

**Queen Anne's County
Historic Site Summary Sheet**

Survey No: **QA-501**
Name: **Mills Farm**
Location: **132 Bowen Lane, Queenstown, MD**
Date: **1904**
Access: **Private**

Description:

The Mills Farm is an early twentieth century farmstead composed of a two-and-one-half story ell-shaped house with two rear additions; brick foundation; side-gabled roof with shed roof dormers in front and back. The house and outbuildings are in a deteriorated condition.

Significance:

This house is a common type in rural Maryland and locally along U. S. Route 50 in the vicinity of Queenstown. It has been altered from its original form by the addition of shed-roof dormers in the front and back and the enclosure of one-third of the front porch and its modern fixed-sash windows. It is not known to be associated with significant historic events or persons. Therefore, it is not significant under Criteria A, B, or C.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Alfred</u>	Date: <u>10/8/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>B. Kuntz</u>	Date: <u>12/18/98</u>

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. QA-501

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Mills Farm

2. Location

street & number 132 Bowen Lane

not for publication

city, town Queenstown

vicinity of

congressional district

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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ross and Sandra Mills

street & number 1121 Bloom Road

telephone no.:

city, town Westminster

state and zip code Maryland 21156

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Registry of Deeds

liber WMW 181

street & number

folio 552

city, town Centerville

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

This frame dwelling is located on 97.37 acres at 132 Bowen Lane in Queen Anne's County, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It is on the south side of U. S. Route 50 at the end of a long driveway. The area is rural and the property is surrounded by agricultural fields. The clapboard house is L-shaped with two rear additions perpendicular to the main block. The main block is two and one-half stories plus basement on a brick foundation. The roof is side-gabled and has shed-roofed dormers on the front and back that appear to be later additions. The front dormer is clad in clapboards on each end and wood shakes on the front; the rear dormer is clad entirely in wood shakes. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the roof at each end of the main block of the house. The roof is clad in composition shingles. The windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash throughout the house. Operable shutters flank each window. The single-story full-width front porch, which is supported on brick piers, has been enclosed at one end. The enclosed portion of the porch has eight light fixed sash windows. The hipped roof over the unenclosed portion of the porch is supported on two round classical columns. An engaged column at the end has been removed, leaving the ghost of its former presence. The porch roof is clad in standing-seam metal. The front door is highly decorative with two rectangular panes of glass in the top and two wood panels in the bottom. The glass panels have decorative scrolled ledges beneath them and gabled wood caps with scallops above them. There is a transom over the door.

The east elevation has a single asymmetrically-placed window on both the first and second floors. These windows are located near the southeast corner. In addition, there are paired windows in the gable. The west elevation has only paired windows in the gable.

At the rear of the main block and perpendicular to it is a one-and-one-half story addition, three bays wide and two bays deep. It is side-gabled with a full-width front porch. The porch has a shed roof supported by four turned and bracketed posts. The roofs of the addition and its porch are clad in composition shingles. First floor windows are six-over-six, double-hung sash; those on the half-story are six-light fixed sash. Attached to the rear of this addition and still perpendicular to the main block is another shed-roof addition that is one room wide and three bays deep. The shed roof is clad in composition shingles. Windows in this addition are one-over-one, double-hung sash. Both additions have a crawl space and are finished in clapboard.

There are three outbuildings on this property: a long, rectangular, open-front tractor shed with a side-gabled roof that is clad in corrugated metal; a side-gabled machine shed; and a shed-roofed privy. All are in an advanced state of deterioration.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1904 **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.

The Mills Farm, constructed ca. 1904, is associated with the period of Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930), and the themes of Agriculture and Architecture. Mills Farm was evaluated under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C to determine its eligibility for listing in the NRHP and the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places (MIHP). The Mills Farm is a common architectural type in rural Maryland and particularly along U. S. Route 50 in the local area. It lacks significant architectural distinction. It has been altered by the addition of wide shed-roofed dormers on front and rear, and the enclosure of part of the front porch. The house and outbuildings are in a deteriorated condition. There is no known association of the farm with significant historic events or persons. Therefore, the Mills Farm is recommended not eligible for listing under Criteria A, B, or C.

Mills Farm is situated east of Queenstown on the road leading to Wye Mills, and points further south. Queenstown served as the seat of Queen Anne's County from 1706 until 1782, when Centreville was chosen as county seat. Queenstown, however, retained its importance as a center for local trade during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Mills Farm was constructed during the period of Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930), during which the economy of Queen Anne's County was based primarily on agricultural goods, such as grains and fruit, and some agriculture-related industries, such as canneries. It is likely that Mills Farm was operated as a small self-sufficient farm which produced agricultural goods for subsistence and sale. The expansion of the regional transportation network, with rail and steamboat service, provided the residents of Queen Anne's County easier and more rapid conveyance of agricultural products to industrial centers, such as Baltimore and Philadelphia. Steamboat service was available from Queenstown to Baltimore beginning in 1820 until 1916. In 1896, railroad service also became available locally. The Queen Anne's Railroad initially operated between Queenstown and Denton, but was extended to Lewes, Delaware in 1898. There were several stops in the vicinity of the project area, such as Bloomingdale, and Wye Mills. In 1902, the line was expanded from Queenstown to Love Point on Kent Island, and also north from Queenstown to Centreville. The railroad became the dominant means of transportation during this period, and encouraged settlement and creation of towns, though many of these failed (Wesler et al. 1981).

