CH-26 **circa 1883**
Stones Throw
Port Tobacco vic.
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. CH-26
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name of Property

historic name Stone's Throw
common/other name "Clamber Hill," "The Wheeler Property"

2. Location

street & number 6460 Rose Hill Road not for publication _____
city or town Port Tobacco vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20677

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- X private
- _____ public-local
- _____ public-State
- _____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- _____ district
- _____ site
- _____ structure
- _____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	3	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	3	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Victorian (altered)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation solid: stretcher bond brick
roof side gable: asphalt shingles
walls frame: vinyl siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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CONTINUATION SHEET Inventory No. CH-26

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

__X__ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE

Period of Significance circa 1883

Significant Dates circa 1883

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Interview with Roberta Wearmouth, October, 1998.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 13.8997 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 6460 Rose Hill Road is designated as Parcel 54 on Map 32, Grid 15 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The dwelling at 6460 Rose Hill Road has been associated with Parcel 54, Map 32 since its construction circa 1883.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian
organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Nov. 25, 1998
street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

12. Property Owner

name John M. & Roberta J. Wearmouth
street & number 6460 Rose Hill Road telephone 301-934-8827
city or town Port Tobacco state MD zip code 20677

Standing opposite Thomas Stone's dwelling on Rose Hill Road near Port Tobacco, "Stone's Throw" occupies a 14-acre site defined by a rolling open topography and scattered mature trees. The house consists of a symmetrical 2-story Vernacular Victorian frame dwelling with a low-pitched side gable roof and matching interior chimneys at either gable end. The house has been significantly altered over the years, although the interior central passage, single-pile plan remains intact.

The "Stone's Throw" property occupies a 14-acre lot on the east side of Rose Hill Road directly opposite the National Historic Landmark property of "Habre-de-venture," the home of Thomas Stone, signer of the Declaration of Independence(see CH-5). The house stands atop a small rise approximately twenty yards east of the road. Several mature trees surround the house, and three non-historic outbuildings accompany the main dwelling.

The main dwelling house consists of three parts: the original central 3-bay side gable structure and two 2-story frame wings set on either side. According to the present owner, some evidence suggests that the south wing contains portions of the original house, that may have been a story and a half in height. However, no physical evidence remains visible to support this assertion. The northern wing, on the other hand, was added in the 1950s and contains a kitchen on the first floor. A second, 2-story addition was made behind the 1950s frame addition in 1966. This addition incorporates a massive exterior chimney on its north wall.

The building's low-pitched side gable roof is broken by two interior end brick chimney stacks. Each stack is crowned by a corbeled cap. The house features a low-pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingles that terminates in open eaves. The pitch of the side wings' roofs match that of the main section, but are set slightly lower, below the original gable end eaves. The foundation of the original section appears to consist of a continuous brick foundation, while the north and south wings and the rear addition stand on continuous poured concrete foundations. Reclad in vinyl siding, much of the house's original window trim was obscured when the new siding was applied.

The original portion of the house features a central entry flanked by single 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows on either side. Above these three bays are three vertically aligned window bays also holding 6/6 sash. Two-part, beaded wood casings surround the window openings, while a replacement Colonial Revival surround

adorns the entrance. The south 2-story wing contains one large 6/6 sash window on the first story and a much smaller 6/6 sash on the second. The north wing is pierced by a pair of 6/6 sash windows on the first story and a single 6/6 window on the second.

The south gable end of the south wing is pierced by two window openings. The first opening, located on the first story, contains a paired 6/6 wood sash window, while the second opens into the upper story and holds a single 6/6 sash. The rear of the building is dominated by a one-story shed roofed porch that extends across the rear of the original house and its south wing. On this elevation, the original house is organized in a similar manner to the facade. It features a centered doorway that has been closed off and flanking 6/6 sash windows. An additional three windows pierce the second story of the original dwelling here. Again the south wing holds two vertically stacked 6/6 sash windows.

The 1966 rear addition sits on a continuous poured concrete foundation with a raised basement and a gable roof. The addition is pierced by variously configured sash windows and one projecting "bay" window on its east elevation. Two doors provide entry to this section, one on the north side and the other on the south side of the addition.

