

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Juliana Smith House Survey Number: S-430

Project: Road Widening Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Juliana Smith House (S-430) is located on the north side of MD 363 near the village of St. Stephen in Somerset County. The property includes a late 19th-century farmhouse and its associated outbuildings. Based upon the MHT form, the property does not have sufficient integrity to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Juliana Smith House was originally constructed ca. 1885 as a two-story, one-room deep house. After World War II, a two-story rear ell and shed additions were constructed, giving the dwelling its present configuration. In either its original or altered form, the dwelling lacks the architectural distinction necessary for it to qualify for Criterion A. No persons or events significant in our past are known to be associated with the property and therefore make it ineligible for listing under Criteria A or B. No archeological sites have been previously recorded in the area around the property.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Group Leader, Cultural Resources Group

Beth Hannold and Kim Williams February 12, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Oliver/Robert v 2-13-96
Reviewed, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
 Prince George's and St. Mary's)
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
 Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
 Western Maryland (Alleghany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
 Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
 Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
 Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
 Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
 Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
 Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
 Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
 Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
 Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

Subsistence
 Settlement
 Political
 Demographic
 Religion
 Technology
 Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
 and Community Planning
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
 Government/Law
 Military
 Religion
 Social/Educational/Cultural
 Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATE

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930 A.D.)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residential

Known Design Source: Unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-430

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Juliana Smith House

2. Location

street & number MD 363, Deal Island Road not for publication

city, town Venton _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Maryland _____ county Somerset _____

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 Mary Emily White c/o Annie Gillian

street & number 28465 Venton Avenue telephone no.: 410-651-0692

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. N/A liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-430

| 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 checked="" 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 late 19th century **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-430

Land and Marriage Records, Somerset County

10. Geographical Data

inventoried
Acreage of nominated property 8 acres

Quadrangle name Monie

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Parcel

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization MD State Hwy. Administration date January 14, 1995

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21202

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Description
Continuation Sheet 7.1

The Juliana Smith House is a small, two-story, seldom occupied dwelling located on the north side of MD 363 in an area known today as Venton, but which historically was referred to as Habnab (a.k.a. Habinab). MD 363 connects Deale Island with Princess Anne, the county seat of Somerset County. The small section between Venton Road and Oriole Road, within which the Smith House is located, was constructed in the second quarter of the twentieth century.

There are currently only three buildings on the property - the white frame dwelling, believed to have been built by Juliana Smith around 1885, a small frame shed which was constructed on the property about eight years ago, and a small frame outhouse. The two-part, ell-shaped dwelling assumed its present configuration after World War II when the family constructed the rear, two-story wing. The original structure was a modest frame two and one-half story rectangular dwelling, which was oriented to the northeast and Venton Road. It was constructed on brick corner plinths, with the crawl space concealed by a pressed metal skirt. It has an asphalt shingle roof, and the entire structure is sheathed with asbestos shingles.

The principal, or northeast facade, has regularly aligned two-over-two lights, with the entrance offset to the north and sandwiched between the windows in the first and second bays. A simple brick chimney is located at the peak of the gable roof which parallels this principal facade. It is not centered, but rather is offset slightly to the north. There is no porch on the principal facade, and it is unlikely that the entrance is used regularly, as the primary ingress is the door located in the southeast facade of the ell, closest to MD 363, from which vehicular access is maintained.

The two end walls of this original, small, rectangular structure (the northwest and southeast elevations) are characterized by a regular fenestration of three two-over-two lights vertically aligned; however, the window at the gable level is slightly smaller than its lower counterparts.

The building has a rectangular ground plan as the two angles where the ca. 1950 wing meets the original structure have been infilled with porches. The shed-roofed one-story porch on the northwest facade has been enclosed, whereas the one on the opposite side (the southeast) is open, and shelters the entrance. A chimney is located at the peak of the gable roof of the wing, which is oriented from the southwest to the northeast. The simple brick chimney is inside the rear wall. The fenestration of the wing is uniformly six-over-six lights. The southwest end wall has two windows located at the second level, whereas there

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Continuation Sheet 7.2

is no corresponding one on the first level in the southernmost bay. The two windows in the northwest facade of the enclosed porch are a small sash and a two-light hopper window, in accordance with other physical evidence that this enclosed porch was built in two sections.

The current owner reports that considerable alteration of the interior has occurred. The single most important alteration to the original part was the removal of the stair, which was originally located along an end wall. A new staircase was built in the middle of the ground floor, dividing it into two sections.

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Statement of Significance
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The Juliana Smith House is the sole remaining original late nineteenth century structure on the small parcel located in rural Somerset County, west of Princess Anne. The property passed to Juliana's daughter, Mary, who raised a family there with her husband Augustus, who she married in 1908. Although the property remains in the possession of her descendants, it is only intermittently occupied and is not in very good condition.

The late nineteenth century structure, unremarkable in itself, and typical of the simple frame dwellings of the time, was extensively altered on the interior, probably about the same time as a large two-story wing was constructed on its rear, or southwest facade, shortly after World War II. According to a family descendent, the acreage of the small property was utilized solely for the cultivation of victuals consumed by the family, and the adult members of the family usually had outside employment.

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12'30"
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4226
4225
10'
4224
4223

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List of Photographs

1. Property Looking North from MD 363
2. Principal (Northeast) Facade
3. North Corner
4. Northwest Facade
5. West Corner
6. Southwest Facade
7. South Corner
8. Southeast Facade
9. East Corner
10. Board and Batten, Shed, South Corner
11. Outhouse, South Corner



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Property, Looking North from MD 363

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Juliana Simon House

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Principal (Northeast) Facade

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Juliana Smith

Venton, Somerset County

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State Highway Administration

North Corner

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Juliana Smun House

Venon, Somerset County

Northwest facade

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Juliana Smith House

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West Corner

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Md. State Highway Administration

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Juliana Smith House

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South west Facade

Rita Suffness, Md State Highway
Administration

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South Corner

Rita Suffren, Md. State

Highway Administration

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Juliana Smith House

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Southeast Facade

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State Highway Admin

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Juliana Smith House

Venton, Somerset County

East Corner 12/94

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Manford State Highway

Administration

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Juliana Smith House

Venton, Somerset County

Shed, South Corner

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Juliana Smith House

Ventnor, Somerset County

South Corner

Outhouse

12/94

Rita Suffness

Md. State Highway Administrator

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