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Old Cullen House
Hopewell
private

c. 1837

The old Cullen house, centered in the village of Hopewell, follows the regional vernacular stepped house form popularly referred to as "big house, little house, colonnade and kitchen." The main two story, three-bay block has a center entrance, a diamond pane transom and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. Highlighting the front and rear cornices are rows of modillion blocks terminated at each end by an up-side-down "U" shaped end board. This distinctive decorative feature is repeated at the old Nelson Homestead (S-245), built at the same time and probably by the same artisan. Attached to the north end of the main house is a shorter story-and-a-half section that connects the colonnade and kitchen to the main house.

Construction of this four-part house is attributed to John Cullen, Sr., who purchased the hundred-acre plantation from the estate of Lodowick Milbourn in December of 1836 (GH 8/515). Identical finish features repeated at the William Nelson Homestead (S-245) tie these buildings to the same period of construction. A mixture of Federal and Greek Revival style elements is found in both dwellings. John Cullen transferred ownership of the property to his two sons, William T. and Jacob Hoke Cullen, in 1866 (LW 9/598).

Although the Cullen family has maintained ownership of this farm to the present day, Jacob Milbourn is recorded as the former owner who assembled the hundred-acre plantation from two tracts in 1769 (O/41). Comprising parts of "Hopewell" and "Upper Andua," Jacob Milbourn's plantation included one-hundred and eight acres as well as a single-story, 24' by 18', frame house, a sixteen-foot square kitchen and several other outbuildings. ^{by 1790.} Lodowick Milbourn inherited the Little Annessex Hundred plantation through his father's will proved in 1813 (EB 23/191).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Cullen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number SE side of MD 413 413 SE side of MD 413 not for publication

city, town Hopewell 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 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 Agnes B. Cullen

street & number Hopewell Road telephone no.: 968-2618

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD. 21817

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 Maryland Historical Trust Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

7. Description

Survey No.

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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 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.

The Old Cullen House is located in the center of Hopewell, a small railroad-side rural community northeast of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The "telescope style" house faces northwest with the gable running on a northeast/southwest axis. The old Hopewell Road passes to the east of the frame structure.

The four-part frame house appears to date from the first quarter of the 19th century and was probably erected in one or perhaps two periods. The aluminum sheathed house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The northwest (principal) facade is nine bays across; the southwest three comprise the main house, while the other three sections are two bays wide. The replacement front door is topped by a diamond-pane transom, and it is flanked by 9/6 sash windows. Three 6/6 sash windows light the second floor. The boxed cornice is decorated with modillions and finished at each end by an upside-down "U"-shaped end board, which is identical to the treatment of the Old Nelson House cornice (S-245).

The southwest gable end has an exposed common bond brick firewall and flanking 9/6 sash windows. Six over six sash light the second floor, and four over two windows illuminate the attic. A corbelled brick chimney rises from the flush gable end.

The southeast (rear) elevation of the main house is detailed in much the same manner as the front with a center door and diamond pane transom. Nine over six sash light the first floor and six over six light the second floor.

The northeast gable end of the main house is largely covered by a true story-and-a-half two-bay by one room section. Lighting the main attic from the north are two 4/2 sash windows. This middle section is finished in a less elaborate manner than the main house. Nine over six sash light the first floor, while the loft is only lighted by two 4/2 gable end windows. The interior end brick chimney carries the same corbelled cap as the main house.

The next section is a single-story hyphen which connects the main house with the kitchen. The single-story northwest elevation is marked by a door in the south bay along with an adjacent six over six sash window.

The final section is a short two-story two-bay kitchen with a shed porch across the back. The northwest elevation is marked by a replacement door and adjacent six over six sash. The second floor is pierced by six over six sash. In contrast to the main house, the kitchen roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits. A narrow stuccoed brick stack rises from the northeast gable. Two 6/6 sash windows light the second floor from the north end.

The interior of the main has been partially remodeled, but the late Federal period woodwork remains essentially in place. The one-room plan

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B [][] [][][][] [][][][][]
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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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p. 511 CULLEN HOMESTEAD -