The gable end of the north kitchen addition holds a paired 6/6 sash window on the first story and a single 6/6 sash window on the second story.

INTERIOR:

The original house is simply organized around a central passage that contains the stair and front and rear entries. Two rooms, a living room and a dining room flank the central hall. Each room features a projecting chimney breast with a standard Victorian-style mantel. Somewhat plainer Victorian mantels adorn the second floor fireplaces. Much of the interior trim has been replaced or added, including the crown molding, window and door trim. The baseboards and flooring of the first floor were replaced when the house was initially restored in the 1950s, however, the original floors remain on the second floor.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Three non-historic outbuildings share the 14-acre lot with the

historic dwelling. One is a 1960s/1970s frame garage designed to look like a barn. The garage has a front gable roof covered in standing seam metal and flanking sheds on either side. The building sits on a continuous concrete foundation and is clad in board-and-batten siding.

The second non-historic outbuilding is a 1-story frame stable erected in the 1980s. Oriented north to south, the stable features a side gable corrugated metal roof with a shed extension off its north gable end. The building is fronted by an open porch and clad in unpainted wood weatherboards.

A third non-historic ancillary building consists of a small, pre-fabricated shed set on concrete block piers and clad in faux vertical board siding. The shed has a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles.

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"Stone's Throw" was built circa 1883 by Benedict Wheeler on a ten-acre portion of "Clamber Hill" which he purchased from George P. Jenkins in 1883. Wheeler made his living as a tinsmith and was also active in the sale of residential heating and cooking stoves.[1] In 1897, he extended his land holdings in the area by purchasing the remaining 133 acres of "Clamber Hill" from the heirs of George P. Jenkins. At Wheeler's death, his property passed to his children who eventually sold it to one sibling, Eunice, and her husband R. Smith Swann. The Swanns occupied the house until 1927 when they sold it to Thomas D., Caroline B. and Elizabeth H. Stone, all descendants of Thomas Stone of "Habre-de-venture" across Rose Hill Road (CH-5). By this time the property was known variously as "Clamber Hill" or "The Wheeler Property."

In 1947, Thomas D. and Elizabeth Stone entered into a mortgage with Carl Gardiner, upon which they later defaulted. On April 3, 1956, a 16-acre portion of the Stone's property was sold at public auction to Peter Vischer. Vischer renovated the house, which had no electricity or indoor plumbing when he bought it, and shortly thereafter, in 1958, sold it to the present owners.

The house has been significantly altered on the exterior over the years. Several substantial additions have been made (see section 7), and due to the poor condition of the building at the time Peter Vischer purchased it, some original interior features were removed and replaced. However, the interior layout remains intact in the original section of the building, as do the original Victorian era mantels. The exterior has been altered by the removal of an original front porch, the re-cladding of the walls in vinyl siding, and the replacement of the main entrance surround with a Colonial Revival-style casing. Despite these substantial alterations, "Stone's Throw" is representative of a typical middle-class tradesman's dwelling of the late 19th century.

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[1] Information gleaned from interview with Roberta Wearmouth, October, 1998.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. CH-26

Stone's Throw
name of property
Charles County, Maryland
county and state

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern Period, 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcel A:

July 24, 1883:	George P. Jenkins to Benedict L. Wheeler $120 10 acres surveyed by James Brawner on July 18, 1883 "Clamber Hill" Charles County Land Records Liber BGS 6 Folio 447

Parcel B:

December 6, 1897:	Henrietta Jenkins, C. Grace Jenkins, M. Josephine Jenkins, John J. & Antoinette Jenkins, Francis P. & M. Bertha Jenkins, Clara J. & Henry Simms, Philip Jenkins, all of Charles County and Eliza D. Jenkins & Estelle J. Brady of Houston, TX to Benedict L. Wheeler $1000 133 acres Part of a farm known as "Clamber Hill" on which the late George P. Jenkins resided at his death Charles County Land Records Liber JST 9 Folio 517

Parcels A & B:

