

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-198  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Champ's Adventure"

and/or common "Elizabeth's Fancy"

## 2. Location

street & number 3011 Patuxent River Road  not for publication

city, town Davidsonville,  vicinity of 7 congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 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                   | <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 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 MARTIN AND HILDA ZEHNER

street & number 3011 Patuxent River Road telephone no.: 798-5083 (410)

city, town Davidsonville, state and zip code MD 21035

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel Co Courthouse liber FAM 146

street & number South Street folio 250

city, town Annapolis, state Md

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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|   |                                       |   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                              | <b>Check one</b>                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input 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.

SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEETS

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-198

| 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/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input checked="" 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  | Builder/Architect |
|---|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D<br>and/or<br>Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G |                   |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local  |                   |

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



Champ's Adventure now stands on part of a 300-acre tract surveyed in 1669 for John Champ. The first mention, however, of buildings and improvements on the property is in a deed written in 1772. John Sellman acquired the land in the early 1700's and his descendants lived there until the late 1800's. The gravestones of the Sellmans, previously recorded as AA-0856, have been gathered into a small plot in the field to the northwest of the house.

Now known as "Elizabeth's Fancy," the house and 114 acres of level farmland are located on the east side of Patuxent River Road, one-half mile south of Governor's Bridge Road. This working farm was purchased in 1935 by the parents of the present owner. They made extensive structural and decorative alterations.

With the continuous sloping roofs that extend over the length of the front and rear porches, the one and one-half story house is typical of early Tidewater architecture. The house faces south. There are two doors and five nine over six pane windows on the ground floor with three gable roof dormers above with six over six sash. All bays are symmetrically spaced. The more central door has six small paired panels over two larger panels. The panels have applied molding. The door to the east has two over four raised and molded panels. The siding on this facade has random width beaded weatherboard. The western end is a later addition and appears to be consistent with the profile of the original house. It has narrower uniform beaded weatherboard. There are two chimneys. An inside chimney on the east end and an interior chimney on the west centered in the peak where the original house ended. The addition enlarges the house by nearly one-third.

The porch has seven rather evenly spaced pillars with double molded caps and plain plinths. The porch ceiling has a shallow cove configuration. There are brick steps before the porch doors and honeycomb brickwork below the porch. The house and dormer roofs are of channel drain metal.

The east end of the house has a cellar window on the left. To the right is a metal bulkhead which opens parallel to the foundation. Its concrete sides extend to a platform which has a hand pump. The first floor has six over six windows spaced towards the walls. The second level has two similar windows closer to the center. The gable has a four light window left of center. The rear porch has been enclosed at this end. It has a modern nine-light sash door.

CHAMP'S ADVENTURE, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
DESCRIPTION, CONTINUATION SHEET #2

The north side of the house reveals that the enclosed area covers nearly one-half of the left side. This affords an unheated entryway. The original two six over six windows of the old house have been installed on the outside of the recent enclosure according to the owner. They were replaced inside by a smaller one over one window on the left and a door on the right.

The back porch has details that reveal that this was the original principal facade. The main entrance has a molded architrave with patera corner blocks. The rebuilt porch has plain square pillars and a concrete floor. The remaining windows and dormers correspond with those at the front. The old siding is beaded and flush in the shiplap appearance.

The west end has two cellar windows. The foundation has cinder blocks on the sides with an older ironstone rubble center. The windows on the first and second floor match those of the east end. The gable window is centered. The east and west end have asbestos siding. All windows are trimmed with plain boards.

The interior room the southeast end had been the original kitchen, with a large chimney set two feet in from the end with a pantry behind. The outside corner had narrow winding stairs according to the owner. Chimney and stairs have been removed. An enclosed single flight of stairs now is located on the opposite wall. The stairway has a door at both ends. Under the stairs is a door leading to the cellar. This is a beaded vertical board and batten door with a box lock and L hinge. This room now serves as a dining room. The current kitchen is to the rear of this room.

The parlor is entered through a door beside the foot of the stairs. Here is the second door to the porch. The west wall has a built-in cupboard. To the right is a marbelized wooden mantel with plain pilasters and a double cushion frieze. The interior side has a wide pair of twelve light over one narrow and one wide horizontal paneled doors. The panels have applied molding. This room has a plain plastered and painted dado. The chair rail continues and incorporates into the windowsill. The doors and chair rails have dark varnish.

