Name of Property: Kingston
MIHP Number: SM-131
Location: 23811 Kingston Creek Road
Town/Vicinity: California
Date of Construction: circa 1775
Access: __Public X Private

Kingston is a ca. 1775 one-and-one-half-story brick house located on the water on Town Creek. Kingston has a three-bay primary facade composed of a central entry door flanked by segmental arched windows. A porch extends across the facade and the roof is pierced by two dormers. Brick chimneys are located at each gable end. The primary wall of the house features Flemish bond brickwork with glazed headers. English bond is used on the gable ends, occasionally interrupted on the south side by glazed headers that form a diaper pattern. The house retains its noteworthy L-shaped plan, which is unique for this period in St. Mary's County, with largely intact interior features on the first floor, including its parlor with a fully paneled chimney wall with a crossetted mantel. As summarized by Cary Carson, former Vice President for Research at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, "The importance of Kingston is in its L-shaped hall and parlor plan…unique in the country." county.

The twenty-first century owner has altered later single-story additions to the original building, demolished the building's early nineteenth century buttery, and has constructed single-story additions to the building. However, the eighteenth century core remains intact and is clearly dominant in the building's overall composition, particularly from the front of the building, which has always been its most significant facade.

Kingston is recommended as eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion C for architecture as an eighteenth century house, with later additions, significant to St. Mary's County, which embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, and method of construction.

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___ no ___

Property Name: Kingston Inventory Number: SM-131

Address: 23811 Kingston Creek Road Historic district: ___ yes X no

City: California Zip Code: 23290 County: Saint Marys

USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island

Property Owner: ___ Tax Account ID Number: ___

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 184 Tax Map Number: 35

Project: MD 4: Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey Agency: Maryland SHA

Agency Prepared By: Hardlines Design Company

Preparer's Name: Maria Gissendanner Date Prepared: 07/13/2010

Documentation is presented in: MHT State Historic Sites Inventory Form SM-131

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: ___

Inventory Number: ___ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: ___ Date: ___

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Kingston is a 1-story plus attic, 3-bay, brick, Georgian style house constructed c. 1775. The historic core of the house remains much as described in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey (1976). Located on the Patuxent River, the house is set on a 3.85-acre point bounded by water on two sides. The primary façade of the house faces northeast, overlooking the water. Displaying hallmarks of the Georgian style, the façade is nearly symmetrical and features a central entry door opening flanked by a pair of window openings all topped with segmental arches. The six-panel mahogany front door is likely original and the window openings hold nine-over six wood sash windows. The house's brickwork displays the hierarchy of the facades: "The Flemish bond brickwork of the house is refined and features glazed headers. While English bond is used on the rear elevation, Flemish bond is used on the gable ends where it is occasionally interrupted on the south side by glazed bricks that form a diaper pattern."[1] A 20th century porch extends across the façade of the house. This porch, once screened, is visible in the c. 1930 photos of the house.[2] A pair of small dormer windows pierces the attic story, which now hold one-over-one wood sash windows. Brick interior chimneys with corbelled caps are located at both gable ends of the roof, which is sheathed with recent wood shingles. Additions now conceal the side and rear elevations of the house.

The most recent documentation on Kingston concludes that the house was constructed c. 1775.[3] This date of construction

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Eligibility recommended ___ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments: Lost integrity through overwhelming additions

Jim Jacobsen ✓ 7/20/10
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

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Reviewer, National Register Program **Date**

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ppears to be an estimate derived from the physical evidence of its exterior brickwork, interior plan, and interior features including doors, paneling, and fireplace moldings. Additional work, such as dendrochronology, could likely provide a more exact construction date.

Kingston has undergone two phases of restoration and new construction in the late 20th century. All earlier additions to the house have been demolished, including a significant early 19th century buttery, and the 18th century structure is now flanked by a pair of symmetrical L-shaped wings. The historic core of the house is clearly differentiated from the new construction. The original section of the house is of brick construction and has a recent wood shingle roof. The new wings have wood siding, painted white, and copper standing seam metal roofing. While, the size of these additions is substantial, sophisticated massing has been utilized to maintain the primacy of the original structure within the architectural composition. The height of the additions is masked through the use of dormers and the massing is fractured through the incorporation of 1-story porches, entries, and garage.

Kingston's interior was not examined as part of this evaluation. The historic interior features as detailed in the earlier documentation for the site remain intact in at least the two front rooms, which are the most significant, as evidenced by peering through the front windows. Both hall and parlor are distinguished by original mantels with entablatures above eared frames. The north wall of the hall is fully paneled and retains a simple newel stair in the northeast corner. All other walls in these rooms are plastered with chair rails. There are no cornices. The house retains six-panel mahogany doors. Wood moldings as detailed in the 1976 documentation consist of large simple ogee moldings around the doors and windows, ovolo moldings frame the firebox in the south room, ogee and cavetto moldings frame the firebox frame in the north room, and chair rails incorporating a cavetto and astragal.

St. Mary's planter/merchant class built more permanent and substantial brick houses in the 18th century and small Georgian houses demonstrate an evolution of the hall and parlor building form as owners attempted to differentiate room uses and establish a hierarchy of interior spaces. Kingston has an unusual three room plan comprising a large parlor flanked on one side by two chambers, each with a corner fireplace. As summarized by Cary Carson, former Vice President for Research at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, "The importance of Kingston is in its L-shaped hall and parlor plan...unique in the county."[4]

