

QA-565
Perrys Corner
Grasonville vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed mid-19th century, ca. 1870, 1914, 1938, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1957, 1959
Privately owned

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Perrys Corner is a mid-19th century rural settlement that is located south of Grasonville in Queen Anne's County. The settlement centers around the intersection of Perry's Corner Road and Prospect Bay Road (formerly Piney Neck Road). Perrys Corner currently consists of 12 houses constructed before 1960 and 13 constructed after 1960. The houses constructed before 1960 include a mid-19th century store and tenant house as well as typical 20th century types such as Cape Cods. A small farm lies on the north side of Perrys Corner Road; the rest of the land immediately surrounding the settlement is densely wooded.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Perrys Corner evolved during the 19th century in order to provide services to the otherwise isolated farms on Piney Neck. Perry's Corner was strategically located approximately 2 ½ miles south of Grasonville and 4 ½ miles southwest of Queenstown by road and was also accessible by Greenwood Creek and Bryantown Landing on the Wye River. It offered a church, school, store, and later a dance hall. Perrys Corner survived as a village with a church and store into the late 20th century.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Perrys Corner (preferred)

other Perrey Church

2. Location

street and number 1131, 1139, 1201, 1213, 1310, 1314, 1318, 1322, 1326, 1330, and 1334 Perrys Corner Road

city, town Grasonville vicinity

county Queen Anne's

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

name Multiple

street and number N/A telephone N/A

city, town N/A state N/A zip code N/A

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Circuit Court liber Multiple folio Multiple

city, town Centreville tax map 65 tax parcel 3, 6, 7, 31, 32, 36-40, 52, 66 tax ID number Multiple

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	12
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	13 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0 structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	12 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Perrys Corner is a mid-19th century rural settlement that is located south of Grasonville in Queen Anne's County. The settlement centers around the intersection of Perrys Corner Road and Prospect Bay Road (formerly Piney Neck Road) between Prospect Bay and Greenwood Creek. The land is flat. A small farm lies on the north side of Perrys Corner Road; the rest of the land immediately surrounding the settlement is densely wooded, providing a visual boundary. Perrys Corner Road and Prospect Bay Road are both paved, 2-lane roads that are heavily traveled.

Perrys Corner currently includes 12 dwellings constructed before 1960 and 13 constructed after 1960.¹ The dwellings constructed before 1960 are as follows:

- 1334 Perrys Corner Road: a mid-19th century, 2-story, 3-bay, wood-frame building that served as a store and dance hall.
- 1330 Perrys Corner Road: a 1 ½-story, wood-frame Cape Cod with a full-width enclosed front porch, constructed in 1950.
- 1326 Perrys Corner Road: a 1-story, wood-frame rambler with a hipped roof, constructed in 1957.
- 1322 Perrys Corner Road: a 1 ½-story, 3-bay, wood-frame Cape Cod constructed in 1949.
- 1318 Perrys Corner Road: a 1-story, 5-bay, wood-frame, side-gable house constructed in 1939.
- 1314 Perrys Corner Road: a 2-story, 3-bay, wood-frame I-house with an enclosed front porch, constructed in 1914.
- 1310 Perrys Corner Road: a 2-story, 3-bay, wood-frame Colonial Revival house constructed in 1938.
- South Side Perrys Corner Road: a 1-story, wood-frame, side-gable house with enclosed front and back porches, constructed in 1959.
- 1213 Perrys Corner Road: a 1 ½-story, wood-frame Cape Cod with multiple additions, constructed in 1947.
- 1201 Perrys Corner Road: the R. T. Larrimore Tenant House (QA-566), a ca. 1870, wood-frame, telescoping tenant house.
- 1139 Perrys Corner Road: a 1-story, 3-bay, wood-frame Cape Cod constructed in 1959.
- 1131 Perrys Corner Road: a 1-story, 3-bay, wood-frame Cape Cod constructed in 1954.

