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Slaughterton  
Sudlersville vicinity  
Private

c. 1820  
c. 1850, 1900

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Slaughterton"

AND/OR COMMON

"The Gorge Farm"

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Rt. 300, 1 mile west of Sudlersville

CITY, TOWN

Sudlersville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. John E. George

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Sudlersville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21668

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: TSP 70

Folio #: 413

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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Slaughterton is located in the First Election District one mile west of Sudlersville on the north side of Maryland Route 300. The house is a two part, two story brick house of the early 19th century.

The main section of the house is five bays long, two stories and attic tall and one room deep. The south entrance occupies the central bay and retains its original six raised panel door with transom. The frames and sash of this section of the house were replaced around the turn of the century, probably when the porch was installed across three of the five bays. (Proportions of the windows suggest 9/6 sash for the first story and 6/6 sash for the second--the present ones are 2/2 on both stories). Jack arches over the openings are composed of alternating 2 headers and stretcher. There is no water table, but the cornice is composed of five courses of corbeled brick, the middle one set on an angle to create a dentil effect. The 'A' roof is covered with tin. The basement windows have five iron bars set into the masonry. The south facade of this portion of the house is the only part laid in Flemish bond; the remainder of the building, including

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

the kitchen wing, is laid in common bond (5-1).

East of the aforementioned section is a lower 2 1/2 story brick kitchen wing, two bays long and one deep. On the first story there are two doors and one window on the easternmost bay. Two windows on the second story are placed respectively over the west door and centered between the east door and window. Two dormer windows in the gambrel roof are above the second story windows. All windows of this facade have 6/6 sash. Arches above these windows are a simple row-lock course. A brick chimney pierces the roof within the east gable; a large chimney servicing both wings is located between the two.

The west gable of the house has a large chimney protruding about 8" from the wall, similar to the Leager Farm northeast of Sudlersville. There are only two small windows in the attic.

On the north side of the house a two story frame wing was added across two-thirds of the main part. A leanto porch was built across the north side of the kitchen wing, part of which is enclosed. The frame section was probably built around 1850 for the room is called a School Room in a family diary of that period.

The gambrel roof of the kitchen wing was probably added around 1900. It replaces an "A" roof. Behind the kitchen is an old brick smokehouse.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

The floor plan consists of two rooms with central stair hall in the larger part and two rooms, several steps lower, in the kitchen wing. Beginning from the west, the parlor has a fireplace protruding into the room. It has no chair rail or cornice and the window trim has been replaced. The stair is an open string stair with two rectangular balusters per step. The living room also has a fireplace projecting into the room. On the right side is the door to the kitchen wing; on the left side are five steps up to the 2nd story of the kitchen. On the north wall is one door to the "School Room".

The school room is a plain plastered room, now partly used for a bath.

Both rooms in the kitchen wing, the dining room and kitchen, are paneled with sheet paneling. In the north-east corner of the kitchen is a winder stair to the room above.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Forman, H. Chandlee, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, Easton, 1934, p. 200.

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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 Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/6/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

