

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File 6-116

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Saunders-Petty Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
1429 Liberty Grove Road

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Conowingo  VICINITY OF 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 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 Charles Petty Telephone #: 658-6053

STREET & NUMBER  
1429 Liberty Grove Road

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code  
Conowingo  VICINITY OF Maryland 21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WEB 10  
Folio #: 4

STREET & NUMBER  
Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN STATE  
Elkton Maryland

**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 checked="" 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**

The Saunders-Petty Farmhouse c. 1829 is a two story four bay by one room stuccoed stone house on Liberty Grove Road 1/2 mile north of the Liberty Grove crossroads. The house faces south with an east/west gable orientation.

The house rests on a fully excavated fieldstone foundation and the south side is exposed since the house is built into the south slope of a hill. The stone has been fully stuccoed and the structure is covered by a medium sloped corrugated tin roof. A shed kitchen on the north side was added by the owner.

The south facade consists of four openings on both first and second floors. The central two openings on the first floor are doors which are flanked by 3/1 sash windows. The second floor is illuminated by four 3/1 sash and a boxed cornice with bed and crown moldings stretching across immediately above. An 1829 datestone is located between the two central windows. The first floor is fully covered by a shed roof porch supported by turned posts with sawn corner brackets. A turned post balustrade connects each post with another. As can be detected by the 3/1 sash all the other windows are similarly treated. The doors have also been replaced but the transom lights remain.

The west gable end has two sash on each floor and two four pane attic lights that flank the interior end chimney pile. The stack above the roofline is laid with brick. The bargeboards have a corner bead.

The north side has only three openings but is basically covered by the later shed additions. The same cornice with moldings stretches across the base of the roof.

The interior was not open but severely remodeled with removal of partition walls and replacement of windows.

Just south of the house is a single story fieldstone springhouse with gabled composition tile roof. It is also built into a bank with two levels. A board door entrance allows entry on the north side to the upper level.

The main barn is situated on a higher level southwest of the house. The medium sized frame barn is sheathed with typical vertical boards and rests on a fieldstone foundation. On its northeast corner stands a circular fieldstone silo with gabled seamed tin roof.

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**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 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

1829

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Saunders-Petty House although remodeled inside stands as a dated example of the two story four bay house with two central doors and probable hall/parlor plan. The house type is predominantly found in the Nottingham lots area and also further east and west. The hall/parlor type with two front door appears to come from a mixture of English House types that were affected by a balancing of the facade. Another unusual feature of this complex is the intact circular stone silo. Others in the area remain in partial ruin. The spring house is a typical size and form.

R. Saunders owned this farm 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

10/6/81

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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SAUNDERS-Perry FRUITSE  
SOUTH ELEV.  
NR LIBERTY GROVE

3/29 PPT

NEC. / MD. HIST TRUST

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SAUNDERS - Betty from

NR Pleasant Hill

1/80 PBT

WORTH ELEV - OF SPRING<sup>1/2</sup>

NEI MA. 1757 TRUST



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SAUNDERS-PETTY FARM  
NR PLEASANT HILL

1/80 PAT

NEW/ MR. HIST TRUST  
EAST ELEV. OF BARN/SILO