

Bennett-Rhoades House  
CE-1047  
Near Chesapeake City  
Private

C. 1855

The Bennett-Rhoades House stands in the midst of Augustine Herman's vast Bohemia Manor. The 100 acre tract on which this house stands was conveyed to the Oldham Family in the early 19th century (JS 6/74 - 1/12/1810). The 100 acre parcel remained without a structure until George W. Bennett and William Watts bought the hundred acres for \$1500.00 in 1854. (HHM 3/221) Bennett and <sup>WATTS</sup>presumably built the farmhouse with the intention of renting. <sup>THE RHODADES NAME</sup> William Rhoades appears on both the 1858 and 1877 atlases but <sup>WILLIAM RHODADES</sup>did not purchase the property until 1863, (WHR 4/524) which indicates Rhoades rented the farmhouse and 100 acres from the time of house construction to 1863 when he purchased the farm for \$5000.00.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI # 0810475504 CE-1047

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

FILE - 280

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC BENNETT -  
William Rhoades House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Castner House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Northwest corner of intersection of Route 213 and Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN Chesapeake City  VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 Point Road  
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	<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 Alex. E. Castner Telephone #: 885-5327  
STREET & NUMBER 1 Courthouse Point Road  
CITY, TOWN Chesapeake City  VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21915

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court  
STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland

Liber #: ~~WAS 303~~ RRC 46  
Folio #: ~~375~~ 350

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_\_STATE \_\_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_\_LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

*BENNETT*      *1855*  
 The ~~Wm. C. Rhoades~~ Rhoades House c. ~~1840~~ is a two story four bay by one room hall/parlor frame house on the northwest corner of Maryland 213 and Courthouse Point Road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The house rests on a partial fieldstone foundation with a basement under the two bay by one room kitchen ell. The earlier weatherboard is covered with a composition shingle. The roof retains a standing seam tin sheathing.

The east (main) elevation is four bays across with two central doors and flanking 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds. Louvered whutters remain on the four second floor windows.

The front doors are glazed above the lock rail and paneled below. A molded box cornice stretches across the base of the roof. Interior end brick stacks rise out of each end and are flanked by four pane attic lights. A plain bargeboard closes the gable end. One 6/6 sash is found on the first floor of the south end with two panel shutters. A three bay hipped roof porch with turned posts and decorative corner brackets also has a railing between posts.

The west side of the house is predominantly covered with the ell kitchen wing. Two second floor windows are exposed on the north end of the house. An identical box cornice is also found on this side.

The kitchen wing has similar detailing only it is slightly shorter in elevation. A single story shed addition is attached to the north side while a shed porch covers the south side. A kitchen entrance has an adjacent 6/6 sash window and two 2" floor sash above. The side porch extends farther west than the rear kitchen wall. Another shed porch runs across the back of the house.

The interior detailing has remained basically unaltered with long two panel doors with heavy ogee molded insets, which are framed by molded door surrounds. An enclosed winder stair is found in the southwest corner. Mid 19th century mantels have simple pilasters, a plain frieze and a thick board shelf.

Not many mid 19th century farm structures remain. The present owners were responsible for constructing a number of concrete block structures.

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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/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

William H. Rhoades arrived in Cecil County around 1838 from Delaware according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson patron list. ~~The stylistic features date from approximately that period so Mr. Rhodes may have been responsible for the its construction of this house.~~

The hall/parlor form with two front doors is a relatively common form in Cecil County, especially in the northern part. Its cultural background is not exactly known but expected to ~~the~~ English antecedents.

WILLIAM RHOADES APPEARS ON 1858 MAP BUT DID NOT PURCHASE PROPERTY UNTIL 1863 (WAR 4/524) FOR \$5000.00. GEORGE W. BENNETT OWNED THE FARM BEFORE RHOADES AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING THE HOUSE FOR A TENANT FARM. BENNETT AND WM WATTS PURCHASED THE 100 ACRES FROM THE OLATHAM ESTATE IN 1854 FOR \$1500.00.

1855 TAX ASSESSMENT -

GEORGE W. BENNETT } 100 ACRES HOUSE 2500  
 WM WATTS }

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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**

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

5/20/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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 Revised 1953. Hydrography from USC&GS charts 570 and 572  
 dated 1941 and 1947

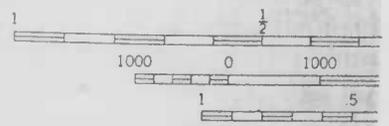
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 100,000-foot grids based on Maryland  
 and Delaware coordinate systems

Red tint indicates area in which only  
 landmark buildings are shown

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 one 18, shown in blue



UTM GRID AND 1970 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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 DEPTH CURVES AND S  
 SHORELINE SHOWN RE  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEC  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOG

*ELKTON MD. Dr. ...*



BENNETT

WERNER - RHOADES HOUSE

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SOUTH ELEVATION

VIEW

CITES. CITY, MD. EFCIL

9/80

PBT

NIG. - MITT

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~~BENNETT~~

~~WELCH~~ RITZ APES

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EAST ELEVATION

NEAR

CECIL

CAR CITESAPETHEX CITY, MD.

