

Capsule Summary

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Burlington

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore  
Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930  
Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function and Use: Residence  
Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-144

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Burlington

and/or common

## 2. Location

S side of Oakley Road (Rt. 470) approximately 1 mile S of the intersection of Oakley and Sugar Hole Rd.  
street & number  not for publication

city, town Oakley  vicinity of congressional district 7

state Maryland county St. Mary's County TM-39, B-19, P-67

## 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	<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 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 William C. and Claire B. Mulford

street & number Star Rt Box 80 B telephone no.: 301-769-3450

city, town Avenue state and zip code Maryland 20609-9801

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 437

street & number folio 144

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Burlington

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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.

Contributing Resources: 3

Located in Oakley, Maryland, Burlington is situated on Route 470 (Oakley Road) approximately 2 miles south of the northern intersection of Maryland Routes 470 and 242 (Colton Point Road). The house is approached via a straight 0.2 mile long dirt drive that terminates on a circular drive in front of the dwelling. Lying at the headwaters of Canoe Neck Creek, the house is oriented on a north-south axis and overlooks the confluence of Canoe Neck Creek and St. Clements Bay. It is surrounded by cultivated fields of corn and soybean and is situated near several agricultural outbuildings including an old stable (now garage), two tobacco barns, an old chicken house, and a stripping shed.

Originally constructed in the 1880s-1890s, Burlington is a two story, frame, double-pile plan dwelling with a two story gable end wing erected in the 1910s. Situated on a common bond brick foundation, the house is sheathed on the exterior with "German" siding attached to the circular sawn frame with cut nails. The eaves are enclosed and the roof, pierced by three interior chimneys with corbelled tops, is covered with asphalt shingles.

The primary or north elevation presents a symmetrical placement of bays or openings. The central three bays are located in a two story projection with a gable front. The three bays of this section consist of a four panel door with a single light transom flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The three first floor bays are shaded by a gable front porch. The porch features scroll sawn brackets, chamfered posts, and a scroll sawn balustrade. The second floor of the projection is pierced by three, six-over-six windows. The attic story is pierced by a Palladian window that consists of a central four-over-four window with two-over-two sidelights. Each side of the central projection features two, six-over-six windows on both the first and second floors. Each window bay features hardware for louvered shutters, but the shutters are currently being repaired and repainted. The two story wing is located on the east side of the dwelling. Each floor of the wing is pierced by two, two-over-two windows.

The west or gable end elevation is pierced on the first and second floor by three, symmetrically aligned six-over-six windows. A fourth set of bays was precluded by the construction of an interior end brick chimney that rises in its stead. The attic story is pierced by a centrally located six-over-six window.

The south or water side elevation features eight bays on the first floor and seven on the second floor. While this elevation does not feature a projection it does exhibit a centrally located cross gable. The main centrally located door features fifteen lights with a single light transom overhead. To the west of the door are two six-over-six windows, a fifteen light door to an old bedroom, and a six-over-six window. To the east, the main block is pierced by three six-over-six windows, while the kitchen wing features a four panel door and a four-over-four window. All of the bays on the first floor are shaded by a screened-in porch that was constructed using the original chamfered posts. The second floor of the main block is pierced by seven six-over-six windows while the wing is pierced by one door that leads to a second floor sun-porch lit by a series of one-over-one modern sash. The attic story of the main block is lit by a three-part Palladian window with a central six-over-one window flanked by two-over-two sidelights.

The east elevation consists of the gable end of the wing and main block of the dwelling.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-144

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
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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
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<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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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St. Mary's County Debt Books: 1752-1758. Transcribed by Linda Davis Reno, St. Mary's County Historical Society, 1995.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 76.50 acres

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, Md

Quadrangle scale 1: 24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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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7.1 Description

The wing is pierced on the first floor by two, two-over-two windows and on the second floor by two, six-over-six windows. The main block is pierced on the first floor by two, six-over-six windows and on the second floor by two, six-over-six windows. The attic story is lit by a centrally located six-over-six window.

