

McKinney-Connelly House  
CE-905  
Near Rock Springs  
Private

C. 1840

This two story seven course common bond brick house with corbelled brick cornices stands on property John McKinney purchased from Jonas Preston. (Next door at the time) The fifty acre property consists of two segments of different tracts, "Long Lane" and "Dividing". (JS 28/360 - 11/20/1830) 1858 County tax assessments value the 50 acre at \$1800, while an adjoining 48 acres parcel purchased later by John McKinney was assessed at \$672.00. This would indicate that the house stood on the 50 acre tract with the much higher valuation. Having acquired the 50 acre tract in 1830, John McKinney built the house within the next two decades which corresponds to the architectural details and second quarter of the 19th Century woodwork. The McKinney House obviously had a Scotch-Irish owner at the time of construction, namely John McKinney, who chose more fashionable brick instead of local fieldstone or log. The first floor plan consists of a central enclosed stair which is flanked by a room on either side. The major difference with this structure other than the brick construction, is the location of two front doors on the front elevation. This feature appears on structures that have an English or Scotch-Irish background at ~~the time of construction~~ .

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Connelly Brick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sterrett Road, 1 mile north of Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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

Jack and Carol Connelly

Telephone #: 658-5227

STREET & NUMBER

Connelly Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 70

Folio #: 174

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 Connelly Brick Farmhouse c. <sup>1840</sup>~~1850~~ is a 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> story center hall single pile structure located on the east side of Sterrett Road just east of Porter's Grove. The house is placed on a northern slope of a hill with the main facade facing west. The primary gable runs on a northeast/southwest axis.

The common bond brick main block is 4 bays across by one room deep. The structure rest on a full uncoursed stone basement. The house is covered with a medium pitched slate roof.

The primary facade is a 4 bays across with the central two bays as doors. The 19th century 4 panelled doors <sup>OPENINGS</sup> have granite sills and three light transoms. Pintles remain on the 6/6 sash but the shutters do not. A single brick belt course extends across the main facade to primarily protect the shed roof from porch from water damage. The porch has turned supports and turned balusters for the porch railing. The last brick detail is a 3 course cornice.

The south gable end has two 6/6 sash on each floor and two 4 pane lights to illuminate the attic. Each window has an extended wood lantels. There are also basement windows with horizontal diamond cross-sectioned bars. A plain barge board protects the gable end, and the chimney has a single course cap.

The east facade is only three bays across with the center bay as an entrance. It too has a three light transon and 4 panel door. The windows are identical to the rest in the house except the northern 1st floor opening which is a 3 sided bay window.

Attached to the north gable end is a late 19th century two story aluminum siding frame addition which rests on an uncoursed stone foundation. The addition is not as deep as the main block. A six pane basement window is located on the north-western side of the main block and is also protected with diamond cross-sectioned horizontal bars. The basement, due to the slope is almost entirely exposed on the northern gable end.

The first floor interior consists of two rooms divided by an inclosed central stair. The south parlor woodwork, as in the rest of the house, is of late Federal/Empire design. The mantels are widely fluted with an undecorated frieze and a thick mantel shelf. Next to the fireplace in the north parlor is a 6 panel floor to ceiling door cupboard. The interior doors are of a 4 panel design with box locks. The window reveals are curved. The door surrounds consist of three vertical bands that descend in level toward the inside edge of the molding. The backband having the highest relief. Similar but less detailed

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woodwork was found on the second floor.

The only outbuilding is an uncoursed stone meat house with a new tin roof.

# 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 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 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 house retains much of its significance since it has most of its period woodwork and architectural details. The house reflects the mid to late 19th century and is similar to another house at Rock Springs of about the same date. The owner of the house in 1877 was Mrs. R. McKinney and in 1858, Jno. McKenna.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

