

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

File # 801

MAGI #0800335304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grubb Property

AND/OR COMMON

Eckman House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

RD 1

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Chester El Eckman

Telephone #: 378-2742

STREET & NUMBER

RD 1

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WED 25

Folio #: 331

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

C8-33

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Grubb House c. <sup>1830</sup>~~1825-1825~~ is a 2½ story side hall/double parlor brick farmhouse located on the west side of the road leading from Bald Friar to Pennsylvania. The main facade faces east with the primary gable running north/south.

The main block is 3 bays across by 2 rooms deep and rests on an uncoursed stone foundation. The slate roof has a medium pitch. A 2 story L addition extends to the west and is 2 bays across by one room deep. It has been stuccoed. Attached to the north side of the L section is a 2 story shed addition. Attached to the south side is another single story shed roof addition.

The east facade is 3 bays across with the entrance in the southern bay. The main facade is laid in common bond with 5 rows of stretchers for every row of headers. Jack arches are over the first and second story 6/6 sash windows. The window and door surrounds are molded. Shutters have not lasted but the pintels do remain. The early front door is present and consists of 6 panels with an inset molding. The door reveals are also paneled. A boxed cornice with bed molding extends across at eave level. A late 19th century single bay gabled porch protects the entrance. The gable end is decorated with saw-tooth vertical boards. The eaves ~~are~~ extended and left open.

The north gable end has two 6/6 sash on each floor and two 6/6 attic lights. The top of the attic sash was rounded to a ¼ turn. A large stretcher bond stack rises out of the gable end with a one course cap.

The south end of the main block has similar detailing with 6/6 sash windows and 2 rounded 6/6 attic sash. A small brick stack rises out of this gable.

The rear section is stuccoed brick with a brick cornice along the south side. The north side is totally covered with the 2 story addition. A small stack is found in the gable end of the addition. The window sash are 6/6 on the first floor. There are two 4/4 second story sash that flank the stack.

The early 19th century interior of the main block is basically intact. The main stair has its early 19th balustrade with slightly swollen newel post and oval handrail. There are two rectangular balusters on each tread and the stringer is decorated with an elaborate scroll. The handrail terminates just beyond the post with a carved element in the shape of a cupped hand. The handrail is typical of the period and rises

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**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 checked="" 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/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 checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grubb House is an extremely important early 19th century house with definite architectural ties to the Federal Period. A house with as much exterior and interior Federal detail is rather uncommon in this area. The individualistic approach which was used in executing the hand rail is also worthy of note.

The property was owned in 1858 by Thomas Grubb who continued to own it until at least 1877. A store was operating on the property at the time of the Lake Atlas in 1877.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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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DATE

6/2178

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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sharply before reaching each supporting post. The door surrounds are widely fluted with bulls-eye corner blocks. Six panel doors with inset moldings and box locks also remain. The north-east parlor retains its 19th century mantel. Similar fluting to the door surrounds was used as a surround for the mantel. These fluted columns support a long rectangular paneled frieze. An elaborate molding serves as an cornice which supports the molded mantel shelf. A second mantel is located in the northwest room but is much more plain.

The second floor was not seen but assumed intact due to the condition of woodwork on the first floor.

The rear section due to the slope in the property is a couple of steps lower than the main block. A large fireplace with simple mantel shelf are on the west wall.

Late 19th century barn buildings are located to the west of the main block.

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Form 10-445  
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. Pilot  ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER C. E. Eckman PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Common Bond Brick NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CE - 33
	2. NAME ECKMAN HOUSE  DATE OR PERIOD c. 1820 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

This is a typical Federal period brick house of the type found in this county. It is three bays wide and slightly deeper. It has a rather steeply pitched A-roof. All the windows are 6/6 sashes with flat brick arches. There is a huge enclosed chimney at each end of the house. There are paired half lunettes on the gable level at each end of the house. There are old shutters pintels in the brick. The door occupies the left front bay. There is a water table around the house of simple quarter-round brick. There is a simple cornice of wood along the roof-line. This is a very high and deep house, almost akward in its proportions. It is interesting because it is of brick; in this part of the county most of the houses are of fieldstone construction.

Good condition

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) Coln 2465 2 b x w neg - 1 B&W 3-1/4 x 4-1/2

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
Paul Alan Brinkman  
16 December 1967 nos 4/20

DATE OF RECORD

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



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EAST ELEVATION

NR

PILOT TOWN, MD.

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EICKMAN HOUSE

WEST ELEVATION

NR

PILOT TOWN, MD.

6/28 PIST



ECKMAN House

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NORTH PARLOR MANTEL

NR

PILOT TOWN, MD.

PBT

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Eckman House

STAIR

NR

Pilot Town, MD.

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ECKMAN HOUSE

MAIN ENTRANCE  
NR

PILOT TOWN, MD.

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