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Cherry Grove  
Princess Anne vicinity  
private

c. 1740-1750, c. 1825, c. 1900

The house that stands on the Cherry Grove farm south of Princess Anne along Stewart Neck Road dates from three distinct periods. Dating to the middle years of the eighteenth century is the westernmost section, a two-story, hall/parlor plan brick dwelling that has been stuccoed and converted to the kitchen wing. Despite the modifications, the old brick house retains some early sash windows as well as raised-panel wainscoting in the old "hall." The former parlor was repartitioned to accommodate an early nineteenth-century Federal style stair. Added also during the early nineteenth century was a single story brick section which was attached to the east gable end of the old house. After the turn of the twentieth century, the old house was enlarged once more with a frame addition that reoriented the dwelling to the road instead of facing Jones Creek. The only significant outbuilding is a one-room frame office that stands due west of the dwelling. Supported by a raised brick foundation, the beaded weatherboard structure is finished inside with plaster and lath as well as early nineteenth-century woodwork.

Credit for the construction of the mid eighteenth-century brick house is awarded to Thomas Jones, who patented a resurvey called, "Bridger's Lot," in 1748. The plantation, encompassing 370 acres on the north side of Jones Creek, passed to Thomas's only son, William, in 1766. William retained ownership of his father's creek plantation ownership of his father's lands until 1807, when he transferred title to his son, Thomas. The property remained under the Jones family name until 1837, when William W. Handy purchased the 370-acre farm from Arnold E. Jones, Elizabeth A. W. Waters, and Sally E. Wilson.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cherry Grove Farm

## 2. Location

street & number West Side of Stewart Neck Road  not for publicationcity, 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 checked="" 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                   | <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 Cherry Grove Farm telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Maryland 21853

## 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 Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-36

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

## Cherry Grove Description

Cherry Grove farm is located on the north side of Taylor Branch (a tributary of the Manokin River) and the west side of Stewart Neck Road near Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The combination frame and brick house currently faces east; however, the earlier part of the house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The westernmost portion of the house is the oldest section, a two-story, three-bay hall/parlor brick house that dates from the third quarter of the eighteenth century. During the first quarter of the nineteenth century a single-story brick gable end addition was attached to the east end of the eighteenth century house. Finally around 1900, the house was enlarged once more with a two-story, three-bay cross-gabled frame house that was oriented to the road instead of the creek. At the same time, the single-story brick wing was raised with a frame second story. Porches have since been added to three sides of the composite house. The most significant outbuilding is an early nineteenth-century doctor's office which stands directly west of the house.

Supported by an excavated brick foundation, the stuccoed eighteenth-century brick house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. One of the distinctive exterior features is the pair of plastered cove cornices which finish the eaves. A large interior end brick chimney rises from the east end of the brick house.

The south elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking nine over six sash windows. The west window has been bricked up, but the east first floor window survives with its wide mid-eighteenth-century muntins. A single-story shed roofed porch covers the first floor. The second floor is unevenly divided into three bays which are filled with nine over six sash windows.

The west end of the brick house has been altered with the reworking of the gable end. For some reason the brick gable end was taken down to the plate level and replaced with a stud wall. The brick wall is pierced at ground level by a bulkhead cellar entrance, while single nine over six sash windows light the first and second floor. The frame gable end is marked by a single six over six sash window.

The north (back) wall of the brick house has been slightly altered with the relocation of a kitchen window. A nine over six sash complete with wide muntins pierces the western wall surface. The second floor is lighted by three nine over six sash windows.

The east gable end of the brick house is fully covered by later additions. Exposed within the attic is a Flemish bond brick wall with random glazed headers. A ghost of the former single-story roof height is also visible. Two small gable end windows flank the interior end brick chimney which is finished with a corbelled cap.

# 8. Significance

| 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                |
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| <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<br>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.

Significance

Cherry Grove farm contains a house which dates from three separate periods. The original mid eighteenth-century hall/parlor brick house retains its basic shape as well as exterior cove cornices and a few early nine over six sash windows with wide muntins. The first floor interior survives with raised panel wainscoting in the former hall (now kitchen), while the old parlor was converted to a stair hall (now utility room). An early nineteenth-century Federal period stair was substituted for the earlier winder stair. The second floor was remodeled at the same time with early nineteenth-century doors and moldings. The first floor of the middle section has survived largely intact with a Federal period mantel, chair rail, baseboard, etc. The turn of the century front section is finished inside with a mixture of Colonial Revival woodwork and reused materials. The most significant outbuilding is the early nineteenth-century doctor's office, a one-room plan weatherboarded frame structure supported by a raised brick foundation. Aside from a replacement of the stove stack, the exterior and interior features are largely unchanged.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland 21853

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The middle section is three bays across. It is composed of stuccoed brick on the first floor and vinyl siding on the second. Each floor is lighted by single pane sash windows. The first floor of the south side is covered by an enclosed shed roofed porch, and a door is located in the center bay.