The original foyer is in the area behind the paired doors. The outside door has a true Carpenter lock. On the west wall is a door above two steps which opens to a winding staircase. To the left is a door with a second Carpenter lock which leads to a short passage. On the left of the passage is a built-in cupboard. On the right is a trapdoor that is the original access to the cellar. This passage leads to a cross hall which affords access to the newer west rooms. Here the molded surrounds with raised patera corner blocks were milled to match those of most of the original section of the house. This section consists of two bedrooms and a hall.

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DESCRIPTION, CONTINUATION SHEET #3

The second floor consists of three rooms -- one large room over the east end, one large room over the west end, and a center section consisting of a passage and a kitchen. In the kitchen the west wall has a door and narrow stairs to the attic with a trap-door at the top. The attic reveals rafters with mortise and tenon joints. There are also tie beams and the rafters are numbered.

The basement reveals extensive hand poured in-filling between the older rubble pillars. Much of this area has been hand dug since the 1930's. The northwest corner room was constructed for meat storage and a wine cellar. This room has a double thick door with diagonal beaded boards backed by vertical boards all secured with two heavy battens.

(map 22)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

AA-198

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

|   |  |  |                         |   |
|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |  |  |                         |   |
| COMMON:<br>"Champs Adventure"   |  |  |                         |   |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br>"Elizabeth's Fancy"   |  |  |                         |   |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |  |                         |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>East side of Patuxent River Road, 1/2 mile south of Jct. with Governor's  |  |  |                         |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Bridge Road Near Davidsonville   |  |  |                         |   |
| STATE:<br>Maryland  |  |  | COUNTY:<br>Anne Arundel |   |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |  |  |                         |   |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |  | OWNERSHIP  |                         | STATUS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    |                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       |
|   |  | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered  |                         | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC<br>Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No          |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |  |                         |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)  |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments   |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |  |  |                         |   |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Martin Zehner  |  |  |                         |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |  |  |                         |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Davidsonville  |  |  | STATE:<br>Maryland      |   |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |  |  |                         |   |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  |  |  |                         |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |  |  |                         |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Map #54, AD #2, Parcel #86, Liber/Folio # FAM. 146/250   |  |  | STATE:                  |   |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):   |  |  |                         |   |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>  |  |  |                         |   |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:  |  |  |                         |   |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local  |  |  |                         |   |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  |  |  |                         |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |  |  |                         |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:   |  |  | STATE:                  |   |

| 7. DESCRIPTION   |   |
|--|---|
| CONDITION  | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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   |
|  | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div> |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE   |   |
| <p>"Champ's Adventure" <del>now</del> stands on part of a 300 acre tract surveyed in 1669 for John Champ. The first mention, however, of buildings and improvements on the property is in a deed written in 1772. John Sellman acquired the land in the early 1700's and his descendants lived there until the late 1800's. The gravestones of Mary (d. 1812) and Leonard (d. 1814) Sellman and several other family members who died in the 1820's and 1830's have been gathered into a small plot in the field to the north-west of the house.</p> <p>The house and 114 acres were bought in 1935 by the present owners. They made many structural and superficial alterations and installed the heat and plumbing.</p> <p>The original chimneys, considered unuseable, were torn down and the brick used to build a chimney for the smokehouse. There was, according to the owner, a very large exterior chimney on the west end of the house. The chimney on the east end was set about 2 feet farther in from the wall than the present one. The old chimney in the middle was in the same location as the new one. Both the east and west end walls were rebuilt. They are now covered with asbestos shingle. All of the exterior walls and one interior wall have brick nogging up to the second floor. The basement was expanded and extra supports and new flooring installed. Most of the old basement walls are made from field stones. The porches extending the full length of the front and back of the house have been rebuilt but the same roof line has been maintained.</p> <p>The placement of windows, doors, and dormers is very irregular, implying that the house was built instages. Most of the windows have 9 panes over 6. The siding on the front (north) wall is made of horizontal lengths laid flush with beaded joints. The back of the house has over-lapping siding with beaded edges.</p> <p>The interior plan has been changed many times but some interesting features remain: a black-marbelized wooden mantel, a chair rail, window and door hardware, and a cabinet with heavy, paneled, doors and curved shelves.</p> |   |

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                       |                                       |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |         | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |         |          |         |         |           |         |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE |         |         |         | LONGITUDE   |         |         | LATITUDE |         |         | LONGITUDE |         |
|  | Degrees  | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes   | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes  | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes   | Seconds |
| NW   | °        | '       | "       | °       | '   | "       | °       | '        | "       | °       | '         | "       |
| NE   | °        | '       | "       | °       | '   | "       |         |          |         |         |           |         |
| SE   | °        | '       | "       | °       | '   | "       |         |          |         |         |           |         |
| SW   | °        | '       | "       | °       | '   | "       |         |          |         |         |           |         |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF ~~ADJACENT~~ PROPERTY: 114 acres