Kingston was owned and occupied by prominent Maryland men in the late 18th c., demonstrating that the Georgian style "[e]xpressed through symmetrical exterior facades, specialization of interior rooms, and refinement in architectural detailing, became a point of departure for differentiating the elite class of Protestant planters and merchants from the less wealthy planters, tenants, and enslaved persons." [5] As derived from the chain of title included in the 1976 survey documentation, John A. Thomas sold 150 acres where Kingston is located to Joseph Daffin in 1789. In the 1798 assessment, Joseph Daffin is listed as the owner and Charles Chilton as the tenant. In 1802, the heirs of Joseph Daffin sold the property to Charles Chilton. Thomas, Daffin, and Chilton are all lionized as Revolutionary War heroes. Both Thomas and Chilton fought in the first major battle of the war, known as the Battle of Brooklyn or the Battle of Long Island, where Maryland earned her nickname "The Old Line State." Chilton was also a Member of the Convention that ratified the Constitution in 1788. Colonel Daffin, although born in St. Mary's County, was prominent on Maryland's eastern shore as an East New Market merchant who married into the Ennals family. In 1775 Col. Joseph Daffin was a member of a Maryland Committee of Observation. Between 1777 and 1778, and again in 1793, he was an in the Lower House of the legislature. From 1783 to 1788 he was Dorchester County Justice. [6]

Kingston is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C as a house that embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period and method of construction. Kingston is a refined, modestly scaled, Patuxent region example of a 1-story plus attic, 3-bay, Georgian style brick house from the 2nd half of the 18th century. The house is located on the Patuxent River. It is set upon a substantial lot on a point with water views. Few modern dwellings are visible from the site and the Thomas Johnson Bridge is largely screened by vegetation. The house's unusual L-shaped, three room plan

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Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

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demonstrates the individuality or variation of features that occurs within a class. Because there are so few similar houses left in the region from this time period, it cannot be determined whether this plan type was common or influential. It is now unique. The house is restored and substantial 20th century additions flank the original structure. Nonetheless, the original component of the house displays integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and workmanship. While the additions detract from the property's integrity of feeling its generous waterfront setting greatly reinforces it.

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5 Ranzetta, 33.
6 MSgt David E. Cann, USMC (Ret.), family genealogy database, http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~decann/genealogy/master/b298.htm, accessed 7/13/2010.

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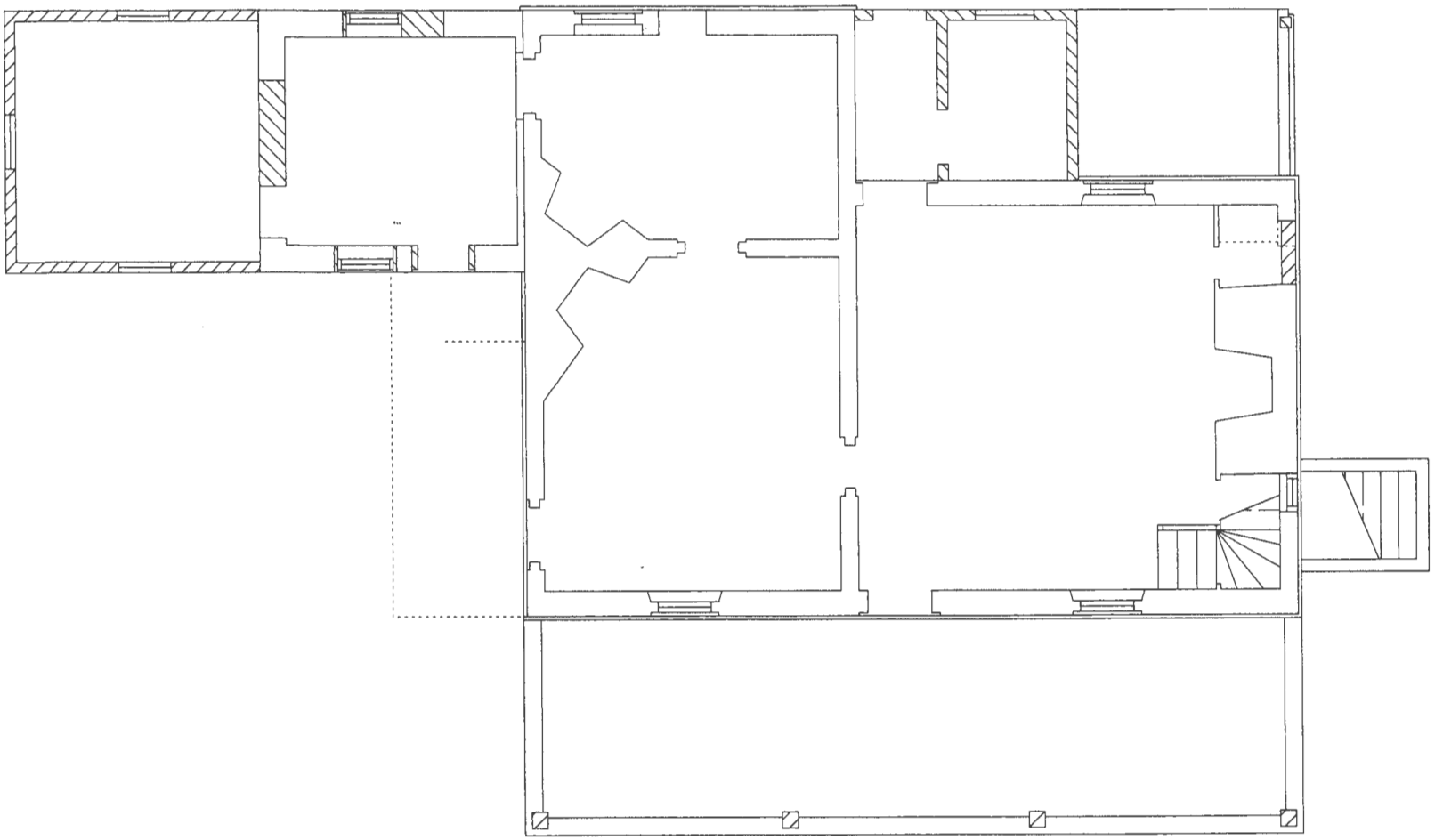

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KINGSTON MANOR SM-131
c. 1770

