

— Capsule Summary
SM-168
Joy/Johnson Farmhouse
Leonardtown Vicinity
Private

c. 1850s

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SM-168, Joy/Johnson House
St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function and Use: Residence
Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-168

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joy/Johnson Farmhouse

and/or common Johnson Farmhouse, "Rich Neck," "Little Venture"

2. Location

S side of Jones Road, 0.1 mile W of the intersection of Jones and McIntosh Roads (Demolished)
street & number not for publication

city, town Hollywood _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county St. Mary's _____ TM 25, P 73

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 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 Joseph F. and Elizabeth D. Johnson

street & number 24675 McIntosh Road _____ telephone no.: (301) 863-9312

city, town Leonardtown _____ state and zip code Maryland 20636

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse _____ liber EWA 1092

street & number _____ folio 336

city, town Leonardtown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Johnson Farmhouse

date August 1970 _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville _____ state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. SM-168

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		Demolished, March 1997

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2

The Joy/Johnson house is located 0.2 miles west of the intersection of Jones and McIntosh Roads in the vicinity of Hollywood, Maryland. Situated just south of Jones Road down a dirt driveway, the house is oriented on a east/west axis. The dwelling, constructed on a small knoll, is surrounded by rolling agricultural fields dotted with a few large and medium sized cedar trees. An earthfast tobacco barn, oriented on a north/south axis is located on the slope to the southwest of the dwelling.

The Johnson house, constructed c. 1850, is a one-and-a-half story, four bay, two room, single pile, braced frame dwelling with a stone foundation, gable roof, two brick chimneys, and a one room, gable end kitchen ell. The entire house is sheathed with faux brick asbestos siding that covers the original clapboard and beaded cornerboards. The main block's roof is covered with raised-seam metal while the one story addition's roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The primary or east elevation of the main block is dominated by a full length open porch with a concrete pier foundation and with a shed roof supported by five square posts. Evidence, namely the presence of the beaded cornerboard now covered by the porch, suggests that the porch may have been added after the dwelling was initially constructed. This porch shades four roughly symmetrical bays that consist of a six-over-six, double-hung sash window, two, five panel doors distinguished by three horizontal panels with two vertical panels above, and a six-over-six window. The one story ell features a wood door comprised of vertical planks fastened in place with fully formed cut nails to two horizontal battens with planed edges. The door is hung on wrought stap hinges and pintels.

The south elevation of the one story addition exhibits an unglazed window covered by a board-and-batten shutter with modern iron hinges pierces the gable end. A square shaped chimney, shared by the main block and ell, extends from the roof of the ell and is setback from the wall of the main section. Located on either side of the chimney on the attic story of the main block is a pair of four pane casement windows that once had board and batten shutters.

The main block's west elevation features three bays--two, six-over-six windows and a five panel door. Further investigation is needed to ascertain whether a second door may have been covered over. These three bays are roughly aligned with those found on the east elevation. The one story ell features a single door aligned with the door on the east elevation. At the intersection of the wall and roof is a wide box cornice.

The north elevation features an exterior end brick chimney with a projecting stone base and one set of stepped shoulders. On either side of the chimney on the attic story is a four pane casement window.

The interior trim, mantles and overall plan survive although the walls have been enclosed with faux wood paneling--concealing the plaster covered walls and higher ceilings. Each of the two rooms of the single pile plan house feature their own independent entry on the primary elevation. Both rooms also have similar Greek Revival mantles that feature a pair of plinth blocks that support square engaged columns and a plain frieze and mantle shelf. Both fireboxes have been covered over and stove flues installed. The northernmost room contains an open winder stair--that

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-168

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.

On December 24, 1838 John M. Joy purchased a 250 acre tract called "Rich Neck" and "Little Venture" for \$800 from Ignatius, Elizabeth, and Ann Joy. Sometime in the 1850s, John M. Joy erected a one-and-a-half story, hall-parlor plan braced frame house with a one story kitchen wing. The house was decorated with beaded cornerboards, two plain Greek Revival mantles, and beaded window and door architraves while the kitchen was not adorned. The kitchen's framing was left exposed and whitewashed and its large fireplace did not feature a mantle. The dwelling, therefore, is significant as an excellent example of a modest, mid-nineteenth century dwelling that exhibited a deliberate decorative hierarchy. It also featured a rare hall-parlor plan (each room having its own entry) and an attached kitchen with a shared chimney.