The east gable end of the middle section is fully covered by the current front part of the house, added around the turn of the century. The two-story, three-bay by one-room addition faces east with gable oriented on a north/south axis. The east elevation is an asymmetrical facade with two openings on the first floor and three on the second floor. A partially glazed door is located in the north bay, and a large window fills the south bay. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced single pane sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by an identical sash window. Each gable end is lighted by a single pane sash window on each floor. The three sides of the front block are covered by a single-story Tuscan columned front porch. A trap door in the porch floor provides access to the partially excavated cellar.

The interiors of the three sections retain large portions of period woodwork. The eighteenth-century house has been remodeled on the first floor with its conversion into a kitchen. The former "hall" is divided from the smaller "parlor" by a stud partition. Covering the lower half of the "hall" wall surfaces is mid eighteenth-century raised panel wainscoting. The former "hall" hearth has been converted into an alcove for the refrigerator. A six-panel door framed by a cyma curve backhand surround opens into the smaller "parlor" now used as a utility and storage room. Around 1820 the stair was re-located and rebuilt in the old parlor. Now enclosed, the c.1820 stair has a slender square newel post and diamond cross-sectioned balusters that support a circular-profile handrail. The half-turn stair rises to the second floor, and the stair well is surrounded by the same early nineteenth-century railing. A straight flight of open steps rises to the attic. Flush six-panel doors open into the adjacent bedrooms and survive with early nineteenth-century box locks.

The attic has been altered with a reworked beaded board partition. Half-lapped collar beams are fastened with wrought nails; however, two dormers, one on each roof slope, have been covered over. Two small gable windows pierce the east end.

The middle section is finished on the first floor with Federal period woodwork. Fixed on the west wall is a period mantel, and flanking the hearth is a flush panel cupboard to the left and a flush six-panel door to the right. The room is also fitted with period chair rail and baseboard.

The turn of the century front addition is undivided on the first floor. A straight stair is fixed on the north wall. The large, square newel post is topped by an urn finial, and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The Greek Revival mantel located on the south wall has been reused. The second floor is divided into five rooms including three bedrooms, a storage room, and a bathroom. A combination of turn of the century four-panel doors and reused mid nineteenth-century doors open into the various rooms.

The doctor's office stands directly west of the house, and it is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar. Flush panel double doors pierce the east and south walls. The one-room frame structure is sheathed with beaded weatherboards, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