The interior of Burlington features a center passage double pile plan. The center passage, however, is exceptionally wide and functions as a sitting room. The passage/sitting room permits entry into every room on the first floor. More specifically, the passage is flanked on both sides by two rooms and also leads into a library/study directly to the south. The passage also contains the stairs to the second floor. The stairs feature a turned newel (similar to that found at the Thompson House (SM-594)) as well as turned balusters. All of the window and door surrounds on the first floor are darkly stained and exhibit slightly arched hoods. Each of the rooms that radiate from the center passage contain a fireplace that feature similarly reeded pilasters and friezes. Two of the rooms, in the northwest and southeast corners, feature slightly less decoration on the window and door surrounds signalling a secondary importance. Interestingly, Clair and Dr. Bill Mulford noted that one of these rooms was originally used as a bedroom. The kitchen wing, located on the east side of the dwelling, presently consists of one room that also contained a pantry. It is connected to the main block through separate doors to the two side parlors. An enclosed stair to the second floor further connects the kitchen wing to the main block. The second floor of the main block features a similarly large sitting room with five bedrooms radiating from it. A bedroom over the kitchen is accessed through a door located in the northeast corner bedroom of the main block. The attic is unfinished but was intended to eventually be a livable space. The stair decoration was continued, the door jambs were installed, but the plaster work was never begun. The roof framing consists of circular sawn members. The rafters are butted at the peak to a ridge board and fastened with mature cut nails.

The property also features two mid-nineteenth century tobacco barns. The first barn is located just north of the house and east of the farm road. The barn is a rectangular structure oriented on a east-west axis. The main structure measures approximately 24 feet wide and 60 feet long. Sheds once extended from the west and south sides of the building but were removed during a recent renovation.

Constructed c. 1840s, the main body of the barn features a cross axial plan with large double doors centered on the east and west elevations, and narrow single doors centered on the north and south gable ends. Several other doors have been added to the east and west facades during the recent renovation. A single door was added to the west side and a double door was added on the east side. Many of the doors feature reproduction wrought hinges that were based on original strap hinges that were used to hang the doors. The barn currently features a concrete pier foundation and the exterior is clad with vertical board siding. At the juncture of the roof and wall is an open cornice that exhibits the ends of the structural ties. The roof is covered with raised seam metal.

The barn's interior is divided into fifteen, four foot "rooms" created by tobacco poles, but the barn is divided into seven structural bays of approximately 9 feet each. The primary transverse aisle between the east and west walls is served by the two paired doors on those respective elevations. The braced frame construction consists of heavy hewn corner posts and intermediate studs that are joined by four levels of horizontal rails. These horizontal rails serve as nailers for the exterior siding, provide lateral support for the framing system, and also support the tobacco poles.

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The corner posts as well as some of the intermediate studs are further strengthened by pit sawn and hewn down braces. Intermediate lateral support is achieved through two transverse sills that feature braces. These two sills were replaced during the renovation. These braces connect the sill to a large stud. The studs and corner posts rise until they are mortise and tenoned into a hewn wall plate. The plates on the east and west sides feature a scarf joint that enables the structural member to extend the full length of the barn. The wall plate supports a series of vertically set, structural ties that are hewn and pit sawn. A series of vertical round poles bisects the barn longitudinally from north to south on four foot centers and provide an intermediate support for the tobacco poles. They feature round through-mortises to receive the tobacco poles. These vertical poles are mortise and tenoned to the structural ties. The ties support a hewn false plate which in turn supports the hewn rafters. Each rafter pair is strengthened laterally by three ties that are half lapped and nailed. The rafters are joined at the roof peak with half lap joints that are nailed with fully formed cut nails.

The second barn is located approximately 0.2 miles northwest of the house on the south side of Oakley Road. The barn is a rectangular structure oriented on a north-south axis. The main structure measures approximately 24 feet 6 inches wide and 80 feet long. An original, earthfast, hipped roof, lean-to shed, measuring approximately 40 feet wide and 20 feet long, extends from the east gable end of the barn.