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Mills Farm
132 Bowen Lane
Queenstown, MD

HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930 A. D.)

Historic Period Themes: Agriculture; Architecture

Resource Type:

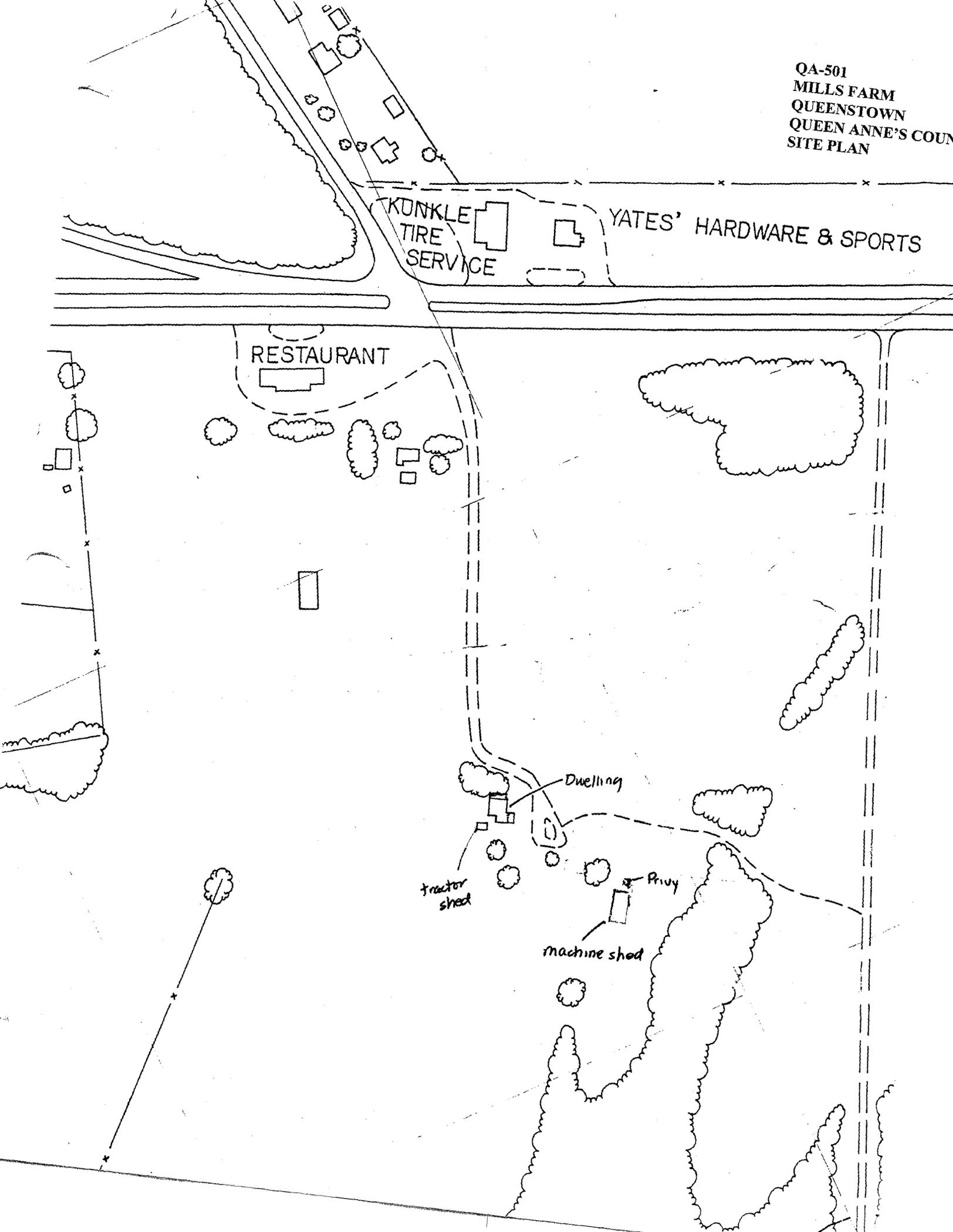
Category: Building(s)

