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George Kephart House
Tuscarora vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850

The George Kephart House is a two-story, white-painted brick house with three bays and a one-story porch on its main elevation and paired 1/1 windows in the main section's window bays. During the 1980's, a two-story frame addition was erected adjoining the north gable end. The center entrance retains its original three-light transom and narrow sidelights. The only remaining contributing outbuilding is a small frame chicken house of about 1900-1920, and, at some distance east of the house are a non-contributing concrete block dairy barn and milk house and two concrete silos. A bank barn was undoubtedly nearby, but has been demolished. The house is minimally significant for its architecture, which suggests its 19th century origins in the general L-shaped plan of the main section and its original rear wing. It is associated with George Kephart, who was reportedly one of the largest slave dealers in Frederick County prior to the Civil War. The property is said to have had two underground jails and one above-ground jail for unruly slaves, although nothing of these structures appears to have survived.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC SITES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George Kephart House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1005 Buckeystown Pike not for publicationcity, town Tuscarora vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Earl M. McIntosh, Jr.

street & number 1235 Park Mills Road telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 802

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 420

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-94

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The George Kephart House is a two-story brick dwelling built about 1850 with substantial alterations in the 1980's including the addition of a two-story wood sided extension. The house was originally the main dwelling of a large farm, but the only remaining contributing outbuilding is a frame chicken house, now used as a storage shed, built about 1900-1920. A non-contributing concrete block dairy barn and two silos are located about 100 yards east of the house and the chicken house and are not currently in use. The house is located on the north side of Buckeystown Pike (Md. 85) on a curve in which the Pike meets the intersection of Tuscarora Road and Dickerson Road, near Tuscarora, Frederick County, Maryland. The dating of the house is based on architectural evidence, local histories, and land records.

The house has a white-painted exterior in 6:1 American bond. The west elevation has three bays and a one-story porch with a center entrance. The windows are paired 1/1 sash with replacement shutters and were apparently altered in the first or second quarter of the 20th century. The entrance has a three-light transom and narrow sidelights. The 6-panel door appears to be a replacement. The porch has Tuscan columns which are probably early 20th century replacements of the original columns. The roof is slate and the chimneys are located at the north and south gable ends. The north gable end is adjoined by the circa 1985 two-story extension which has multiple paned sash and weatherboard siding. The south gable end of the house has only a single attic opening with a louvred cover. On the east elevation, the original plan of the house reveals a short two-story brick wing near the northeast corner and a one-story shed addition across the rest of the east elevation. The modern addition extends eastward with a bay window in the first story. A screened porch and modern deck are located off the brick wing. In the original part of the house, the pattern of paired 1/1 windows is repeated on this elevation. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Chicken house: The chicken house is located about 25 yards east of the house and is a one-story frame building facing south. The exterior is covered with vertical board siding and board and battens on the west and north sides. Across the south side is a bank of wire-covered openings. A vertical board door is located at the southwest corner. The shed roof is covered with standing seam metal. The chicken house appears to have been built about 1900, based on its materials and design.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1850 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George Kephart House is minimally significant for its architecture, which has been much altered, especially during the 1980's with a large addition. The original windows had already been altered with paired sash in the place of probable single sash openings, possibly by the 1930's. The house principally is of interest for its association with George Kephart, who owned the property prior to 1858 and may have been the builder of the house in the late 1840's or early 1850's. According to Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928), Kephart was one of the largest slave dealers in Frederick County prior to the Civil War. Grove describes the farm as having two underground "jails" and one above ground for unruly slaves. Kephart was, not surprisingly, a Southern sympathizer and two of his sons were killed while serving in the Confederate forces. By 1858, Kephart sold the farm to Archibald T. Snouffer, who operated the farm with a tenant occupying the house. In 1891, J. Howard Allnutt purchased the property and, intermittently over the period until about 1904, lived on the farm while acquiring more farm property in the vicinity. In 1919, it was sold to G. Leicester and Curtis W. Thomas, brothers who retained ownership until 1966. The house's first period of visible changes, including the replacement of the original windows, most likely took place during this long period.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