Erected in the 1840s, the second barn is constructed of hewn and pit-sawn lumber. Like the first barn, the building features a cross axial plan with large double doors centered on the north and south elevations of the main section of the building. The double door on the north elevation has been extensively altered and was converted into a single door entry in the twentieth century. Just to the east of this converted door is another single door entry. The south elevation features a large central double-door, a loft door for hay storage, as well as an opening in the shed that was never secured with a door. Several of the doors feature wrought strap hinges with pintels. These hinges appear to have been reused from earlier doors as the straps were secured with wire nails and screws.

The frame of the barn rests on a fieldstone foundation. The exterior is sheathed with circular sawn vertical board siding that is secured with a combination of cut and wire nails. At the intersection of the roof and wall is an open cornice that features the ends of the interior structural ties that extend beyond the exterior wall surface. The roof is covered with raised seam metal.

The most distinctive feature of the barn is the framing system. While divided into eight foot structural bays, the barn is further subdivided by a series of four, transverse, braced sills. The bays are spaced on eight foot centers, while the transverse sills are roughly on sixteen foot centers. The studs, sills, braces, rails, wall plates, and ties are all either hewn or pit-sawn. A series of vertical skinned cedar posts line the center of the barn to support the two sets of horizontal tobacco poles. These vertical posts are mortise-and-tenoned to the wall ties. The ties are half-lapped over the wall plate and extend beyond the face of the exterior wall. The common ties support a hewn flat false plate which, in turn, buoys the common rafter roof. Each rafter pair is joined together by three half-lapped, common ties. At the peak of the roof the rafters are merely half lapped and nailed. Sometime after the barn was initially erected, the easternmost room of the

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main section was converted for use as a corn crib or granary. These changes included laying a plank floor on top of hewn floor joists, creating an interior lining of vertical planks, and framing-in a loft.

The earthfast lean-to, situated on the east side of barn, is constructed of similarly tooled framing members. The earthfast cedar posts are mortised-and-tenoned into hewn wall plates. Ties run east to west linking the shed to the main section. These ties support a hewn false plate that in turn supports the rafters. A series of struts extend off the rafters giving the roof of the shed a distinctive hipped shape. These struts connect to the gable end of the main section. Like in the main section, a series of four vertical posts bridge the space in the shed so as to support a series of tobacco poles.

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Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 437, Folio 144

Grantee: Dr. William C. and Claire B. Mulford

Grantor: W. Gilbert Dent, St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County, Inc., Arthur Page Gough and Robert Lee Gough

Date: October 13, 1988

Notes: The deed notes "Burlington" as containing 76.50 acres and "Woodland" containing 10 acres.

Reference: Liber MRB 381, Folio 439

Grantee: W. Gilbert Dent

Grantor: W. Gilbert Dent, personal representative of Fannie Jo Dent (5/8 interest)

Date: October 23, 1987

Reference: Liber MRB 252, Folio 352

Grantee: Fannie Jo Dent

Grantor: Lettie Marshall Dent Scholarship Fund

Date: March 11, 1986

Notes: 1/8 interest in Burlington and Woodland transferred

Reference: Liber MRB 147, Folio 345

Grantee: Fannie Jo Dent, remainder of her life, with remainder to Arthur Page Gough II, Robert Lee Gough, St. Mary's Hospital of St. Mary's County, and the Lettie Marshall Dent Scholarship fund

Grantor: W. Gilbert Dent - personal representative of the estate of Lettie M. Dent Gough

Date: June 23, 1983

Reference: Liber 111, Folio 239

Grantee: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie M. Dent Gough

Grantor: Lawyer's Title Company

Date: December 31, 1963

Reference: Liber 111, Folio 241

Grantee: Lawyer's Title Company

Grantor: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie M. Dent Gough

Date: December 31, 1963

Reference: Liber CBG 89, Folio 21

Grantee: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie M. Dent Gough

Grantor: Lawyer's Title Company

Date: July 1, 1960

Reference: Liber CBG 89, Folio 19

Grantee: Lawyer's Title Company

Grantor: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie M. Dent Gough and Arthur P. Gough