November 15, 1917:	Virginia C. Wheeler, widow; Benedict L. Wheeler (Jr.); Ernest E. & Eva Wheeler; Estelle L. Hardie; Britt & Minnie B. Wheeler of Washington, DC; and Winton E. & Jessie Wheeler of Charles County to Eunice E. Swann Two tracts: Parcel A: 10 acres: "Clamber Hill" Parcel B: 133 acres: "Clamber Hill" Charles County Land Records Liber FBM 32 Folio 407

August 2, 1927:	Eunice E. & R. Smith Swann to Thomas D. Stone, et al. $3000 Two lots: 10 acres + 133 acres, minus 127 acres = 16 acres Known as "Clamber Hill" & "The Wheeler Property" Charles County Land Records Liber 47 Folio 328
August 4, 1956:	F. DeSales Mudd, Assignee to Peter Vischer 16 acres known as "Clamber Hill" and "The Wheeler Property" Sold at public sale held April 3, 1956 as the result of the default on a mortgage from Thomas D. & Elizabeth Stone to Carl Gardiner, February 1947 (see Liber 5, Folio 151) Charles County Land Records Liber 125 Folio 535
April 19, 1958:	Peter & Helen C. Vischer to John M. & Roberta J. Wearmouth 16 acres On the public road leading from Port Tobacco to Pomfret known as part of "Clamber Hill" and "The Wheeler Property" (See Plat Book PCM 6, Folio 141) Charles County Land Records Liber 135 Folio 244

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
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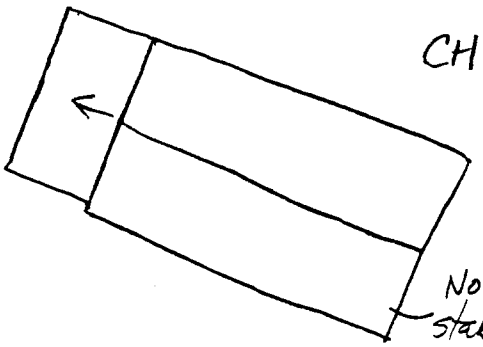
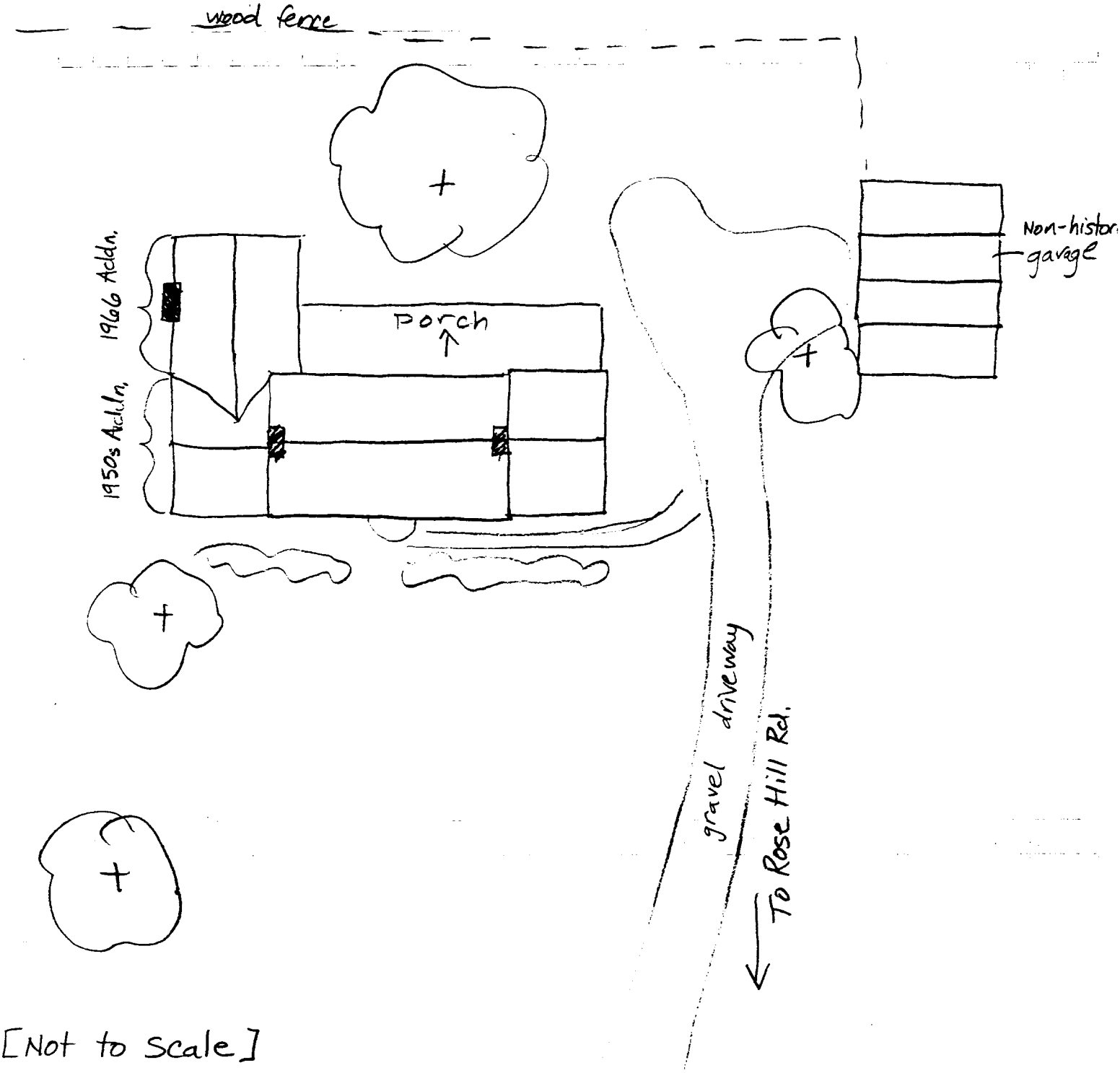
STONE'S THROW
6460 Rose Hill Rd.
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
Port Tobacco Vic.