*[Faint, mostly illegible text describing the boundary description]*

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

J.T.G.  
2/497

REBELLA McKINNEY

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4/27/1893

TO  
LEANNOR J. STEKRETT

JONAS PRESTON

TO

11/20/1830

31/4/23  
JS 28/360

NO. 1 50 ACRES  
JOHN McKINNEY

DIED ANN WILL PRIVATED  
8/14/1866 REGIS. 6/20/1890

NO. 2. 142 ACRES JAMES NICKEL, EXECUTOR FOR  
ANN E. ALLEN

HITM  
5/275

TO  
JOHN McKINNEY  
~~WILLIAM ALLEN~~

6/20/1855

SAVING AND EXCEPTING 94 ACRES WHICH  
WAS CONVEYED BY SAID JOHN McKINNEY  
TO WM G. MOORE 8/4/1855

HITM  
5/27

81,692 PART OF TRACTS "LONG LAKE"  
"DIVIDING"

BEING LAND CONVEYED TO ROBERT ALLEN BY  
GEORGE KING AND JOHN MILES OF LANCASTER  
DEC. 10/ 1828 JS 26/302 142 ACRES  
ROBERT ALLEN PASSED PROPERTY TO ANN ALLEN  
AT HIS DEATH AND ANN ALLEN HAVING ALSO  
DIED AUTHORIZED JAMES NICKEL AS EXECUTOR

TAX ASSESSMENTS

1857	John McKinney	50	1800
		48	672
	DR. R. ALLEN		
	TOTAL		3394

WAS 256/32 (1877 A. McVey)

RRC 46/41

BROWN 1877

WAS 74/174 JULIAN AND DALLAS HODGSON  
TO

1/7/1959

JACK AND CAROL CONNELLY  
"JOHN M. STERRET FARM"  
McKenna - 1858  
McKinney 1877

GEORGE P., JOHN, FRED P. AND PAUL P. CONNELLY

TO

JULIAN AND DALLAS HODGSON

9/19/1944

"JOHN M. STERRET FARM"

RRC  
2/158  
CCL

GEORGE P. CONNELLY

TO

3/7/1938

ABOVE GRANTORS

192 ACRES

WEB  
2.7

EVANS

JAMES F. ~~McKENNA~~, ATTORNEY

5/11/1927

TO

GEORGE P. CONNELLY

\$4050.00, 98 ACRES

STA  
1/103

MORTGAGE FROM CEPHAS B. DALTON TO CTRS.

S. PYLE AND WM J. STERRETT

6/30/1926

REPAID MORTGAGE - EQUITY 4/14/1927

MWL  
19/151

WM J. STERRETT

TO

6/30/1926

CEPHAS B. DALTON

DEBORAH E. STERRETT, MIMOR

98 -

HU  
10/384

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to  
GEORGE P. CONNELLY  
\$4050.00, 98 ACRES

AC -  
19/151  
MORTGAGE FROM CERVITAS B. DALTON TO CERVAS.  
S. PYLE AND WM J. STERNETT 6/30/1926  
DEFAULTED MORTGAGE - EQUITY 4/14/1927

WM J. STERNETT

JUL  
18/384

to  
CERVITAS B. DALTON  
DEBORAH E. STERNETT, MINOR  
98 -

6/30/1926

WM. J. STERNETT  
ELLA STERNETT  
TO

2/28/1895

J.T.G.  
8/125

JOHN M. STERNETT  
\$4500.00

"ON THE ROAD LEADING TO NEW BRIDGE" TO  
CUTLERS LANE

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

CECIL CO

CONOWINGO MD. / PA. **QuAD**

Rock Springs

New Valley Sch

Porters Grove Ch

**OCE-905**

Richardsmere

Conowingo (P.O.) Kilby Corner

Conowingo Sta

OCTORARO

Rowlandsville

4397

4396

42'30"

4395

4394

(RISING SUN)  
5763 II NE

4393

4392

40'

4391

DISING SUN 3 M  
PHILADELPHIA PA 25 M





CONNELLY BRICK FARMHOUSE CE-905

<sup>NE</sup> PORTER'S GROVE, MD.

WEST ELEVATION

PBT 7/28



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CONVEY BRICK FARMHOUSE  
NR PORTER'S GROVE, MD.

EAST ELEVATION

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Cannery BRICK FARMHOUSE

NR PORTER'S GROVE, MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

FBT 7/78



CONNELLY BRICK FARMHOUSE

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NR PORTER'S GROVE, MD.

MEAT HOUSE - SOUTHWEST ELEV.

PBT 7/78