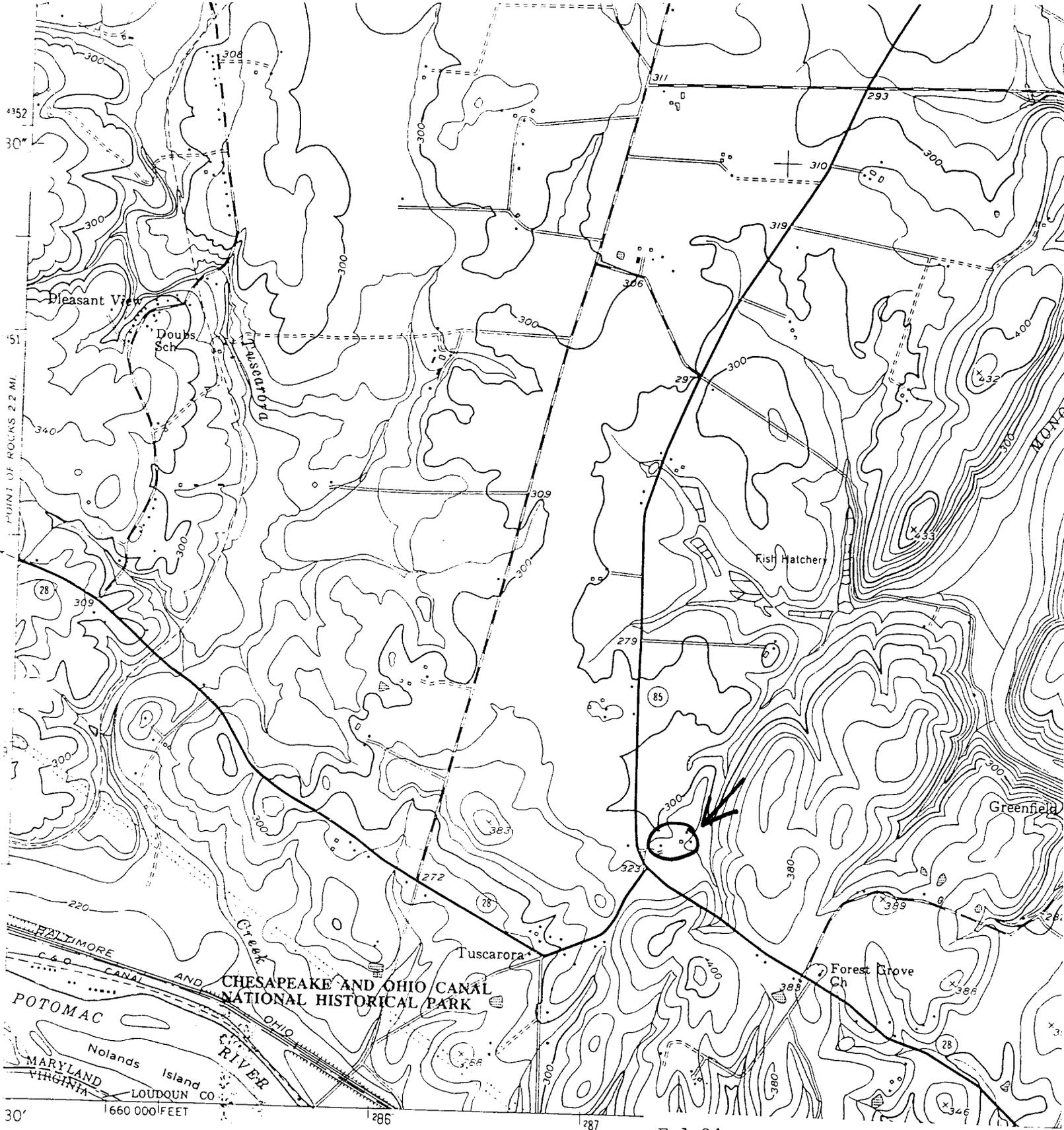
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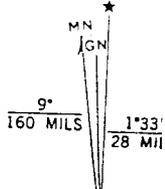
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
802/420 21 Apr 69	Carl M. Macintosh, Jr.	C. Lease Bussard etal, trading as Monocacy Valley Assoc.	part of a farm known as Greenfields		56-99 47a.
802/417 21 Apr 69	Monocacy Valley Assoc.				
802/4 21 Apr 69	Monocacy Valley Assoc.	Carlton L. & Anna Belle Thomas Strube			
754/639 24 Sept 66	Carlton L. Strube et ux	G. Leicester Thomas, Jr. atly in fact for G. Leicester Thomas Sr.	part of Parcel #		
374/435 14 Jun 30	G. Leicester Thomas	G. Leicester Thomas & Lee C. Thomas execs of LW & T of Curtis W. Thomas et al			
328/410 10 Jul 19	Curtis W. Thomas & G. Leicester Thomas	J. Dean Zicker et ux	Parts of "The Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest", "Jed- burgh Forest", "Partnership", "New Bremen", "Carrollton"		291 3/4 a.
HWB 304/114 27 Feb-13	J. Dean Zicker et ux	George S. & Elizabeth D. Allnutt			291 3/4 a.
HWB 294/377 25 Nov-08	George S. Allnutt	John Howard Allnutt, unmarried			
JLJ 1/6 3 Dec-1891	J. Howard Allnutt	Archibald J. Snuffer		#13,100	291 3/4 a.
BGF 3/166 30 Aug 1858	Archibald J. Snuffer et ux	George Kephart et ux	part of "Resurvey on Jedburgh Forest", "Jedburgh Forest", & "New Bremen"	#8,000	14 a., 2 R. & 18 p.



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West elevation

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Southeast corner view

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Chicken house, south elevation

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Dairy barn, milk houses, & silos, view from south

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