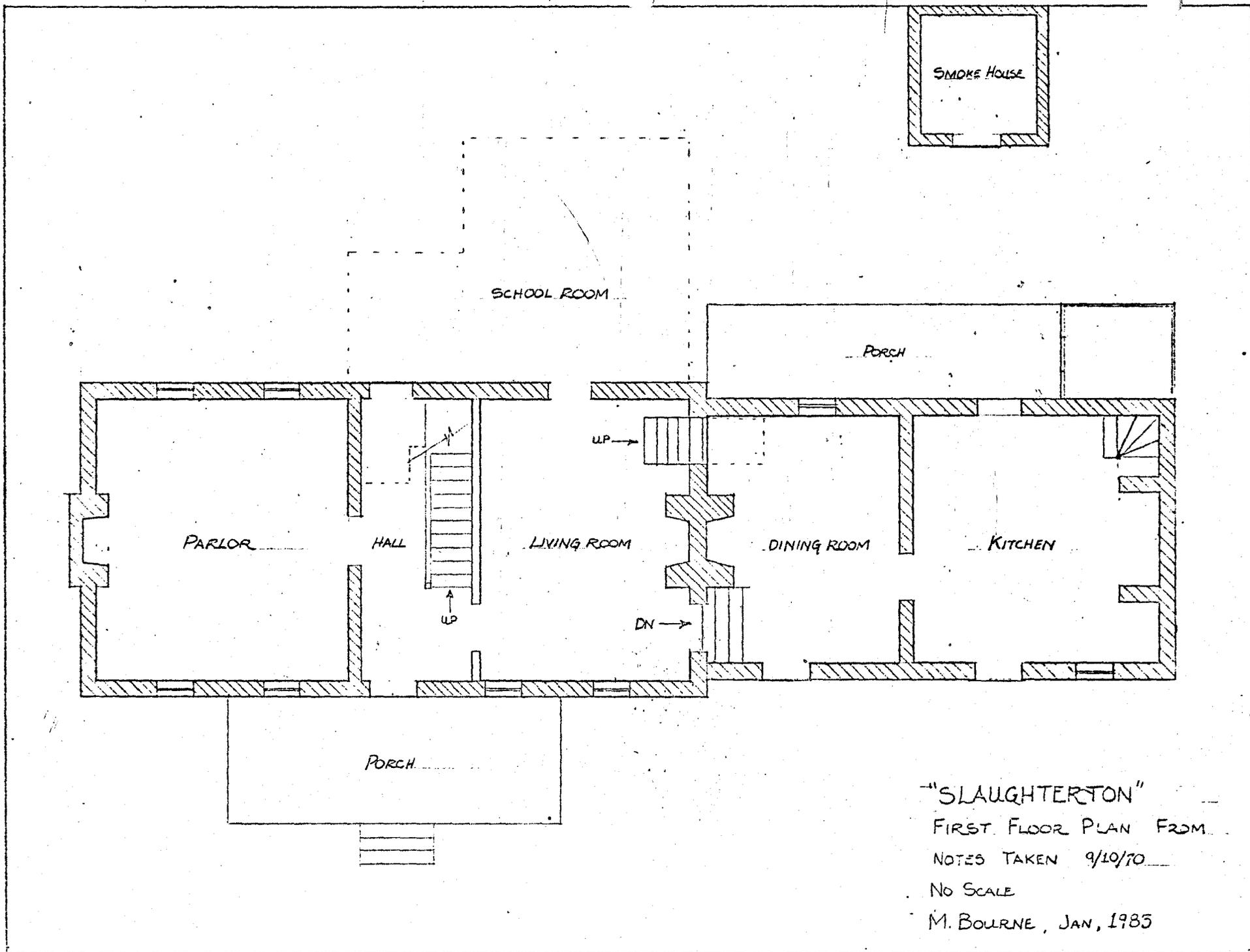
STATE

Maryland

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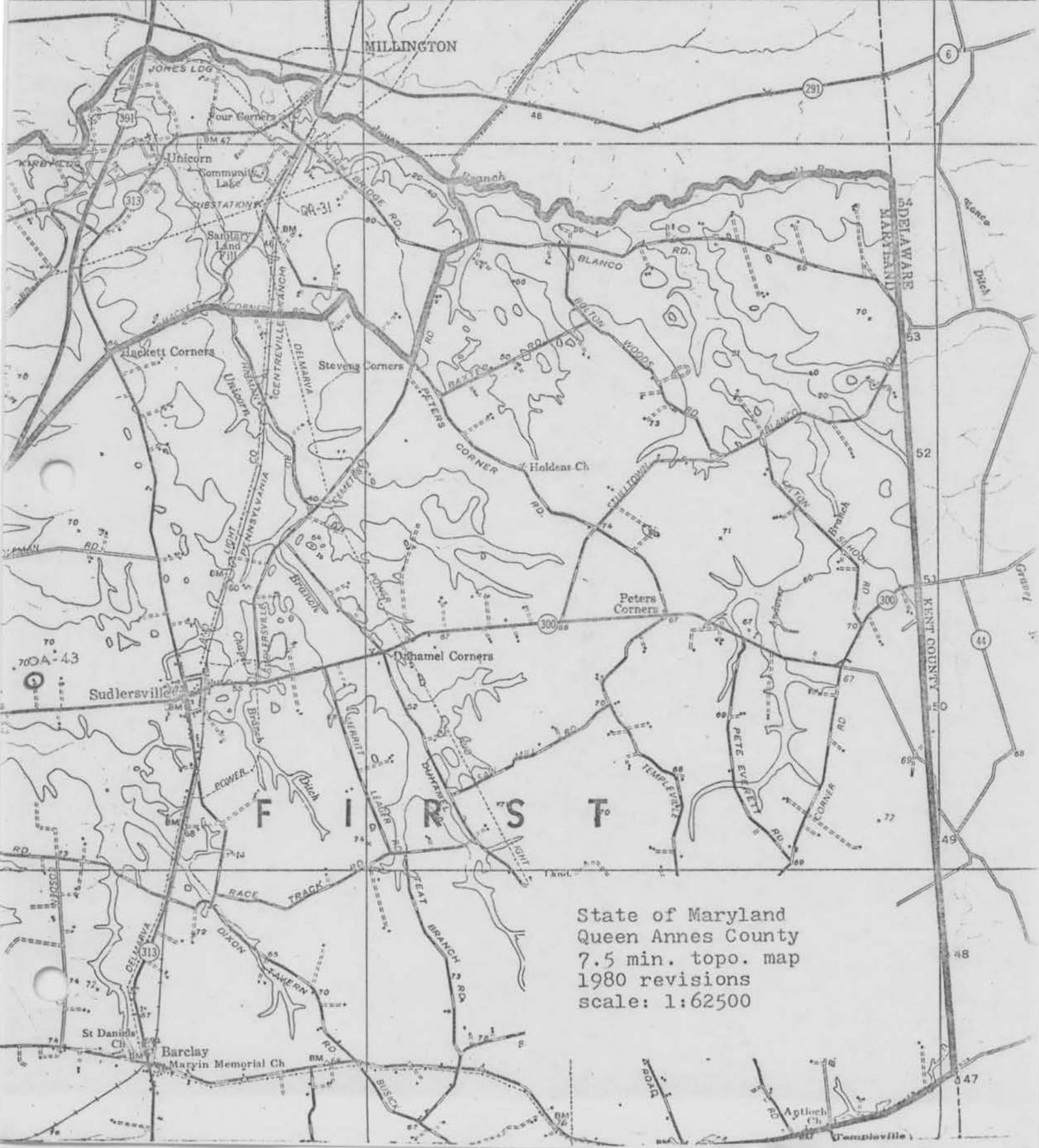


"SLAUGHTERTON"  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN FROM  
NOTES TAKEN 9/10/70  
NO SCALE  
M. BOURNE, JAN, 1985

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1120 1130 50' 1140 1150 75°45'



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

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Slaughterton

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





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Slaughterton  
Sudlersville vicinity  
James W. Valliant, April 1974  
South facade