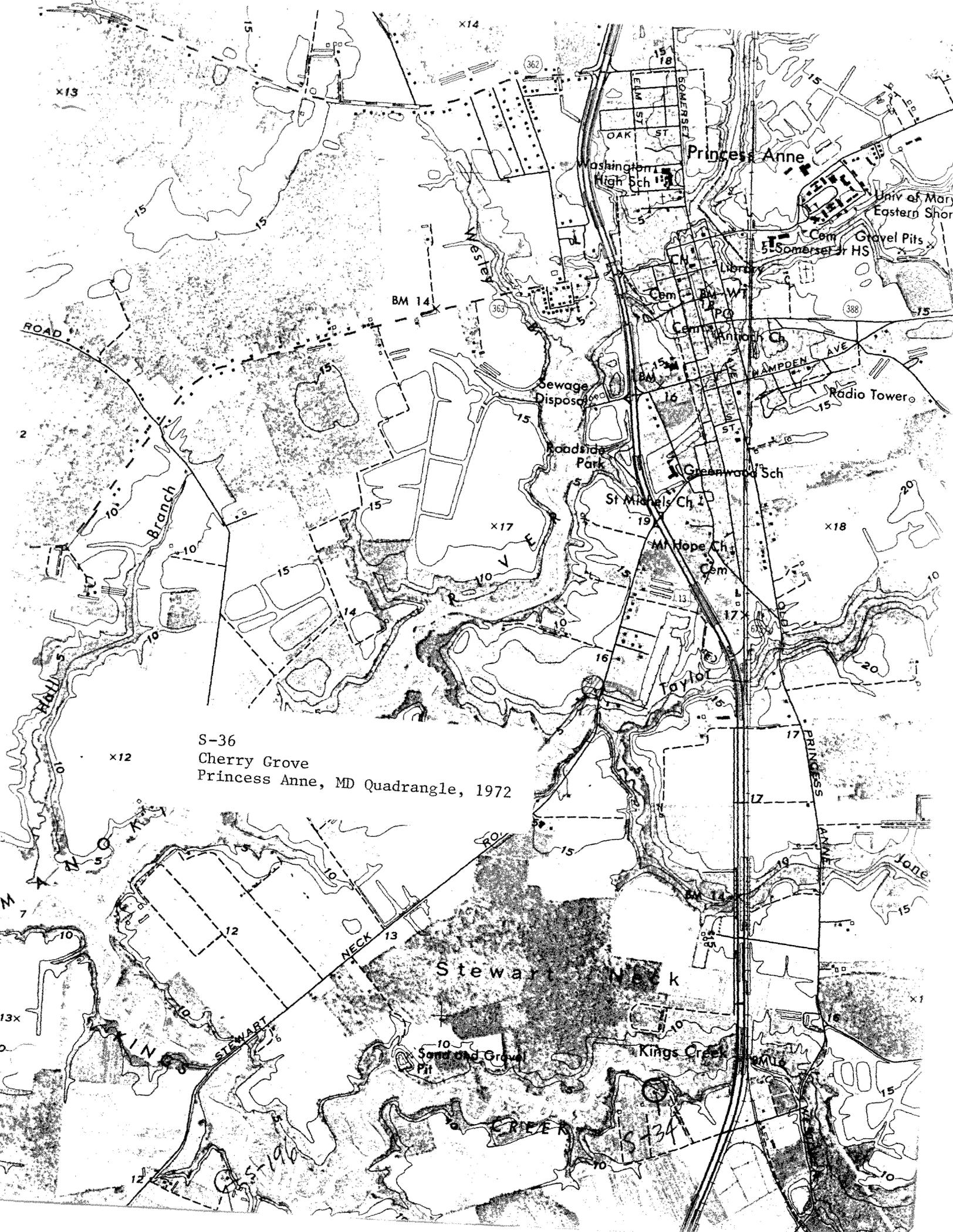
The east (main) facade is a gable front elevation with a flush six-panel door in the right bay and an adjacent six over six sash window. The flush gable end is finished with a beaded bargeboard. Both the north and south sides are marked by a single six

Description cont.

over six sash window, and the west end has a terra cotta stove stack. A patch in the weatherboards indicates the former location of the exterior brick chimney.

The interior is plastered, and a Federal period mantel is fixed on the west wall.

A group of farm buildings stand farther west of the farmhouse and include a nineteenth-century barn, a corn crib and a wagon shed.



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Cherry Grove  
Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972

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| 1. STATE <b>Maryland</b><br>COUNTY <b>Somerset</b><br>TOWN <b>Stewart Neck</b> VICINITY<br>STREET NO.   |  | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY<br>INVENTORY   |  |
| ORIGINAL OWNER<br>ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b><br>PRESENT OWNER <b>Henry S. Bailey</b><br>PRESENT USE <b>Dwelling</b><br>WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Stucco-coated brick</b><br>NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b>  |  | 2. NAME <b>Cherry Grove</b> <b>S-36</b><br>DATE OR PERIOD <b>c. 1750</b><br>STYLE <b>Georgian</b><br>ARCHITECT<br>BUILDER |  |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION  |  | 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE  |  |
| <p>At the rear of a nondescript Victorian house stands the old wing of Cherry Grove. It is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep, With a chimney on the left end. Three 9/6 windows with very old tiny panes of glass remain uncovered on the wall. All the other windows and the original door are probably bricked-up and stuccoed over. To the left of this brick wing is a smaller 1 1/2 storey 3 bay wide brick wing now built into the Victorian house with a frame second storey added.</p> <p>The old wing of Cherry Grove has a very steeply pitched A-roof and a chimney with an elaborately molded brick cap. It appears to be the remains of a fine small Georgian house. At present it is almost unrecognizable, but the removal of the stucco might reveal interesting details.</p> <p>At the rear of this house is a small frame out building on a very high brick foundation. It has shuttered windows of batten planks.</p> <p>This property is interesting enough to warrant further investigation and study.</p> |  | OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>NO</b>  |  |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE  |  | Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior <b>altered</b>                                     |  |
| 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)   |  | 7. PHOTOGRAPH   |  |
| 8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)<br>INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  |  | 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER<br><b>Paul A. Brinkman</b><br><br>DATE OF RECORD <b>August 2, 1967</b>             |  |

