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1833

Peace and Plenty Farm

Pocomoke City vicinity

Private

Credit for the construction of this distinctive two-story, transverse hall dwelling is awarded to Isaac Harris, who inherited parts of the "Peace and Plenty" tract, as well as other adjacent properties, from his father, Thomas Harris. Although Thomas Harris died intestate around 1830, his lands descended to his only heirs, Isaac and his sister Mary. On February 4, 1832, Mary Harris transferred her legal interest in the property to Isaac. The year after, Isaac engaged masons and carpenters to erect a fine gable front dwelling. Set into the south face of the center brick chimney is a brick scratched with the date, 1833. Isaac and his family resided on this farm through the second quarter of the nineteenth century, and they are cited on the 1850 United State census for Worcester County. Fifty-five year old Isaac is listed with his thirty-nine year old wife, Sally, and daughters, Sally A., Mary, and Adeline. Also included in the household was Isaac's sister Mary, then forty-five.

Isaac lived only another year since Worcester County court appointed commissioners divided his land between his children in April of 1851. The main house and farmland surrounding it evidently fell to Adeline, who retained ownership through the balance of the nineteenth century. The property is designated on the 1877 Worcester County atlas as the residence of Oliver W. Jones, who married Adeline (Amanda in the 1870 census???) Harris. Also listed in the family was sixty-three year old Sallie Harris. The property, generally referred to as the Jones farm, remained in family hands until the early twentieth century.

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Notable for its distinguished gable front, the house boasts many original features including a well-executed pedimented front entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. Trimming the cornice are rows of modillion blocks. In contrast to other transverse hall plans, this example has two rooms, served by a center chimney, one behind the other. Attached to the back of main house is a kitchen wing.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Peace and Plenty Farm

MHT Inventory Number: W0-60

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

AGRICULTURAL - INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION  
(1815 - 1870)

4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. PLANTATION DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic PEACE AND PLENTY FARM

and/or common JONES HOUSE

### 2. Location

street & number Payne Road,  
.25 mile south of Brantley Road  not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

### 3. Classification

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                                     |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input checked="" 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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <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 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 Brooks Aydelotte

street & number Rte 2 Box 402 telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code MD 21851

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 1130

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 542

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1969  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 7. Description

Survey No. WO-60

|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <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 Peace and Plenty farm is located on the east side of Payne Road, a quarter of a mile south of the intersection of Brantley Road in the vicinity of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces west with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1833, the two-story, transverse hall frame dwelling is supported by a minimal stuccoed brick foundation and it is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof is finished at the base with a boxed cornice. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story kitchen.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The pedimented front entrance is fitted with flush paneled double doors that are framed by molded pilasters and are topped by a round arched fanlight. The adjacent nine-over-six sash windows retain a beaded edge surround and are flanked by modern aluminum shutters. Defining the second floor are three evenly spaced nine-over-six sash windows that are also fitted with aluminum shutters. The top of the gable end wall is framed within a pediment trimmed with flat modillion blocks. A six-over-six sash window pierces the tympanum.

The north side of the main block is five bays across, however the northwesternmost bay, formerly a side entrance, has been covered with asbestos shingles. The adjacent first floor openings are filled with nine-over-six sash windows, and the second floor is lighted by nine-over-six sash as well. The modillion blocks embellish the cornice until the the third bay from the west when the cornice continues undecorated.

The south side, on the other hand, retains a side entrance in the westernmost bay. A flush six-panel door is topped by a four-light transom. The adjacent two bays are filled with nine-over-six sash windows. The easternmost two bays are covered by a single story shed addition which stretches across the south side of the kitchen wing as well. The second floor of the main block is lighted by five nine-over-six sash windows, and the decorated block cornice continues until the third bay from the west. Rising through the center of the house is a wide brick chimney that is finished with a decorative corbelled cap. Fixed in the south face of the chimney is the 1833 datebrick.

The east end of the main block is largely covered by a single story two-bay, one-room plan frame kitchen. The south side kitchen entrance and an adjacent window are covered by the shed roofed enclosed porch. The section of wall not covered by the kitchen is pierced by a nine-over-six sash window in the northeastern bay, and a six-over-six sash window lights the attic. The gable end is trimmed with a beaded bargeboard.

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# 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/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**Specific dates** 1833 **Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/orApplicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  GLevel of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Peace and Plenty farm survives with a prominent early nineteenth century Federal style farmhouse that follows the regional gable-front, transverse hall house form popular during the first half of the century. Significant features include the 1833 date brick, a pedimented front entrance, original nine-over-six sash windows, a modillioned cornice and intact interior woodwork. Unfortunately, none of the period outbuildings survive.

## HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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The east side of the kitchen has more of its brick foundation exposed and a outside entrance provides access to a small cellar. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stack with flanking single-pane sash windows on the first floor and four-over-two sash windows that light the attic. The gable end is flush. The north side of the kitchen is pierced by a nine-over-six sash window, and the eave has been reworked.

PEACE AND PLENTY FARM  
JONES HOUSE  
CHAIN-OF-TITLE

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Brooks Aydelotte  
Route 2 Box 402  
Pocomoke City, MD 21851

1130/542  
147 acres

1130/542

Benjamin T. Aydelotte  
Thomas L. Aydelotte

to

11/16/1985

Brooks Aydelotte  
"Peace and Plenty" 147 acres

W.C.L. 868/95

Shirley Jones Westwood

to

2/14/1983

Benjamin T. Aydelotte  
Thomas L. Aydelotte  
Brooks Aydelotte \$136,000

B.B. 12/373

L. Paul Ewell, Trustee

to

3/28/1931

John S. Jones  
Joint ownership 9/28/1976 F.W.H. 556/485  
Shirley Jones Westwood  
Viola Jones Hancock

Public sale made on 2/31/1931 in pursuance  
of the special dower vested in the trustee  
in and by a certain mortgage from John S.  
Gordy and Zilpha C. Gordy to Emma W. Lucas  
and Willie Lucas Crockett 2/25/1922  
O.D.C. 43/464

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PEACE AND PLENTY FARM  
CHAIN-OF-TITLE (continued)

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O.D.C. 43/464  
MortgageJohn S. Gordy  
Zilpha C. Gordy

from

2/25/1922

Emma W. Lucas  
Willie Lucas Crockett  
147½ acres

O.D.C. 17/169

J. Milton Clogg

to

8/22/1914

John S. Gordy  
"Peace and Plenty" 147½ acres

O.D.C. 13/141

William J. Ardis  
Mary E. Ardis

to

1/6/1915

J. Milton Clogg  
\$2,500 "Peace and Plenty"

O.D.C. 4/52

Charles L. Jones

to

12/30/1908

William J. Ardis  
"and being the same piece of land allotted  
to said Adeline A. Jones out of the estate  
of her father, Isaac Harris

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CHAIN-OF-TITLE

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F.H.P. 22/246

Adeline A. Jones, mother

to

2/1/1905

Charles L. Jones

"It being the same piece or parcel  
alotted to me by my father, Isaac  
Harris, and return of said  
commissioners being made on  
4/22/1851

AX/509

Mary Harris

to

2/4/1832

Isaac Harris

...whereas Thomas Harris of said  
county died intestate seized of  
sundry parcels or tracts of Land  
being in Worcester County and the  
said Isaac and Mary Harris being  
sole heir and heiress of the afsd  
Thomas Harris and the lands of said  
Thomas Harris at his death falling  
to them jointly all those several  
containing and described in two  
separate deeds

1. Benjamin Stevenson to John Harris,  
father of said Thomas
2. Joseph Stevenson (of Joseph) to  
the said Thomas

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Benjamin Stevenson, of Worcester Co.

to

3/26/1787

John Harris, Sr. of Somerset County  
£374.10.0 ...all that part or whole  
of four following Tracts or parcels  
of Land Situate lying and being in  
Worcester County...part of Goshan,  
part of Addition, the whole of Peace  
and Plenty, and part of Addition to  
Salem...