¹ The house on the small farm north of Perrys Corner Road dates to 1942 but was excluded from this survey because it lies well north of the road and does not read as a component of the streetscape.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates See construction dates **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates mid-19th century, 1914, 1938, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1954, 1957, 1959

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE

The 19th century settlement of Perrys Corner was strategically located approximately 2 ½ miles south of Grasonville and 4 ½ miles southwest of Queenstown by road. It was also accessible by Greenwood Creek and Bryantown Landing on the Wye River. Perrys Corner provided basic services such as a church, school, and store to the otherwise isolated farms on Piney Neck. The adjacent settlement of Bryantown, one mile to the east, had another store, a blacksmith, and a mill. Historic maps provide a glimpse of how Perrys Corner developed.

The earliest map documentation of Perrys Corner is J. G. Strong's 1866 Map of Queen Anne's County. Strong's map shows an unnamed settlement at the intersection of the road to Grasonville (now Perrys Corner Road) and the road to Piney Neck (now Prospect Bay Road). The settlement consists of a building marked "Mrs. Decourcy" and a Methodist Episcopal Church north of Perrys Corner Road, a schoolhouse, a building marked "R. Perry," and a building marked "J. Stranahan" southeast of the intersection, and an unmarked building southwest of the intersection.²

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's 1877 map of Queen Anne's County again shows an unnamed settlement. It consists of the R. T. Larrimore Tenant House (QA-566), another building marked "R. T. Larrimore," a building marked "H. Johnson," a building marked "James Benton," and a Methodist Church north of Perry's Corner Road; School Number 5, a building marked "Mrs. Perry," and a building marked "Mrs. Stranahan" southeast of the intersection; and an unmarked building (the store) and a building marked "Mrs. Durin" southwest of the intersection.³

The 1935 Maryland Geological Survey map is not specific as to names and functions, but shows two buildings plus the church north of Perrys Corner Road, two buildings plus the school southeast of the intersection, and six buildings southwest of the intersection. The 1951 Maryland Geological Survey map identifies the settlement as "Perrey Church" and shows one building plus the church

² The unmarked building is at the location of the store at 1334 Perrys Corner Road.

³ Although Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson's map includes lists of sponsors and business directories, none of the names of the residents of Perrys Corner are included.

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north of Perry's Corner Road, two southeast of the intersection, and seven southwest of the intersection. The 1960 Maryland Geological Survey Map shows the same pattern as the 1951.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Maps from the late 19th through the early 20th centuries do not show individual buildings but do show landscape patterns surrounding Perrys Corner. The maps show that woodlands have historically surrounding Perrys Corner to the northwest and southwest. Agricultural fields lay on both sides of Perrys Corner Road east of the settlement and on the east side of Prospect Bay Road along Greenwood Creek.

Anecdotes augment the picture of Perrys Corner given by maps. According to Edward Bauer, owner of nearby Mount Hope, residents of Perrys Corner kept pleasure boats in Greenwood Creek behind Mount Hope. Residents would walk from the village up the lane to Mount Hope on Sundays to take their boats out for the afternoon.⁴ Another longtime resident described a more village-like atmosphere in Perrys Corner before nearby subdivisions resulted in heavy traffic along the roads.⁵ Both described the front-gable building at 1334 Perry's Corner Road as a store with a dance hall in the rear.

The store at 1334 Perrys Corner Road and the R. T. Larrimore Tenant House (QA-566) are the only 19th century buildings remaining in Perrys Corner, however the land use pattern of small, domestic properties lining the road has continued in the 20th century buildings.

⁴ Conversation between Julie Darsie and Edward Bauer, September 23, 2005.

⁵ Conversation between Julie Darsie and resident of 1335 Perrys Corner Road, September 23, 2005.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approximately 40 acres
Acreage of historical setting unknown
Quadrangle name Queenstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for Bryantown are irregular and include only contributing buildings, defined here as those constructed before 1960. The contributing buildings occupy Queen Anne's County Tax Map 65, Parcels 3, 6, 7, 31, 32, 36 through 40, 52, and 66. These contributing parcels total approximately 20.65 acres.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington, District of Columbia	state	N/A

