

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 762

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Stump-Smithson House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South of Route 222 near Mount Ararat

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mary Elizabeth McDermott

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Henry F. Coudon Jr.

CITY, TOWN

103 Botherton Court

STATE, zip code

Havre De Grace  VICINITY OF

Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 371

Folio #: 14

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**

—EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

—ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Stump-Smithson Property c. 1840 and c. 1913 is predominately a early 20th century colonial revival 2½ story five bay by one room weatherboard frame house. The 1840 section has been extensively remodeled and only a few details reveal its existence. The house is located outside Port Deposit, Md. along Frenchtown Road and just south of the intersection with Bainbridge Road. The house faces northeast with a southeast/northwest gable orientation.

The main (northeast) facade consists of five bays with a central entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. The entrance surround has a slight pediment and frames a six panel door. A single <sup>story</sup> Tuscan columned porch with roof top balustrade covers the central bay. The ~~second floor~~ central bay of the has a floor to ceiling set of "French doors" which opens on to the porch roof. Identical 6/6 sash windows occupy the other bays.

The roof is of medium slope with three equally spaced 6/6 sash gabled dormers with pedimented cornice and supporting pilasters. The main roof cornice is decorated with a dental molding. The gable end eaves are slightly extended. A large chimney rises out of the southeast gable end and is flanked by 6/6 sash windows and French doors which open out to brick patios. The rear patio is covered with a single story porch.

The northwest end of the main block is primarily covered with the shorter two story kitchen and dining room wing.

The interior consists of colonial revival elements such as a timbered ceiling, federal cushioned frieze mantels and Doric columns that flank the parlor entrance. The original section of the house generally reworked but a few two panel door remain.

A mid to late 19th century frame board and batten barn with projecting central ~~entrance~~ gabled entrance is reached by an earthen ramp/fieldstone retaining walls. Shed additions are attached to each side. A semi-circular ventilator is built into the gable end. A gabled roof-top cupola has two arched sections on front and back and one on each side. Later auxiliary structures such as a wash house and delapidated meat house remain. Standing along the south side of the driveway is a two story three bay by one room frame house with central cross gable and new brown brick additions.

A carriage house, now garage and single pen granary are also found on the property.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## ERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stump-Smith<sup>sen</sup> House is a good example of Colonial Revival building of the early 20th century. The symmetrical facade, slightly exaggerated cornice, gabled dormers reflect the preoccupation with colonial forms which is found inside. The juxtaposition of colonial forms such as the Federal mantels and Doric columns is all typical of Colonial Revival interiors. The insistence on, at least, partial symmetry with the attached kitchen, rendered the earlier house unrecognizable from the outside. The barn is probably the only evident mid to late 19th century structure on the property.

Henry Smithson is listed on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas patron list as owning 150 acres near Port Deposit and having come from Harford County around 1845.

**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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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

11/05/81

STREET &amp; 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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(CONOWINGO DAM)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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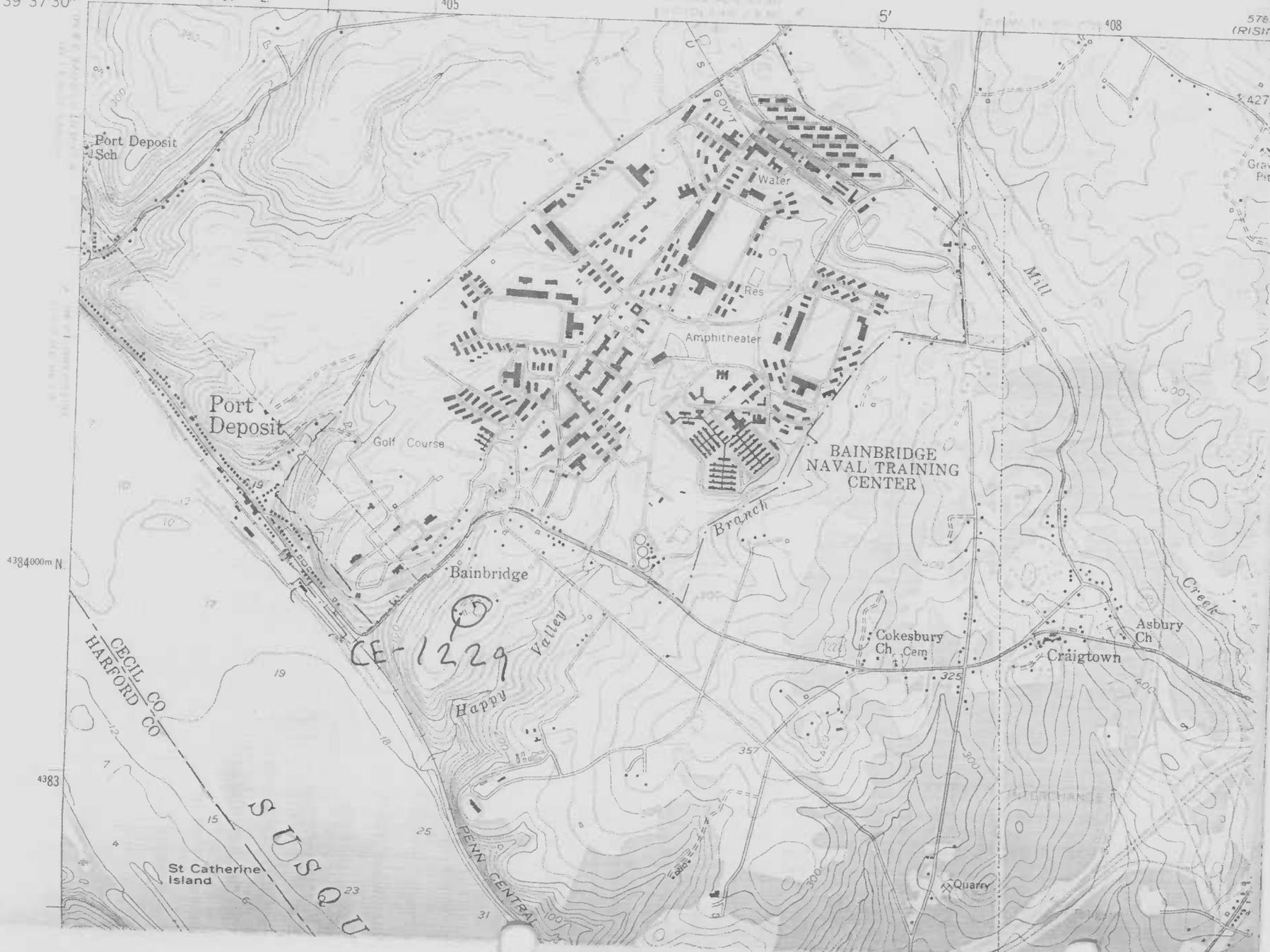
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NR PORT DEPOSIT

NORTH ELEVATION OF BARN

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