QA-5 Addendum (QA-5-1)
Reed's Creek Farm: Hunting Lodge
404 Reed's Creek Farm Lane
Centreville vicinity, Queen Anne's County

Constructed ca. 1915
Private

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

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7. Description

Outbuildings/Secondary Resources

Hunting Lodge

Reed's Creek Farm is located on Wright Neck in Queen Anne's County, approximately four-and-three-quarters miles west of the county seat, Centreville. The main house at Reed's Creek Farm is a circa-1775, Late-Georgian-style, two-story, brick house that was listed on the National Register in 1975. The farm's outbuildings, including the hunting lodge, were not documented at the time of the original nomination. The hunting lodge is a circa-1915, two-story, three-bay, front-gable, wood frame structure that sits approximately one-tenth of a mile southwest of the main house at Reed’s Creek Farm. It faces southwest, looking towards Reed Creek, and away from the main house. A one-story, one-bay, wood frame garage/boat house is associated with the hunting lodge, and sits approximately 75 yards to the south.

The bucolic landscape surrounding the hunting lodge slopes gently down to the creek to the southwest of the building. Running to the west of the summer cottage, and parallel to its main axis, a gravel drive leads from the main house at Reed's Creek Farm to a dock at the creek side, which is about 70 yards away. The gravel driveway and agricultural fields flank the lodge on its west, while a large grassy lawn and more agricultural fields lie to the east. Trees of varying species and size are somewhat randomly planted to the north, while to the northeast of the lodge are the remnants of what the current owner identified as a commercial pear orchard. Trees and underbrush line the bank of Reed Creek, except in the immediate vicinity of the dock.

The two-story, three-bay, wood frame hunting lodge is divided into two rooms on the first floor, and three bedrooms on the second floor. It sits on tall, slender piers made of poured concrete with loose, oyster-shell aggregate. The piers have been supplemented throughout by a variety of more recent concrete-block piers, and wood supports. The front-gable roof is in poor condition; it is clad with deteriorated asphalt shingles, and a large hole pierces the roof in the northern corner. An interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap is set back from the façade two-thirds of the length of the cottage. The first story is clad in asbestos shingles, while the second story features wood shingle cladding. Each elevation of the cottage features a porch.

Visually, the façade (south elevation) is dominated by the complex of porches attached to it. A porch wraps around the first story of the façade onto both the west and east elevations; it is screened on the façade and west elevations, and open on the east, and is reached by steps that span nearly the length of the façade. The porch is supported by rustic log posts. The building’s second story overhangs this porch on the façade side only. A shed-roofed wood porch extends further yet from the second story, sheltering a ten-foot-square area in front of the entry porch. This projecting porch is supported by tall, square wood posts that are set into poured concrete piers with battered sides.

The first story of the façade is symmetrically arranged with two windows flanking the entry. The windows are six-over-six wood sash; the upper sash is fixed, but the lower sash slides into a pocket in the wall. The four-panel wood door has a metal case lock with a porcelain doorknob. Both windows and doors feature square-edged wood surrounds with an ogee-molded cornice; the windows are flanked by louvered wood shutters. All of the hunting lodge’s elevations feature the same window and door surrounds found on the façade. The second-story windows are comprised of six-over-six single-hung sash.

The hunting lodge’s west elevation is five bays in length on the first story, including the open bay underneath the projecting second story of the façade. The one-story shed-roofed porch extends two-thirds of the length of the west elevation. The west elevation’s doorway is in the central bay of the first story, and windows fill the other three bays of the main block. The windows in this elevation, and in the rest of the elevations apart from the façade, are six-over-six single-hung sash. The four second-story windows are not aligned with those on the first story.
The north elevation is two bays wide, with the doorway in the easternmost bay. The doorway features a metal door with jalousie windows, and is the only one of the building’s five entries that does not exhibit the door found on the façade. A one-story, two-bay, shed-roofed porch spans three-quarters of the length of the north elevation, beginning at the eastern corner. This porch is unenclosed, is supported by square wood posts, and sits on concrete-block footers.

Like the west elevation, the hunting lodge’s east elevation is five bays in length on the first story, with a window in each of the outermost bays of the main block’s first story. Doorways fill the two innermost bays of the first story. The second story has four windows that are not aligned with those on the first story.