CH-26





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CHARLES COUNTY, MD
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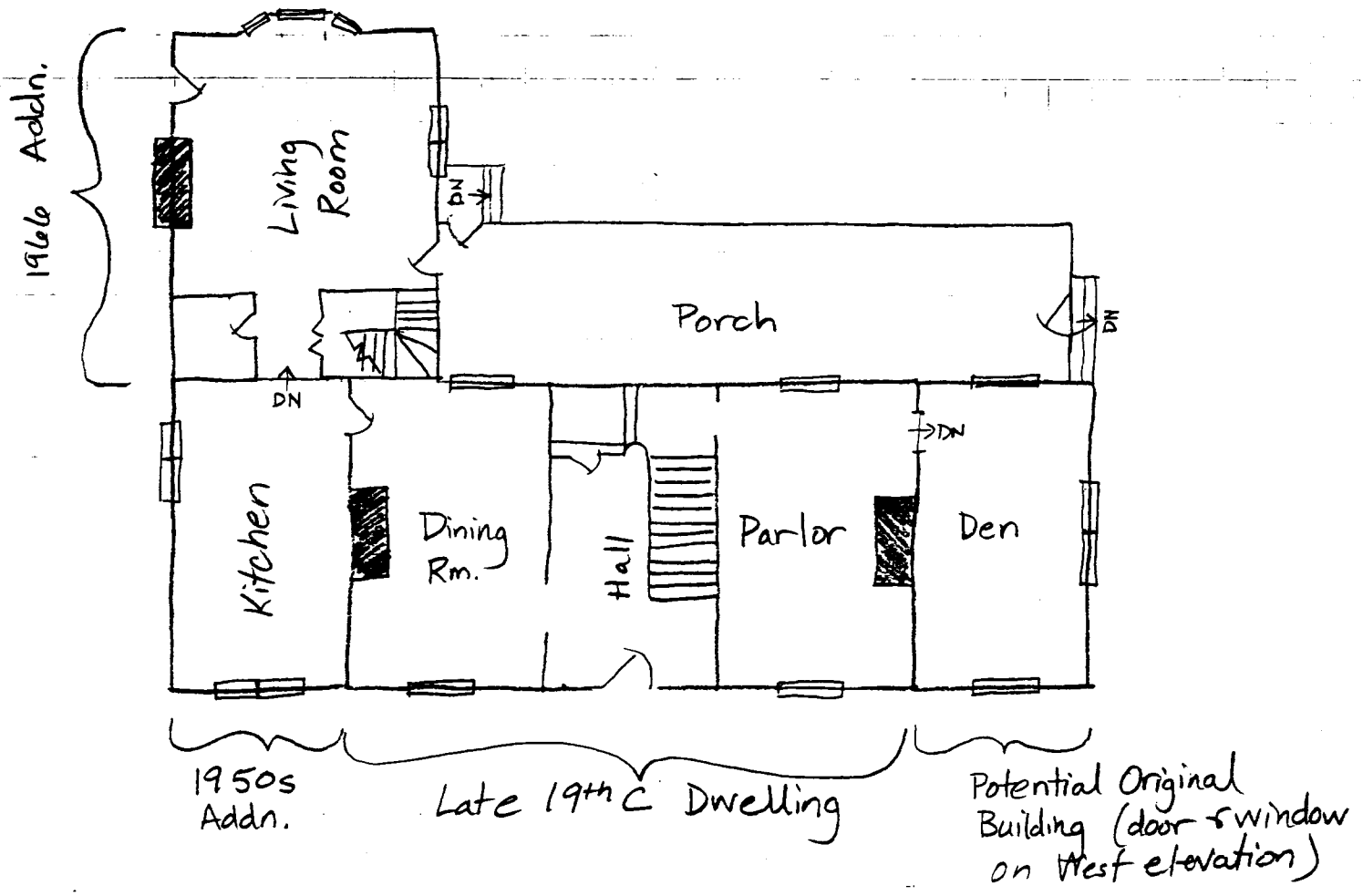

