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"Bourbon"  
Price vicinity  
Private

3rd quarter 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Bourbon", "Dr. James Bordley Farm"

AND/OR COMMON

House on Rabbit Hill Road

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rabbit Hill Road, 1.2 miles northeast of Price

CITY, TOWN

Price

\_\_\_ 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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George Raymond Bostic

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#1, Box 108

CITY, TOWN

Church Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21623

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 89

Folio #: 757

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The hip roof house on Rabbit Hill Road stands on a tract called "Bourbon". Evidently, the railroad where it crossed the road was called Tilghman's Station or Tilghman's Crossing, a name long gone from the maps of Queen Anne's County.

The house is located on the south side of the road and faces north. It is a five bay wide 'L' plan, two-story hip roof frame structure standing on a low brick foundation. The walls are covered with composition siding. The central entrance of the north facade is a typical mid-19th century unit, with sidelights, transom and double doors. There was originally a porch across three of the five bays, but it was removed within the last 30 years. There is a wide overhanging cornice to the roof. Two large chimneys rise from the center of the roof and one in the back of the 'L'.

Beyond the 'L' is a two story, three bay frame service wing slightly narrower and lower than the main body of the house. The east side of the whole house consists of the following, from north to south: a large window, an entry with leanto porch, and two smaller windows with a door between. The second story

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

has two windows in each section.

The south gable of the service wing has only one door centered on the first story. The west side of the service wing has two windows on each story. Like the east side, the back of the 'L' is slightly deeper than the service wing. It has only one window on each floor.

There are two windows and a door on the south facade of the front part of the house and two windows on its west side.

Inside, the plan of the house is a variation of the mid-19th century ante-bellum plan. Two parlors and central stair passage with a room (Dining Room) behind the east parlor are in the 'L' plan hip roof part. The service wing has a kitchen adjacent and one step down from the dining room. Beyond the kitchen is a storage room and pantry.

The unusual feature of this house is the position of the back stair, a winder in the southwest corner of the dining room. Unlike the usual winder, the bottom step is perpendicular to the wall, thus ascending 90° to the door at the lower end of the stair. Also unusual is the fact that the closet beneath the stair is on a diagonal and the area above the door is filled by two panels with bead around the panels. It appears to be the only vernacular or "built on the job" part of

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

of the woodwork. All other features appear to be the basic doors, mantels, trim, stair, etc. of the mid-19th century.

All of the walls and ceilings of the first floor service wing appear to have been sheathed with board around the turn of this century. The kitchen has a bricked-in large fireplace backing up to the dining room fireplace. There is a steep enclosed stair on the south wall of the kitchen. In the east parlor, there is a closet south of the fireplace. The fireplaces of this section back up to the central hall. Six windows light the west parlor.

The rooms on the second story are almost identical to those below. Above the service wing are three separate rooms at the head of the steep stair. One of the rooms appears to retain some late 19th century wall paper with boarder. These rooms were not originally connected to the main house; however, a small door in the dining room chamber is a 20th century addition.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

**Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION

**Queen Anne's County Historical Society**

DATE

**8/3/83**

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.

