

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Cornelius Tanner House Survey Number: QA-487

Project: MD18A Relocated from MD 18B, Queen Anne's County Agency: SHA

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

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Cornelius Tanner House, located in the rapidly developing and commercialized area just east of Stevensville on Kent Island, in Queen Anne's County, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally part of a larger 93-acre tract of land, the Cornelius Tanner House now occupies an approximately five-acre lot of land and consists of a late 19th-century farmhouse and two non-contributing sheds, located behind the primary resource. The farmhouse is a 2-1/2-story five-bay frame structure covered with a cross gable roof, with interior end chimneys, and projecting gables on the north and south elevations. A single-story porch, whose hipped roof is supported by wood columns with scroll-sawn wood brackets, extends across the front elevation, while a single-story kitchen ell with a corbelled chimney (stuccoed) projects off the rear wall of the main block of the house. Although the dwelling is intact and retains its original overall form and detail, it stands as a representative example of late-19th-century domestic architecture of rural Maryland and lacks the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing under Criterion C.

Further, it is not known to have any direct associations with persons or events significant to our past, and thus does not qualify for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Ms. Rita Suffness, Leader Cultural Resources Group, SHA

Kim Prothro Williams Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services April 10, 1996 Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Alan D. Prothro Reviewer, NR program April 10, 1996 Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cornelius Tanner House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number N. Side Route 18E

N/A not for publication

city, town Stevensville

\_\_\_ vicinity of

congressional district

4th

state

Maryland

county

Queen Anne's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas and Mrytle Tanner

street &amp; number Route 5, Box 10

telephone no.: 410 643 5125

city, town Stevesville

state and zip code

MD 21666

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse

liber MWM150

street &amp; number

folio 109

city, town Centreville

state

MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date

 federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

# 7. Description

Survey No QA 487

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1 and 7.2

# 8. Significance

Survey No. QA 487

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1875      **Builder/Architect**      **Unknown**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. QA 487

Land, Equity and Will Records, Queen Anne's County  
Personal Communication with Mrs. Thomas Tanner, Mrs. Mary Jewell

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.308 acres

Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization MD State Hwy. Administration date December 19, 1995

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city or town Baltimore 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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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

**QA-487**

**Cornelius Tanner House  
Queen Anne's County, Maryland**

**Continuation Sheet 7.1**

**Description**

**The Cornelius Tanner House is located in a rapidly developing part of Queen Anne's County in the area just east of Stevensville on Kent Island. The immediate environs of the property is the location of major highways and interchanges, an air landing strip, subdivision housing, fast food restaurants and strip shopping malls.**

**This property is a five acre remnant of a nineteenth century farm which has been largely sold off or subdivided. Only the dwelling remains on the parcel. Initially comprising about 93 acres, it was typical of the pattern of mostly small farms worked by tenants or owners on Kent Island. Agricultural practices on the island resembled those of the Eastern Shore mainland. Crops produced were dominated by grains, vegetables, orchard produce and hay. Beginning in the 1840's, farmers began producing crops especially for the Baltimore and Washington markets, aided by the development of efficient transportation networks. (In 1901 Cornelius Tanner sold land to the Queen Anne's Railroad located immediately adjacent to this property). Market crops were hurried to their urban destination by a good network of roads and rail lines and waterways.**

**Whereas in the late nineteenth century the landscape became more densely populated with an increase in the number of small landholdings, by the second quarter of the twentieth century agriculture in the region declined sharply as people moved from rural to urban locations to fill factory jobs.**

**This 5.30 acre property is the location of one historic building--a late nineteenth century farm, ell-shaped dwelling, probably constructed to replace an earlier farmhouse which was removed. This two-part structure is composed of a principal, south facing rectangular, two-and-one half story main block with a gable roof paralleling the south facing entrance facade. Two chimneys are located inside the end walls. The gable roof is interrupted by cross gables centered on both the north and south facades. They both have round-headed windows at the peaks, as do the two gable ends on the east and west elevations. The remaining fenestration is composed of two-over-two rectangular lights, although the windows in the west elevation have been covered over with vinyl siding. The sheathing of the remainder of the building is expected to continue. Most of the building is sheathed with asphalt shingles.**

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**Queen Anne's County, Maryland**

**Continuation Sheet 7.2**  
**Description**

**There is a full width shed-roofed porch carried on six square posts on the entrance facade. A cross gable is centered over the doorway in line with the cross gable at the roofline.**

**On the rear, or north facade, a one-story high gable roofed section extends from the eastern half of the main block. Three bays in length, with the roof perpendicular to the main block, it features a corbelled brick chimney inside of the north end wall. This ell wing has been extended to the east with a shed roofed addition, possibly as the result of the enclosure of a small porch. It is also currently sheathed with asphalt shingles.**