Acreage Justification:

Large empty box for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

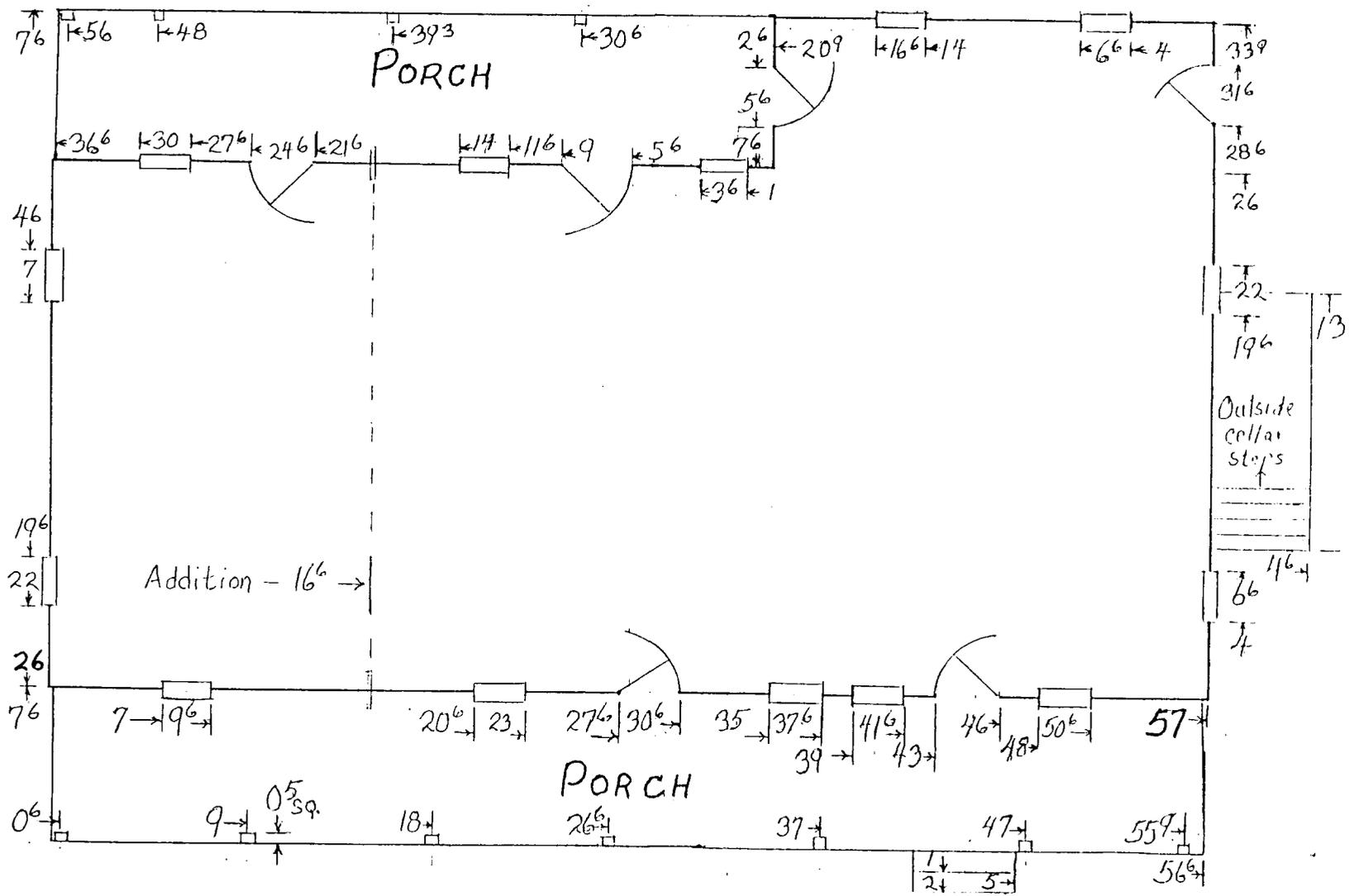
Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Champ's Adventure/ Elizabeth's Fancy

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"Champ's Adventure"  
South Elevation

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AA  
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(map 22)

AA-27-L-a

"Champ's Adventure"  
North Elevation

amb 1-75



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(map 22).

aa-27-L-a

"Champ's Adventure"  
West Elevation

amb 1-75