Date: July 1, 1960

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Reference: Liber JMM 11, 423

Grantee: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie Marshall Dent

Grantor: Ruth Dent Burch, Elliot E. Burch, and Elizabeth P. Dent

Date: May 12, 1939

Notes: The deed notes that Fannie L. Dent died leaving her estate to the above heirs. All of the heirs divide the property. Fannie Jo and Lettie Marshall Dent receive "Burlington."

Reference: Liber EBA 1, Folio 237

Grantee: Fannie L. Dent of Atlanta, Georgia

Grantor: J. Marshall Dent, executor of John F. Dent

Date: January 15, 1900

Notes: The deed notes the transfer of the property called "Burlington."

Reference: (Mortgage)

Grantee: John F. Dent

Grantor: J. Walter Carpeneter

Date: November 11, 1887

Notes: John F. Dent takes out a \$3000 mortgage on the following properties "Burlington" composed of Oakley 29 acres, Part of St. Clements Manor 40 1/2 acres, Part Same 33 1/2 acres, Part Ditto, 112 1/2 acres, Part Barton Hall 8 3/4 acres, Mossey Lee and Attaway Purchase 272 acres, Part Ainsworth 15 acres, Part St. Clements Manor 75 acres, Part Church Swamp 200 acres, Lot #3 in Church Swamp 47 acres, part Blue Stone 75 acres.

Reference: Liber JFF 5, Folio 9

Grantee: John F. Dent

Grantor: Jane H. G. Collins

Date: February 28, 1881

Notes: This deed confirms the sale of the 234 acre property called "Burlington" from John Kilgour to John F. Dent via Kilgour's daughter Jane Hagul Goldis Collins. The tract is described as located at the head of Canoe Neck Creek and part lying in Church Swamp.

Alienations and Transfers

Reference: Folio 207

Grantee: John Kilgour

Grantor: Alban G. Smith

Date: April 29, 1817

Notes: The deed notes the transfer of several tracts that included "Burlington." It also relates that the property was once owned by Philip Medley and Thomas Bullock who had died seized and possessed.

Reference: Folio 52

Grantee: Thomas Allstan

Grantor: Philip Medley

Date: June 16, 1797

Notes: This transfer notes "Burlington" as containing 67 acres.

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St. Mary's Debt Books

George Bullock (1756-1758)  
"Part of Burlington or St. Clements Manor", 75 acres

John Bond (1756-1758)  
"Part of Burlington or St. Clements Manor", 25 acres

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BURLINGTON  
*Oakley*  
*Private*

1885

The most notable exterior feature of this plain, two-story frame house is a centrally positioned "captain's walk" at the roof-ridge level.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME

COMMON: Burlington  
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast of Oakley Road (MD 470)  
CITY OR TOWN: Oakley  
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  
 Agricultural     Government     Park     Transportation     Comments  
 Commercial     Industrial     Private Residence     Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational     Military     Religious    \_\_\_\_\_  
 Entertainment     Museum     Scientific    \_\_\_\_\_

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Fannie Jo Dent and Lettie M. D. Gough  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse  
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive  
CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal     State     County     Local  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
STREET AND NUMBER:  
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<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

Burlington is a large, plain Victorian house, with five bays long, with a Captain's walk.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** c. 1880

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic<br><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Art<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce<br><input type="checkbox"/> Communications<br><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Invention<br><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape<br><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Literature<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-<br>losophy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture<br><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-<br>itarian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Theater<br><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*~~Burlington was built by one of the owners' of~~*

