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GUSTAFSON HOUSE  
Elkton  
Private

early 19th century

The Gustafson House, a circa 1800-1825 structure, is the product of two building stages. The first stage of construction appears to have produced a one room log structure, three bays wide and two stories tall. This section was probably raised to its present 2½ story height when a larger three bay wide frame section with a center hall and flanking single room plan was attached to it in the early 19th century. The house is architecturally significant as one of only a few remaining early houses in the Elk Neck area of Cecil County, and for its retention of much original woodwork.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gustafson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. #1 Box 109

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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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 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 checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21901

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

WAS 377

Folio #:

342

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**

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 Gustafson House c. 1800-1830 is a result of two primary building stages. The house is located on Lod Field Point Road just north of the intersection with chestnut road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The first stage of construction appears to have been a 2 story 3 bay by 1 room log structure, which was probably raised to its 2½ story height when the 2½ story single pile center hall frame structure was added on the north gable end.

The entire structure rests on an uncoursed stone foundation with a full basement under the center hall section. The structure is covered with asbestos siding and probably weather-board underneath. The steeply pitched roof is covered with composition tile.

The log section has been extensively altered with the removal of interior walls and the large chimney in the south gable end. The eastern side has a central entrance with a replaced door. The fenestration is symmetrical with a replaced single pane sash on the first floor and 6/6 on the second. Six pane lights illuminate the finished attic level. A boxed cornice stretcher across at eave level complete with bed molding. It was probably continued from the center hall section when the roof was raised on the log section. Reasons to believe the roof was raised are found with the definite decrease in wall thickness on the third floor and identical window trim to the main block is found on the third floor windows. The west side of the log structure is similar to the east, however, the central door has been closed up. The gable end has two 6/6 sash on the second floor and two four pane attic lights. An exterior stretcher bond stove stack rises between the windows.

The interior of this section has been extensively remodeled and is presently used as a kitchen.

The main block of the present structure is much longer than three bays across with a central entrance. The 6 panel door has a transom and the trim has a double half round profile. The symmetrical fenestration remains along with the 6/6 sash windows. A single bay shed roof porch protects the entry the north gable end is plain outside the 4 attic lights that flank the stretcher bond chimney pile. One flue has been taken down but the other remains. The south end stack has been dismantled above the roof line.

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Much of the interior woodwork in this section remains. The central stair rises to the second floor and has a swollen newel post, and oval handrail. There are two rectangular balusters to every tread. The attic flight has been removed and replaced by a bath. A early 19th century mantel with a molded fireplace surround, plain frieze and molded mantel shelf, remains in the north parlor. The chair rail is fairly plain. 6 panel doors with inset moldings and exterior box locks and spoon shaped handles remain on a few of the doors. The opening between the hall and the south room was widened in the 1920's with tapered square dollars that rest on a half wall. The south parlor mantel is a mid 19th century replacement. Other early 19th century mantels and doors remain on the second floor.

# 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architectural significance of this house lies not only with the fact that it remains as one of a handful of early homes on Elk Neck but also since it retains much of its interior details. <sup>and</sup> The alterations and changes in woodwork that have occurred reflect different periods and do not detract from the overall character of the structure. The differences in woodwork show a clear progression of style from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Elkton

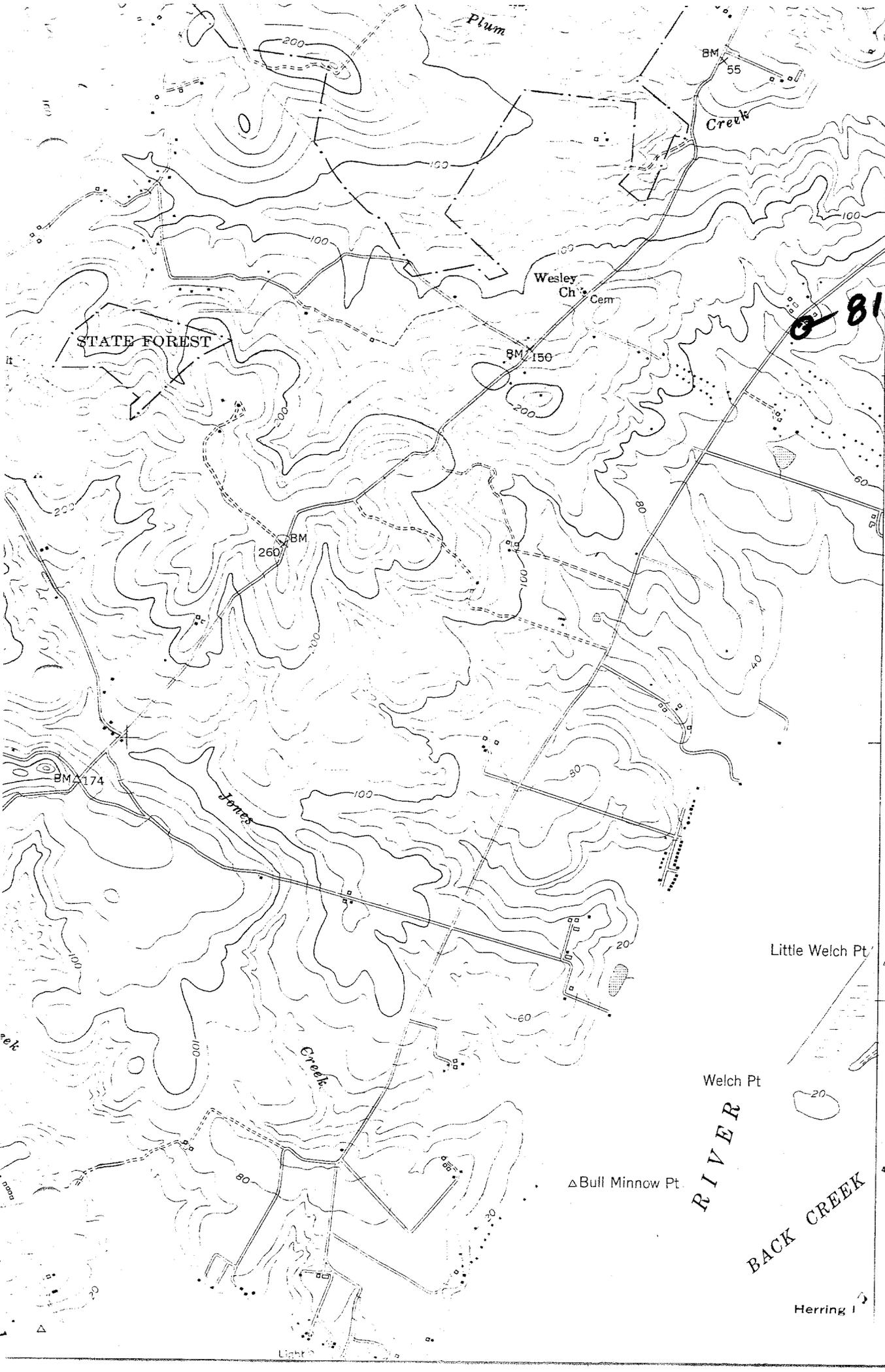
STATE

Maryland

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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5863 III SE

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32'30"  
4377

4376

4375

NORTH  
EAST  
QUAD.

Plum  
Creek

Wesley  
Ch. Cem

STATE FOREST

BM 150

BM 260

BM 174

Jones  
Creek

Little Welch Pt

Welch Pt

△ Bull Minnow Pt

RIVER  
BACK CREEK

Herring I



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NORTH ROOM MANTEL  
OLD FIELD POINT, MD.

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INTERIOR MAIN STAIR  
OLDFIELD POINT, MA.

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