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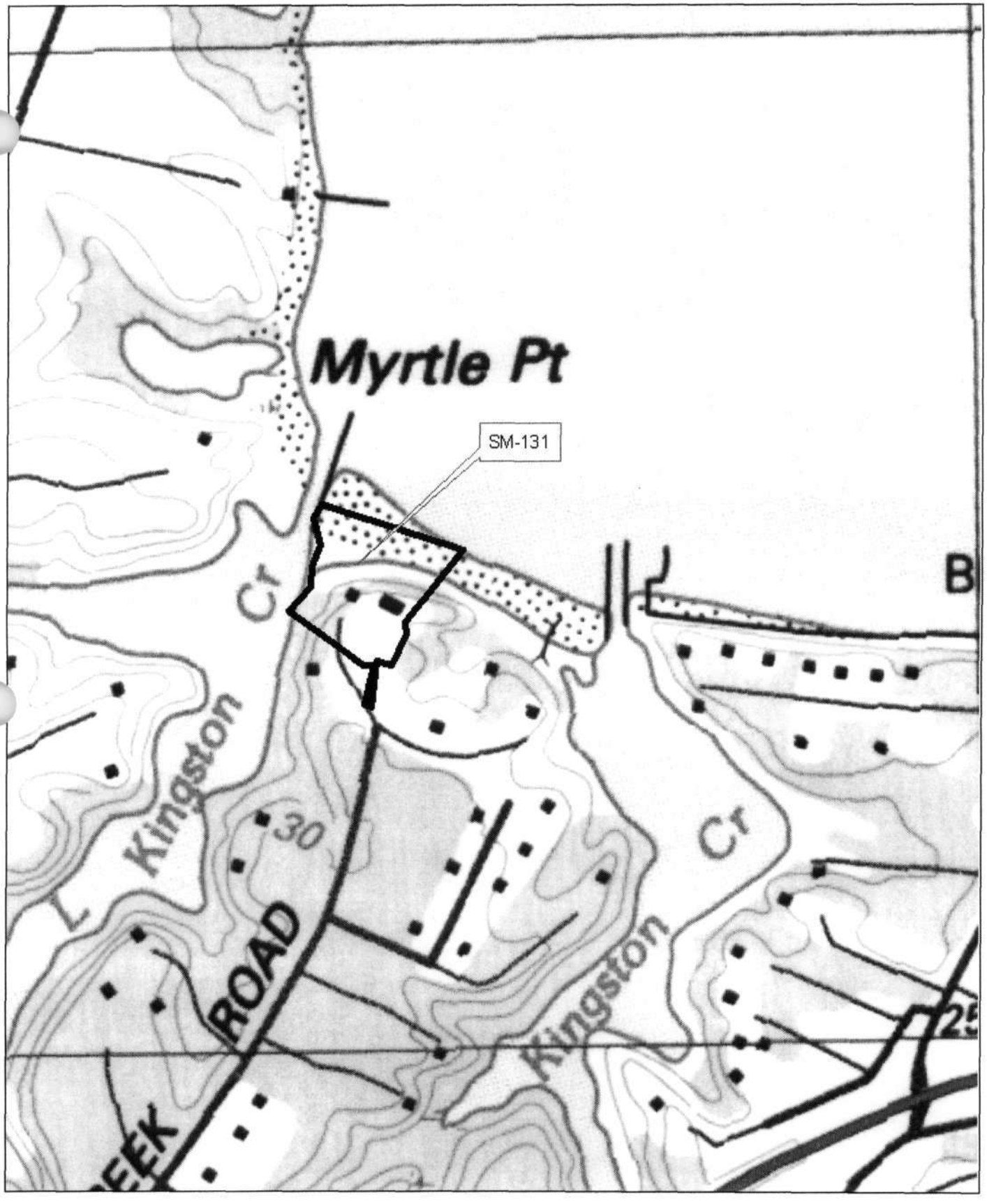

Kingston (SM-131)

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St. Mary's County

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Solomons Island Quadrangle, Maryland
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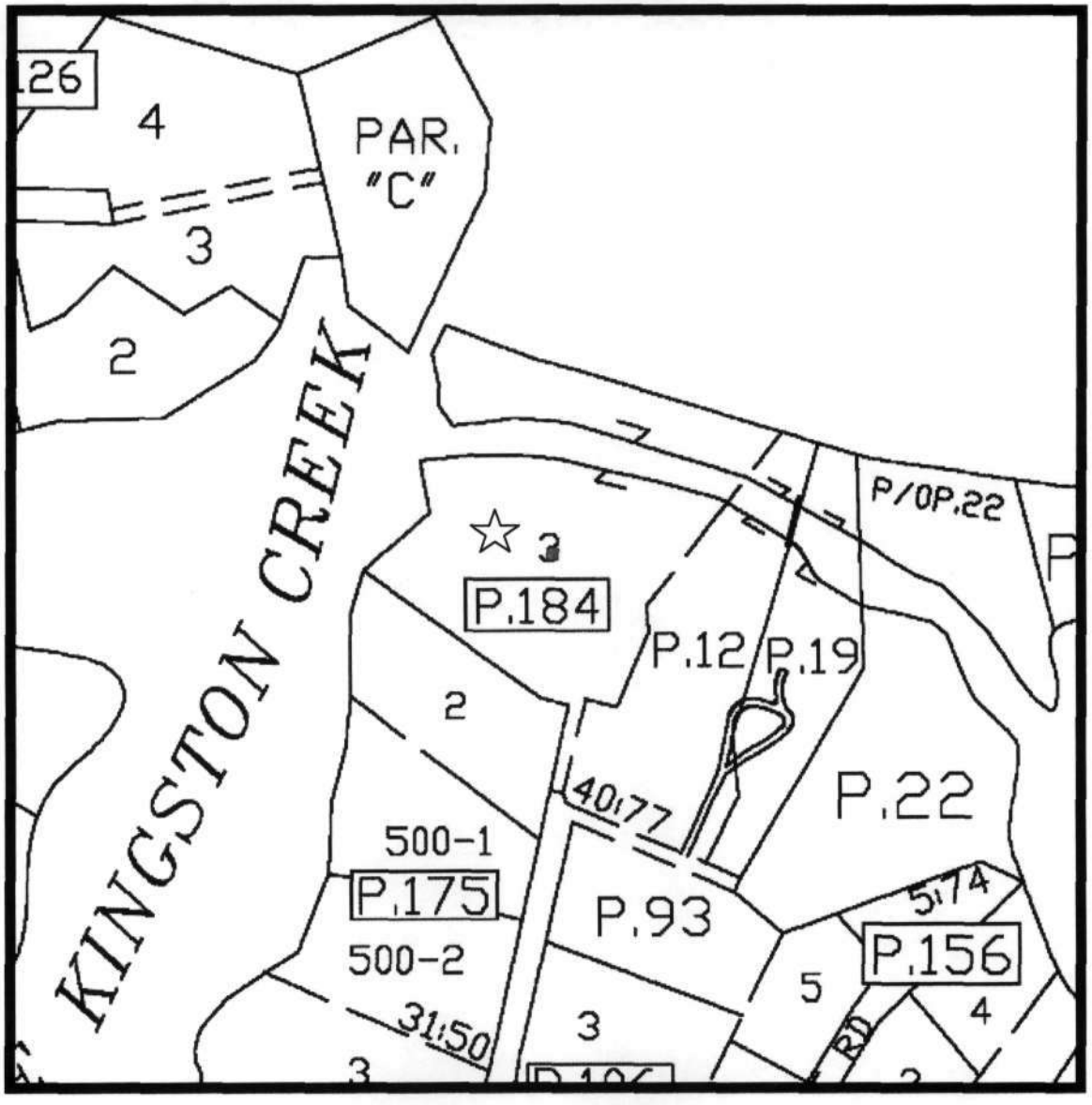

