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Old Cullen House  
Hopewell  
private

c. 1837

The old Cullen house, centered in the village of Hopewell, follows the regional vernacular stepped house form popularly referred to as "big house, little house, colonnade and kitchen." The main two story, three-bay block has a center entrance, a diamond pane transom and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. Highlighting the front and rear cornices are rows of modillion blocks terminated at each end by an up-side-down "U" shaped end board. This distinctive decorative feature is repeated at the old Nelson Homestead (S-245), built at the same time and probably by the same artisan. Attached to the north end of the main house is a shorter story-and-a-half section that connects the colonnade and kitchen to the main house.

Construction of this four-part house is attributed to John Cullen, Sr., who purchased the hundred-acre plantation from the estate of Lodowick Milbourn in December of 1836 (GH 8/515). Identical finish features repeated at the William Nelson Homestead (S-245) tie these buildings to the same period of construction. A mixture of Federal and Greek Revival style elements is found in both dwellings. John Cullen transferred ownership of the property to his two sons, William T. and Jacob Hoke Cullen, in 1866 (LW 9/598).

Although the Cullen family has maintained ownership of this farm to the present day, Jacob Milbourn is recorded as the former owner who assembled the hundred-acre plantation from two tracts in 1769 (O/41). Comprising parts of "Hopewell" and "Upper Andua," Jacob Milbourn's plantation included one-hundred and eight acres as well as a single-story, 24' by 18', frame house, a sixteen-foot square kitchen and several other outbuildings. <sup>by 1790.</sup> Lodowick Milbourn inherited the Little Annemessex Hundred plantation through his father's will proved in 1813 (EB 23/191).

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-80

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Cullen House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number SE side of MD 413 413 SE side of Hopewell Road  not for publication

city, town Hopewell  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                   | <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 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 Agnes B. Cullen

street & number Hopewell Road telephone no.: 968-2618

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD, 21817

## 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 Historical 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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|                                          |                                       |                                             |                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                     |
| <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 Old Cullen House is located in the center of Hopewell, a small railroad-side rural community northeast of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The "telescope style" house faces northwest with the gable running on a northeast/southwest axis. The old Hopewell Road passes to the east of the frame structure.

The four-part frame house appears to date from the first quarter of the 19th century and was probably erected in one or perhaps two periods. The aluminum sheathed house is supported by a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The northwest (principal) facade is nine bays across; the southwest three comprise the main house, while the other three sections are two bays wide. The replacement front door is topped by a diamond-pane transom, and it is flanked by 9/6 sash windows. Three 6/6 sash windows light the second floor. The boxed cornice is decorated with modillions and finished at each end by an upside-down "U"-shaped end board, which is identical to the treatment of the Old Nelson House cornice (S-245).

The southwest gable end has an exposed common bond brick firewall and flanking 9/6 sash windows. Six over six sash light the second floor, and four over two windows illuminate the attic. A corbelled brick chimney rises from the flush gable end.

The southeast (rear) elevation of the main house is detailed in much the same manner as the front with a center door and diamond pane transom. Nine over six sash light the first floor and six over six light the second floor.

The northeast gable end of the main house is largely covered by a true story-and-a-half two-bay by one room section. Lighting the main attic from the north are two 4/2 sash windows. This middle section is finished in a less elaborate manner than the main house. Nine over six sash light the first floor, while the loft is only lighted by two 4/2 gable end windows. The interior end brick chimney carries the same corbelled cap as the main house.

The next section is a single-story hyphen which connects the main house with the kitchen. The single-story northwest elevation is marked by a door in the south bay along with an adjacent six over six sash window.

The final section is a short two-story two-bay kitchen with a shed porch across the back. The northwest elevation is marked by a replacement door and adjacent six over six sash. The second floor is pierced by six over six sash. In contrast to the main house, the kitchen roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits. A narrow stuccoed brick stack rises from the northeast gable. Two 6/6 sash windows light the second floor from the north end.

The interior of the main has been partially remodeled, but the late Federal period woodwork remains essentially in place. The one-room plan

# 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           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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**

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.

