

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-14 Building Date: ca. 1880's

Building Name: Seabrook House #3 (Kelly-Howerton House)

Location: 9513 Dubarry Avenue, Seabrook, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The H.A. Kelly House is a two-and-one-half-story (ca. 23' x 30') frame gable-roofed cottage which rests on a high brick basement. The principal facade is the north gable end: in the first bay is a three-window semi-octagonal bay, in the second is the main entrance sheltered by a small entry porch. The main door has five-light transom and three-light sidelights. Door and windows have plain board surrounds with shallow pediments. At loft level is a small triangular window. On the three-bay west side of the house, there is a narrow central peaked gable lighted by a five-pane pointed-arched window. A one-story porch with turned posts runs the full length of this west side at first-story level. The north and south gable ends, as well as the central peaked gable on the west, are ornamented with elaborate bargeboards, with running S-shaped swirls; at the apex of each is a tall finial. The original German siding is presently covered with asbestos shingle. There is a large central brick chimney; the roof has recently been covered with synthetic shingle. The interior plan consists of front and back parlors on the east, with fireplaces back-to-back in their common wall; on the west is the stairhall.

Significance:

The H.A. Kelly house is the only one of three Victorian cottages remaining in near-original condition in the town of Seabrook. It may be the only structure of its genre (i.e. a cottage built in a planned rural retreat) in Prince George's County today, and as such it is the prototype for the other two Seabrook cottages, once identical but much altered in recent years. This retreat community was developed by Thomas Seabrook, a Philadelphia engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Three Victorian cottages were constructed before 1888 and used as vacation residences by Thomas Seabrook and his colleagues. The subject house was sold to Henry A. Kelly in 1896 and has been privately owned by only two families since then. Its significance lies in the fact that it is probably unique in Prince George's County, and can serve as a model for restoration of the other two cottages.

Acreage: ca. 1 acre

Magi No.

1701005604

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Seabrook House #3 (Kelly-Howerton House)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9513 Dubarry Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Seabrook ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county P.G.

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Elizabeth Howerton

street & number 9513 Dubarry Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Seabrook state and zip code Md. 20706

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 3009

street & number Main Street folio 259

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

pository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale, Md. state Md. 20737

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 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.

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On the three-bay west side of the house, there is a narrow central peaked gable lighted by a five-pane pointed-arch window. A one-story porch with turned posts runs the full length of this west side at first story level; it is entered from the stairhall of the house by a door in the first bay of the west facade, and is not accessible from the outside.

The north and south gable ends, as well as the central peaked gable on the west facade, are ornamented with elaborate bargeboards, with running S-shaped swirls; at the apex of each is a tall finial.

The original German siding is presently covered with asbestos shingle painted light green. The roof has recently been covered with synthetic shingle. There is a large central brick chimney.

At ground (basement) level on the south is a shed-roofed porch with turned posts, now enclosed by screening.

The interior plan of the house consists of a front and back parlor on the east, with fire places back-to-back in their common wall. The mantel in the rear (south) parlor is of wood, while that in the front (north) parlor is of heavy marbleized slate with a central keystone ornament. The west third of the house consists of the stairhall; rising from both the basement level and the first story are staircases with heavy arts-and-crafts style newel-posts, and turned balusters. The architraves of doors and windows feature heavy multiple-course ovolo moldings without corner blocks. The basement once included a full-kitchen in the south (rear) and pantry/larder in the north; until the 1950's, when indoor plumbing was installed, there was a cistern in the basement for all indoor water uses. (The narrow-width floor-boards of the basement appear to rest directly on the sand below).

The double-lot also includes (southeast of the house) the original frame carriage house with board-and-batten siding. This carriage house was at one time converted into a tenant dwelling with the installation of a chimney and stove pipe, as well as partitions. It is now in ruinous condition, and beyond salvage.

8. Significance

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 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 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 1880's **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.

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The retreat community of Seabrook was developed by Thomas Seabrook, a Philadelphia engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad who had been instrumental in designing the railroad tunnels through Baltimore, and laying out the lateral branch (now the main line) from Bowie Junction into Washington.¹ In 1871, Seabrook purchased 223 1/4 acres of a tract called "Webb" and 275 adjoining acres, and a decade or so later began to lay out a resort community, easily accessible from the city of Washington by rail.²

Three Victorian cottages were constructed before 1888; the westmost was used by Seabrook and the other two probably by his friends and colleagues as vacation residences. In 1896 Seabrook sold the eastmost of the three cottages (the subject property) to Henry A. Kelly, of the U.S. Post Office Department. It remained in the Kelly family until 1938 when his widow, Mary M. Kelly, willed it to her sister, E. Ellen Brickerd. During World War II the present owners rented rooms in this house, and then purchased it in 1951.³ Since that time the house has been fully electrified, and the cistern has been replaced by indoor plumbing, but the house remains essentially in its original condition. Its significance lies in the fact that it is probably unique in Prince George's County, and can serve as a model for potential restoration of the other two cottages.