In 1910 John M. Joy died "seized and possessed" of a sizeable estate. A circuit court case ensued and the 248 1/2 acre tract was sold at auction to John M. Joy's son Joseph Joy in 1911. Joseph Joy, however, fell delinquent on his taxes and the property was purchased by the First National Bank of St. Mary's in 1934. In 1942, Margaret and Walter Gebhart purchased the tract and eventually sold the property to J. Testa and Grace E. Johnson in 1949. The property presently remains in the Johnson family ownership. In March of 1997, the c. 1850 dwelling was burned to make way for a modern house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-168

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 248 1/2 acres

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as deed description.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning

date April 1997

street & number 22740 Washington Street

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

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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St. Mary's County

7.1 Description

was only recently enclosed. The half story consists of a center stair passage with two rooms on either side. Both rooms were plastered using circular sawn lathe. Gaps in the ceiling reveal that the hewn and pit sawn rafter pairs are joined at the peak with open mortises fastened with cut nails. The rafter pairs are also joined with a series of ties that are half lapped and fastened with three to four cut nails onto the rafters. The interior of the one story, one room kitchen ell has been unfinished. The overhead hewn and pit sawn ceiling joists and wall studs are blackened by smoke from a large brick cooking fireplace with a large hewn lintel.

The earthfast barn consists of a cross axial plan center main section and a shed addition. The barn is sheathed with vertical, circular sawn planks fastened to horizontal rails with wire nails. The barn's hewn and circular sawn frame has been extensively altered as the building's north side is earthfast while the south side features a sill. The building is further strengthened by circular sawn diagonal braces. The barn is divided into four-foot rooms. The shed appears to have been added later as there is not evidence for shingle lathe on the skinned rafters.

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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 1092, Folio 336

Grantee: Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. and Elizabeth D. Johnson

Grantor: Joseph F. Johnson, Sr. personal representative of the Joseph Testa Johnson estate

Date: September 20, 1996

Notes: On October 4, 1995 Testa Johnson died intestate and as a result his estate was handled by the Orphans Court (Estate # 8433). The deed describes the property as containing 248 1/2 acres and called "Rich Neck" and "Little Venture."

Reference: Liber CBG 23, Folio 337

Grantee: J. Testa and Grace E. Johnson

Grantor: Margaret G. and George C. Bennett

Date: August 1, 1949

Note: Walter A. Gebhart died and left the estate to his wife Margaret. She eventually remarried George C. Bennett.

Reference: Liber CBG 14, Folio 136

Grantee: Margaret G. and Walter A. Gebhart

Grantor: First National Bank of St. Mary's

Date: September 23, 1942

Reference: Liber JMM 8, Folio 461

Grantee: First National Bank of St. Mary's

Grantor: Charlotte B. Fowler, Treasurer of St. Mary's

Date: April 2, 1934

Reference: Liber EBA 9, Folio 398

Grantee: Joseph Joy

Grantor: William M. Loker

Date: July 19, 1911

Notes: By order of the Circuit Court of Equity, the 248 1/2 acre property was sold by William M. Loker, trustee of the court to Joseph Joy. In a case involving Noema Wathen Abell vs. Rebecca J. Wathen wife of John H. Wathen, George W. Joy, Oscar M. Joy, Martha A. Kane wife of ___ Kane, Joseph Joy, and Lucretia Wathen wife of Frank Wathen the children of John M. Joy wanted the proceeds from the property to be divided amongst themselves. The Circuit Court then issued in favor of the plaintiffs and the property sold (Decree Record, Liber EBA 4, Folio 410.) This deed also notes that one-and-a-half acres of the original 250 acres was sold to Joseph S. Johnson on March 12, 1867. This property was located on the east side of the McIntosh Road.

Reference: Liber JH 11, Folio 323

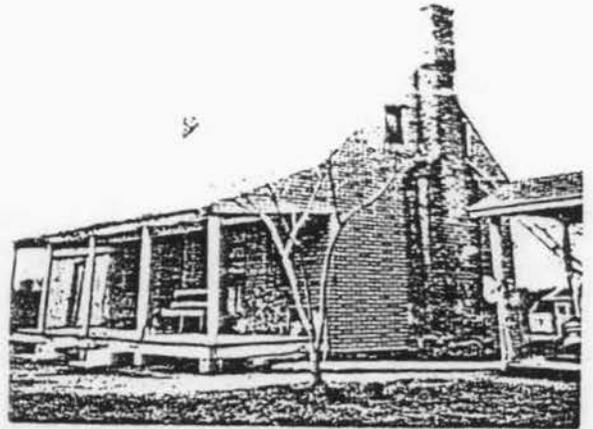
Grantee: John M. Joy

Grantor: Ignatius Joy, Elizabeth Joy, and Ann Joy

Date: December 24, 1838

Notes: John M. Joy purchased the 250 acre tract for \$800.

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St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance



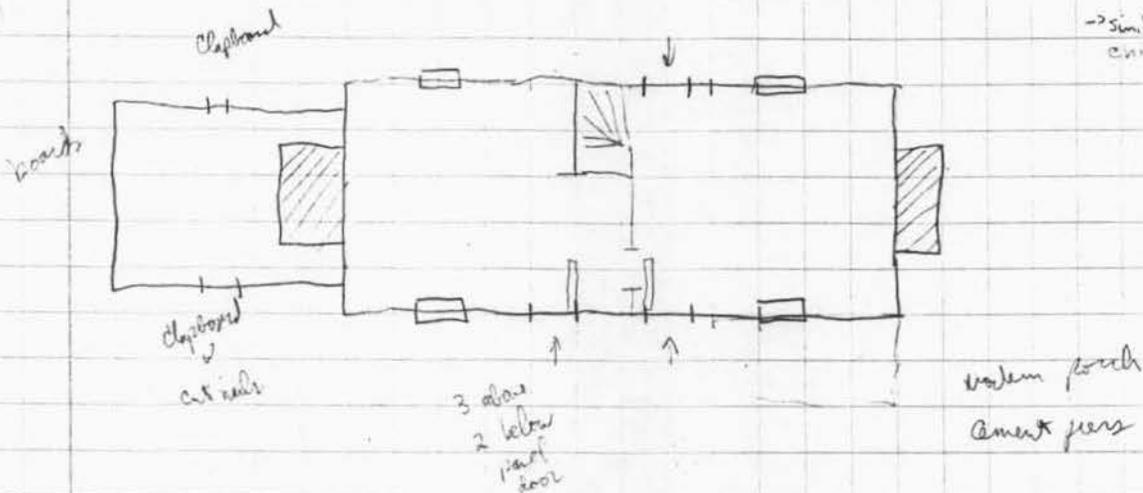
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1955 photos of the Joy/Johnson House taken by Charles E. Fenwick, Sr. St. Mary's County Historical Society Vertical Files.

base frame
about
2000



→ similar brick chimneys on foundation

- joint starts over wall plate & from a board box cornice ⇒ noted ^{with joints}
 joints w/ nails
 double joints - this one merely lapped + nailed w/ cut nails
 material colored joint originally

Columbian
Range Co
Columbian
Pew

plain Greek Revival mantels ⇒ none system

4 pane fixed sash light attic
board + battens shutters

6 ob d.u. each

above primary members = pit sawn + lewens studs, rafters, + ties, cut nail

originally plastered ⇒ cut nail = wire sawn (the)

beaded corner boards ⇒

raised seam metal roof ⇒ asphalt on 1 room addition

Chimney is stepped back on both sides

Common board ⇒ random ratio

lewn joints = pit sawn + lewn

1941

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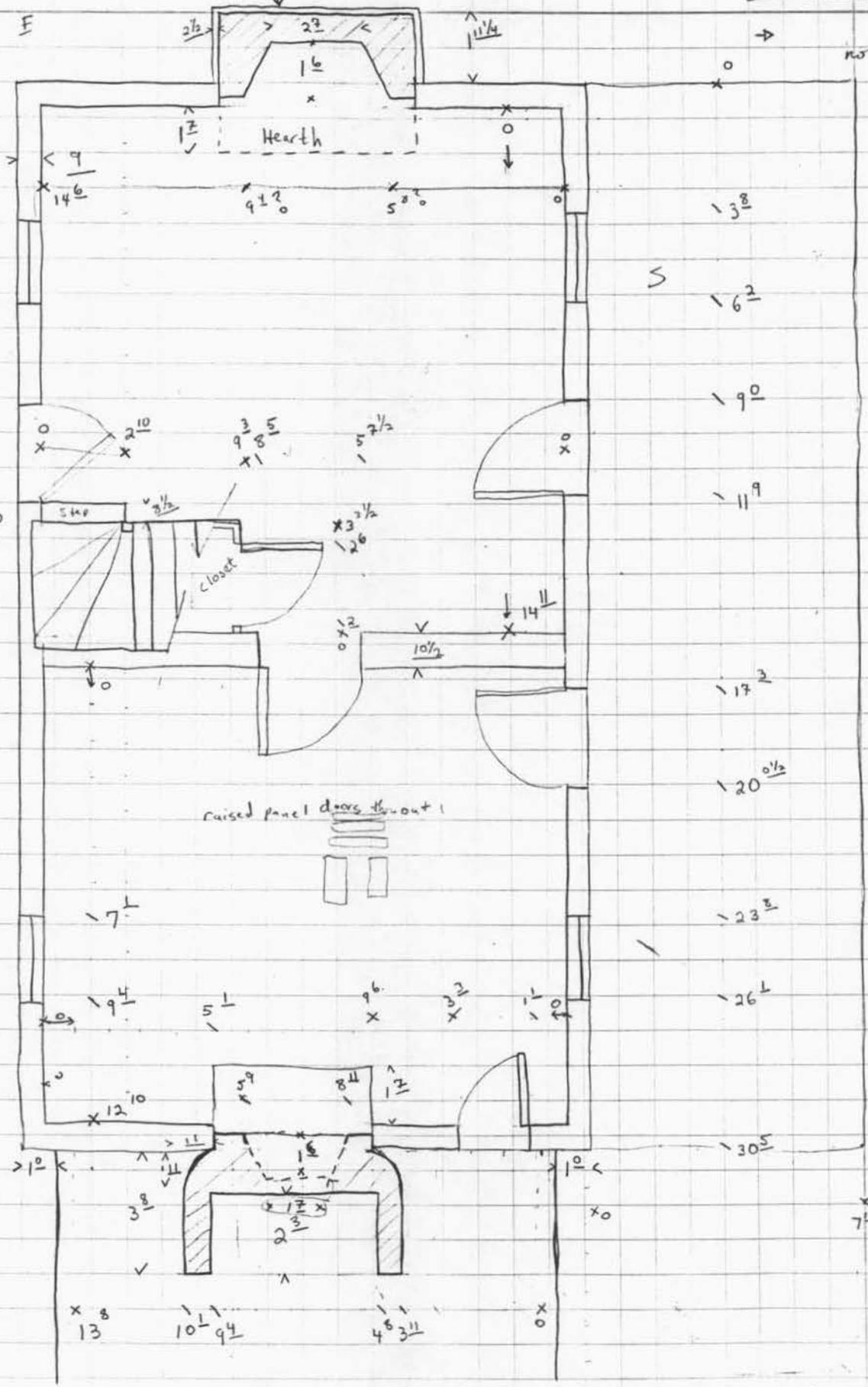
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Walls are composed of asbestos shingles, (cupboard) frame plaster + frame + wood paneling

(brick) 10E 4I

16E

stone foundation



no paneling
bead extends beyond porch roof



raised panel doors thru out

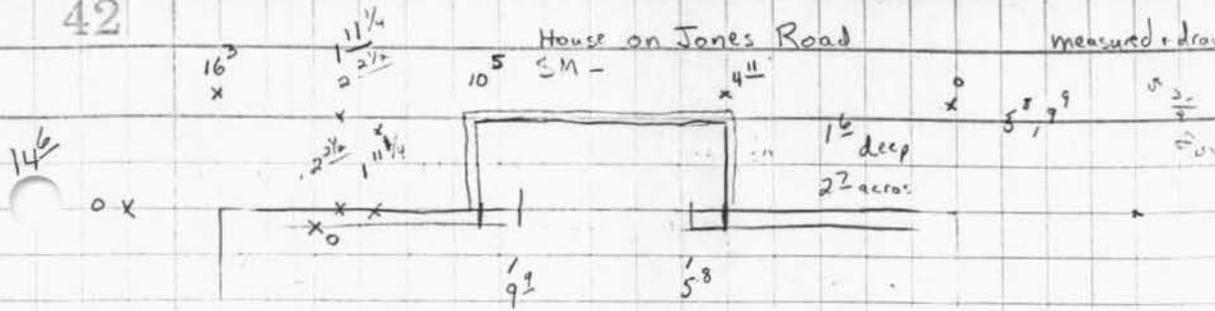
Beaded corner board here too

50' previous net

House on Jones Road

measured & drawn by Kirk Ranzetta

Mary Hayden



stud schedule

- Nelevation = (0, 7) (1 10 1/2, 2 1 1/4) (3, 4 1/2) (5 3/4, 6 1) [winder (9 0 5, 9 5) (10 0 1, 10 1) (11 10 1/2, 12 1/2) (13 10 1/2, 14 1)] (15 3 1/2, 15 10)
- elevation = (0, 4 1/2) (1, 2 1/2) (3, 4 2) (5, 6 2) (6 3/4, 7 0 1/2) (8 1 1/2, 9 3) (9 1 1/2, 10 2) (11 1 1/2, 12 2) (13 1, 14 0 1/2)
- door elevation = 6 1/2 (1 10 1/2, 2 2) (3 1 1/2, 4 2 1/2) (5 7, 5 11) (5 11, 6 2) (9 0 1/2, 9 11) (9 11, 10 2)
- exposed joists = (0, 4) (1, 2 1/2) (3 10 1/2, 4 1) (5 10 1/2, 6 1) (7 11 8 1) (9 10 1, 10 1) (11 10 1/2, 12 1) (13 10 1/2, 14 1/2) (15 8 1/2, 16 0)
- porch posts = (0, 3 1/2) (4 3 4 7) (14 8, 15 0) (22 3 1/2, 22 7 1/2) (29 6 1/2, 29 10 1/2)

