

S-112
Old Barnes Farmhouse
Princess Anne vicinity
private

c. 1820, c. 1850, c. 1900

The Old Barnes farmhouse is a deceptively early frame house that was overbuilt with later additions during the mid to late nineteenth century. A braced mortised and tenon frame house with flush six-panel doors, chair rail, beaded board paneling, and beaded floor joists date to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The rear wing, on the other hand, is fitted with Greek Revival style woodwork common to the 1850s. The two-room plan service wing incorporated a large cooking hearth in the south room. Lastly, the side hall/parlor Federal house was reworked in Victorian taste with an additional room to the west, an entirely new roof with a center cross gable and a turned post front porch.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Barnes Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Old Princess Anne, Westover Road not for publication

city, town Princess Anne vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Somerset

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 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 King's Creek Canning

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code MD 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-112

Condition		Check one	Check one		
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins				
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

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

The Old Barnes farmhouse stands on the north side of King's Creek and on the east side of the old Princess Anne-Westover Road near Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story frame house faces northeast with the principal gable running on a northwest/southeast axis. A large wagon shed and the ruin of an early to mid nineteenth century granary accompany the house.

Despite its generally uniform c. 1880-1890 exterior, the Barnes farmhouse is a much earlier Federal period house that was enlarged by a two-story service wing around 1850 and then enlarged and remodeled once more during the last decade of the nineteenth century. The c. 1810-1820 side hall/parlor frame house comprises the eastern two-thirds of the front block which is supported by a continuous common bond foundation. A combination of brick piers and a continuous foundation supports the balance of the house. Covering the house is a relatively uniform layer of narrow weatherboards, but a small section of beaded weatherboards remains on the back wall of the Federal period house. The roof structure of the front block has been completely rebuilt with a steep pitch and extended eaves. The kitchen roof has not been altered. Both sections have layers of asphalt shingles.

The northeast (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center double door and flanking two over two sash to each side. The double doors are glazed above the lock rail and paneled below. A three-bay porch stretches across the first floor and is supported by turned porch posts with sawn eave brackets. The second floor is marked by three two over two sash windows, while the center cross-gable is pierced by a multi-pane sash window. The upper eave is decorated with sawnwork, and the principal corners of the roof have simple C-shaped brackets.

A pair of brick chimneys rise from the center of the main block and flank the hall. Each chimney is finished with a corbelled cap. Most of the Federal period exterior finish has been removed from the principal facade except for one diamond cross-sectioned foundation grill that is located under the front porch. Some of the siding has been removed which exposes the mortise and tenon framing of the early house.

The northwest and southeast gable ends are essentially alike with a single two over two sash window on each floor and a multi-pane sash window in the upper gable. Evident on the southeast end is the patched foundation wall where the interior and chimney was formerly located. Under the house is the pair of headers that framed the hearth.

The southwest or rear elevation of the main block is partially covered by the c. 1850 two-story four-bay service wing. The wing is centered on the back of the house and was extended to each side by partially enclosed shed porches. A centrally located chimney and an interior end stack pierce the roofline. The gable end is flush, and the cornice is boxed.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-112

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

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Old Barnes farmhouse is a deceptively early frame house that was overbuilt with a Victorian addition in the late nineteenth century. A braced mortise and tenon frame, flush six-panel doors, early nineteenth century chair rail and one mantel, vertical beaded board paneling and beaded floor joists all point to a first quarter of the nineteenth century date of construction. Due to the Greek Revival influence in the woodwork of the rear service wing it is estimated to date to the 1850s, whereas the reworking of the front portion was apparently accomplished in the last decade of the century. The house has remained unaltered since that time. Due to its wretched condition plans have been made to salvage the usable parts and demolish the rest.

Description continued

The southeast side is a slightly uneven four-bay facade with six-panel doors in the first and third bays from the north. Six over six sash light the first and second floors. The shed porch has been largely dismantled but the rear pantry room remains intact. A board and batten door with wrought iron nails remains in place. Four unevenly spaced six over six sash light the second floor.

The southwest gable end of the kitchen is distinguished by an exposed common bond brick firewall and two four-pane attic lights that flank the brick chimney.

