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Charles Vonville Farm  
Sudlersville vicinity  
Private

circa 1830-50

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charles Vonville Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side Race Track Road

CITY, TOWN

Sudlersville

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

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Avondale Ltd.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#2, Box 742

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

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

Liber #: MWM 169

Folio #: 153

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**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Vonville Farm is located on the north side of Race Track Road approximately one mile east of Elevator Road and two miles southeast of Sudlersville.

The house on the Vonville Farm is of frame construction, 1 1/2 stories high, three bays wide and one room deep, with a single flush chimney at the east end of the gambrel roof. An original chimney on the west gable wall has been removed. A small story-and-a-half wing extends one bay to the east, with a gambrel roof set slightly lower than the roof of the main house. A second small wing with a pitched gable roof extends to the east.

The principal facade of the main house faces south to the road. The door is offset to left of center with a four-light transom above, one 6/6 to the west and another 6/6 to the east. There are three 6/6 shed roof dormers on the second floor. These are symmetrically placed on the roof, in contrast to the asymmetry of the first floor openings.

The building rests on a continuous foundation of concrete block and is covered with asbestos siding, a plain box cornice and asphalt shingle roofing.

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

There are no openings in the west gable wall. The rakeboards have been removed; the siding is asbestos shingle.

On the rear or north facade, there is a single door without transom offset to right of center, and one 6/6 window to east and west on the first floor. Three 6/6 shed roof dormers are ranged across the second story. A bulkhead cellar entrance is located under the east window. The foundation, siding, cornice and roof all match the front facade. The door on this facade is an unusual three-panel example with flattened Greek ogee panel molds.

The east gable wall is almost entirely concealed by the wing.

The south facade of the gambrel roof wing has no original openings on the first floor. A 6/6 shed roof dormer is centered on the second story. The east gable wall is covered by the later wing. On the north facade, there is a door in the east bay and a 6/6 window in the west bay, with a single 6/6 shed dormer centered on the second story.

The later wing has a 6/6 window in the center of each facade. On the south gable wall, a single 6/6 window is located in the south bay of the first story; there are two four-light windows in the upper gable.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The interior of the main house originally consisted of a center passage plan. The wall between the center stair passage and the west room has been opened up and now consists of a wide door opening framed with turn-of-the-century posts and low paneled knee walls. A patch in the west wall of the west room clearly indicates the location of the demolished gable chimney. Beaded baseboard and Greek Revival window trim survives in this room and the stair passage; the architrave trim also survives in the east room. This trim consists of "paneled" fascia pieces with flattened Greek ogee panel molds with a flat band in between and plain corner blocks. The stair rises against the east wall of the passage. It is an open-string stair with a turned newel, a simple rail and square section balusters. A beaded batten door with Greek architrave trim opens into a closet under the stair with original beaded shelving.

On the second floor, the center passage is partitioned to form a small, unheated chamber to the south. This small chamber also provided the only access to the east room. A door was later cut through from the east room to the stair landing, permitting more privacy. A door in the east wall of the east room may always have provided the only access to the wing. The trim on this door is the same Greek ogee molding found on all of

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

the second floor door openings. Seams in the floor of the west room outline the position of the demolished west chimney. A small opening in the ceiling of the passage chamber permits a limited view of the roof.

The first story of the two wings has been renovated and opened up for a modern kitchen. The second floor of the gambrel wing consists of a single room, with the only access from the east room of the main house. The loft of the pitched roof wing has been sealed off. From the back porch, part of the loft interior is visible. The rafters are smoke-blackened and show evidence of whitewash, and it seems probable this loft was a segregated room with separate access via a steep ladder-type stair.