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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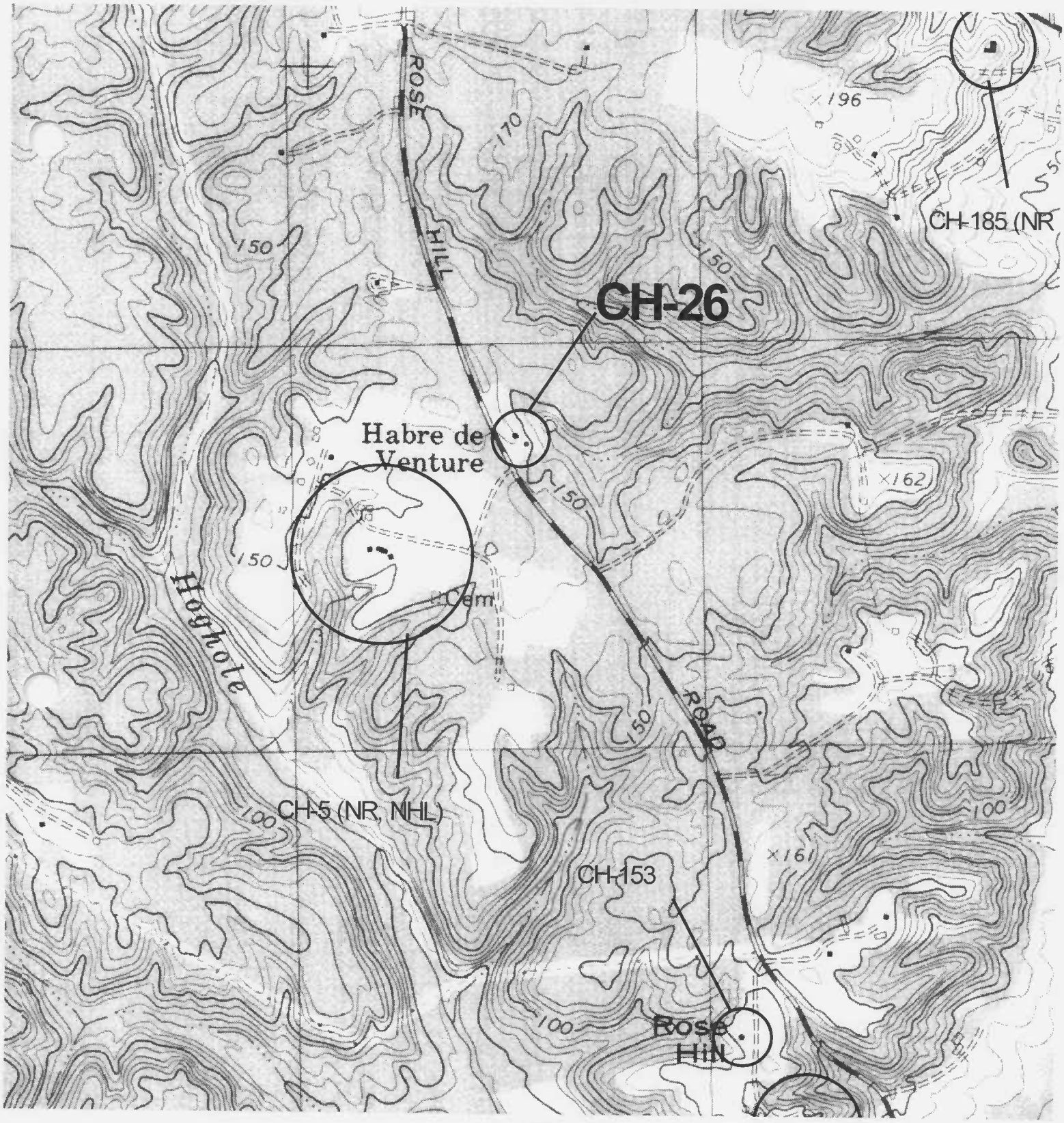

