

James King House  
3247 Churchville Road  
Churchville, MD 21028

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Keithley-Bodt House

AND/OR COMMON

Bodt-King House; James King House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3247 Churchville Road (MD 22) at intersection of Grafton's Lane

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James King

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3247 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Court House

Liber #: 1056

Folio #: 1039

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

NA-1276

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

This two-story, el-shaped frame house covered in asbestos shingles is located on the northwesterly corner of the intersection of Churchville Road (MD. Rt. 22) and Grafton's Lane.

The structure is composed of three parts: 1) the main section on the east is three bays wide and two bays deep and has a hipped roof with a single dormer in both the east and west flanks and an exterior brick chimney on the north. 2) the 1½-story el on the west is two bays long and one room wide with a gable roof and interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap in the east end. 3) partially filling the el is a one-story shed-roofed addition that appears to be of recent construction.

Except for the latter section, most windows have 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. Both the main section and the el are set on stone foundations and have boxed cornices; the latter has gable returns, as do the dormers on the main section.

The main section faces east and has an entrance in the center bay flanked by one window on each side, with three windows in the second story. The entrance portico has a heavily-molded cornice, carved basket-handle brackets, and a railing with square balusters. A second entrance is in the western bay of the south end, flanked on the east by pairs of windows in both the first and second stories.

The el has an entrance in the east bay of the south side, flanked on the west by a window, with two six-light windows on the second story. The west end is blank except for two gable windows. Except for one window in each story, the north side is covered by the addition.

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 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Keithley-Bodt House dates from at least the mid-1850's and perhaps earlier. It is associated with the Bodt family, who were important locally as vegetable canners in the early 20th century and were responsible for the building of several houses in Churchville. The area of the house is known as Bodt's Corner.

The first owner of record was John Keithley, whose name appears on the 1858 Martenet map for a building at this location. In 1863 and 1865, Keithley sold 2-acre parcels, the latter including a house and other improvements, to Edward A. Bodt. Bodt was a German, born in Hanover May 9, 1833, who immigrated to America at the age of 18. He was a cabinet maker and had a shop in or near the house. The shop was noted on Martenet's 1866 and 1878 maps. The Bodt family retains several pieces made by Edward Bodt. The house remained in the Bodt family until 1914.

Bodt's son William went into the vegetable canning business in Churchville and his descendants built several houses in the early 20th century on Churchville Road (see HA-1520, 1524, 1525). The cannery was sold in the 1920's or '30's and was later demolished. It was located near the present drive-in theater in Churchville.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.53 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

tax parcel boundary

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

KEITHLEY-BODT HOUSE

HA-1276

1056/1039 March 1, 1978	James King from Dennis L. Caudill & Rosalie N. Caudill, wife 0.5336 A
GRG/496/260 Dec. 30, 1957	Dennis Lee Caudill & Rosalie N. Caudill from Bert M. Caudill & Stella J. Caudill, wife 0.53 A
GRG 464/378 July 28, 1956	Bert M. Caudill & Stella J. Caudill from Mary H. Pritchard, widow 0.53 A at "Bodt's Corner"
RLW 23/134 Nov. 18, 1953 Will Records	Mary H. Pritchard from Edward W. Magness, step-father
DGW 195/236 Dec. 9, 1925	Edward W. Magness from F. Nelson Smith, executor for estate of Mary L. Smith, widow \$4800 for 2 contiguous parcels totaling 8 A, 2 rods, 31.2 sq. perches, deed references JAR 153/342 and JAR 153/343
JAR 153/343 Oct. 21, 1916	Christian Smith from Philip H. Close, trustee for cause of Isaac S. Lee vs. Carrie B. Ivins \$2515 for 4 A.
JAR 147/53 Dec. 31, 1914	Pearson E. Ivins from Matilda Smith and John H. Smith, husband \$2500 for 4 A.
HTB 13/75 May 17, 1904 Will Records	Matilda Smith, daughter, from Fredericka Bodt
ALJ 31/166 Jan. 20, 1875	Fredericka Bodt, wife of Edward A. Bodt from Andrew Burkley and Emily Burkley of Washington D.C. \$300 for 4 A. "where Edward A Bodt now resides"
ALJ 22/363 Aug. 25, 1869	Andrew Burkley from Henry D. Farnandis, trustee in cause of John L. Webster vs. Edward A. Bodt and Frederica Bodt \$845 for 2 A., "part of Stony Ridge tract"
WHD 16/123 May 29, 1865	Edward A. Bodt from John Keithley and wife \$120 for 2 A. "with buildings and improvements thereon"
WG 13/362 Jan. 3, 1863	Edward A. Bodt from John Keithley and Ellen Keithley \$150 for 2 A. (No mention of buildings or improvements or further deed reference)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Folio #:

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Bel Air,

STATE  
Maryland 21014

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

It is difficult to establish the age of this house. The dimensions and configuration of the main hip-roofed house suggest an early 20th century date. The rear gable-roofed portion may be the building in this location on the 1878 Martenet's Map, although no owner is ascribed to it.

Several curious features of this house should be noted. The hipped roof with single dormers in the front and rear flanks is uncommon in this area, where gable roofs were de rigueur and early 20th century dormers were generally in pairs or triplets. This gives rise to the possibility that the house may be older than it appears. The portico, also, with its heavy cornice and bold Italianate basket-handle arches is striking.

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Land, Will and equity records of Harford County  
 1878 Martenet's Map  
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map

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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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Harford County Historic District Commission

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

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HA-1276

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Will RLW 23/134	1953	Will of Alfred Mitchell, dec. All real estate willed to Mary H. Pritchard of Aberdeen



HA-142

HA-1278

HA-1279

HA-1277

HA-994

HA-1276

HA-1284

HA-1285

HA-1053

HA-1286

HA-1285

HA-1054

HA-1300

HA-9



James King House  
Churchville, MD 21028  
Natalie Shivers  
May, 1979  
Southeast

HA- 1276