**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/16/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

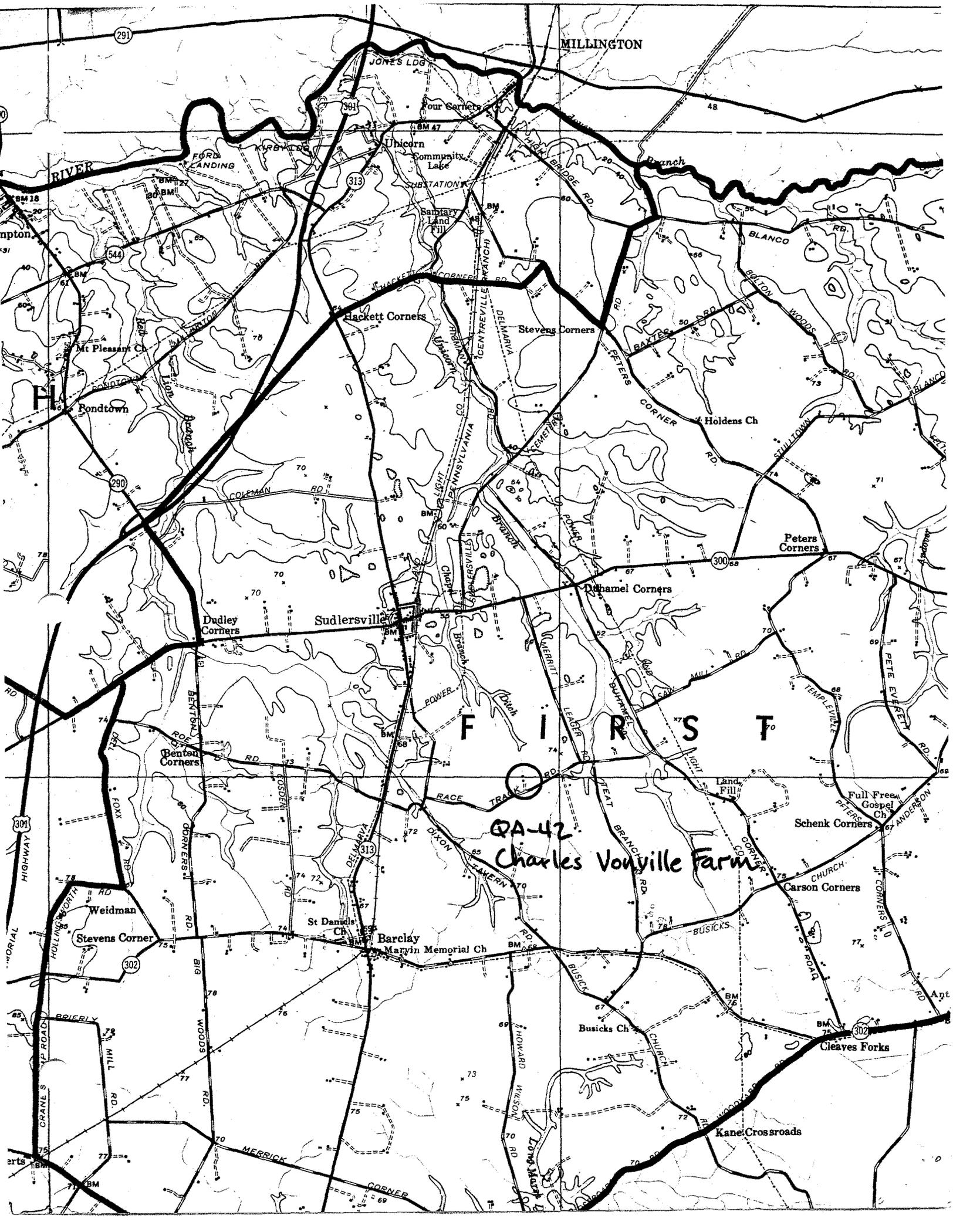
Maryland

Field Notebook QA-25; Recorded June 23, 1980.

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STATION

Barlary Land Fill

Hackett Corners

Stevens Corners

Mt Pleasant Ch

Fondtown

Holdens Ch

Dudley Corners

Sudlersville

Peters Corners

Rahamel Corners

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Charles Vonville Farm  
Sudlersville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
Rear facade from north



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Charles Vonville Farm  
Sudlersville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1981  
Front facade from south