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *LEONARDTOWN ROAD*

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Bourne*

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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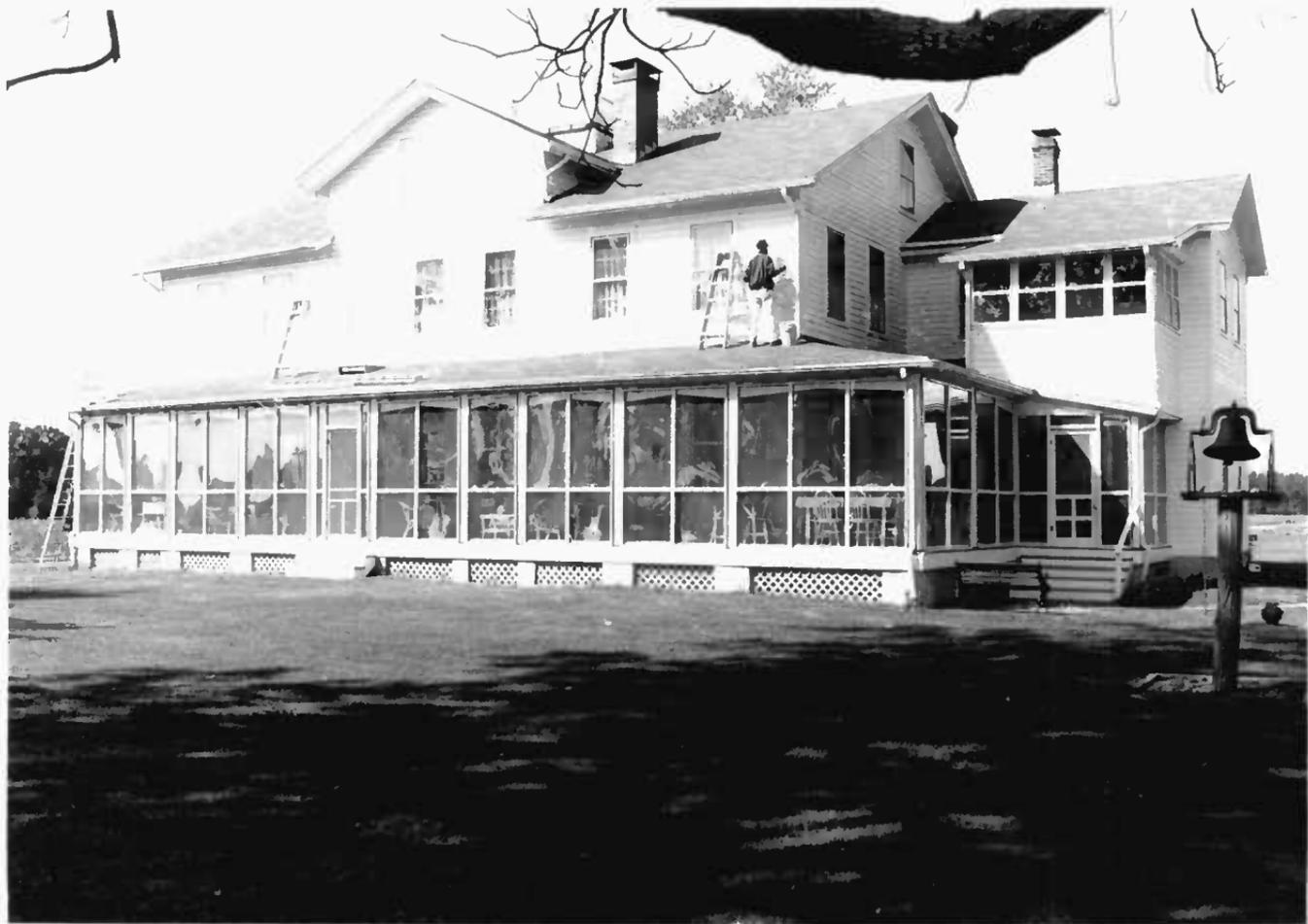
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Detail of Parish - looking W

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Interior - looking E

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Barns #1 & #2 - looking NE

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Interior of Barn # , looking S

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Barn #3 - Interior - looking E

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