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Fred Henss Farm
Kingston vicinity
Private

c. 1870

The Fred Henss farm is located on the west side of the Old Westover-Marion Road, .25 of a mile south of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Centered among a group of late nineteenth-century outbuildings is a two-story cross-gabled farmhouse with a tee-plan service wing. The remodeled frame outbuildings include a gable-front barn, a pair of corn cribs, a privy, and two chicken houses.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-247

Magi No. 2002475635

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Fred Henss Farm

2. Location

street & number West side of Westover/Marion Road not for publicationcity, town Kingston 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 checked="" 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 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 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 Fred Henss

street & number Box 163 telephone no.:

city, town Kingston state and zip code MD 21852

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

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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 Fred Henss Farm is located on the west side of the Old Westover - Marion Road, approximately .25 of a mile south of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story cross-gabled farmhouse is accompanied by a small group of frame outbuildings.

The two-story three-bay farmhouse has been extensively remodeled, but it retains its basic form. The asbestos clad frame structure rests on a stuccoed foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt tile roof. A two-story T-service wing extends to the rear.

The east (main) elevation is symmetrically arranged with a center door and flanking 6/1 sash windows. The four-panel molded door is framed by colored three-light sidelights and a colored three-light transom. A gable front entrance stoop covers the center bay. The second floor is lighted by three 6/1 sash windows, while the cross gable is pierced by a single-pane sash window.

The gable ends are similarly detailed with 6/1 sash windows on each floor. The two-story service wing is finished in the same manner without notable details.

Standing behind the house are three concrete block and frame chicken houses, and to the northwest, a medium-sized gable front barn is sheathed with German siding. A pair of sliding barn doors provide access to the first floor. A louvered vent pierces the upper gable. Attached to the south side of the barn is a two-bay wagon shed.

Next to the barn are a pair of frame corn cribs with vertical slat siding. Concrete piers support the two buildings, while simple gabled roofs cover them.

Another frame building with German siding stands next to the corn cribs. Finally a small one-bay by one-bay privy, which has been converted to a different use, completes the group of outbuildings. Like the barn, it is clad with German siding and covered by an asphalt shingle roof.

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 checked="" 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/ |
| <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

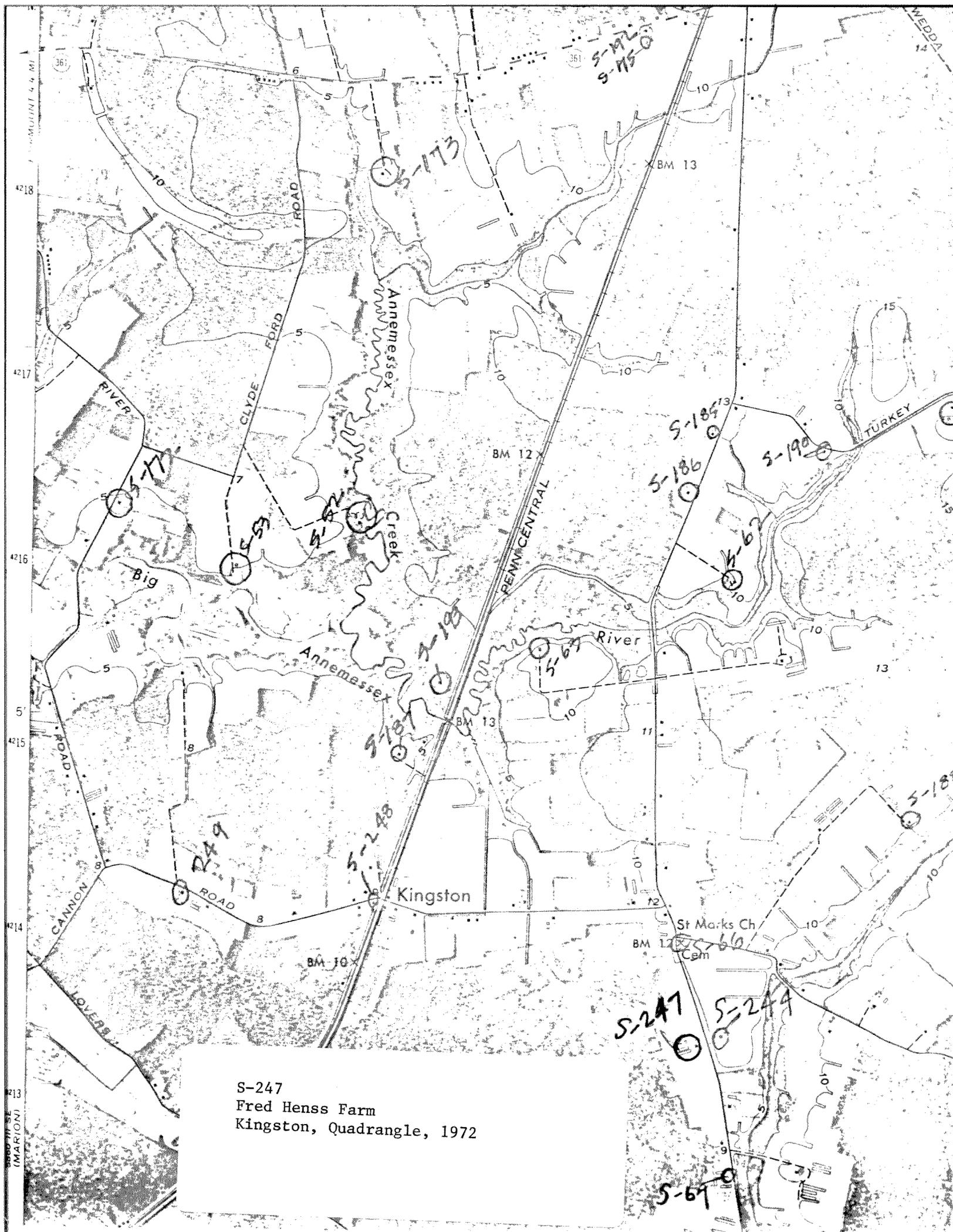
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

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 Fred Henss farm is a marginally significant group of remodeled late 19th-century farm buildings. The farmhouse, more than the other structures, has been compromised the most. The barn and other farm buildings have been modified with the resurfacing in German siding.



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Fred Henss Farm
Kingston, Quadrangle, 1972

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East Elevation

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Corn Cribs

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Privy

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