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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Poplar Hill Farm of Cranberry Hall  
AND/OR COMMON  
Poplar Hill (preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
115 Poplar Hill Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen  
STATE  
Maryland  
VICINITY OF  
Second  
COUNTY  
Harford  
CODE  
24  
CODE  
025  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Mrs. Catherine V. Mitchell (Mrs. John S. Mitchell)  
STREET & NUMBER  
727 Old Philadelphia Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen  
STATE  
Maryland 21001  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Harford County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
40 South Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air,  
STATE  
Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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

Poplar Hill is a gambrel-roofed frame house, three bays in length and one and one-half stories high. Its principal entrance in the middle bay of its east front is flanked by a 6/6 window in each end bay. The west front is similar. The east entrance is sheltered by a one bay, shed-roofed porch, while a shed-roofed porch or piazza extends across the entire west front. Three shed-roofed dormers with 6/6 windows are on each side, and interior brick chimneys rise at each end. The house stands on a brick foundation laid in English bond. Exterior walls are covered with wood shingles.

The structure corresponds to one described in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax records as Aquila Hall's dwelling. Owned by the heirs of John B. Hall, it measured 39 by 20 feet with a piazza 7 feet deep. It was a one story building of wood construction.

A one bay, two story, gable-roofed wing, apparently an addition of the late nineteenth century, adjoins the main house at the south end.

On the interior, a hall extends through the house in the middle bay. It contains an original open staircase which rises to the second floor in a single straight run with a few winders at the top. The moulded handrail is supported by turned newels and turned balusters, the latter rising from a closed stringer. There is a full handrail and a half-rail on the opposite wall. The space beneath the stair which contains the stair to the cellar is enclosed with fully raised paneling. It is accessible by a door under the winders at the west end of the hall. That door, with its fully raised panels, is somewhat unusual in that a single panel occupies the area usually divided into two small panels. The west exterior door is of six fully raised panels, sheathed internally with beaded boards applied on an angle slightly raised from the horizontal, their ends along the lock side of the door being slightly higher than their ends on the hinge side. The hinges are long, wrought-iron straps. Chairrail and a wood cornice surround the hall. The latter includes a bed moulding, soffit and fascia, and a crown moulding.

A single room flanks the hall on either side, each accessible through original, fully-raised, six-panel doors surrounded by moulded, two-plane architraves with ovolo backband. Each room has chairrailing and a cornice similar to those mouldings in the hall. The northerly room has a fully paneled north wall, consisting of a shouldered architrave fireplace surround on the slightly projecting, paneled chimney breast, a large closet to the west, and a cupboard to the east. The cupboard, enclosed with upper and lower pairs of paneled doors, has scrolled shelves and a half-round back.

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Description, Continued #7

Although exterior surfaces and some details have been changed through the years in the course of normal maintenance, they remain compatible with the original, and most interior details remain unaltered and unrestored.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> _1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> _ART	<input type="checkbox"/> _ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> _MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _THEATER		
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Poplar Hill is one of the oldest houses still standing in Harford County where the essentially untouched survival of eighteenth century houses is rare. Probably built in the mid-eighteenth century, it is a gambrel-roofed, frame house showing the influence of Tidewater Maryland architecture rather than that of nearby Pennsylvania. The largely unaltered state in which the building has survived makes it a useful tool in the study of architectural history. The interior work is of good quality for the period, particularly the paneling in the parlor.

Poplar Hill Farm is part of the 1547-acre tract called Cranberry Hall, patented in 1694 by John Hall (1658-1737). In his will, Hall devised "all that part of the tract whereon I now live called Cranberry Hall lying on the east of the main branch of Mill Run" to his son Edward Hall. Another part of the Cranberry tract, that to the west of Mill Run, was devised to his son Parker. (Will 2/45, Hall of Records) When Edward Hall died in 1742, he left "all my part of Cranberry Hall" to his son John, who subsequently left part of this property to his son Edward Hall and part to his son John Beadle Hall, at his death in 1779. (Will, Box 6, folder 44, and Harford County Will AJ 2/276, Hall of Records)

In the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment of Harford County, Poplar Hill is "described . . . as being in Harford Lower Hundred, owned by the heirs of John B. Hall, 39 by 20 feet, one storey, of wood construction, with a kitchen 20 by 18 of wood. The outbuildings, all measured, include quarters, a meat house, a corn house with shed, two stables, a grainery, a smith shop, and outhouse, and a stone grist mill 35 by 24 feet; his other assets included 22 slaves. Obviously his should be the dwelling of a prosperous planter . . . [and] not a humble dwelling, when compared to the majority. It was probably built in two stages: the center hall, with its staircase, and the parlor on the left, comprise one section, and a dining room of similar size on the right comprises the other. The two sections were built very close in time, for the details match. The kitchen, a gabled roof addition to the extreme right, was probably added but a century ago; the original kitchen was undoubtedly a separate building, perhaps . . . the basis of a small house which still stands beside the dwelling." (James Thomas Wollon, Jr., "An Early Dwelling Near Aberdeen," Harford Historical Bulletin, Number 7 (Spring, 1974), 27)

On C. P. Hauducoeur's 1799 "Map of the Head of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River," the house is shown as Aquila Hall's, apparently the son of John B. Hall.

