

S-61
Frances Barnes Tenant House
Near Green Hill
Private

c. 1870

The Frances Barnes Tenant House is a delapidated Gothic Revival farmhouse which shares common building features with two nearby structures, the Green Hill Store (S- 206) and the dwelling of Frances Barnes (S- 207). However, the most noteworthy structures were the Victorian twin corn cribs that formerly stood next to the house. This farm is described in the estate survey of Frances Barnes' property in 1898.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frances Barnes Tenant House

and/or common Gothic House With Corn Cribs

2. Location

street & number US Route 13 _____ not for publication

city, town Westover _____ ~~x~~ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

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

name _____

street & 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 & number Somerset County Courthouse _____ folio _____

city, town Princess Anne _____ state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Hist. 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-61

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 Frances Barnes Tenant House stands along the northbound lane of US Route 13 just south of the Green Hill crossroads, near Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story four-bay frame house faces southwest with the main gable running on a northwest/southeast axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, this c. 1870 two-room plan house is sheathed with asphalt tile over weatherboards and is covered by a steeply pitched patterned slate roof. The eaves are extended and trimmed with remnants of decorative millwork. One wooden spire rises from the northwest end and pendants hang from each major corner.

The southwest (or main) facade is divided into four unevenly spaced bays with an alternating window-door-window-door on the first floor (right to left). The window sash along with the doors have been removed. A cross-gable is centered on the roof slope and is pierced by a Gothic-arch window. Located to each side of the center gable is a small window opening which lights the second floor. A small brick stove stack rises through the roof.

The northwest and southeast gable ends are largely alike with a single window opening on each floor. The second floor window has a Gothic arch.

The back (northeast) side is similarly detailed.

The interior has been largely striped of woodwork. The first floor is divided into two rooms with a partition between the third and fourth bays from the right. A corner stair is located in the smaller room. The second floor is divided into three rooms and a hallway. Built into several walls upstairs and down are small pocket windows which are found in two nearby structures both of which were owned by Frances Barnes in the late 19th century.

The corn cribs located on this site in 1967 have been removed from the property.

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/ 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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Westover VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER --- PRESENT USE Deserted WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1½		2. NAME --- S-61 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1870 STYLE Victorian ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p style="margin: 0;">This is a simple 1½ storey Victorian house 4 bays wide and 2 deep. There are the remains of elaborate verge boards on the gable ends and the gable windows are pointed arched ones.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">The interesting feature on this property is not so much the house but the pair of corncribs adjoining it. These are decorated along their gable ends with elaborate tracery and are quite attractive.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">At present this property is abandoned and rotting away. Something should be done to save these very unusual outbuildings.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
Deteriorating			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD 4/8/67	

KINGSTON QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOMAP (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5860 11 NE
(DIVIDING CREEK)

60 11 NW
(ESS ANNE)

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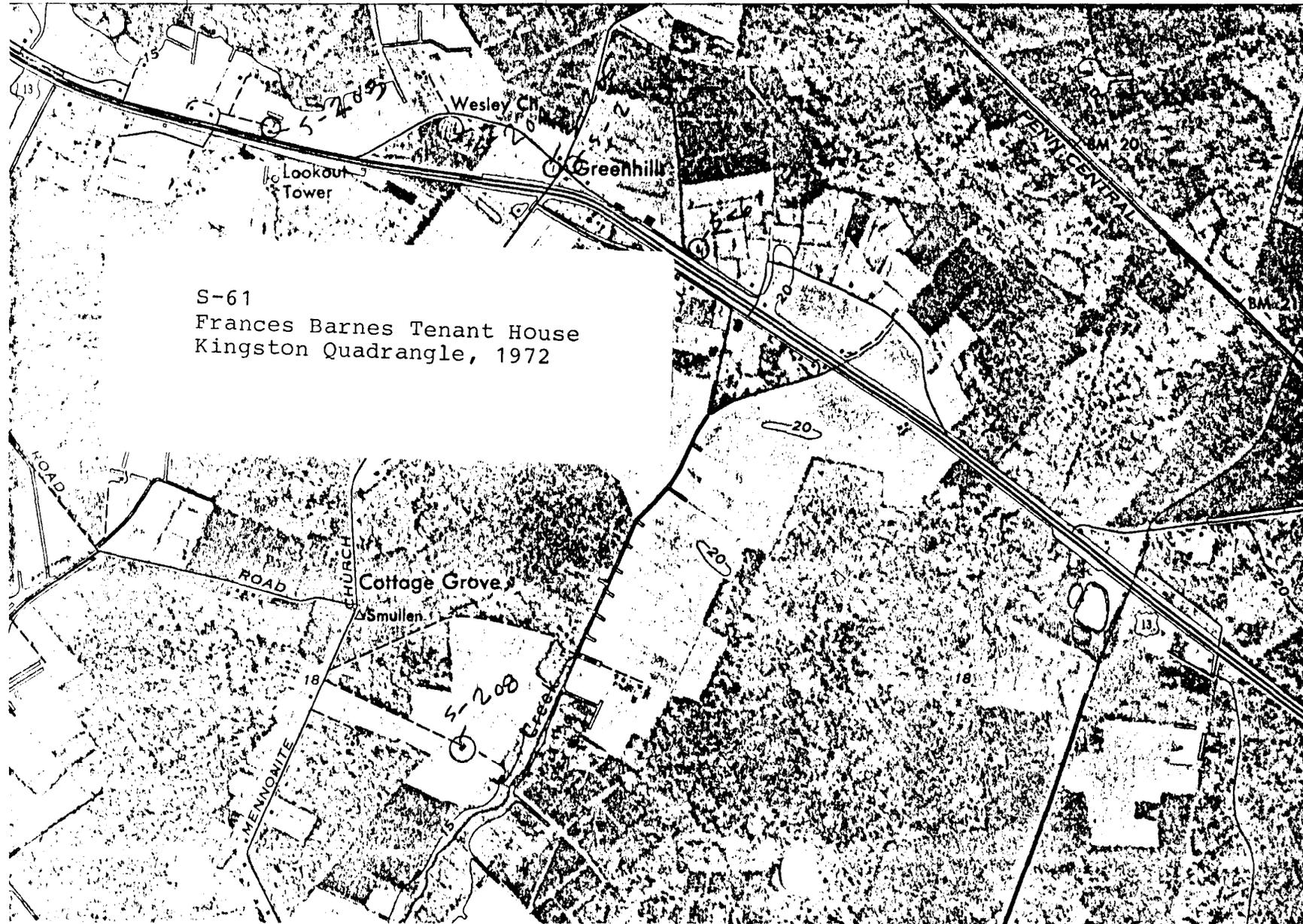
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45 75°37'30"

38°07'30"



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Frances Barnes Tenant House
Kingston Quadrangle, 1972

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POCOMOKE CITY 3.6 MI.



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
South Elevation
Near Westover, Somerset County
4/84 Paul Touart
Neg./ Maryland Historic Trust



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
Green Hill vicinity, Somerset Co., Md
Southeast elevation
1967, Daniel Church, photographer
Negative, MD Historical Trust

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Gothic House w/ Corn Cobs
Somerset

Photographed by
DANIEL C. CHURCH



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Francis Barnes Tenant House
Green Hill vicinity, Somerset Co., MD
South elevation of corn cribs
1967, Daniel Church, photographer
Negative, MD Historical Trust

The photos are fresh

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Gothic House with Corn Cribs

Somerset

Victorian

Corn Cribs on
Route 13 South of Weston
in Somerset (see story)

Photographed by
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