¹ The History of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 1949.

² HB#4:626, Eq. #432/#434.

³ Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 14th E.D. 1871-1900.
Prince George's County Deeds. JWB #38:30; #520:316; #1399:482; #3009:259;
Prince George's County Will WTD #5:165.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Seabrook Houses				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 9409, 9431 (?) and 9513 Duberry Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Seabrook				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Various private owners, including Seabrook Baptist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: (9513) and Alton Good (9409)				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
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:	

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The houses were built on land owned by Seabrook, a surveyor for the Philadelphia-Washington section of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. One house was his own residence and the other two were rental properties.

Two of the houses have been altered. 9409 has had the porch enclosed and the finials shortened. 9431 (?) has had the the west porch removed and the bargeboards replaced with fasciae. Both buildings are restorable, however, since 9513 retains an almost pure original character.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input 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%; text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>These three houses are identical in plan and original appearance. They were built by Seabrook in the mid-19th century; 9409 Duberry Avenue, being his own house and the other two being rentals.</p> <p>The houses are 1-1/2 story, frame structures, sitting on high brick foundations. The entrance (north) facades are two bays, the westerly being a doorway with tall transom light and low-pedimented architrave, the easterly being a bay window. In the forward facing gable is a triangular window, the sides of which are segmental arches.</p> <p>Only 9513 retains the original west facade treatment. A one story porch runs across the two bay facade. The north bay is a doorway with a tall transom light and the south bay is a tall window; both openings have low-pedimented architraves. The west-facing gable is extremely narrow, giving it a vertical appearance; it has a narrow, tall, triangular-arched window.</p> <p>Features which distinguish these houses are central chimneys larger than those usually found on mid-nineteenth century houses, elaborate bargeboards consisting of a series of interconnected S curves, and tall finials in the gables.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 15 Nov 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

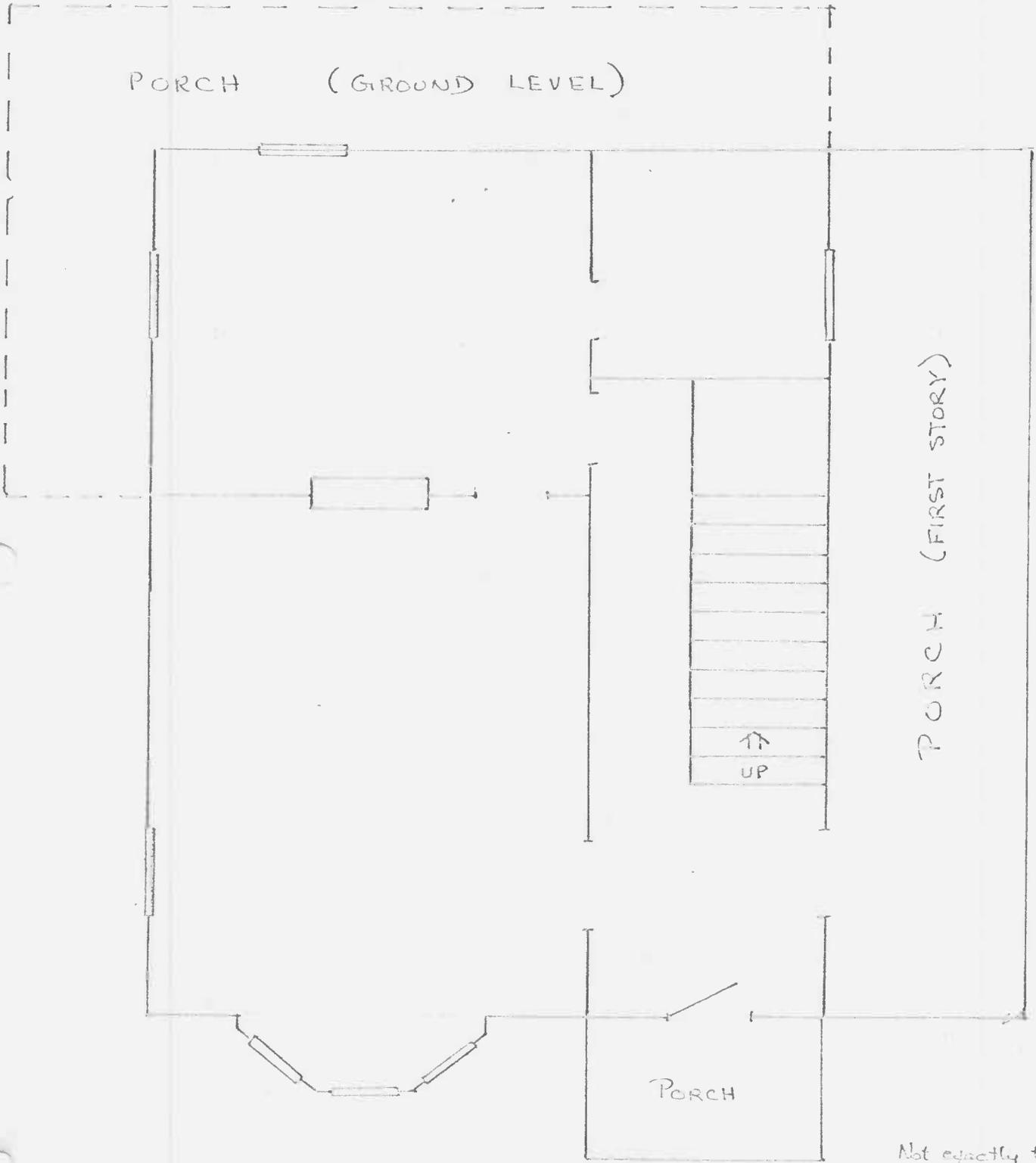
 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