The Halls were a prominent family in Harford and Baltimore Counties. Because the same first names were used over and over within the family, it

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is sometimes difficult to determine precisely which Hall is referred to in the records. However, John Hall of Cranberry (died 1779) was one of the commissioners appointed to buy land to build a courthouse and prison for the newly-formed Harford County in 1773. John Beadle Hall was an officer in the Harford County militia during the American Revolution. Other members of the family served, including those connected with Poplar Hill, in other religious and political offices of the times.

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Woolon, James Thomas, Jr. "An Early Dwelling Near Aberdeen." Harford Historical Bulletin. Number 7, (Spring, 1974), 27.

Wright, C. Milton. Our Harford Heritage, A History of Harford County, Maryland. n.p.: By the Author, 1967.

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Land Records of Harford County, Harford County Courthouse, Bel Air, Md.  
 Preston, Walter W. History of Harford County, Maryland from 1608.  
 Reprint of 1901 ed. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1972.  
 Probate Records of Harford County, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

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### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

### 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Mrs. Frederick J. Viele, Chairman, Harford County  
 Committee, Maryland Historical Trust, assisted by James T. Wollan  
 ORGANIZATION architectural description; Mr. Jon H. DATE  
 Livezay, Attorney, Items No. 8, 10, 5. September 1, 1975  
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
 237 Cooley Mill Road  
 CITY OR TOWN STATE  
 Havre de Grace Maryland 21078

### 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
ATTEST:	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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Panela James, Assistant Historian, Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401. (301) 267-1438.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: "Poplar Hill "					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Poplar Hill Farm of Cranberry Hall					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 115 Poplar Hill Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen					
STATE: Maryland 21001			COUNTY: Harford		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<u>rented</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Catherine V. Mitchell, widow (Mrs. John S. Mitchell)					
STREET AND NUMBER: 727 Old Philadelphia Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen			STATE: Maryland		21001
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of Court, Harford County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER: 40 S. Main St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air			STATE: Maryland		21014
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): GCB 273 p. 368					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>POPLAR HILL is a gambrel roofed frame house, three bays in length, one and one-half storeys high. Its principal entrance is in the middle bay of its east front and it is flanked by a 6/6 window in each end bay; the west front is similar. The east entrance is sheltered by a one bay shed-roofed porch, while a shed-roofed porch or piazza extends across the entire west front. Three shed-roofed dormers with 6/6 windows are on each side, and interior brick chimneys rise at each end. The house stands on a brick foundation, laid in English bond, and exterior walls are covered with wood shingles.</p> <p>The structure corresponds to one described in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax records as Aquila Hall's dwelling, owned by the heirs of John B. Hall, 39 by 20 feet with a piazza 7 feet deep, one storey, of wood construction.</p> <p>A one bay, two storey gable-roofed wing adjoins the main house at the south end, apparently an addition of the late nineteenth century.</p> <p>Internally, a hall extends through the house in the middle bay; it contains an original open staircase which rises to the second floor in a single straight run with a few winders at the top. The moulded handrail is supported by turned newels and turned balusters, the latter rising from a closed stringer. A half-rail on the wall reflects the handrail. The space beneath the stair, containing the stair to the cellar, is enclosed with fully-raised paneling; it is accessible by a door under the winders, at the west end of the hall. That door, with its fully-raised panels, is somewhat unusual in that a single panel occupies the area usually divided into two small panels. The west exterior door is of six fully-raised panels, sheathed internally with beaded boards applied on an angle slightly raised from the horizontal, their ends along the lock side of the door being slightly higher than their ends on the hinge side. The hinges are long, wrought-iron straps. Chairrail and a wood cornice surround the hall; the latter includes a bed moulding, soffit and fascia, and a crown moulding.</p> <p>A single room flanks the hall on either side, each accessible through original, fully-raised six-paneled doors, surrounded by moulded, two-plane architraves with ovolo backband. Each room has chairrailing and a cornice similar to those mouldings in the hall, and the northerly room has a fully-paneled north wall, consisting of a shouldered architrave fireplace surround on the slightly projecting paneled chimney breast, a large closet to the west, and a cupboard to the east. The cupboard, enclosed with upper and lower pairs of paneled</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

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

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the oldest houses in the county, its one and one-half storeys with a gambrel roof relate it to others in the Chesapeake Bay region. It was the dwelling of a prosperous planter for in spite of its relatively-small size, it was enriched with the best detailing of the period.

