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Richardson Farm
Princess Anne vicinity
private

c. 1840-1850

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Richardson Farm

2. Location

street & number North side of West Post Office Road ___ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Roger Richardson

street & number Rt. 1 Box 82 telephone no.:

city, town Eden state and zip code Md.

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input 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 checked="" 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 Richardson farm is located on the north side of the West Post Office Road, 2.5 miles east of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story gable front frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1830-1850, the two-story transverse hall dwelling is supported by a continuous brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. A layer of asphalt shingles covers the medium pitched gable roof. Attached to the back of the house is a late nineteenth-century addition.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking six over six sash windows. The paneled front door is framed by a paneled door surround, and the door is topped by a four-light transom. Three six over six sash windows light the second floor. Located within the pedimented gable front is a pair of four over four sash windows. The cornice has mid nineteenth century bed and crown molding.

Each side of the main block is marked by two nine over six sash windows that light the first floor and two six over six sash that illuminate the second floor. Rising from the former gable end of the main block is a common bond brick chimney which is finished with a corbelled cap.

The north gable end of the front block is fully covered by a two-story gabled addition that is oriented on a perpendicular access to the front part of the dwelling. Attached during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the rear section is supported by a brick foundation, and it is sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Five bays across by two bays deep, the rear wing is lighted by two over two sash windows. Distinguishing the west side is an engaged two-story porch supported by turned posts with decorative brackets. Access to the rear section is permitted by two four over four sash windows on the west side and one kitchen door on the north side. A narrow brick chimney rises through the central portion of the house.

On the first visit the interior was not surveyed.

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

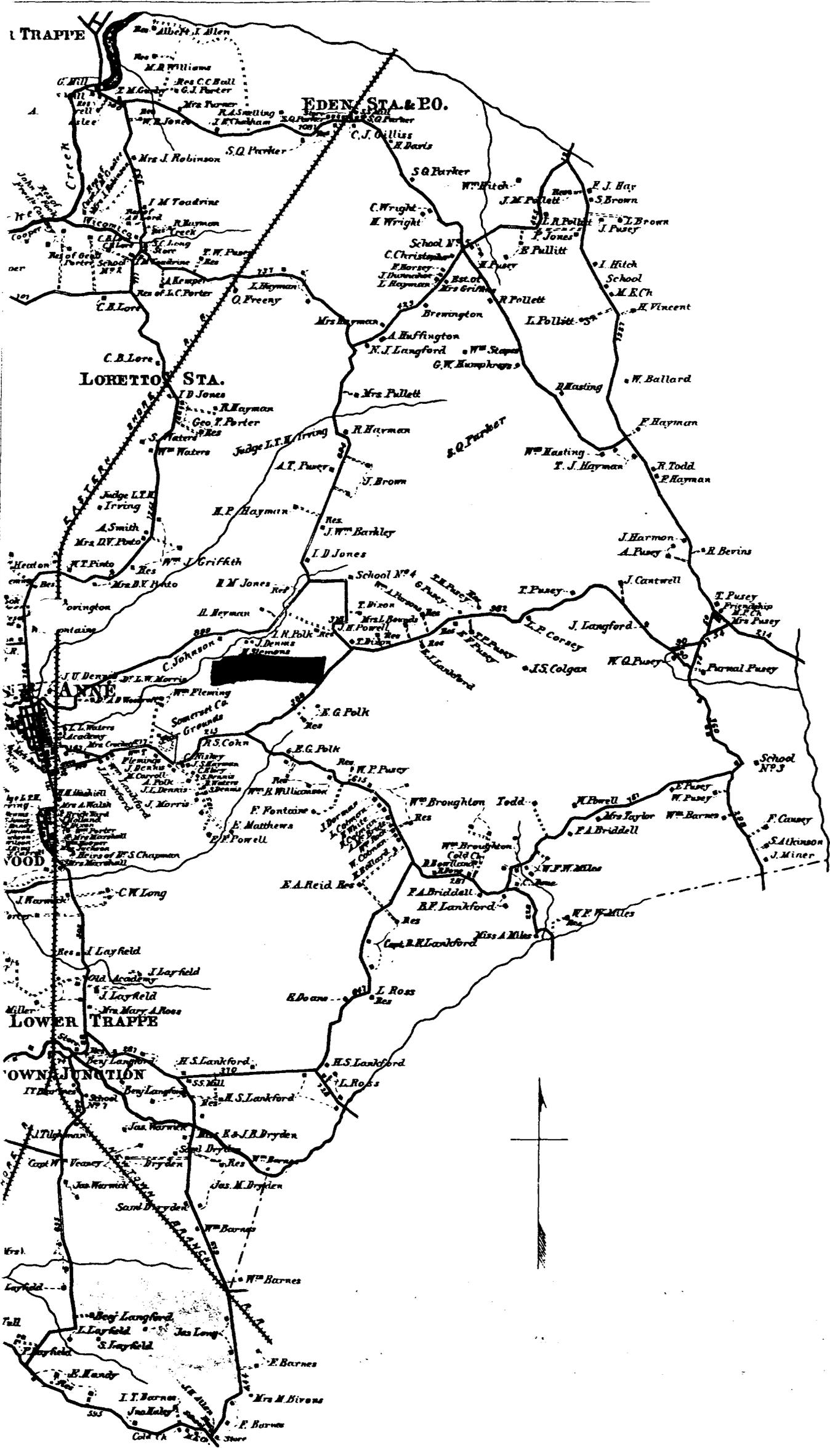
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

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.

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Richardson Farm
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972





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Princess Anne vicinity, Somerset Co., MD

Southwest elevation

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Front door

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