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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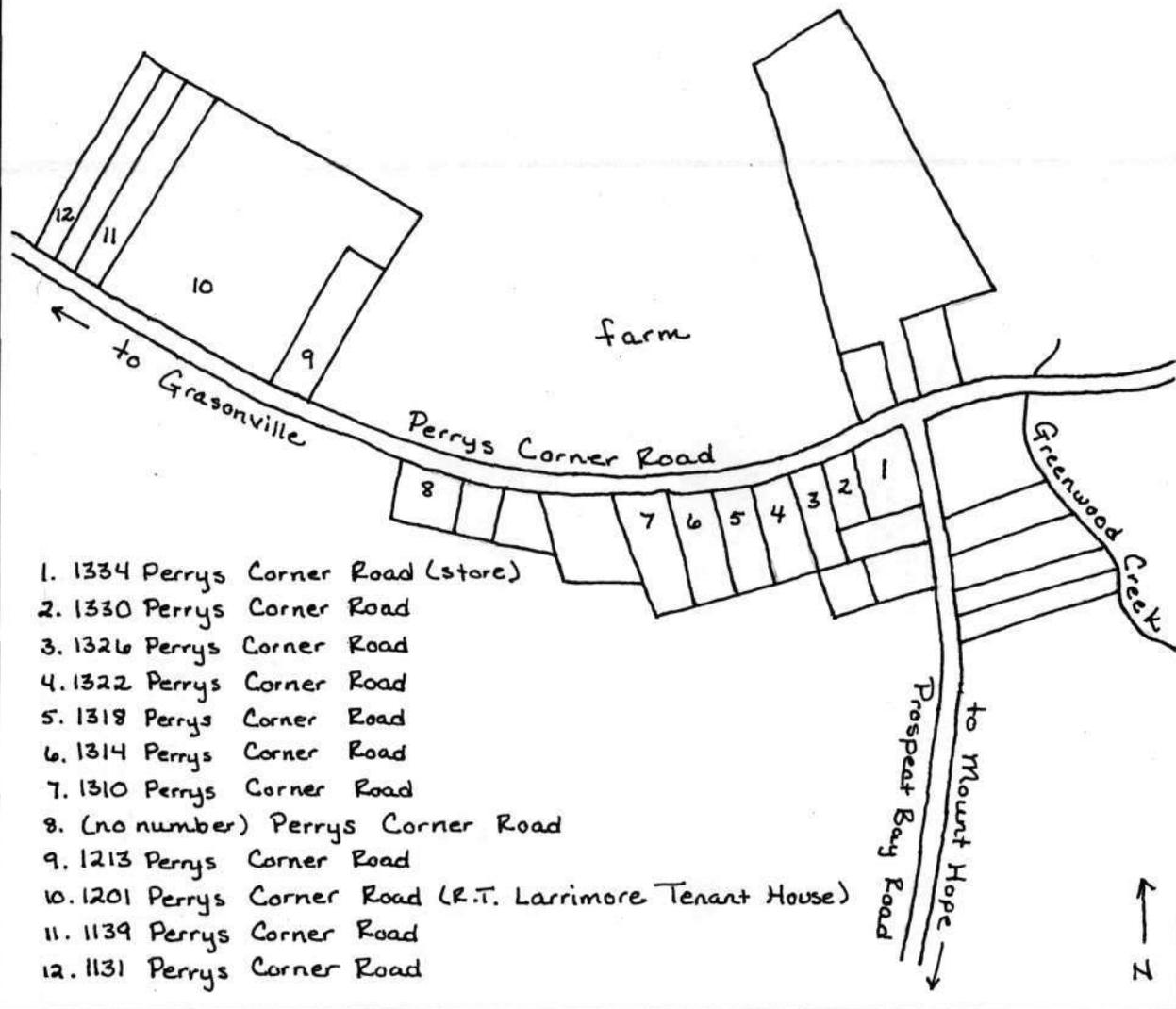
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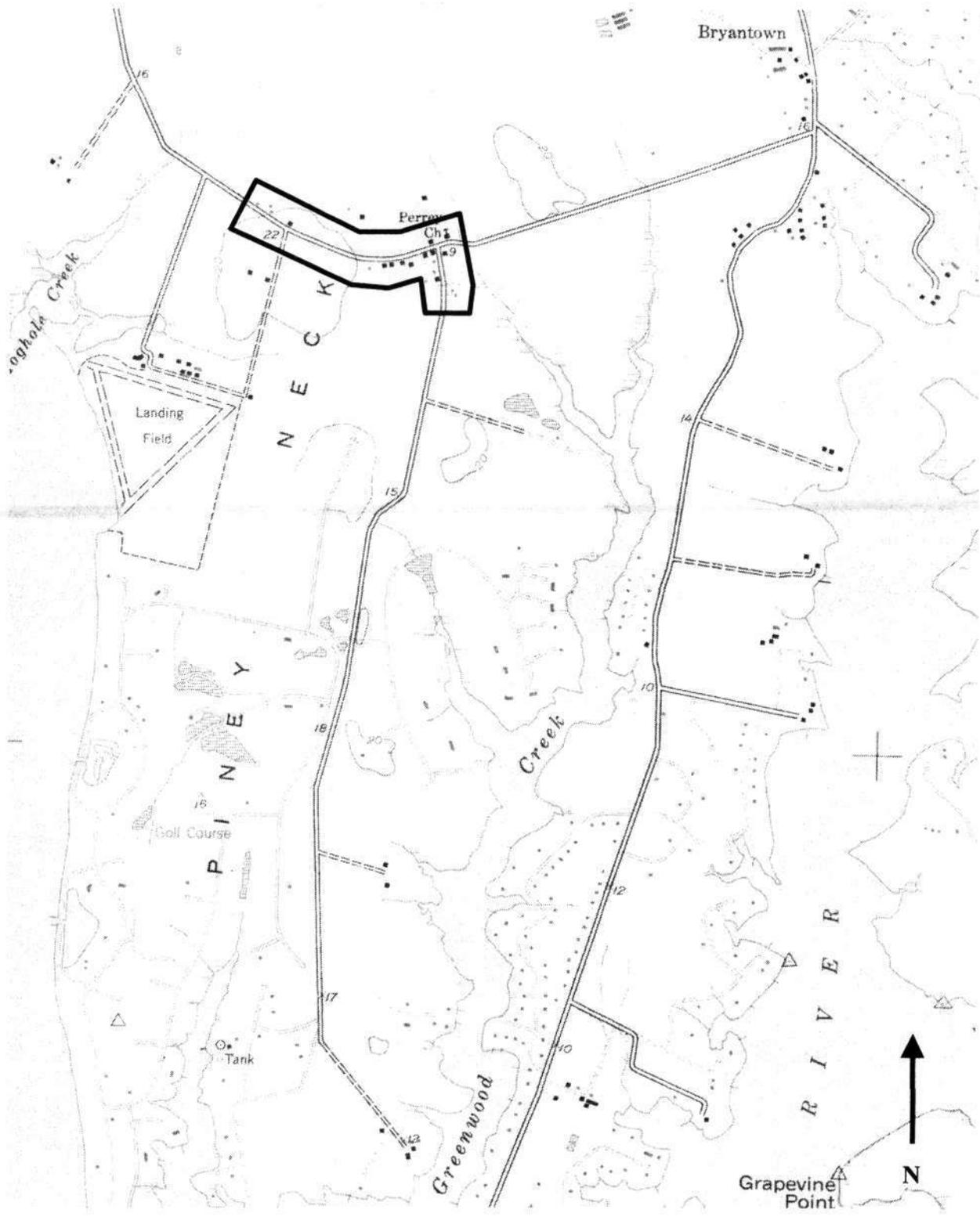
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Perrys Corner lot pattern
 Contributing buildings numbered



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Queenstown, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)



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1334 Perrys Corner Road (dance hall and store).
Mid-19th century. SW corner of Perrys Corner
Road and Prospect Bay Road.

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1322 Perrys Corner Road, constructed in 1949,
South side of road.

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1110 3470

1318 Perrys Corner Road, constructed in 1939.
South side of road.

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1310-1314 Perrys Corner Road, constructed in 1914 and
1938. South side of road.

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View to east along Perrys Corner Road from farm
showing agricultural field on north side of road
and row of houses on south side of road.

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MO SHPO

1201 Perrys Corner Road (R.T. Larrimore Tenant House,

QA-566), Co. 1870. North side of road.

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1131-1139 Perrys Corner Road. View from South.
1950s houses.

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View to SE along Prospect Bay Road showing
non-contributing buildings.

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