**Two small sheds, constructed within the last few decades, are located north of the structure.**

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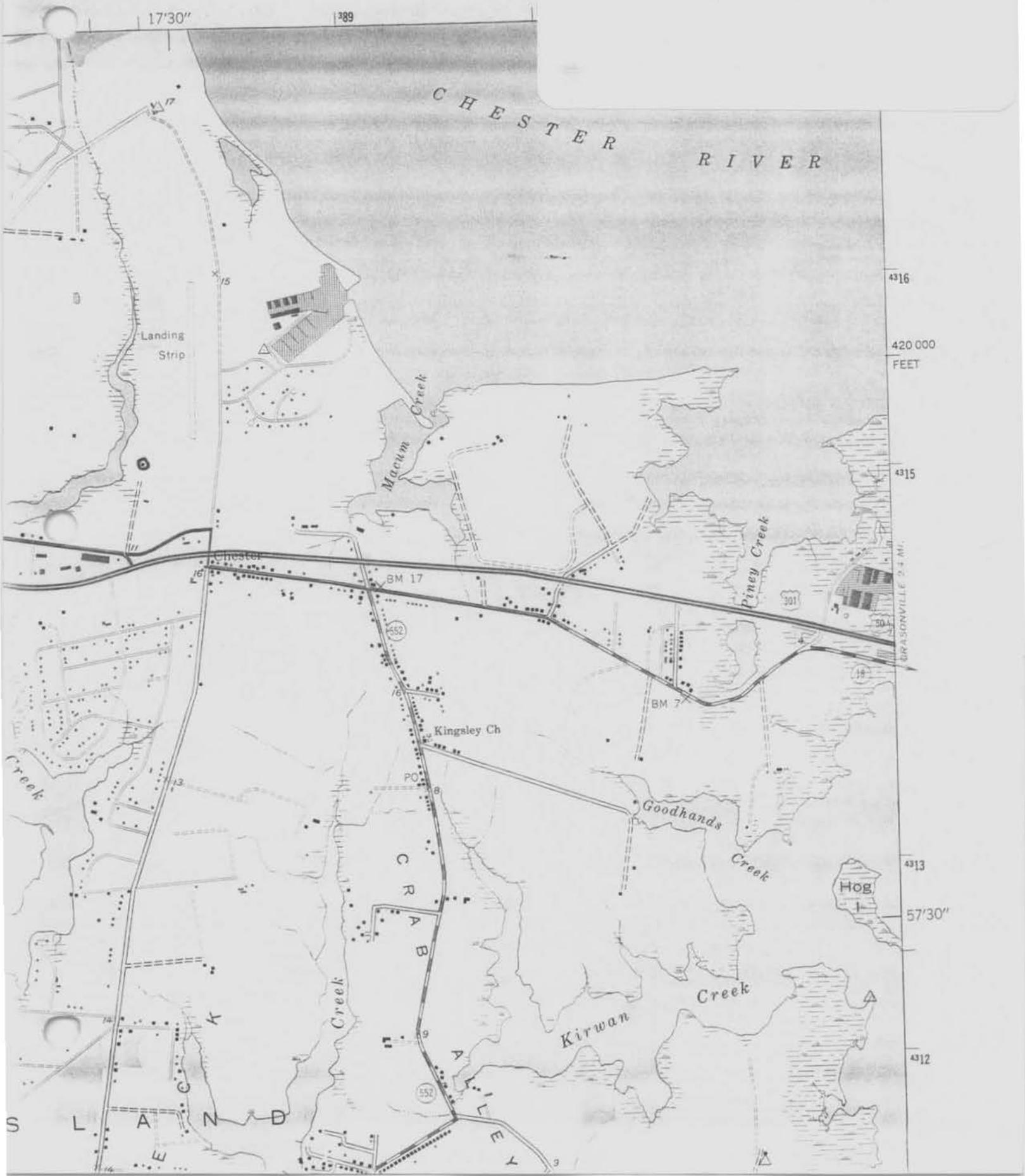
**Cornelius Tanner House**

**Continuation Sheet 8.1**

**Statement of Significance**

**The Cornelius Tanner House, located east of Stevensille on Kent Island, is a modest dwelling which is the sole period building on a small remnant of a farm which has been subdivided, and in part sold off to developers for the fast food restaurants and strip malls located along MD 18. This frame ell-shaped frame farmhouse is very typical of the modest, balloon frame, cheaply erected dwellings ubiquitous throughout Maryland. This building type especially characterized those built on the numerous small farms which proliferated in the late nineteenth century on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.**

QA 487  
Cornelius Tanner House  
Stevensville, Queen Anne's County  
Kent Island Quadrangle





GA 487

Marion Tanner Hulse  
Queen Anne's County Md

R. Suffern 12/95

Regs - Md State Highway Admin.  
Dwelling

South (Principal) Elevation

1/9.



QA 487

Marcos Tanner House

Queen Anne's County Md

R. Suffren 12/95

Reg - Md State Highway  
Administration

Dwelling - East Elevator

219



QA 487

Marion Turner House  
Queen Annes County Md

P. Suffern 12/55

neg - Md State Highway  
Administration

N.E. Corner

3/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner House  
Zellerbach County Dist

R. Suffern 12/51

neg - 3rd State Highway  
Administration

North Elevator

4/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner House

Queen Annes County Md

E. Suffern 12/45

Key - Md State Highway  
Administration.

N.W. Corner

5/9



QA 487

Marion Turner Home  
Queen Anne's County Md

R. Suffern 12/95  
reg - Md State Highway  
Administration

W. Cleveland

6/9



QA 487

Mason Tanner House  
Queen Anne's County Md

R. Sufferer 12/95

neg - Md State Highway  
Administration

S.W. corner

7/9



QA 487

Mason Tanner House

Queen Anne's County Md

R. Sutt - 1495

neg - Md State Highway  
Administration

Shed, NE corner, n of dwelling,

8/9



QA 487

Marion Tanner House  
Queen Annes County

R. Suffness 12/95

veg - Md State Highway  
Administration

Shed, N.E. corner north  
of dwelling

9/9