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Stone's Throw
Charles County, MD

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LOOKING NW
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MDSHPO
LOOKING SW
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INTERIOR - STAIR - LOOKING SOUTH
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INTERIOR - DINING ROOM MANTEL, LOO
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STONE'S THROW
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MDSHPO
GARAGE, LOOKING SE
6 OF 8

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STONE'S THROW
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
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STABLE, LOOKING SE
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STONE'S THROW
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
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SHED, LOOKING NE
8 OF 8

CH-26
Stone's Throw
Port Tobacco
Private

mid 19th century

"Stones Throw" was probably built about 1840-50 and was originally the home of a tinker.

The house is of frame construction, two stories, one room deep, and two plus center hall in length. The front wall is three bays wide, with a center door flanked by single windows on the first floor, and three windows on the second floor. The rear wall has two windows down and two up. The roof is a shallow "A" frame with a single stove chimney (enlarged during a recent renovation) at each end. There are small, Victorian, first floor fireplaces.

At both gable ends are additions, as well as one to the rear of the north gable addition. This last addition possesses a large double flue chimney and a stack exposed on its north wall.

Early Victorian moldings in the original (center) portion include mantels, doors, and hardware.

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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET CH 26 0900265404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: "STONES THROW"

AND/OR HISTORIC: "Part of Havre (Habre) de Venture," "Clamber Hill"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Rose Hill Road

CITY OR TOWN: La Plata (Port Tobacco vicinity)

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Charles | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☒

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☒	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐		
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐		

Comments ☐

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: John M. Wearmouth

STREET AND NUMBER: "Stones Throw" Star Rte. 2

CITY OR TOWN: La Plata | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Charles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: La Plata | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

STATE: | COUNTY: | FOR NPS USE ONLY: ENTRY NUMBER | DATE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	*(Check One)* Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	*(Check One)* Altered ☐ Unaltered ☒	*(Check One)* Moved ☐ Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☒	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginol	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urbon Plonning ☐
Prehistaric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religian/Phi-	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Histaric ☐	Industry ☐	lasophy ☐	_____
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Science ☐	_____
Art ☐	Londscope	Sculpture ☐	_____
Commerce ☐	Architecture ☐	Sociol/Humon-	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS