

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-907

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic PARKHURST FARM TENANT HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Cumberstone Road - west side not for publicationcity, town Cumberstone (Harwood) vicinity of congressional districtstate MD county A.A.

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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 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 Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC)

*(370.61 acres parcel 219
map 65)*

street & number Contees Wharf Road

telephone no.:

city, town Edgewaterstate and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber 2351

street & number

folio 2510

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

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 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 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or 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.

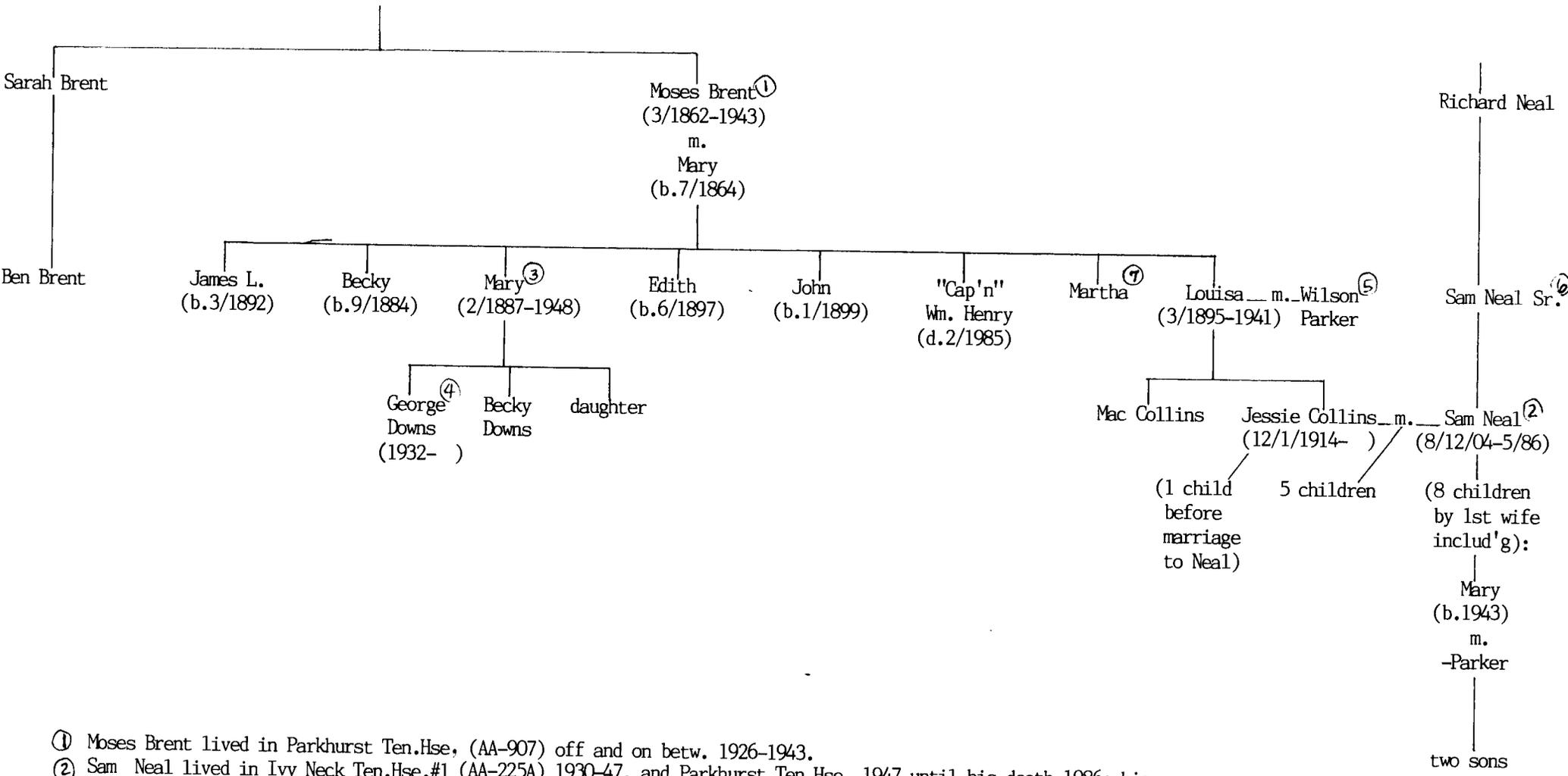
Parkhurst Tenant House is probably 100 years old if one believes local oral history. The main residence at Parkhurst, across Cumberstone Road, dates from 1845.

The tenant house was originally probably one-room-down, one-room-up, with an enclosed side stair hall rising from the left rear toward the front of the house, above the entry hall. A later 2-story addition, to the left (SW) of the entry, added two rooms, one down and one up. By 1912, one-story one-room wings had been added to each side of the house, according to Jerome Hall's memory. Jerome Hall, age 7, moved into the Parkhurst main residence servants' quarters with his mother Julia in 1912. He was the cook there. At that time the Parkhurst Tenant House was occupied by Clarence Dove's family. Later, in 1929-31, Jerome Hall himself lived in the Tenant House with his wife Willie and his elderly father John Hall.

Jessie Collins Neal, present occupant, lived here with her grandfather Moses Brent c.1932-43. In 1943 her grandfather died and she married Sam Neal and moved into Ivy Neck Tenant House #1(AA-225A). Parkhurst Tenant House remained vacant until Sam and Jessie moved in in 1947. Sam had been walking down Cumberstone Road from Ivy Neck to work for Mrs. Kirkpatrick, owner of Parkhurst, ever since 1937. He continued to farm the Parkhurst land until it was sold in 1970. Then, at age 66, Sam retired. He was one of the last of the once-plentiful Cumberstone tenant farmers. The Kirkpatricks sold off the Parkhurst farmland to the Smithsonian subject to a life estate for Sam and Jessie to remain in the tenant house. Sam died in 1986. Jessie still lives there. When she leaves, the old tenant house will be abandoned, since the Smithsonian's purpose at Cumberstone is to conserve and study the agricultural land and watershed, not the standing structures.

Cumberstone Black History/Geneology

BRENT/NEAL FAMILY TREES



- ① Moses Brent lived in Parkhurst Ten.Hse, (AA-907) off and on betw. 1926-1943.
- ② Sam Neal lived in Ivy Neck Ten.Hse.#1 (AA-225A) 1930-47, and Parkhurst Ten.Hse. 1947 until his death 1986; his wife Jessie still lives at Parkhurst, has life tenancy.
- ③ Mary Brent Downs lived in Ivy Neck Ten.Hse.#2 (AA-225B) 1942 until her death 1948.
- ④ George Downs lived in Ivy Neck Ten.Hse.#2 1942-52 and Ivy Neck Ten.Hse.#4 (AA-225D) 1952-65.
- ⑤ Wilson Parker lived in Creekside Farm Ten.Hse. (AA-906) c.1925-1943.
- ⑥ Sam Neal Sr. lived in Ivy Neck Ten.Hse.# 4 (AA-225D) 1930-43.
- ⑦ Martha Brent lives in Essex Farm Slave Hse.(AA-236A), 1985.



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PARKHURST FARM TEN. HSE.

A.A. Co. MD

S. Wehrill 4/85

N. corner



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PARKHURST FARM TEN. HSE.

A.A. Co. MD

S. Weimer

EAST corner
