

QA-645
401 Chamberlin Lane
Stevensville, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1900
Private

Summary Description

The dwelling at 401 Chamberlin Lane is accessed only by traveling the long wooded lane. The massive two-story, five-bay dwelling is topped with a unique gable-on-hip roof. Two shallow-pitch, hipped-roof dormers containing double single light windows, most likely casement, rise out of the roof on the rear elevation. A two-story, Greek Revival style porch is located on the front, or east elevation. The rear, or west elevation, contains a two-story, shed-roof porch that runs the full length of the elevation and is incorporated into the hipped-roof.

Summary Statement of Significance

The dwelling at 401 Chamberlin Lane is significant as an example of the Neoclassical style architecture that was popular from the late 1800's through the middle of the 1900's. The survival of the dwelling in this highly developed and very valuable water front area is also significant.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-645

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic 401 Chamberlin Lane

other

2. Location

street and number 401 Chamberlin Lane __ not for publication

city, town Stevensville vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

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

name Ali Majdi

street and number 4336 Westover Place telephone

city, town Washington state DC zip code 20016

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber MWM 480 folio 745

city, town Centreville tax map 48 tax parcel 129 tax ID number 04-094905

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 type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	2
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<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.

The dwelling at 401 Chamberlin Lane rests on land at the edge of the Chesapeake Bay and accessible only after traveling down the heavily wooded lane which runs perpendicular to the east side of Love Point Road. The massive two-story, five-bay dwelling is topped with a unique gable-on-hip roof. Two shallow-pitch, hipped-roof dormers containing double single light windows, most likely casement, rise out of the roof on the rear elevation. A two-story, Greek Revival style porch is located on the front, or east elevation. The front gable roof of the porch is supported by two Ionic columns and has a denticulated cornice. The rear, or west elevation, contains a two-story, shed-roof porch that runs the full length of the elevation and is incorporated into the hipped-roof. The porch ceiling of the first story shows the exposed beams and the second story ceiling is sheathed with a decorative narrow board covering.

A large brick chimney with a bee-hive hood rises out of the roof and is located near the northeast corner of the gable-on-hip joint. The dwelling presents symmetrical fenestration of one-over-one and six-over-six windows on the front and rear elevations. There are no windows on the north elevation. The south elevation exhibits asymmetrical fenestration of one-over-one windows. Green shutters flank all of the windows on the dwelling. The dwelling is clad in wide horizontal board siding painted tan. The dwelling rests on a brick foundation

A one-story barn, sheathed in weathered horizontal board siding is located on the east side of the dwelling and is tucked back in the woods. A modern metal Quonset hut is located of the north side of the dwelling.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input 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 checked="" 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