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California, St. Mary's County, Maryland
Source: http://www.dat.state.md.us/

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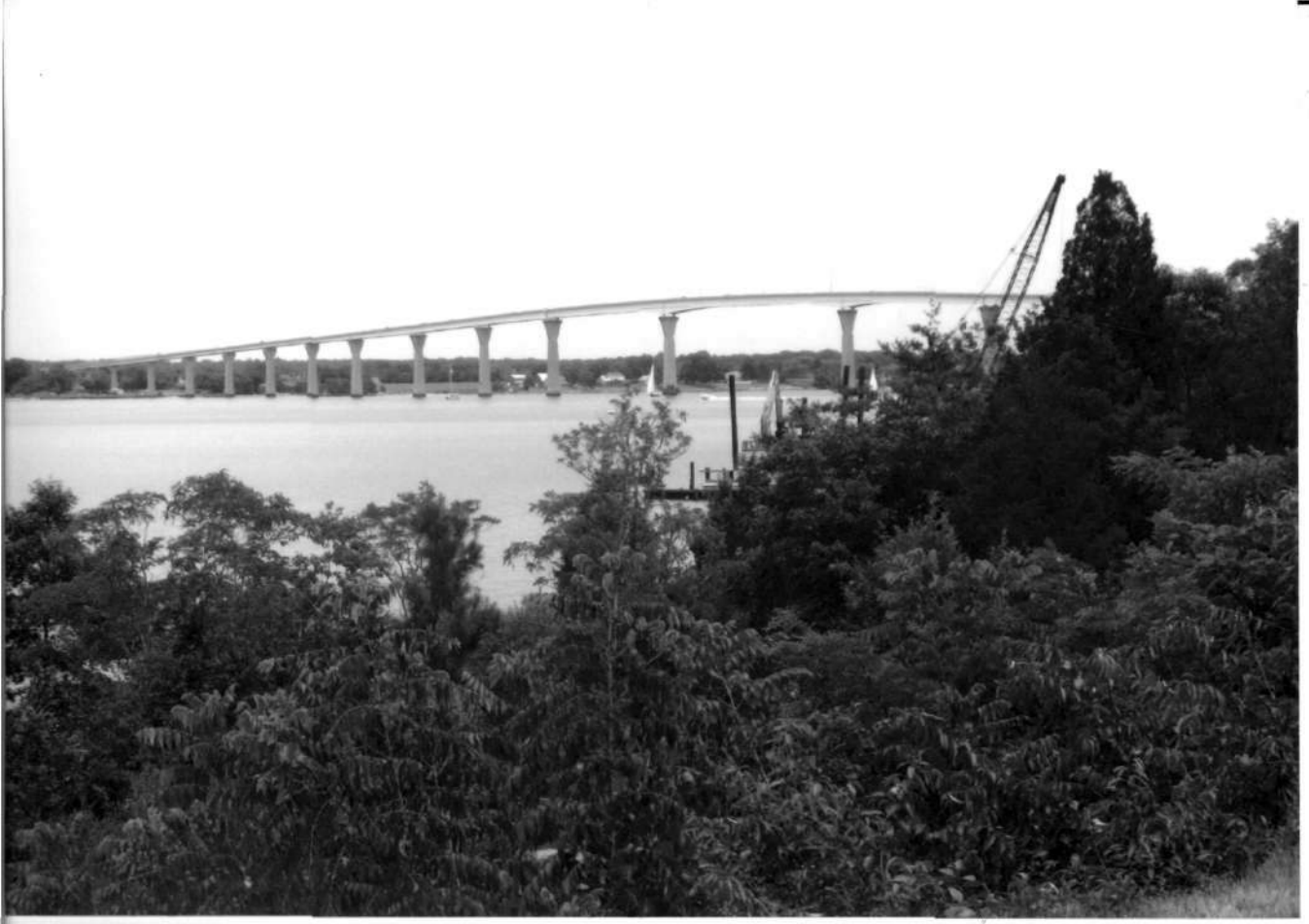

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KINGSTON
California (SM-131)

Mid 18th Century,
probably third quarter -
4th ?