The interior of the hunting lodge has undergone dramatic alterations since its construction, and it is thus difficult to discern the original floor plan. The only aspect of the interior that seems to be original is the wood stairway to the second floor, which may, however, have been moved. The stairway features a square wood newel post with a ball newel cap, square balusters, and a molded wood rail. The door from the façade opens directly into a large front room, which is divided from the kitchen in the rear by a post-1950, oversized brick firebox and a wood beadboard partition wall. The square-edged wood window and door trim is not original, nor are any of the light fixtures. The walls have been clad with drywall on the first floor, and wood beadboard comprises the majority of the walls on the second floor. The flooring throughout the house, excepting the stair treads, has been covered with vinyl tile. The second floor incorporates three bedrooms and a bathroom. The bedroom in the northern corner of the house is underneath the substantial hole in the roof, and its ceiling has collapsed.

Garage/ Boat House

The garage/boat house sits on a new pressure-treated lumber foundation, and has vertical-board wood siding. It has a double-leaf, vertical-board wood door with machine-made, strap hinges in its south elevation, and a single-leaf door in the north elevation at the west end. The gabled roof is sheathed in corrugated metal; the eaves overhang slightly and are open.
8. Significance

Summary Statement of Significance

Built circa 1915, the hunting lodge is located approximately 70 yards from Reeds Creek on the western boundary of Reed’s Creek Farm, which incorporates a substantial, late-Georgian-style brick house that was reputedly built in 1775 for Colonel Thomas Wright; the brick house sits northeast of the lodge. Architectural evidence and oral tradition both suggest that the lodge was built as either a second home or a hunting lodge by the Wright family, at a time when Queen Anne’s County was known as a sportsman’s paradise and wealthy people bought county estates as hunting retreats.

Historical Narrative

Built circa 1915, the hunting lodge is currently and historically part of the property of Reed’s Creek Farm, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Reed’s Creek Farm incorporates a substantial, late-Georgian-style brick house that was reputedly built in 1775 for Colonel Thomas Wright. The property remained in the Wright family until the mid-nineteenth century when Colonel Wright’s grandson sold the house and its surrounding acreage. In 1890, General William McKenney of Centreville purchased the 218 acres that made up Reed’s Creek Farm at that time. McKenney was one of Queen Anne’s County’s wealthiest merchants who was reputedly related to the Wrights.

At his death in 1897, McKenney owned approximately 60 farms in Queen Anne’s County, as well as considerable acreage in Talbot and Caroline counties. It took more than a decade to settle and divide his land holdings. Reed’s Creek Farm was partitioned among several heirs, but his granddaughter, Nannie M. Wright, and her husband, Clayton Wright, eventually inherited the property in 1916. At the time of their inheritance, the Wrights lived in Centreville, where Clayton Wright was a merchant at a coal and lumber yard.1

Architectural evidence and oral tradition both suggest that the lodge was built as either a second home or a hunting lodge circa 1915. Waterfowl such as wild geese, ducks and swan were prevalent along the shores of the numerous creeks in the County, and by the late nineteenth century, the County was noted as “a very paradise of the sportsman.”2 In addition, wealthy people from outside the County bought old estates to use as country homes or hunting retreats.3 In the late 1920s, the Queen Anne’s County Chamber of Commerce sought to attract tourists and potential residents by advertising that the County “is literally a ‘Sportsman’s Paradise.’ Canvasback, redhead, mallard, black and green-winged teal; and other wild ducks, geese and swan feed in its waters in late Winter, while the Summer brings diamond-back terrapin, snapping turtles, hard and soft shell crabs, Boston mackerel, bluefish…and others of the finny

1 Denton Journal 17 December 1904, “Mr. Clayton Wright of Centreville awarded a bronze medal for corn exhibition in the Palace of Agriculture at St. Louis World’s Fair.” Denton Journal 15 October 1910, “Clayton Wright is president of the Queen Anne’s county produce exchange. The exchange is for co-operative crop marketing and it is believed that it will be of great benefit to many farmers . . .” 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, District 3, Centreville, Enumeration District 67, Sheet 12A.


Oriented to Reed Creek, the lodge and its associated boathouse provided ample facilities for the hunters who owned or visited Reed's Creek Farm.