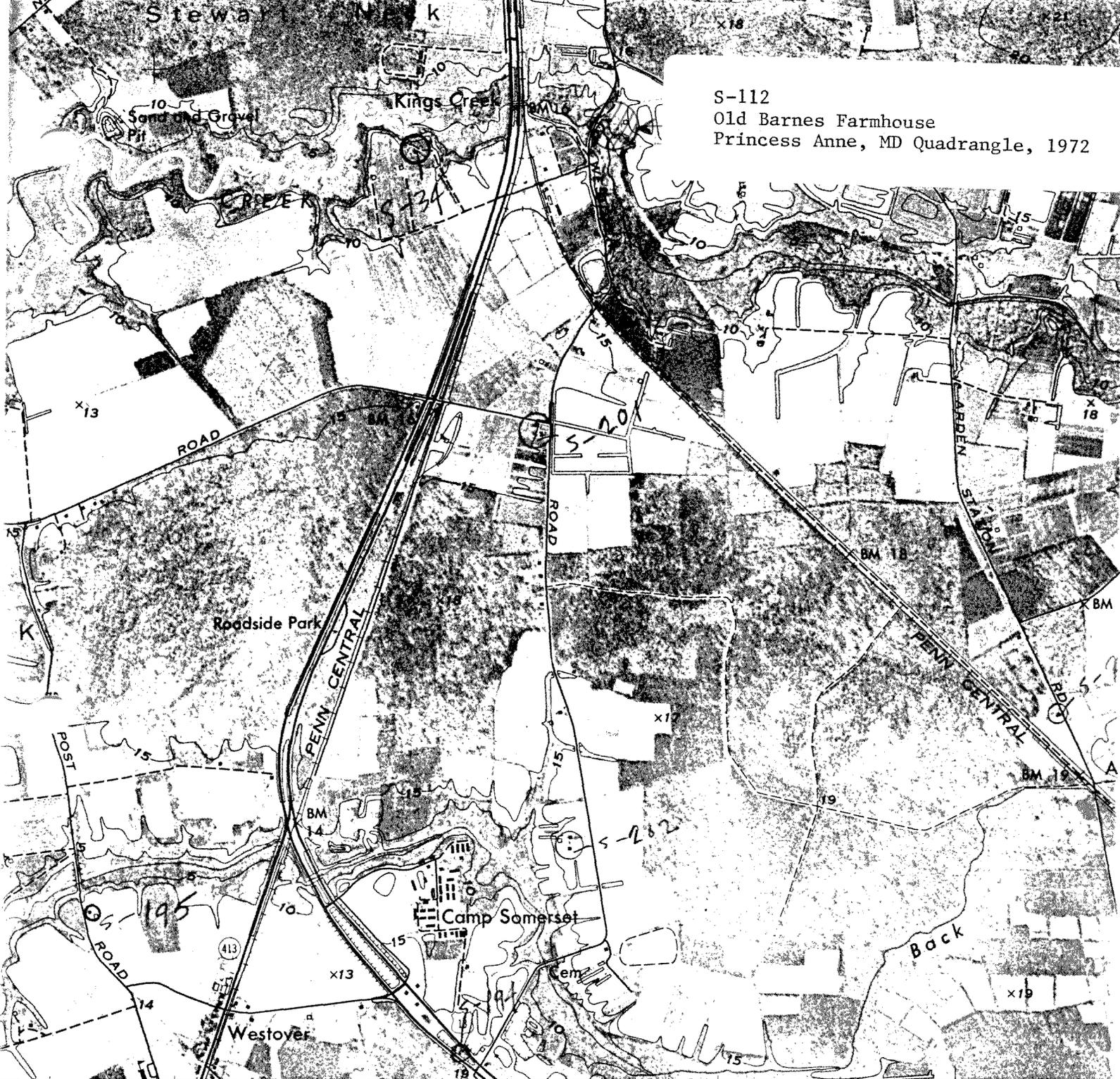
The northwest side of the kitchen is covered on the first floor by an enclosed shed addition. One bay of the shed next to the main house was left open.

The interior of the house, although in wretched condition, is basically intact. The front portion was thoroughly remodeled c. 1880-1890 with the introduction of a center stair with a Victorian newel post and ball finial. The turned balusters support a molded handrail. Four-panel doors open into the adjacent rooms, and a small closet door allows access under the stair. Concealed under a layer of wall paper in the stair closet is early vertical beaded board paneling, and located overhead is a section of beaded floor joist. The adjacent two rooms are fitted with Victorian period baseboards, bullseye corner blocks, and millwork mantels.

Although the first floor was thoroughly remodeled the second floor retains several early nineteenth-century features. When the new chimneys were inserted the rooms were sub-divided and the early nineteenth-century chair rail was cut and left as fragments on various wall surfaces. One flush six-panel door survives with its early nineteenth century door surround. The mantel in the northwest bedroom was evidently relocated since it dates to the early nineteenth century. A molded surround supports a fluted block frieze and a dentiled mantel shelf.

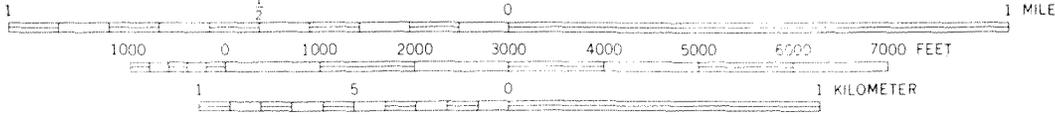
The service wing has remained basically intact. The first floor is divided into two principal rooms. The middle room or dining room has fluted window and door surrounds and a fluted surround mantel. The mantel shelf is simply molded. The back room or kitchen has a large cooking hearth framed by a plain mid nineteenth century mantel. Board door closet were built into each adjacent alcove. An enclosed stair, entered from the dining room, allows access to the second floor. The second floor banister has a slender newel post and rectangular balusters that support a circular-profile handrail. The four-panel doors on the second floor are framed by plain surrounds. However, the attic stair, which rises from the back bedroom, is enclosed behind a reused Federal period flush six-panel door. The attic of both sections is unfinished.

S-112
 Old Barnes Farmhouse
 Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972



42'30" KINGSTON 3.6 MI. POCOMOKE CITY 8 MI. (KINGSTON) 5860 II SW 440 441 40' 442

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
 SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

GN
 0°25'
 7 MILS

1972 MAGNETIC NORTH
 AT CENTER OF SHEET



QUADRANGLE

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



Old Ben Barnes House S-112
Princess Anne Vicinity, Somerset County
Northeast Elevation
4/85, Paul Touart, Photographer
Neg/ Md. Historical Trust



Old Ben Barnes House S-112
Princess Anne Vicinity, Somerset County
East Elevation
4/85, Paul Touart, Photographer
Neg/Md. Historical Trust



Old Ben Barnes House S-112
Princess Anne Vicinity, Somerset County
North Elevation
4/85, Paul Touart, Photographer
Neg/Md. Historical Trust