The importance of Kingston is its L-shaped, hall and parlor plan with a small, leanto room behind the parlor, with which it shares a corner chimney. Unique in the county, it has parallels across the Patuxent at Upper Bennett and on the Eastern Shore at Hampton, Boston Cliff, and Long Hill Farm. Such houses, never earlier than the seventeen teens or 'twenties and usually not much later than middle 18th century, represent local builders' first tentative experiments with a plan two rooms deep.

Kingston is one of the later examples. If original, as they appear to be, its fully developed mantel entablatures above eared frames around the fireplace openings in the hall and parlor (the latter somewhat simpler) and its mahagony six-panel doors (with the small panels at the top and the larger ones below) probably belong to the third quarter of the century. Closet and staircase doors in the fully paneled N hall wall are later still, c.1800. All the other walls plastered above and below chair rails incorporating a small, cavetto and astragal molding, also typical of the 1760's and later. Locked boxes built into window sills in both front rooms. Ceilings always plastered. No cornice moldings.

The function of the leanto room may have been related to the parlor, from which it was entered. Its present W exterior doorway and S door into a 19th-century brick "office" addition are intrusions. So too the loutish, c.1840-1860 mantel piece.

A steep newel staircase in the NE corner of the hall ascends directly into a small chamber overhead, which must be crossed to reach the much larger S chamber. Both unheated. There is a cellar under the hall.

Outside, the E front puts on a spectacular display of red Flemish-bond brickwork, checkerboarded with glassy glazed headers. But it is a show without encores, for the gables and back wall are a hodge-podge of English and common bond - the latter yet another indicator of Kingston's latish date.

Roof frame: common rafter roof visible only at eaves. Rafters nailed to thin, flat, false plates.

Moldings: Doors and windows: large, simple ogee; firebox frame in S room: ovolo; firebox frame in N room: ogee and cavetto; chair rails: cavetto and astragal; raised panels and six-panel doors: small ovolo; six-panel doors in N wall: quirk ogee and astragal.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Kingston

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Kingston Drive

CITY, TOWN
California

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First Congressional District

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
St. Mary's County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
_DISTRICT	_PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	_AGRICULTURE	_MUSEUM
X_BUILDING(S)	X_PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	_COMMERCIAL	_PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	_ENTERTAINMENT	_RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	_YES: RESTRICTED	_GOVERNMENT	_SCIENTIFIC
	_BEING CONSIDERED	_YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
		X_NO	_MILITARY	_OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Dale T. Cropper and Florence D. Cropper, his wife Telephone #: (301) 862-2791

STREET & NUMBER
Kingston Drive

CITY, TOWN
California

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20619

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: CBG 113
Folio #: 288

STREET & NUMBER
Courthouse Lane

CITY, TOWN
Leonardtown

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

X_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS St. Mary's City Commission

CITY, TOWN
St. Mary's City

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Kingston

#6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

2. State of Maryland, Maryland Historical Trust
   Historic Sites Inventory
   Vol. 1, Lower Southern Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kingston a mid to late 18th century house is located at the end of Kingston Drive in California, Maryland, St. Mary's County. It stands upon a bluff overlooking the Patuxent River and Solomons Island.

Kingston is one and one half stories high by three bays wide by two rooms deep with a modern one story extension at the N gable end. There is a small one story one bay by one room addition (now a modern kitchen at the S end of the W "leanto" room.

The brickwork in the E or front (facing the Patuxent) is red Flemish bond with checkboarded glassy-glazed headers and the gables are a mixture of English and common bond as is the rear (W) facade. The chimneys at the gable ends are interior and have corbled caps.

The E front has two-over-four paneled mahogony door in the center with a flat arch above and is flanked by six-over-four windows with flat arches and shutters. A modern porch has been attached to this end. Gables with four-over0four windows are centered above each first story window. The S gable end has two windows one two-over-two at the N side on the first floor and a four-over-four above in the loft. The N gable has no windows. The W side with the leanto addition has a door at the center of the addition and two four-over-four windows on the S end. There is a door on the E side into the 19th century office.

All walls of the interior are plastered above and below the chairrail except for the Hall which is fully paneled. The chairrail incorporates small cavetto and astragal moldings. All celings are plastered and there are no cornice moldings. All doors are six panel two-over-four of solid mahogony with box locks.

The walls of the Hall are fully paneled. The fireplace in the N wall has a fully developed mantel entablature above eared frames and is flanked on each side by two-over-two paneled closet doors. The left door opens into a short closet with a door inside leading to the modern N extention. The right closet has been retained below the enclosed staircase. To the right of this closet is four steps with railing and newlpost leading to a door. The door opens to a narrow steep stairway leading to the loft above. A small narrow office is entered through an door in the W wall of the hall. This office is an early 20th century additon.

The Parlor is entered through the S wall of the Hall. The parlor and the leanto room (entered through the W wall of the parlor) share a common chimney in the S gable end. This provides cornor firepla ces in each room. The mantle in the parlor is almost identical to the one in the Hall. The Leanto fireplace mantle is of much simpler design than Hall or Parlor being a plain shelf. The fireplace when reopened to its original dimensions was found to still have its original iron crane. The Hall and Parlor window sills have built in locked boxes.

A 19th century "office" (now ahmodern kitchen) is entered through the S doorway of the leanto room. This doorway was cut through the original window

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Kingston

#7 Description

of that gable end.

The loft above the Hall and Parlor is divided into two chambers. The first entering from the stair contains closets and a modern bath, the second and larger is a modern bed room.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1750-1800 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT** Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kingston built sometime in the mid to later half of the 18th century is significant for its architecture.

Popular local history gives two possible accounts for the origin of Kingston. Robert E.T. Pogue in Old Maryland Landmarks (pub. 1972 Bushwood, Md.) cites both of these. Pogue says that Kingston was at one time part of Resurrection Manor and was given to Corneilius Canada as payment for bricks burned by Canada in 1652. In 1660 there are four families living at Resurrection Manor and Canada's is one of them. Pogue also says Kingston may have been built by a Captain King in the later 1600's and that the latches and other hardware used in the house came from his ship. The building presently standing and known as Kingston was not built before the 1750's and could not be one of these earlier structures. In a move romantic vein Kingston is said to haunted by a sea Captain's wife and to have treasure buried on the property.