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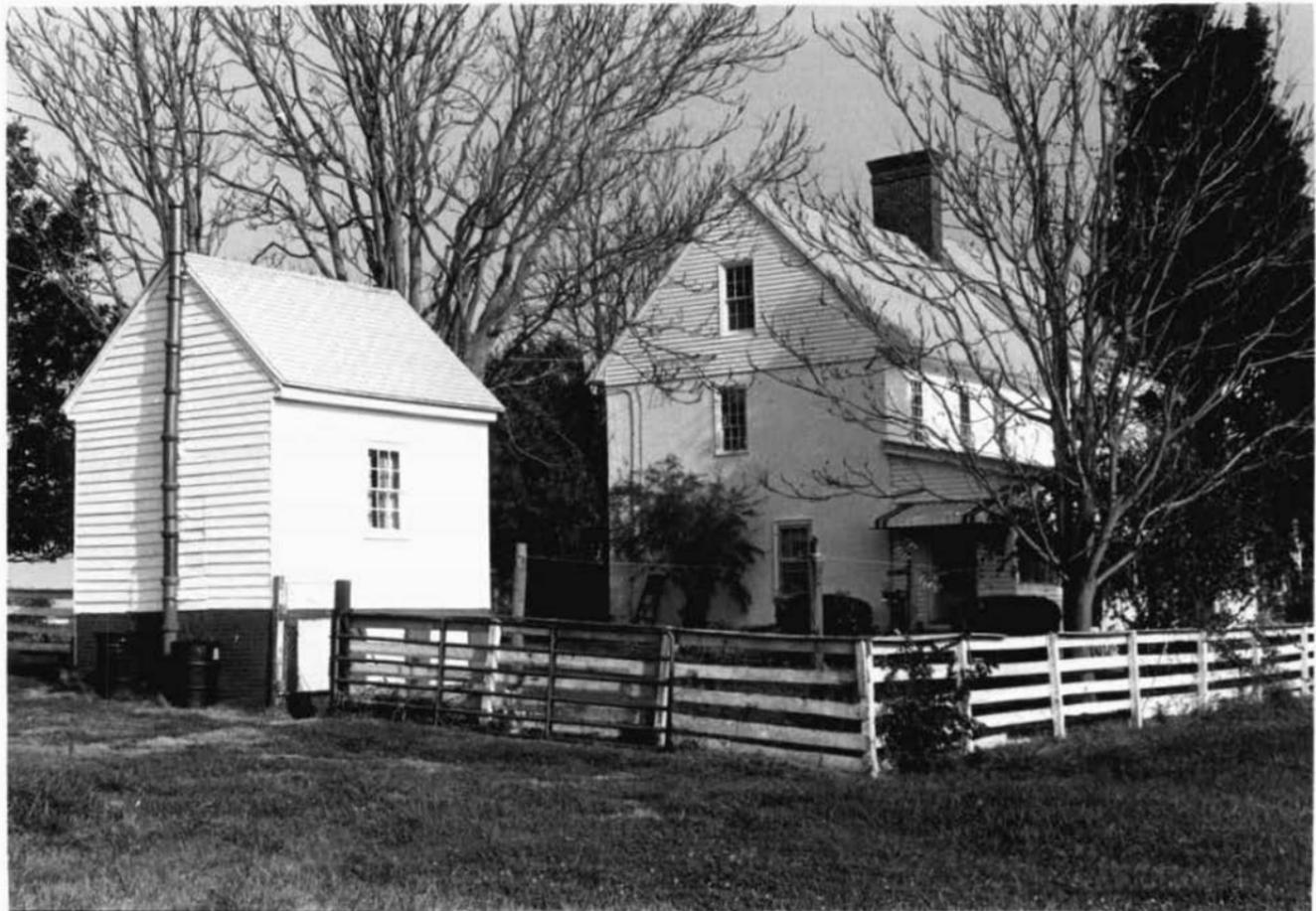
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East Elevation

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Southwest Elevation  
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South Elevation  
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Doctor's Office-Northwest  
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Doctor's office  
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Princess Anne vicinity, Somerset Co., MD.

Southeast elevation of Doctor's office

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Cherry Grove  
Somerset

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