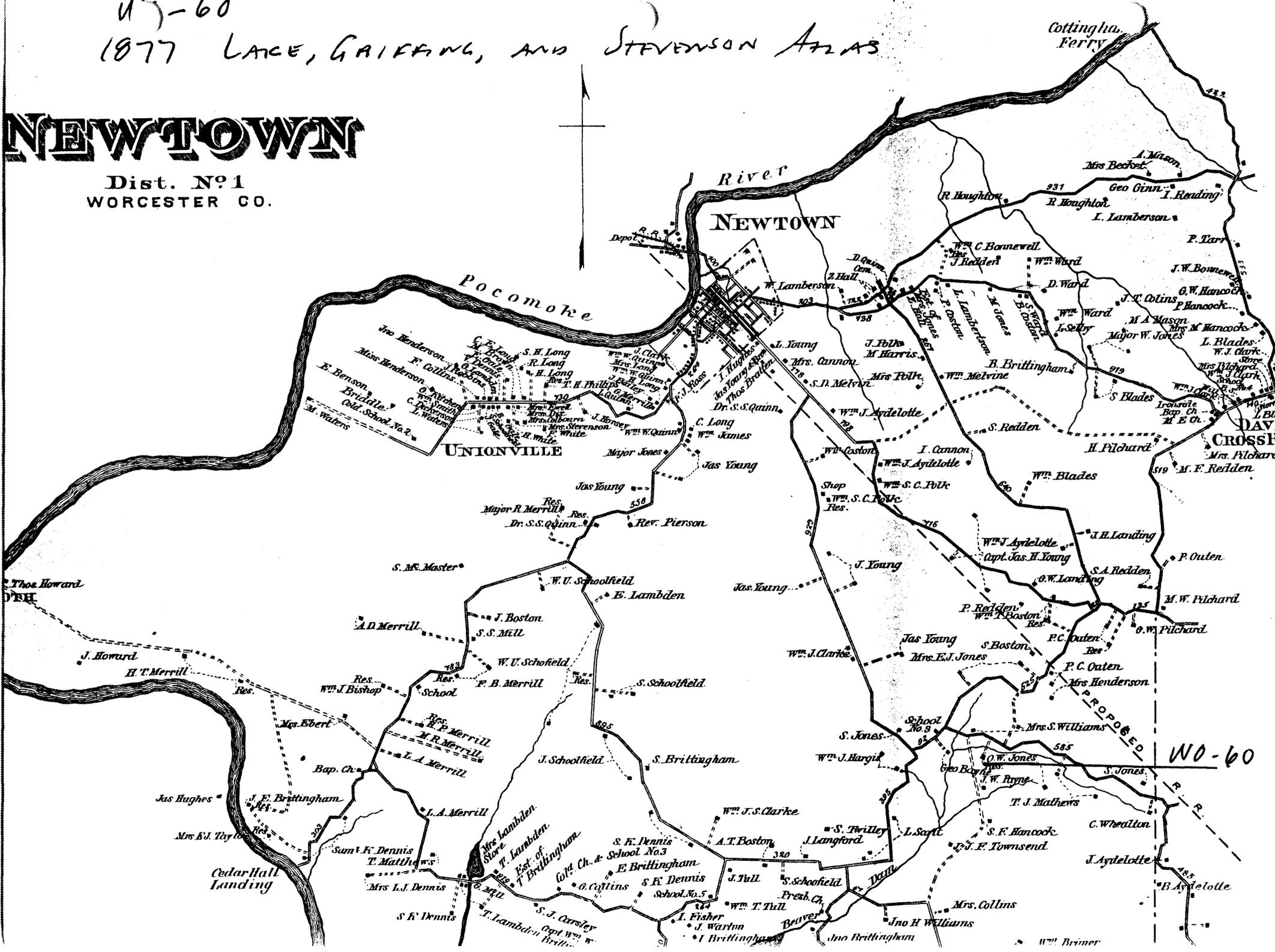
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|---|--|
| 1. STATE <i>Maryland</i><br>COUNTY <i>Worcester</i><br>TOWN <i>Pocomoke City</i> VICINITY<br>STREET NO. <i>Payne Rd</i><br><br>ORIGINAL OWNER<br>ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i><br>PRESENT OWNER <i>Viola M + Shirley Mae Jones</i><br>PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i><br>WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i><br>NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i>   | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY<br>INVENTORY <i>WO-60</i><br><br>2. NAME <i>Jones House</i><br><br>DATE OR PERIOD <i>c. 1810-1820</i><br>STYLE <i>Federal</i><br>ARCHITECT<br>BUILDER<br><br>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>NO</i><br><br><p style="text-align: center;"> <i>Jones House is a fine country version of a Federal house with a gable facade. The structure is three bays across the facade and five bays deep, three of which are original. The west facade has centre double doors with flush beaded panels flanked by convex pilasters and having a fanlight extending into the pediment. The two flanking windows and the three on second story have nine over six sash. At attic level is a full pediment with one six over six window. The cornice has very thin modillion blocks throughout the original part of the building. There are no steps to the west door and the foundation is covered with stucco, while the frame structure is covered with light green asbestos shingles. The west bay of the south facade is a single door with four-pane transom. A large brick chimney is located between the third and fourth bay of the house. Beyond</i> </p> |  |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <i>No</i> Interior Exterior <i>good</i><br><br><p> <i>the fifth bay is a two-bay, one-story wing with leanto porch on two sides which covers two bays of the larger house.</i> </p>   |  |
| 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)<br><br>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)<br>INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.   | 7. PHOTOGRAPH<br><br>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER<br><i>Michael Bourne</i><br><i>Maryland Historical Trust</i><br><br>DATE OF RECORD <i>July, 1969</i>   |

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

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1877 LACE, GAFFNEY, AND STEVENSON ATLAS