HOUSE BUILT c. 1820 BY
JOHN AND MARTIN WARD CULLEN

JOHN CULLEN B. MAY 13, 1793
D. 1876

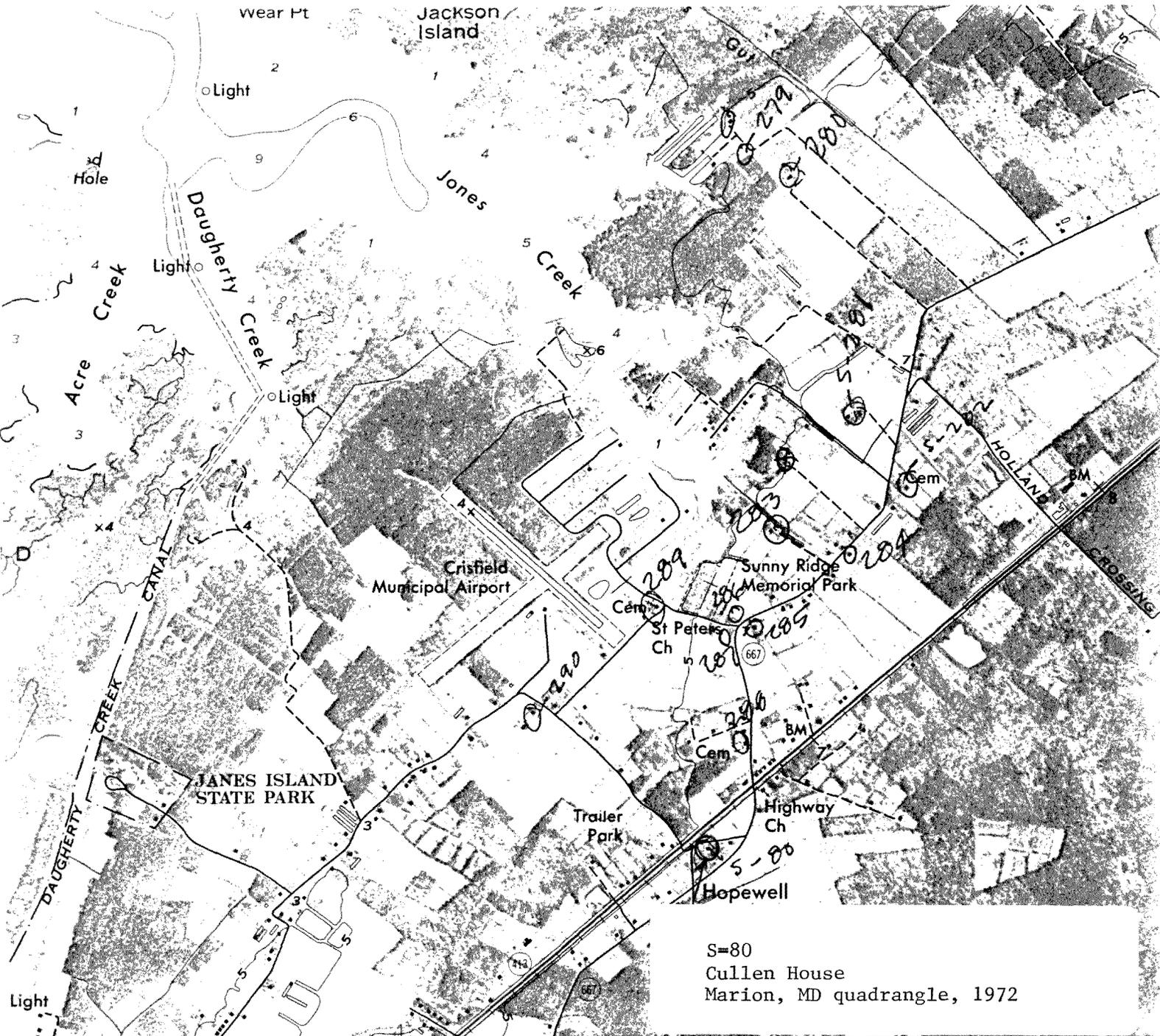
MARTIN WARD CULLEN B. 1796 D. 1861

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1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Crisfield VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Agnes Cullen PRESENT USE Dwelling Deserted WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Cullen House S-80 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1800 STYLE County Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION This is a good frame example of a long house added onto with telescoping additions and a colonnade and kitchen wing. The main house is 3 bays wide and 2 deep. Along the roof line is a delicate cornice with small brackets. It has an enclosed chimney on the right with the brick exposed at the first storey level by the omission of the clapboards. The 1st floor windows are 9/6 - the second are 6/6. There is a central door with a Federal overlight decorated with wooden tracery in imitation of leaded glass. This house then telescoped into a smaller 1½ storey colonnade which leads to a larger 2½ storey kitchen wing. The effect is one of children's blocks laid up next to one another and with all these additions the length of the facade is quite great. This house echoes the even larger 5 part structure found nearby at Conquest-Green Wood and appears to be relatively unusual, since most often additions were put on the rear to avoid such a long structure. The interior of this house has been prey to vandals - the walls and windows have been kicked in. There are very simple Federal Mantels with reeded pilasters and evidences of a chain rail in the downstairs rooms. The grounds are desolate and overgrown. A boxwood lane which once led to the front door is now a wild tangle. Although not spectacular this house deserves better treatment and if restored would prove a very pleasant place to live.		OPEN TO PUBLIC No	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Deteriorating		Endangered Interior Exterior	
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 8/8/67	

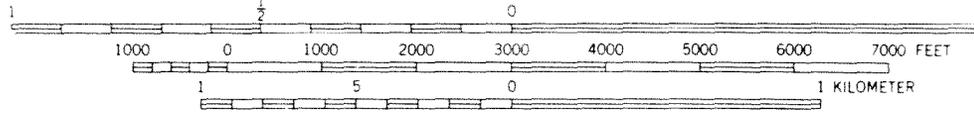
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTO



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 Cullen House
 Marion, MD quadrangle, 1972

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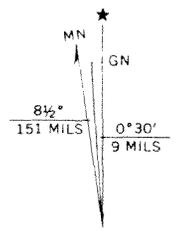
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET



UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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West Elevation

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Northwest Elevation

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West Elevation Detail

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Somerset

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