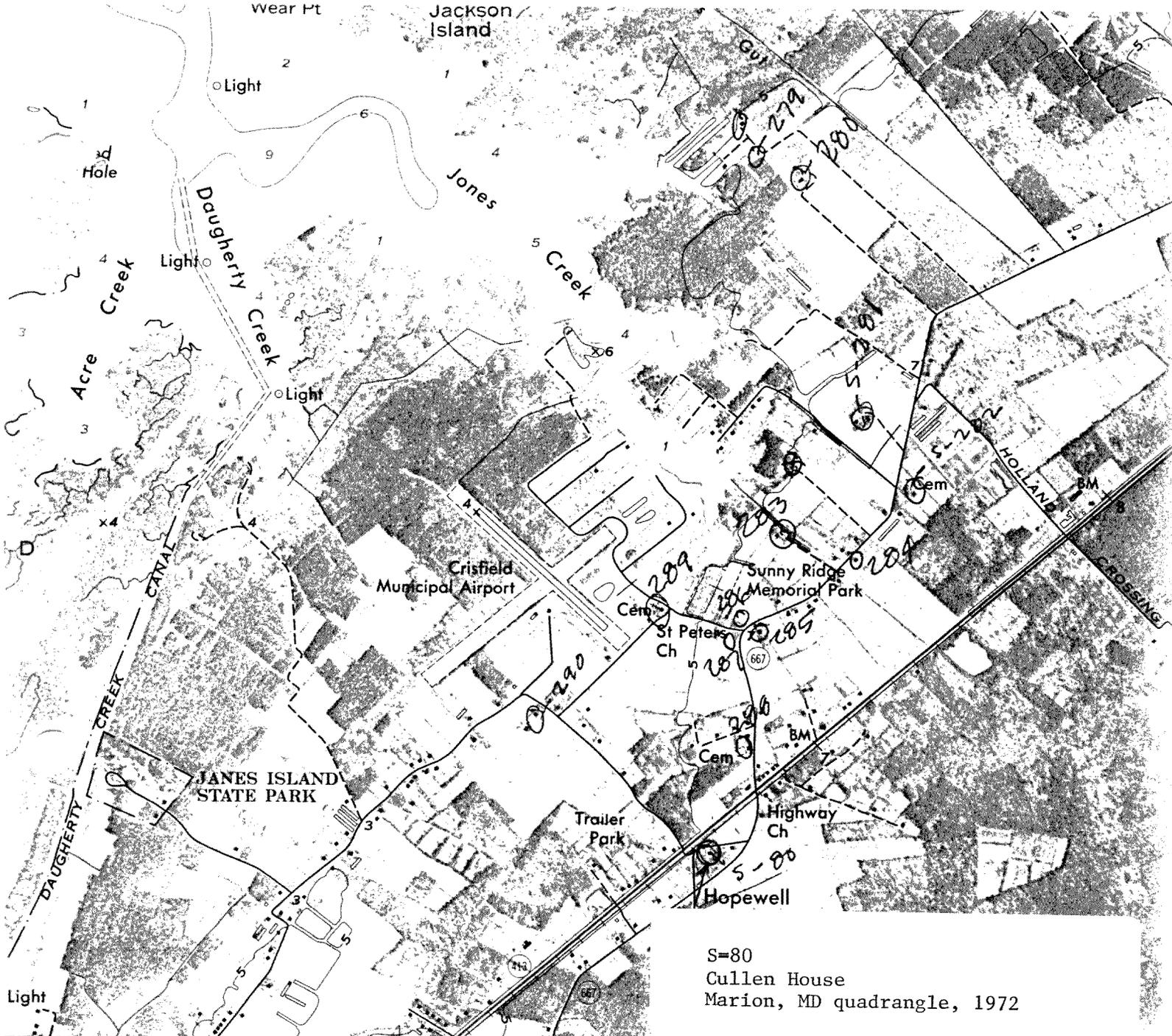


p. 511 CULLEN HOMESTEAD -  
HOUSE BUILT c 1820 BY  
JOHN AND MARTIN WARD CULLEN

JOHN CULLEN B. MAY 13, 1793  
D. 1876

MARTIN WARD CULLEN B. 1796 D. 1861

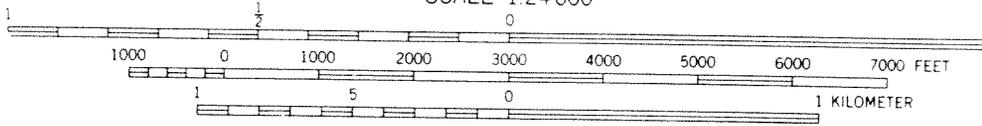




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 Cullen House  
 Marion, MD quadrangle, 1972

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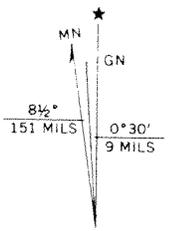
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET



UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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West Elevation  
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Cullen House  
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Northwest Elevation  
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Mantel in Hyphen

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Cullen House  
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West Elevation Detail

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Somerset

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