The property was the residence of John Beadle Hall, (1749-1790), son of Captain John\*of Cranberry, a prominent local figure in the Revolution, whose grandfather, John Hall patented the original tract of Cranberry in 1694. It probably was the residence of earlier members of this family, which, along with its relatives, the Pacas, was the most influential family in Harford (prior to 1773, Baltimore County).

Although the exterior surfaces and some details have been changed gradually through the years in the course of normal maintenance they remain compatible with the original and most interior details remain unaltered, unrestored, and unquestionably authentic.

\*Hall  
(Information from deeds mentioned in Item 5)

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records, Harford County Courthouse,  
Bel ~~Bel~~ Air, Maryland.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	36	29	38	76	10	34
NE	° ' "	° ' "						
SE	° ' "	° ' "						
SW	° ' "	° ' "						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4.011

**Acreage Justification:**

Nature of house and outbuildings and surrounding woodland would make it appropriate to designate four acres for its protection.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Frederick J. Viele, Chairman, Harford County Committee, MHT, assisted by Mr. James T. Wollon,  
 ORGANIZATION: architectural description. Mr. Jon H. Livezey, Attorney, Items No. 8, 10, 5  
 DATE: September 1, 1975  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 237 Cooley Mill Road  
 CITY OR TOWN: Havre de Grace STATE: Maryland 21078

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Catherine Pusey's Tenants house (Poplar Hill)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane outers between two houses on the south side

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen of MD 159, Perryman Road, about 0.3 mi west of Md 715

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Harford

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Occupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private Residence</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Rental Prop.</u>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Catherine V. (Mitchell) Pusey

STREET AND NUMBER:  Perryman Road

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND

**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:  

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gambrel roof house, 3 bays, 1 room deep.  
 Three dormers in the roof upstairs on each side.  
 This house faces west, the ridge line runs N-S.  
 (though sheltered by underbrush, the Penn Central  
 main line south runs on the east side of the  
 house within 300 yards.)

There is shingle covering over clapboard  
 that may cover log (as in the better house  
 HA 163). Fire places at both ends of the  
 house were <sup>once</sup> the heating and cooking elements  
 of this old house; the north ~~end of the~~  
~~house~~ having fine old hand-beam panelling.  
 The east door is cross-laid inside the  
 panelling exterior.

This place is in need of a good roof  
 and a general overhaul. Well worth restoring.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal                              | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>                | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-<br>lasaphy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                  | <u>Architecture</u>                      |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>                | <u>History?</u>                          |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Human-<br>itarian <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>                  |  |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>           |  |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |   |  |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This early 18<sup>th</sup> century house bears many  
 resemblances to the Hays house in Bel Air  
 1710, and the Wright house a mile to  
 the west. Its history is unknown to its  
 owner, whose lack of interest is evident.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORIC TRUST** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Mrs Puseys Hip-Roofed House (Poplar Hill)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enter south of old Philadelphia Road (Md E)

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen about 0.2 mi east of Md 715.

STATE: Maryland CDDE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Rental dwelling
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Catherine Mitchell Pusey

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Philadelphia Road

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen STATE: Md CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CDDE:

**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: CDDE:

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STATE: COUNTY:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Check One) Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>			Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	(Check One) Moved <input type="checkbox"/>			Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hip roofed house, shingle covered clapboard  
(over possible log structure).

1 1/2 stories 3 bays, 1 room deep. 3 dormers  
in roof on each side. Ridge line runs  
east-west, the house faces north.

An addition, 2 story, 2 bays x 2 is at  
the west end of the house.

Chimneys rise from each end of the  
main house. The east fireplace <sup>is in</sup> a panelled  
wall, the west fireplace, very large,  
was evidently used for cooking. (Perhaps  
a smaller even older building used this  
fireplace from the other side.)

Panelled, cross laid planks on the doors,  
old uneven glass suggest that this be dated  
between 1700-1740

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 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
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|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Now a tenant house, this fine old building is scarcely maintained with basic essentials. Fortunately, the present tenant has persuaded the owner to let her paint the inside walls.

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Poplar Hill  
J. T. Wollon