P.G. # 70-14

SEABROOK HOUSE #3

KELLY - HOWERTON HOUSE



Not exactly to scale

1" = 5'

sgp
2/24

Chain of Title

Seabrook House #3
P.G. #70-14

- #3009:259
20 Apr 1964
Deed
Joseph B. Howerton to Elizabeth Howerton; his interest in Lots 6 and 7, Block D, Seabrook, which grantor and grantee acquired as joint tenants by #1399:482.
- #1399:482
11 July 1951
Deed
E. Ellen Brickerd, surviving tenant of husband Garretson Brickerd (deceased 1946) to Elizabeth Howerton and Joseph B. Howerton, her son, as joint tenants; Lots 6 and 7 of Block D, Seabrook.
- #520:316
9 Feb 1939
Deed
William E. Seaver, executor of will of Mary M. Kelly to Garretson and E. Ellen Brickerd; Lots 6 through 9, 12 and 13 in Block D, Seabrook, as per Plat A-101 by Edward Latimer.
- WTD #5:165
24 Feb 1939
Will
Testator, Mary M. Kelly; all estate real and personal to sister E. Ellen Brickerd, now living in Bowie; and after Mrs. Brickerd's death, to her children; William Seaver, executor.
- GPH #1:539
10 Dec 1918
Will
Testator, Henry A. Kelly; cottage and adjoining eight lots in Seabrook to wife Mary Middleton Kelly.
- JWB #38:30
7 July 1896
Deed
Thomas Seabrook et ux, to Henry A. Kelly of Post Office Department, D.C.; Lots 6, 7, 12 and 13 of Block D, Seabrook, "it being the property upon which is located the eastern of three cottages at Seabrook."
- HB #4:626
11 Mar 1871
Deed
Daniel Clarke and R. B. B. Chew to Thomas Seabrook, grantors appointed by Equity Cases #432 and #434 to sell the real estate of John Contee; did sell to Thomas Seabrook in 1869 (by HB #2:782):
 "Webb" - 223-1/4 acres
 "Woodland" - 150 acres
 "Belt's Pigpen" - 124.6 acres
- Seabrook claimed errors in survey, which present deed corrects.
- HB #2:782
18 Nov 1869
Deed
Daniel Clarke and R. B. B. Chew, trustees appointed to sell land of John Contee, to Thomas Seabrook, three tracts: Webb, Woodland and Belt's Pigpen. (cf. plat filed in Equity Cases #432 and #434, showing that land later developed as "Seabrook" is part of the tract "Webb").

LANHAM A
Seabrook
House # 3
P.G. # 70-14



4316
4315
4314
57'30"
4313
4312

BALT WASH PKWY
U.S. CAPITOL 6 MI.
BALT WASH PKWY 3.9 MI.

GLENN DALE
PROSPECT
193
190
180
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P.G. #70-14

Kelly-Howerton house
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-14

Kelly-Howerton house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #70-14

Kelly-Howerton house

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

North entrance

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#70-14

Seabrook House #3 (Kelly-Howerton)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

September 1984

Northwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: MD.Hist.Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME

SEABROOK HOUSE #1

LOCATION

9409 DUBARRY Rd SEABROOK, Md

FACADE

NW

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11/15/73 MOWYER



NAME SEABROOK HOUSE #2

LOCAL 9431 DUBARRY Rd SEABROOK, Md

FACADE NW

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NAME # 70-14 SEABROOK HOUSE #3

LOCATION 9513 DUBARRY SEABROOK, MD

FACADE NW

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