There are three tracts of land that compose what is presently known as Kingston. These tracts were purchased over several years by Charles Chilton and were complete by 1809. The first reference to these tracts as Kingston is not until 1835 when a deed record for a Sheriff's sail says: "...now known as Kingston." The description in the 1798 Federal Assessment Lists fits the dimensions of the present day structure exactly and it lists a Joseph Daffin as the owner and Charles Chilton as tenant. There are tra ces of earlier structures on the property at Kingston and they have yet to be explored by archeologists. Perhaps these tracts will provide some clues to the "earlier" Kingston.

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St. Mary's City Commission, St. Mary's City, Md.
HABS Survey and MHT Survey #STSM-131

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Kingston was purchased and restored to its present condition by Mr. & Mrs. Dale T. Cropper the present owenrs.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.44 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See enclosed deed. St. Mary's County Registry of Deeds
Liber CBG 113 folio 288

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
John K. Bruton, Research Analyst I

DATE
16 Nov. 1976

ORGANIZATION
St. Mary's County Committee Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER
c/o David Roberts (Chmn.) 109 Lakeland Dr.

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CITY OR TOWN
Hollywood

STATE
Maryland

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Kingston

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Kingston Road

CITY OR TOWN: California

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland		St. Mary's	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
					No: ☒

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐	Comments	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☒	Private Residence	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐		
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐				
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER: Kingston

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
California	Maryland	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Leonardtown	Maryland	

ACREAGE — APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

STATE: COUNTY: FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☑ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unaltered ☑	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☑

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Overlooking the Patuxent River, Kingston appears to be of an early 18th c. construction date, is one story in height with a dormered roof, of brick construction, and has several frame and brick additions at each end. The most interesting features of the house include the flemish bonding with glazed headers at the N. wall (both ends + rear are English bond), and an original "outshut" at the rear.

The house is 3 bays in length, the doors occupy the center bay and windows of the N. + S. Elev. are of 9/9 pane sash. At the roof level are 2 dormers with flush board siding and 4/4 pane sash. There ~~are~~ is a water table with a chamfered top course

~~This house warrants a closer examination.~~

Fittings on Kingston taken from its owner's ship include a brass door latch and other hardware. A hidden window-sill compartment was used to hide household valuables and bottles of wine.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☑	20th Century ☑
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☑	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal		Education	☐	Political	☐	Urban Planning	☐
Prehistoric	☐	Engineering	☐	Religion/Philosophy	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Historic	☐	Industry	☐	Science	☐		
Agriculture	☐	Invention	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Art	☐	Landscape Architecture	☐	Social/Humanitarian	☐		
Commerce	☐	Literature	☐	Theater	☐		
Communications	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐		
Conservation	☐	Music	☐				
Architecture	☐						

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

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KINGSTON WAS BUILT ABOUT 1658 by a British naval officer, Capt King, AND IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND EARLY "RIVER HOUSES". ~~IT IS NOW POPULARLY CALLED KINGSTON MANOR BUT I COULD NOT FIND IT LISTED AMONG THE ST MARY'S COUNTY MANORS.~~ IT WAS PROBABLY A PART OF RESURRECTION MANOR, WHICH WAS GRANTED TO CAPTAIN THOMAS CORNWALEYS IN 1650, CONSISTING OF 4,000 ACRES. THE POWER TO HOLD COURT WAS INCLUDED WITH THE MANOR GRANTS, BUT OWNERS OF "FREEHOLDS" WITH SMALLER ACREAGE, SUCH AS KINGSTON, DID NOT ENJOY THIS PRIVILEGE.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

*Chronicles of St. Mary's Published by the St. Mary's County Historical Society

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

SOLOMONS ISLAND QUAD

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	76	29		38	19	
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Rivoire & Robert E.T. Pogue

ORGANIZATION: MHT

DATE: 4/72

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE

CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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KINGSTON- chain of title

Present Owner 28 May 1964	Deed Record St. Mary's County CBG 113 folio 288 Grantor: Leon S. Hill and Rita D. Hill, his wife Grantee: Dale T. Cropper and Florence D. Cropper, his wife
31 Jan. 1964	Deed Record St. Mary's County CBG 111 folio 388 Grantor: J. Howard Joynt and May L. Joynt Grantee: Leon S. Hill jr.
4 Dec. 1963	Deed Record St. Mary's County CBG 111 folio 32 Grantor: Dorothy C. Romney, unmarried Grantee: J. Howard Joynt and May L. Joynt
31 Dec. 1954	Deed Record St. Mary's County CBG 54 folio 183 Grantor: Elizabeth T. Croissant, widow Grantee: Dorothy C. Romney
16 May 1925	Deed Record St. Mary's County JMM 3 folio 139 Grantor: Walter A. Gebhart and Laura Gebhart, his wife Grantee: De Witt Croissant "part Kingston" 8 acres more or less
3 Apr. 1925	Deed Record St. Mary's County JMM 3 folio 77 Grantor: Elizabeth H. Lynn and Albert C. Lynn, her husband Grantee: Walter A. Gebhart
14 Sept. 1923	Deed Record St. Mary's County JMM 2 folio 21 Grantor: John F. Gross and Minnie M. Gross, his wife Grantee: Elizabeth H. Lynn
5 Sept. 1918	Deed Record St. Mary's County EBA 17 folio 331 Grantor: Frederick W. Gross and Eva Gross, his wife Grantee: John F. Gross and Minnie M. Gross, his wife "...all that tract or parcel of land, called and known as 'Kingston.' " 200 acres more or less
30 Mar. 1901	Deed Record St. Mary's County EBA 2 folio 301 Grantor: Patrick Hazel, Jennie Bradley and William Bradley, her husband Grantee: Federick W. Gross 200 acres more or less
15 Jan. 1895	Deed Record St. Mary's County JJG 2 folio 445 Grantor: David Hammett and Henrietta Hammett, his wife Grantee: Patrick Hazel and Amelia Hazel, now deceased

