

CHAS-293  
HALL'S LOT (Edelen's Neglect)  
Dentsville  
Private

mid-19th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHAS-293

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

M&T #0902935404

1 NAME

HISTORIC

HALL'S LOT (Edelen's Neglect)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North end of Estevez Road

CITY, TOWN

Dentsville

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Richard Gummere

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Hall's Lot

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 410

Folio #: 251

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P.O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland 20646

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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**

Hall's Lot is an interesting frame house that illustrates the continued popularity of the Federal "townhouse" architecture so prevalent here during the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Of a two part composition, the main block is two-stories high and three bays in width on both side elevations. The principal facade faces south and the entrance door, with over and side lights, occupies the first bay from the west end. The two adjacent windows and three second floor windows are all of 6-over-6 sash and have louvered exterior shutters. The first floor level is sheltered by an open porch with brick platform (modern) and round tapered posts. The same fenestration and door placement is repeated on the north side of the house. Here, a small pedimented porch of modern construction shelters the door. The west end of the house is two bays deep at both floor levels. The shallow gable roof, sheathed with shingled tin, has overhanging eaves on all sides of the house. At the east end of the house is one interior and one exterior chimney that serve first floor fireplaces. The northeast exterior chimney is covered by a two-story, two bay wing lower than the main block but of the same architectural styling. Its four south windows and three north windows frame 6-over-6 sash and have louvered shutters. A north door occupies the first bay from the east end. On this same side is a one-story porch with shallow shed roof, block and turned posts and balustrade. At the east end of the wing stands a single exterior chimney for a large first floor fireplace. The house is built on brick foundations and has beaded siding that is a modern replacement of the original clapboards.

The interior of the main block reflects the Federal origin of its architectural styling, having a side stair hall and adjacent double parlors. All of the woodwork, except chairrails added by a previous owner, appears original and is of a fairly simple design. Of particular interest is a large doorway between the two first floor rooms that has an elliptically shaped fanlight with flat wood muntins. Overall, it is of a design reminiscent of the very handsome leaded fanlight over the drawingroom doors of West Hatton (CHAS-39).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

ERIOD	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 checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Hall's Lot is located on a 9.22 acre tract of land identified as parcel 30, Map 45 of the Charles County Tax Maps (revised January, 1976).

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

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