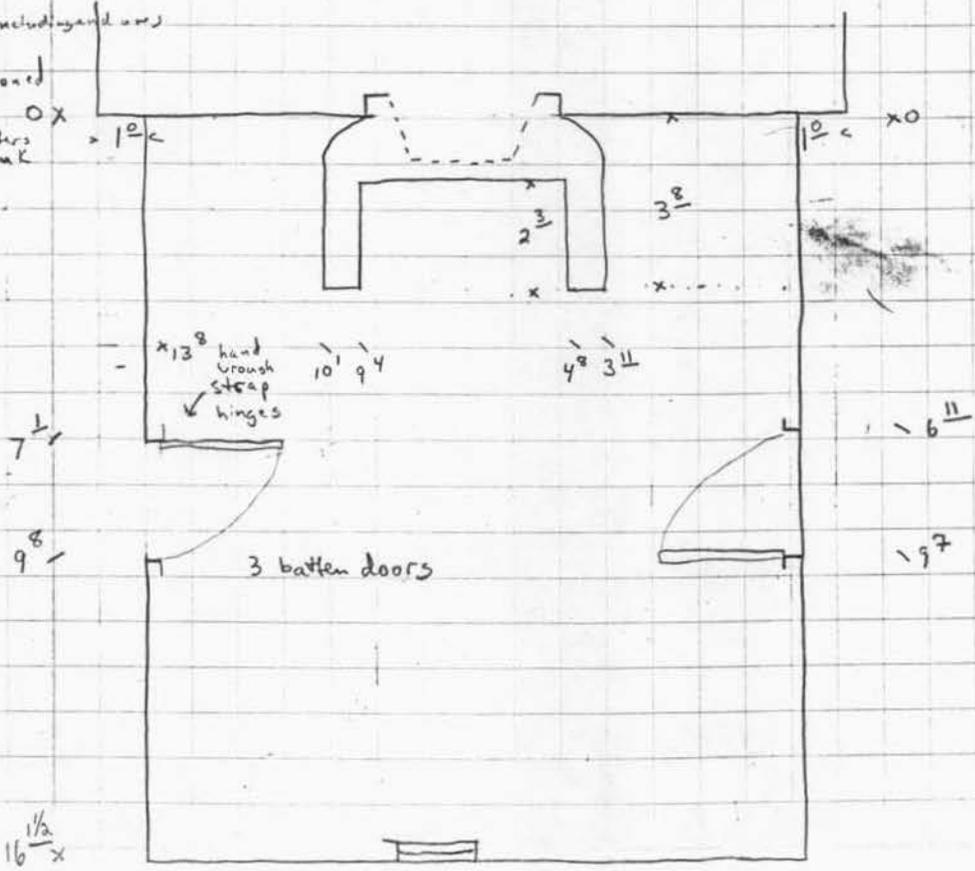
joists generally follow stud schedule on side joists notched over plate

hewn + pit sawn joists



earthfast barn
3 ft logs
no evidence of hoist siding
4 bays one side
C on other
9 rooms (including garden)
hewn plate
mortise & tenon into posts
skinned log rafters
latched at peak
cut sill

exposed interior frame
whitewashed



16 1/2 x

SM-168
JOHNSON FARMHOUSE
Hollywood
Private

early 19th century

This small frame dwelling is three bays long at the principal facade, and has two exterior chimneys at one end. There is a later one-story addition.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Johnson (J. Tester) Farmhouse AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Rich Neck Road CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY (Check One), OWNERSHIP, STATUS, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. Includes checkboxes for District, Building, Site, Structure, Object, Public, Private, Both, Public Acquisition (In Process, Being Considered), Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress, Yes: Restricted, Unrestricted, No.

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify), Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: J. Tester Johnson STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: DATE OF SURVEY: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Johnson Farmhouse is a one-story house three bays in length, with a one-story wing. It has end chimneys.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1911 Census 1921 Census 1931 Census 1941 Census
 1951 Census 1961 Census 1971 Census 1981 Census
 1991 Census 2001 Census 2011 Census 2021 Census