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KINGSTON- chain of title continued

10 Sept. 1893 27 Sept. 1893	Deed Records St. Mary's County JJG 1 folio 426, JJG 1 folio 428 and JJG 1 folio 428 & c. Grantors: Alfred T. Varrnerson (asignee), Daniel C. Hammett (trustee), S. Chapman Thompson, sheriff. Grantee: David Hammett and Henrietta A. Hammett, his wife Alf ed T. Varrnerson was asigned the rights to Kingston when a mortgage to James F. Abell was defaluted on by Samuel C. Hunt and Fannie Hunt.
(date unknown)	Samuel C. Hunt and Fannie Hunt (most likly the children of Dorinda W. Hunt and Samuel C. Hunt) inherit or buy Kingston. No records in either Deeds, Wills or Orphans Court.
12 Nov. 1863	Deed Record St. Mary's County JTB 4 folio 222 Grantor: Louis S. Gilliams and wife Grantee: Dorinda W. Hunt, widow of Samuel C. Hunt
10 May 1855	Deed Record St. Mary's County JTB 2 folio 119-121 Grantor: A.H. Hall and Mary Hall, his wife Grantee: Louis S. Gilliams
21 Mar. 1853	Deed Record St. Mary's County JTB 1 folio 476 Grantor: Thomas R. Tongue (Tounge) and Jane Tongue, his wife Grantee: Alexander Hamilton Hall 330 acres more or less...
9 Mar. 1853	Deed Record St. Mary's County JTB 1 folio 364 Grantor: Young P. Dawkins and Alethea E. Dawkins, his wife Grantee: Thomas R. Tongue
12 Oct. 1852	Deed Record St. Mary's County JTB 1 folio 213 Grantor: Rachel Thomas (the late) by B.G. Harris (trustee) Grantee: Young P. Dawkins
27 April 1836	Deed Record St. Mary's County JH 10 folio 431 Grantor: John A. Burroughs and Elizabeth Y. Burroughs, his wife Grantee: Rachel Thomas 330 acres more or less...
10 Nov. 1835	Deed Record St. Mary's County JH 10 folio 363 Grantor:George H. Morgan, sheriff Grantee: John A. Burroughs A sheriff's sale of the property of George S. Leigh in court judgement against him in John Patterson et al vs. Leigh. Piney Neck 100 acres, Depford 50 acres, pt. St. Joseph's Manor 180 acres, total 330 acres "...now known as 'Kingston'."
28 July 1835	Deed Record St. Mary's County JH 10 folio 315 Grantor: George S. Leigh and Sophia L. Leigh, his wife Grantee: John A. Burroughs Piney Neck 100 acres, Deptford 50, pt. St. Joseph's Manor 180.

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KINGSTON- chain of title continued

13 Aug. 1832 — Land Commission Records St. Mary's County JH 3 folio 113
The heirs of John S. Leigh petition the court to divide the estate of John S. Leigh. George S. Leigh is one of the heirs.

1826 — Assessment Book of Real and Personal Property 1826, St. Mary's County
Leigh, George S.

Piney Neck	100
Depford	50
pt. St. Joseph's Manor	180
	330 acres

20 Apr. 1824 — Register of Wills St. Mary's County JF 1 folio 108
Charles Chilton the brother of Ann Chilton, wife of George H. Leigh, leaves his lands to John S. Leigh. These lands are not enumerated.

30 Sept. 1822 — Alienations and Transfers 1786-1829 St. Mary's County p. 256
Susan Wilson deeds to Charles Chilton, Piney Neck and Deptford 150 acres.

1821 — Federal Tax Assessment 1821, St. Mary's County, Harvey Hundred
Chilton, Charles

Piney Neck	100
Depford	50
pt. St. Joseph's Manor	180
	330 acres

1812 — Federal Tax Assessment 1812, St. Mary's County, Harvey Hundred
Chilton, Charles

Piney Neck	100
Depford	50
pt. St. Joseph's Manor	180
	330 acres

8 Aug. 1809 — Alienations and Transfers 1786-1829, St. Mary's County p.145
Stephen Milburn and wife deed to Charles Chilton "...all that tract or parcel of land lying in St. Joseph's Manor in St. Mary's County deeded by John Rousby Plater to Joseph Fenwick, containing 180 acres."

1806 — Federal Tax Assessment 1806, St. Mary's County, Harvey Hundred
Charles Chilton

Piney Neck	100
Depford	50

1805 — Land Commission Records, St. Mary's County JH 1 folio 159
A petition by Stephen Milburn and Margaret Milburn, his wife and Susanna Fenwick to divide or sell the lands of "Bennet Joseph Fenwick died intestate seized infee Part of st. Joseph's Manor." "...containing as per deed from John Rousby Plater 180 acres." The commission autherizes the sale of the land as the only equitable solution for all parties.

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KINGSTON- chain of title

26 Apr. 1802 — Alienations and Transfers 1786-1829, St. Mary's County
p. 83
Fancis I. Wilson deeds to Charles Chilton
Piney Neck 100 acres, Debtford 50 acres

1801 — Assessment Book, 1801, St. Mary's County

Daffin, Joseph E's Heirs
Jenkins price 100
Debtford 50

Fenwick, Bennet
St. Joseph's Manor 180

1798 — U.S. Assessment Records 1798, St. Mary's County
General List of Dwellings

Daffin, Joseph
A dwelling house 36 x 20 feet, shed one side 15 x 7 1/2 feet, Brick Bldg in bad repair, 3 windows 5 x 2 1/2 feet, 3 windows 3cx 1 1/2 feet. Kitchen 28 x 12 feet, all one story adjacent to the river Patuxent Harvey Hundred

