

S-78
Stephen Costen Farm
Near Wellington
Private

c. 1840-1850

The Stephen Costen farmhouse is a plain two-story five bay center hall frame dwelling that is flanked by exterior common bond brick chimneys. Extending to the rear is a single-story hyphen which connects the one-room plan kitchen. Both the kitchen and hyphen are finished inside with vertical beaded boards, while the front rooms are fitted with Greek Revival style woodwork.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-78
Magi No. 2000785504
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stephen Costen Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of Dublin Road not for publication

city, town Wellington vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Hist. Trust Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

7. 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 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.

The Stephen Costen farmhouse stands on the west side of Dublin Road and immediately south of the intersection with Perryhawkin Road, near Wellington, Somerset County, Maryland. The 1840-1850 two-story five-bay center hall house faces east with the main gable running north/south. Extending to the rear is a single-story hyphen which connects a one-room plan kitchen.

The asbestos sheathed frame house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a medium pitched asphalt tile roof. A boxed cornice stretches across front and back, and the gable ends are flush. Exterior common bond brick stacks rise on each gable.

The east (main) facade is a slightly asymmetrical five bays with a center entrance flanked by 6/6 sash windows. The door is a replacement, but the criss-crossed muntin transom remains intact. Five 6/6 sash windows light the second floor.

The two gable ends are essentially the same with an exterior single-shouldered common bond brick chimney flanked by 6/6 sash windows on each floor. Four-pane attic lights flank the stack as well.

Attached to the back of the house is a service ell. A one-room hyphen with a low pitched roof connects a one-room plan kitchen which dates to the same period as the main house. An interior end brick stack rises through the steeply pitched roof. The remaining exterior details remain consistent with the main house.

The interior was not open, but the woodwork that is apparent dates to the second quarter of the century.

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
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

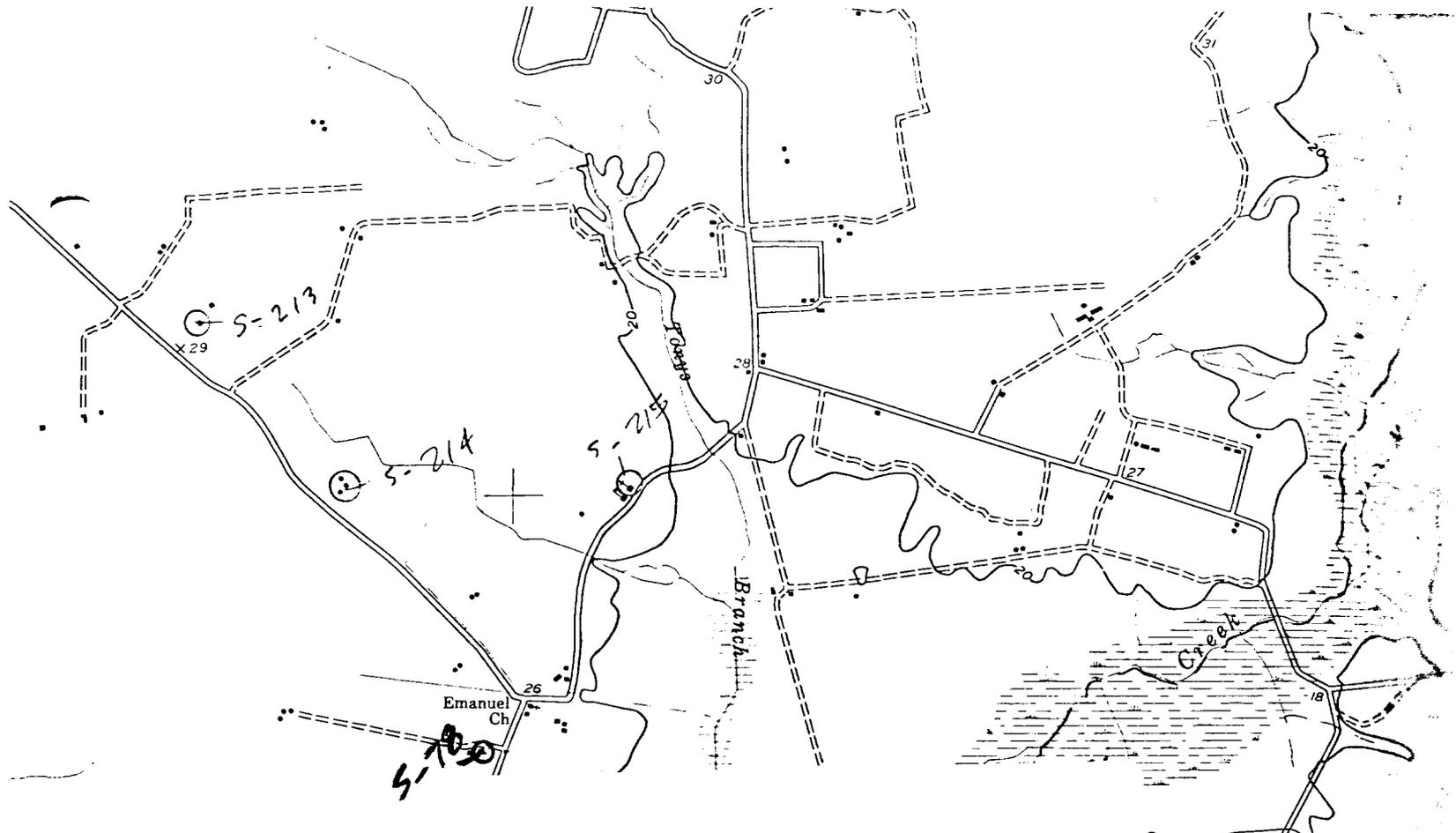
The Stephen Costen House is a somewhat remodeled second quarter of the 19th-century farmhouse, which remains ^{with} most of its Greek Revival period woodwork. Similar to many Eastern Shore houses, the kitchen is connected to the main house by a shorter hyphen.