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

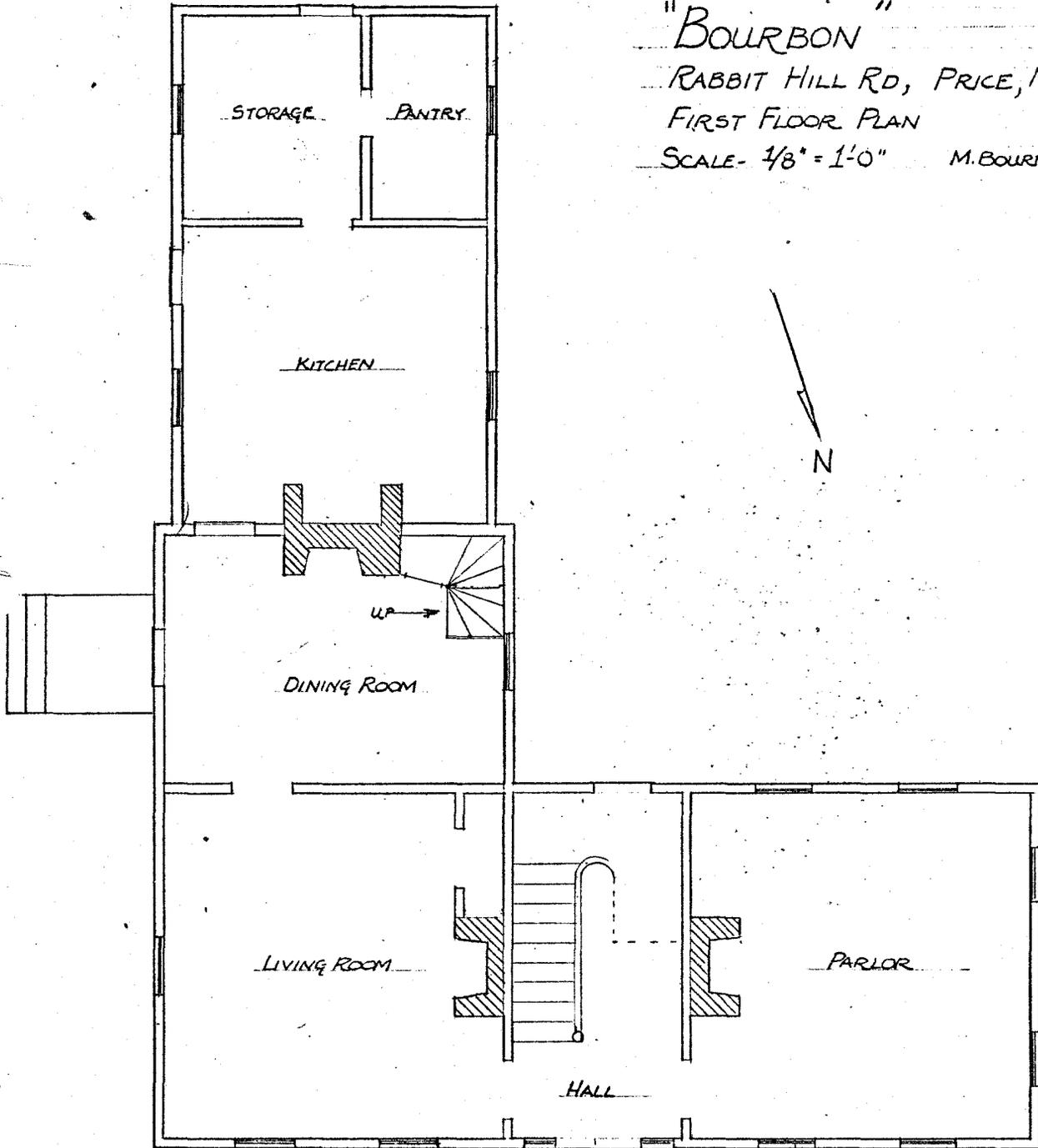
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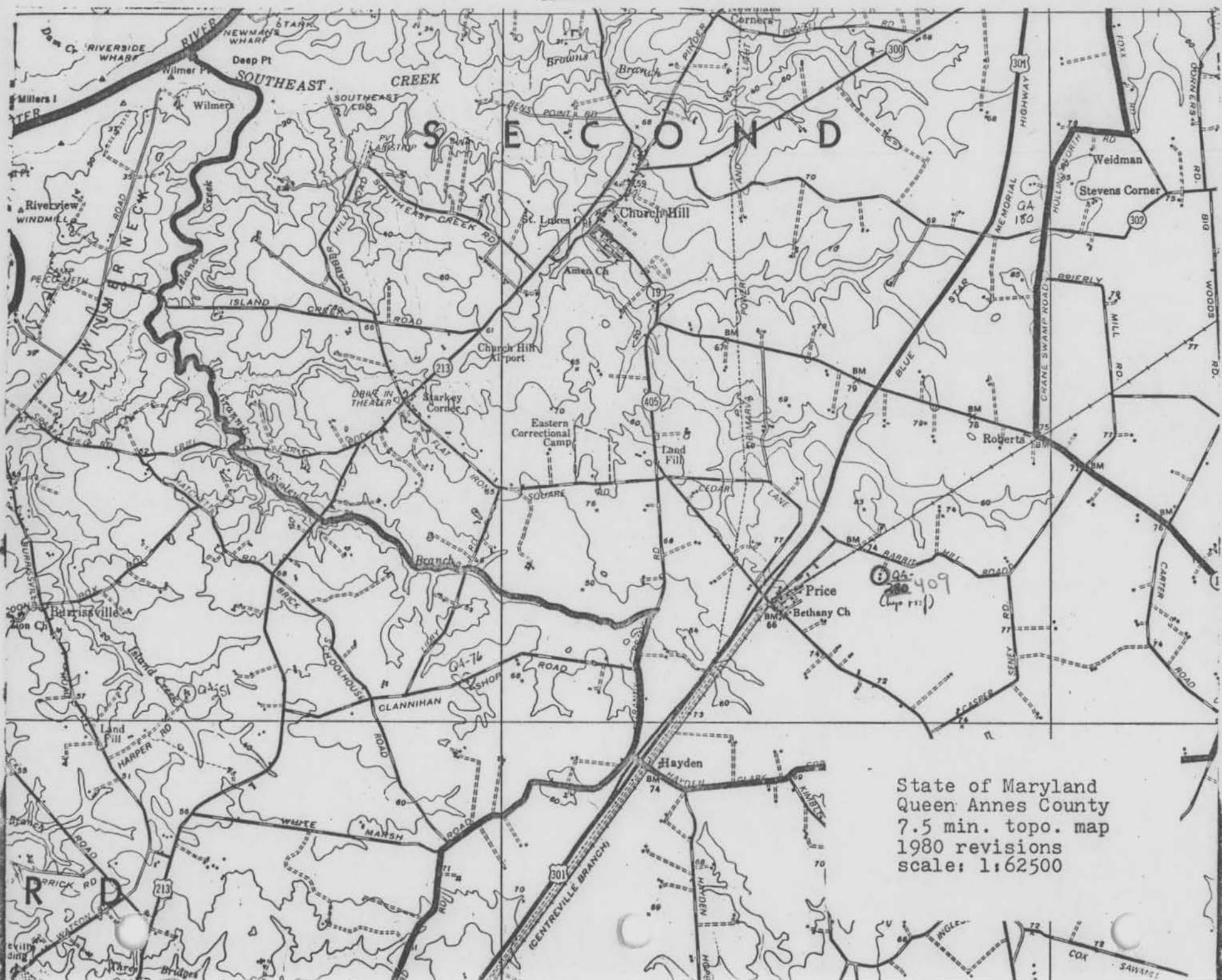
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"BOURBON"

RABBIT HILL RD, PRICE, MD

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE -  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$  M. BOURNE





State of Maryland  
Queen Annes County  
7.5 min. topo. map  
1980 revisions  
scale: 1:62500

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