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca. 1900

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

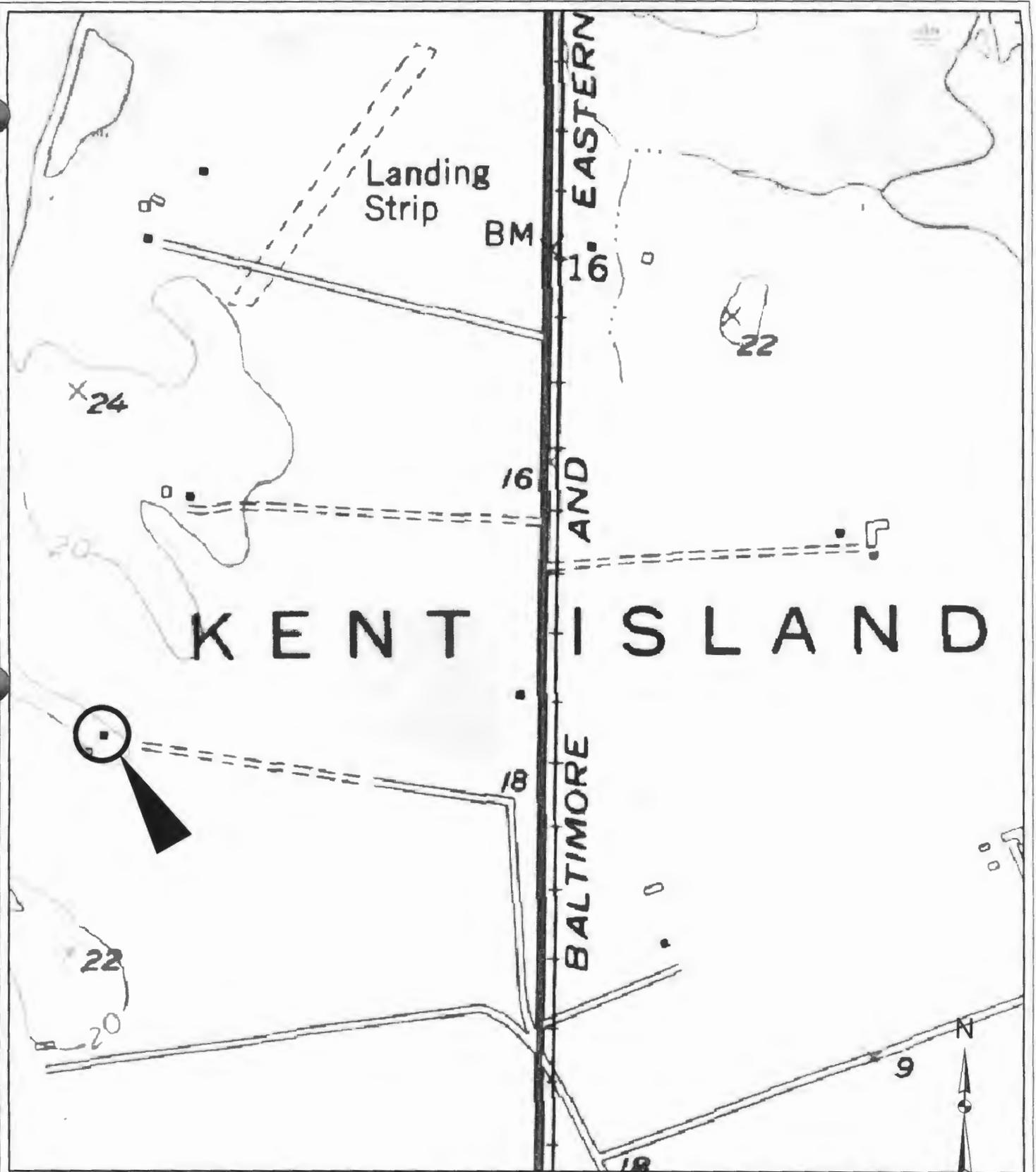
not evaluated

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.)

The dwelling at 401 Chamberlin Lane is significant as an example of the Neoclassical style architecture that was popular from the late 1800's through the middle of the 1900's.¹ Elements such as the chimney with the beehive hood, the brick foundation, and the clapboard siding suggest the dwelling was built in the early 1900's. The location near the water, located down a long lane that runs through a mature wooded area also suggests that this house is much older than the modern mansions that surround it.

Given the value of the water front property and the intense development on Kent Island, the continued existence of this dwelling, even with any later alterations is significant.

¹ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1995), 342-345.



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Love Point, Maryland Quadrangle (1:24,000)

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MAP 40 - P.51

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SARAH V. PORTER FARMS

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AREA

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BLUE DAY

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WOLF FARM

CONSERVATION
RECREATION
AREA

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Tax Map 48 Parcel 129 Lot 4

Queen Anne's County Maryland

Photo Log

QA- 645 – 401 Chamberlin Lane
Photos Taken November 2009
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Queen Anne's County

Photos Printed on Epson Premium Glossy Paper with Epson UltraChrome pigmented inks.

File Name (s)	Description
QA-645_2009-11-18_01 QA-645_2009-11-18_01.TIF	Perspective view of south and east elevations looking northwest
QA-645_2009-11-18_02 QA-645_2009-11-18_02.TIF	Perspective view of north and east elevations looking southwest
QA-645_2009-11-18_03 QA-645_2009-11-18_03.TIF	Perspective view of north and west elevations looking southeast
QA-645_2009-11-18_04 QA-645_2009-11-18_04.TIF	Perspective view of south and west elevations looking northeast
QA-645_2009-11-18_05 QA-645_2009-11-18_05.TIF	Detail: Door and surround on rear elevation
QA-645_2009-11-18_06 QA-645_2009-11-18_06.TIF	Barn: View of west elevation looking east



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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS
LOOKING NORTHWEST.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS
LOOKING SOUTHEAST.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF SOUTH & WEST ELEVATIONS
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DETAIL: DOOR & SURROUND ON REAR ELEVATION.

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BARN : VIEW OF WEST ELEVATION LOOKING EAST.

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