

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Maryland Inventory of  
Historic Properties Form**

Inventory No. S-193

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**Name of Property:** Old Chamberlin House

**Location:** West side of Crisfield Highway (MD 413)

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The Old Chamberlin House was an early nineteenth century frame house located on the west side of the Crisfield Highway, north of the Big Annemessex River. A previous survey (1984) indicated the house was severely deteriorated and likely to collapse. Aerial imagery does not show any buildings located on this site, though foundational remains may be evident. The property was not accessed due to a chained driveway. A telephone conversation with the current owner confirmed that no structures are present on the property.

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**Great Bay Wind Energy Center**  
 Somerset County - Maryland  
**Historic Resources Assessment**  
 February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined



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S-193  
Old Chamberlin House  
Near Kingston  
Private

c. 1800-1815 with  
c. 1880 addition.

The Old Chamberlin House is situated on the north side of the Big Annemessex River between Kingston Hall and Liberty Hall. Dating to the first two decades of the 19th century is the collapsed rear wing, which contains T-head flooring, nails and a beaded board stair partition. The front portion is a two-story cross-gabled addition, erected around 1880-1900. Not much is known about this property aside from its earlier ownership by the Chamberlin family.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Chamberlin House

## 2. Location

street & number W. side of MD 413  not for publicationcity, town Kingston  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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.

The Old Chamberlin house is a composite frame structure that stands on the north bank of the Annemsees~~x~~ River just west of MD. Route 413, near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The front section is a c. 1880-1900 cross-gabled farmhouse, which has a c. 1800-1815 two-story three-bay mortise and tenon frame <sup>rear wing</sup> in an advanced state of deterioration.

The two-story rear wing is comprised of hewn and sawn framing members and is covered by a common rafter roof. The collars have a half-dovetailed lap joint fastened with wrought nails. The second floor and stair has almost collapsed. The flooring has T-head wrought nails, and the stair is partially built with beaded boards.

The front portion is a typical late 19th-century cross-gabled house with a center entrance and flanking windows. The cross-gable is pierced by a pointed window, and a pair of brick chimneys rise from the center of the house. Both gable ends have a single window on each floor. The interior is badly deteriorated, but some late 19th-century finish materials survive around door and window openings.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_

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 Old Chamberlin house is located along the Big Annemesse<sup>x</sup> River between Liberty Hall and Kingston Hall. However, the house is in such a deteriorated condition that it will not last much longer. The site is marked on the 1877 atlas by the name, Mrs. Beauchamp.



*See Commission House, 3-173  
Kingston, N.C. 1900.*





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Near Kingston, Somerset County  
Norht Elevation  
3/84 Paul Touar  
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