen Anne's County. The Smith kiln is the only recorded site, however, where some physical remains of the kiln have survived, as well as evidence of a clay pit.

According to Dr. John R. Smith, the kiln was operated in the post-Civil War period by William R. Smith "of G." He is known to have worked in partnership with a man named Cook. In 1880-81, Cook and Smith were awarded the contract to build the Victorian bell tower on St. Luke's Church in nearby Church Hill.

Dr. Smith believes that William Smith also had a second kiln on the south side of Southeast Creek on what is known locally as the Cornelius farm. This farm is located on the north side of Southeast Creek Road, and coincides with a brickyard site identified by Mrs. Cohey of Church Hill.

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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

8/24/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

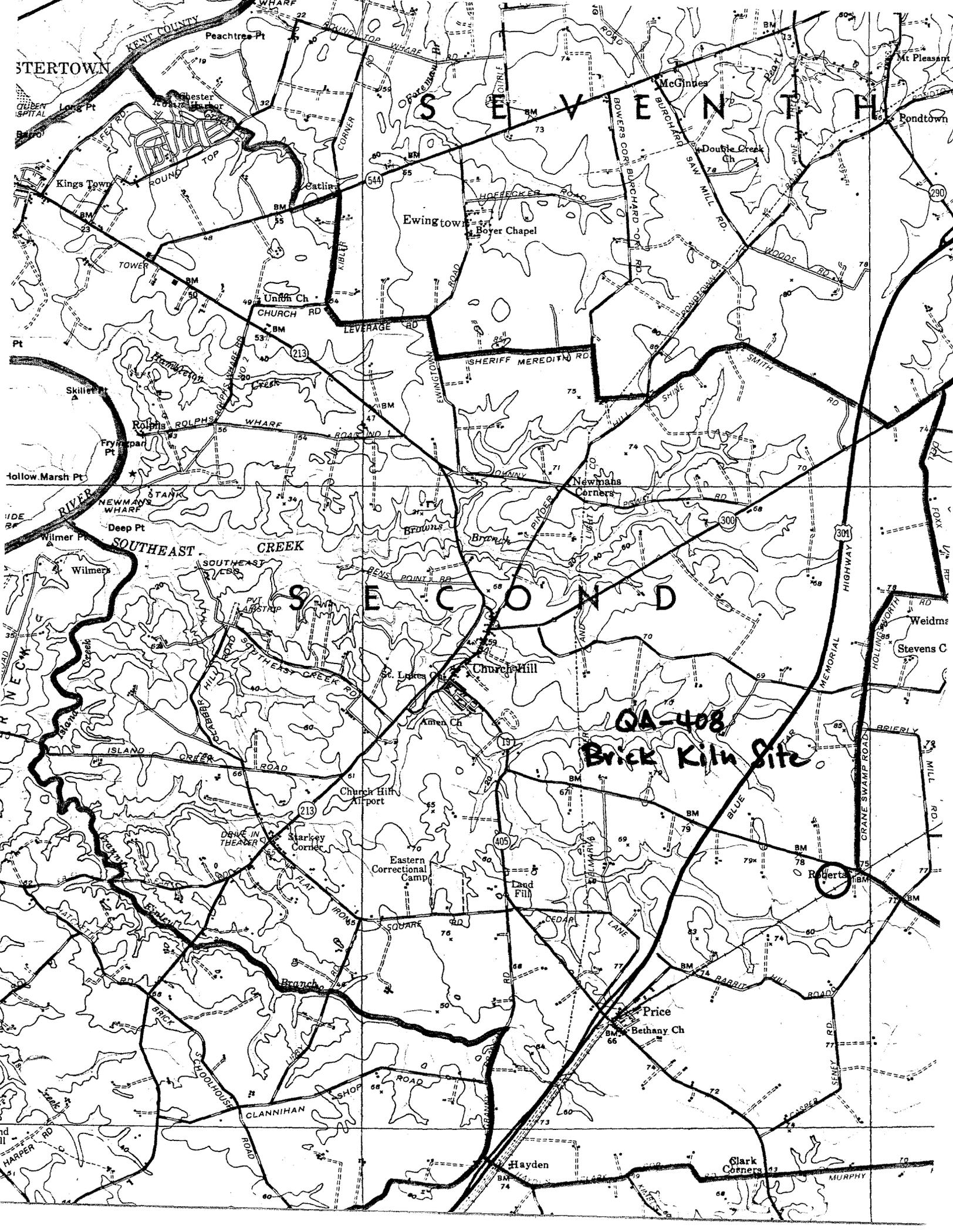
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Field Notebook QA-XVI; Recorded May 14, 1980.

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



STERTOWN

SEVENTH

SECOND

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Brick Kiln Site

KENT COUNTY

Peachtree Pt

Kings Town

Unah Ch

Skillet Pt

Follow Marsh Pt

Wilmer Pt

Wilmer

ISLAND CREEK

DRIVE IN THEATER

BRICK

CLANNIHAN

HARPER RD

Hayden

ROUND TOP

ROUND TOP

CHURCH RD

WHARF

SOUTHEAST CREEK

SOUTHEAST CREEK RD

Church Hill Airport

SQUARE

SHOP ROAD

Hayden

ROUND TOP

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CHURCH RD

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Church Hill Airport

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ISHERIFF MEREDITH RD

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ISHERIFF MEREDITH RD

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Woods

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Land Fill

CEDAR LANE

Hayden

Price

Bethany Ch

Price

Blue

BARBUT HILL

Clark Corners

ROBERTS

CRANE SWAMP ROAD

Clark Corners

MILL RD

SEVY RD

Clark Corners

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