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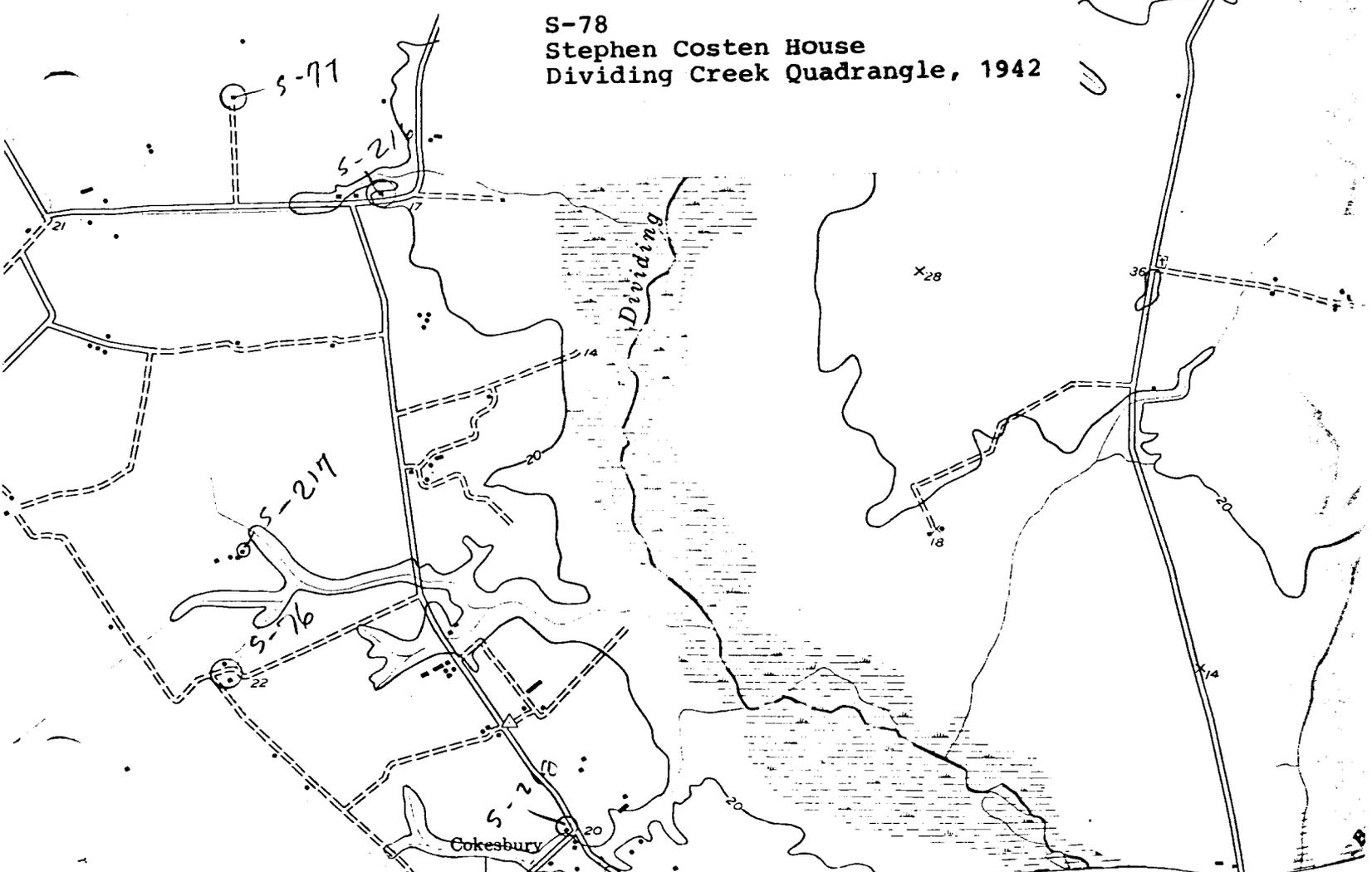
1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Wellington VICINITY STREET NO.		HISTORIC AMERIC IN:	
ORIGINAL OWNER Costen family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER W. F. Pusey PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Shingled Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2½ w/ 1½ addition		2. NAME Costen House S-78 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1800 STYLE Late Colonial Farmhouse ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
This simple country frame house is 5 bays wide with a central door with a simple overlight. All of the windows are 6/6. There is an exposed chimney on each end of the house, a style which is uncommon in old Somerset County houses. A small colonnade leads to a kitchen at the rear of the house. The downstairs right rear room and kitchen both have walls of beaded vertical board panelling and may be older than the rest of the house. This house is a simple farm structure and is only distinguished by its exposed end chimneys which appear to be contemporary with the construction of the house.		OPEN TO PUBLIC No	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
Unrestored -- needs work.			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman	
		DATE OF RECORD 8/8/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE





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 Stephen Costen House
 Dividing Creek Quadrangle, 1942



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