Charles Chilton, tenant

1796 — Assessment Book 1796, St. Mary's County

Daffin, Joseph E.
Jenkins peice 100
Debtford 50

1794 — Assessment Book 1794, St. Mary's County

Daffin, Joseph E.
Jenkins piece 100
Debtford 50

1793 — Assessment Book 1793, St. Mary's County

Daffin, Joseph E.
~~Jenkingsxpiexxxxx100~~
Debtford 50

3 Sept. 1789 — Alienations and Transfers 1786-1829, St. Mary County

p.21
John A. Thomas deeds to Joseph Daffin
Piney Neck and Depford 150 acres

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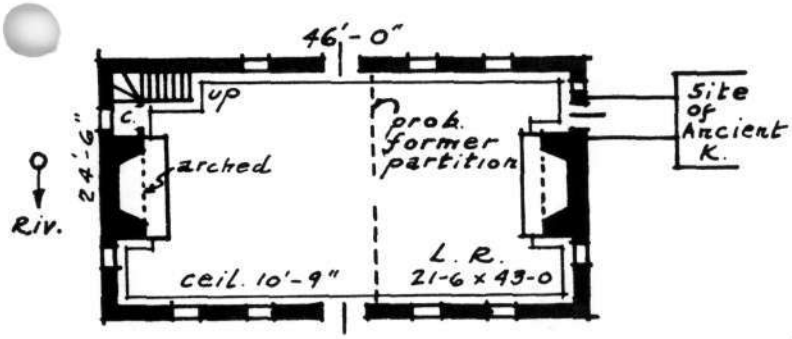
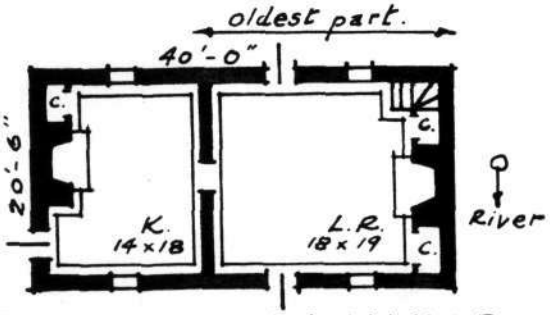


PRESTON-AT-PATUXENT
(built 1650)



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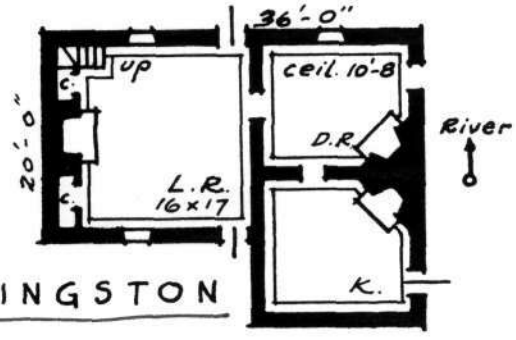

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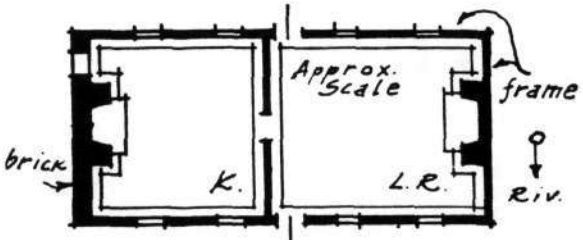

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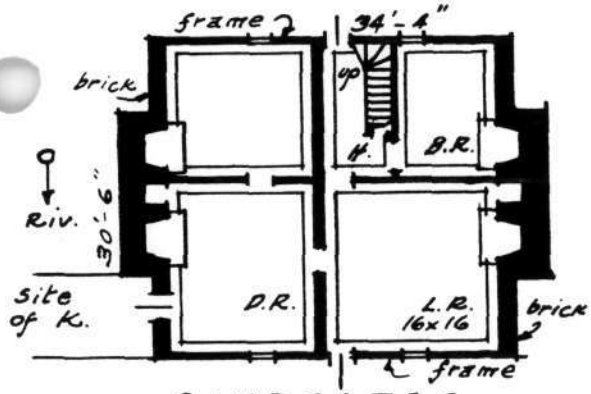

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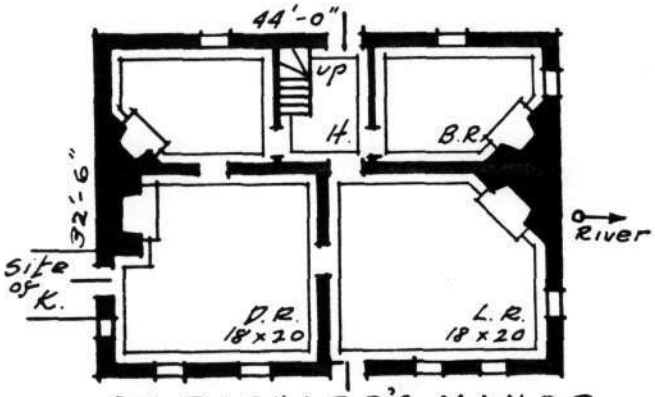
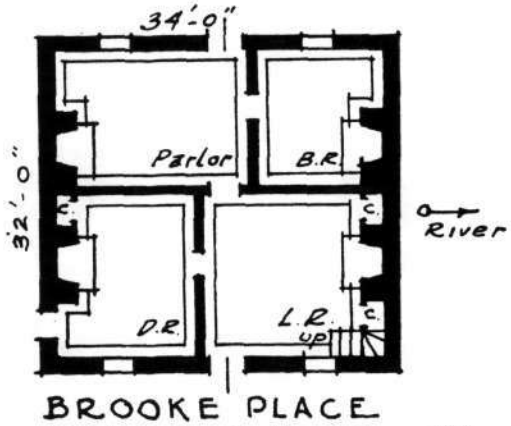


ST. RICHARD'S MANOR

PLANS OF SOME EARLY HOUSES OF THE LOWER PATUXENT REGION



BROOKE PLACE
MANOR: a Restoration.
(built 1652)

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Interior - main room - looking N
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