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA LEONARDTOWN ROAD

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Bourne

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 8-70

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

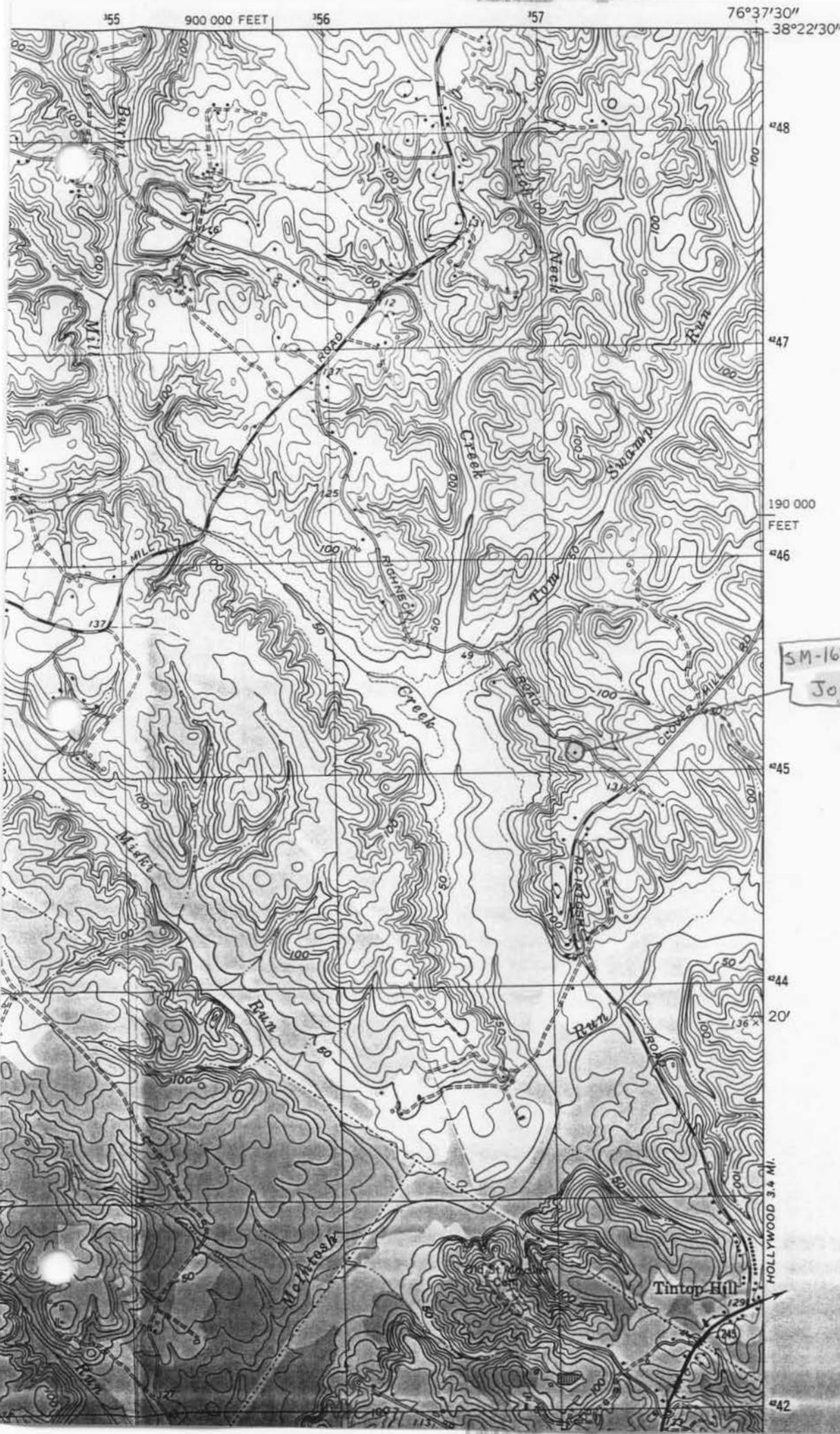
CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



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CONVERSION
SCALES



LEONARDTOWN, MD.
 SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
 38076-C6-TB-024
 1963
 BATHYMETRY ADDED 1981
 PHOTOREVISED 1984
 DMA 5660 I SW - SERIES V833

4247

190 00
FEET

4246

4245

4244

20'

HOLLYWOOD 3.4 MI.

4242

(HOLLYWOOD)
5660 1 SE

J. Test Johnson Farmhouse





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Joy / Johnson Area

St. Mary's County

York, Pa. 17406

Md. - HPO

Elevation

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Joy/Johnson House

St. Mary's County

Rice Runville

MD SHPO

E + N elevation

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Joy/Johnson House

St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

md SHPO

view of well, chimney & tower - all seen looking NW

? of 7

Feb/97







CM-168

Jay / Johnson House

St. Mary's County

Kirk Ranzetta

Md. SHPO

Kitchen fireplace - looking NW

5 of 7

Feb/97



SM-168

Jog/Johnson House

St. Mary's County

Kirk Rancette

MD SHPO

Tobacco House - SW elevations

7 of 7

Dec/97