Historic Environment: Rural

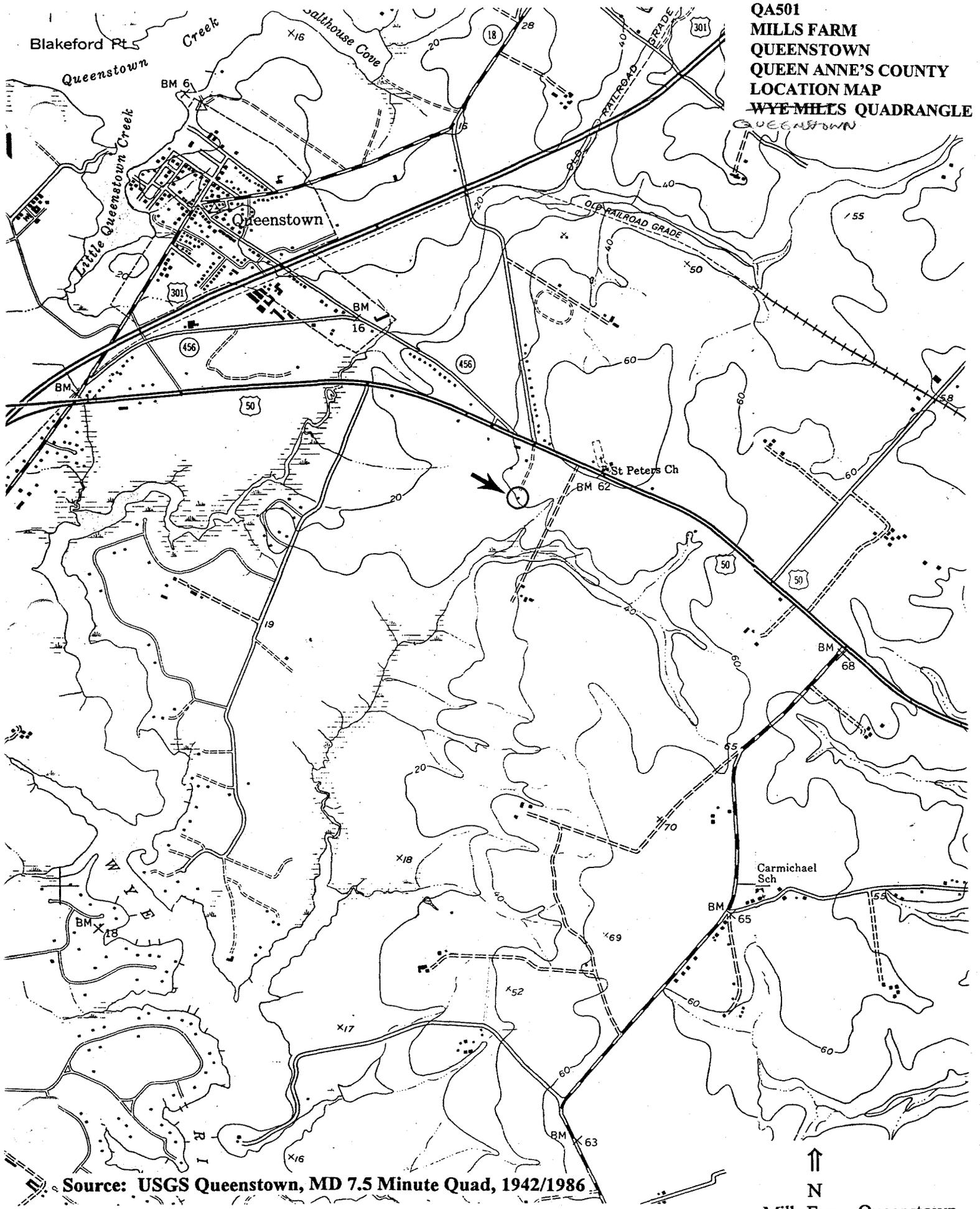
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic (single dwelling);
Subsistence/Agriculture (Agricultural outbuildings)

Known Design Source: None

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**QA501
MILLS FARM
QUEENSTOWN
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
LOCATION MAP
WYE MILLS QUADRANGLE**



Source: USGS Queenstown, MD 7.5 Minute Quad, 1942/1986

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Mills Farm, Queenstown
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Mills Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Rita Suffness

10-29-97

MD SHPO

Main house & wing, northeast elevation # of 13



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Hills Farm
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Fita Saffness
10-29-97
MD SHPO

View looking south

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Rita Suffness
10-29-77
MD 5440

Main house, northwest corner 3 of 13



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Front porch

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Mills Farm

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Front door

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northwest corner

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East elevation 9 of 13



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Southeast corner, looking northwest

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Mills Farm

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Northeast corner

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Hills Farm

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Tractor shed + privy

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Mills Farm,
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Tractor shed

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Privy, front elevation 12 of 13



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Mills Farm
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Barn, northeast corner

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