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Dickerson Collins House  
Abell  
Private

last quarter of the  
19th century

This two story frame house was first built and owned by white farming families, and was later purchased by KDickerson Collins, a black farmer. The design of this I house, with a central hallway flanked by two rooms downstairs and upstairs, is commonly found among the homes of white and black landowners of the middle class.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dickerson Collins Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of the Abell-Breezy Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Abell

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

St. Mary's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dickerson Collins

Telephone #: 301-769-3732

STREET & NUMBER

Abell-Breezy Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Abell

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

St. Mary's County Courthouse

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Liber #: 38

Folio #: 217

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtwn

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame faces eastward toward the Abell-Breezy Point Rd. Its facade is three bays in length, with the front door centrally located and flanked by two windows. An L extends from the south west corner. Like many other farm houses of ordinary landowners, this one consists of a central hallway with two rooms flanking it upstairs and downstairs in the principal block. Behind the house are several outbuildings which are now used for storage, the purposes for which they were originally built no being needed.

**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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 1890 - 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is now owned and occupied by Dickerson Collins, a black landowner and farmer. According to him, the house was built in the last years of the 19th century. It was originally the home of white landowning families. His was the first black family to occupy it.

Dickerson is the son of Robert H. Collins, whose birthplace and whose house has been recorded in this survey, and of the daughter of John Dickerson, a prominent black landowner in Abell whose house was also recorded. Dickerson was given the maiden name of his mother.

This house represents the similarity in housing among landowners of both races of ordinary means.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
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ORGANIZATION DATE  
Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
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CITY OR TOWN STATE  
Annapolis, Md.

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(ROCK POINT)

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(MD.)

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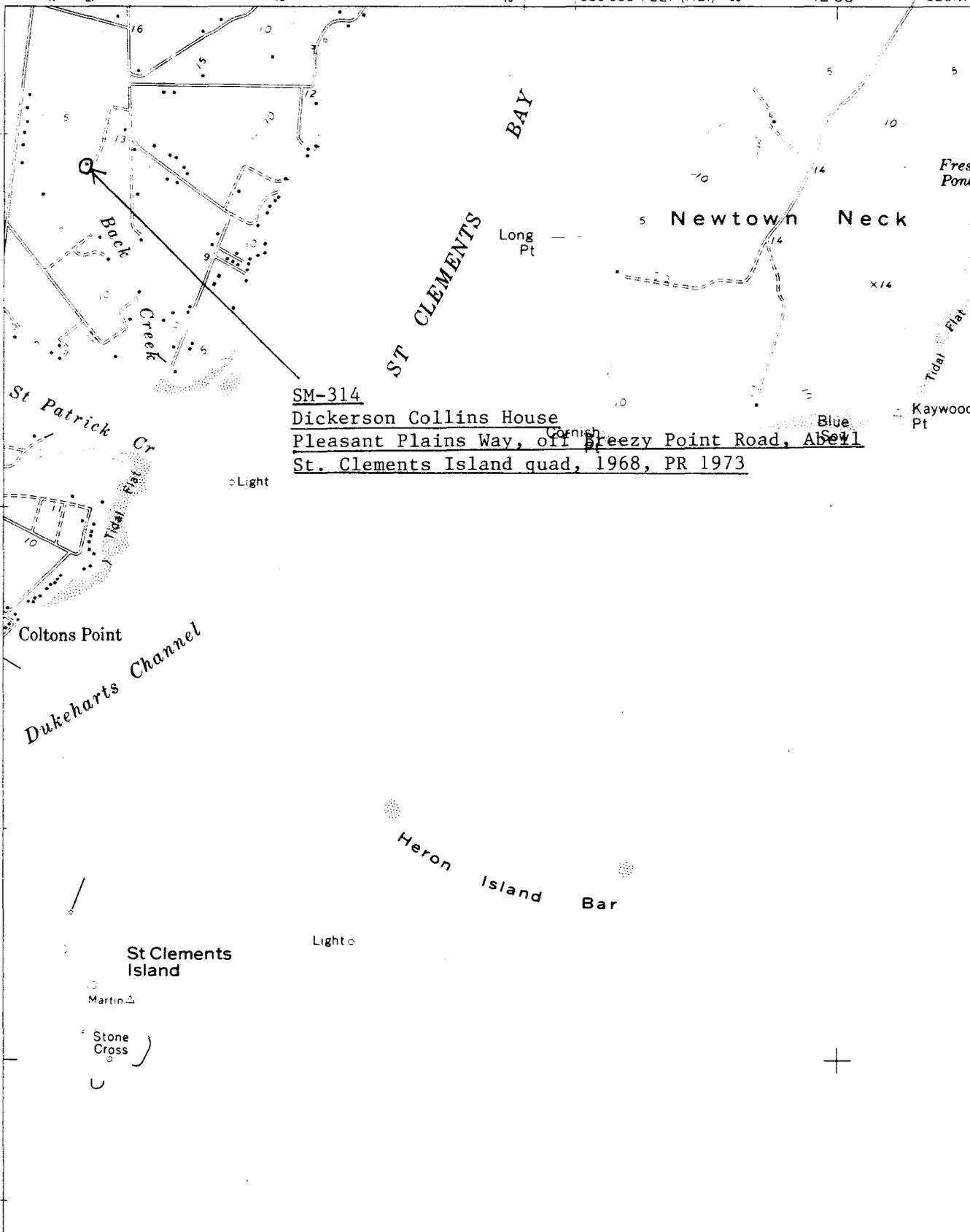
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12' 30"

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Dickerson Collins House  
Pleasant Plains Way, off Breezy Point Road, Absecon  
St. Clements Island quad, 1968, PR 1973



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Dickerson Collins Farm House

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Abell, Md.

East facade

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Dickerson Collins Farm House  
STMA 314

Abell, Md.

WEST facade

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