~~CECIL~~ 10/79 PIST NEAR MHT



BENNETT

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~~WOOD~~ - RANDOLPH HOUSE.

WEST ELEVATION

NEAR

CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD

RECIL

10/79

P13T

NEG. MIT



BENNETT

WILM CT. - RITWINGS HOUSE

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SOUTH ELEVATION

NEAR CITSAPENICE CITY, MD

CECIL

10/79

P13T

NEG. MAT



Bennett -

WELLS RICHMOND HOUSE

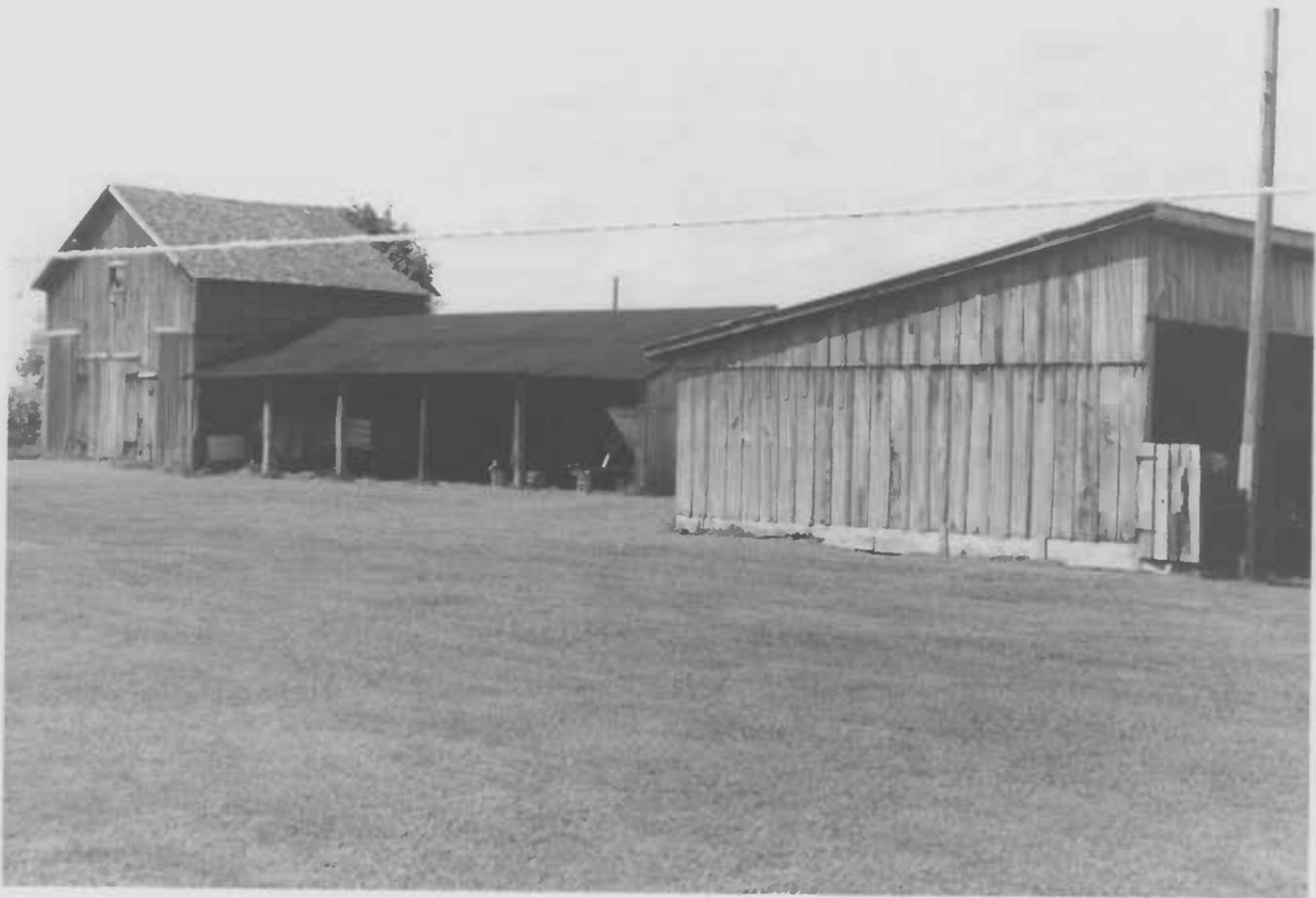
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EAST ELEVATION of BARN

NEMC

CHARLESWORTH CITY, MD. CECIL

10/79 PIST NEG. MITT



BENNETT - RHODES House

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EAST ELEVATION

NEAR CHARLESTON City CECIL

10/79 FBI NEG - MA HAT TRUST