Clayton and Nannie Wright may have built the hunting lodge for their recreational use after acquiring the property in 1916. During their ownership, the main residence on the property was leased to a farmer who cultivated the fields. Through the 1920s, the Wrights continued to maintain their primary residence in Centreville, thus it is unlikely that they ever occupied the hunting lodge year-round. In 1961, Nannie Wright sold Reed's Creek Farm to Bradford Smith, Jr. and his wife, Henrietta H. Smith, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. According to the current owner of the property, the Smiths worked on and lived in the lodge while the main house was under renovation. It may be during this period that the lodge underwent the substantial alterations to the interior including the wood beadboard partition walls, oversize firebox, and second floor bathroom that are visible today.

The current owner plans to demolish the lodge and replace it with a new residence designed to fit upon the existing building footprint.

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4 Brochure, "Queen Anne's County in the Heart of Del-Mar-Va," Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce, Centreville, Md., circa 1926. Files of Queen Anne's County Heritage Coordinator, photocopy.
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Chain of Title

29 December 1998
Marcia R. Simmons to Reed Creek Farm, LLC
Liber SM 651, folio 757
Two parcels described in Exhibit A: #1--159.405 acres described by McCrone, Inc., surveyors in Dec 1996; #2--31 acres known as “Reed’s Creek Farm Woodlot” described in survey & plat by S. Chester Coursey, county surveyor July 1, 1915

20 January 1998
Raymond R. Simmons by Marcia R. Simmons (power of attorney) and Marcia R. Simmons to Marcia R. Simmons
Liber SM 600, folio 816
Exhibit A: Parcel I—108.246 acres with 50 foot right-of-way, same as Lot 1 in 1997 deed; Parcel II—71.673 acres, Lot 2 on plat of Bradford Smith estate by McCrone Jan 1997; Parcel III—31 acres, Reed’s Creek Farm Woodlot, parcel 2 on 1997 deed

26 November 1997
Louisa Smith Heilman, Bradford Smith III and First Union National Bank, personal rep. of estate of Bradford Smith, Jr. to Raymond R. Simmons & Marcia R. Simmons
Liber SM 593, folio 720
Exhibit A: Lot 1—108.246 acres; Lot 2--31 acre Woodlot; $700,000

24 January 1997
Louisa Smith Heilman, Bradford Smith III and First Union National Bank, personal rep. of estate of Bradford Smith, Jr. to Raymond R. Simmons & Marcia R. Simmons
Liber SM 575, folio 422
71.673 acre lot--$1,080,000

30 June 1961
Nannie M. Wright to Bradford Smith Jr. & Henrietta H. Smith (wife) of Bryn Mawr, PA
Liber TSP 61, folio 158
Tract #1 “Reed’s Creek Farm” (surveyed July 1, 1915) 187.225 acres
Tract #2 “Reed’s Creek Farm Woodlot”—31 acres

7 September 1916
Deed of Partition & Conveyance made by J. Archibald Mitchell, Susan B. Mitchell, Nannie M. Wright & Clayton Wright, and John McKenney Mitchell
Liber WFW 9, folio 396
William McKenney estate—division of estate given to 4 children of Ella L. Mitchell (who predeceased her father, William McKenney). Nannie Wright & Clayton Wright got Parcel #7—Reed’s Creek Farm with 218.225 acres

10 March 1890
James E. Bailey to William McKenney
Liber WD4, folio 152
Property known as Reed’s Creek Farm—171 acres, 3 roods, 6 perches
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10 March 1890  James E. Bailey to William McKenney
Liber WD4, folio 151
Parcel #1 Reeds Creek—31 acres 35 perches [later known as Reed’s Creek Woodlot]; Bailey
already purchased parcel of McKenney & paid money without having obtained deed, so has re-sold
same to McKenney for $1000.00

Liber SCD 2, folio 444
Farm of 171 acres 3 roods & 6 perches


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Name  Reed's Creek Farm: Hunting Lodge
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9. Major Bibliographical References

“Queen Anne’s County in the Heart of Del-Mar-Va.” Brochure, Queen Anne’s County Chamber of Commerce, Centreville, Md. Circa 1926. Files of Queen Anne’s County Heritage Coordinator. Photocopy.
U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne’s County, Maryland, 1910.

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HUNTING LODGE
404 REED CREEK FARM LANE

OPEN PORCH

KITCHEN

CLOSET

GREAT ROOM

SCREENED PORCH

not to scale

Floor Plan
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USGS Langford Creek Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)

Map created with TOPOG© 2006 National Geographic

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