# NEWTOWN

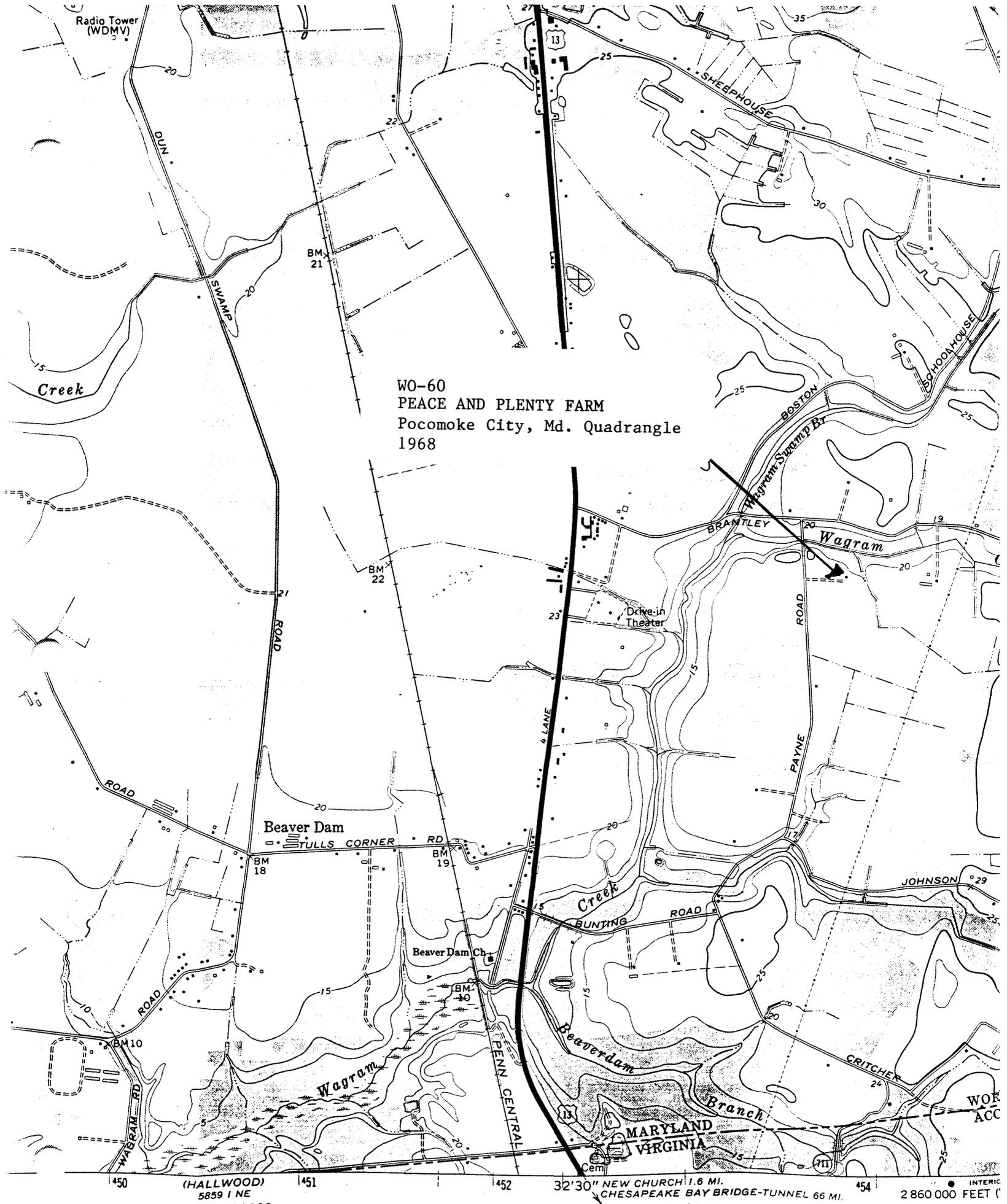
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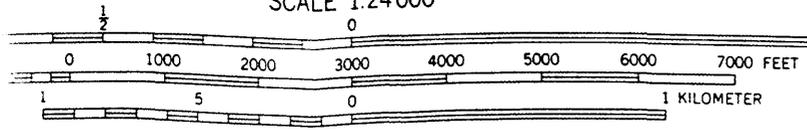
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Radio Tower (WDMV)

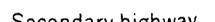
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PEACE AND PLENTY FARM  
Pocomoke City, Md. Quadrangle  
1968



SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET

Primary highway,  
 hard surface   
 Secondary highway,  
 hard surface 

2 860 000 FEET (



Jones House

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Michael Bourne