

Capsule Summary
SM-475
Green Holly
Lexington Park vicinity
Private

Circa 1840; 1900

Green Holly is significant as an example of a traditional early to mid-century house type that was reworked around the turn of the century in the Queen Anne style. The 5/1 bond of the south chimney and the surviving interior finishes of the south parlor and south bedroom seem to indicate that the earliest section of the house dates to circa 1840. The house was enlarged and reconfigured around 1900. The house has been altered over the years with the construction of a series of additions on both the south and west elevations. The exterior of the main block and the setting of the house, overlooking the Patuxent River, remain little altered.

The tract name "Green Holly" does not appear in the land records until 1866. In that year, Susanah E. Wise purchased forty acres of the tract, then occupied by Charles L. Wise, for \$1920 from Elkanah and Mary Wise. It remains unclear how Mary and Elkanah Wise became possessed of the property.

Green Holly remained in the Wise family until 1894. Sold as the result of a decree in Circuit Court, the tract was purchased by Anna Augusta Bennett of Pennsylvania. It was probably Bennett who enlarged and updated the house in the Queen Anne style. When Bennett sold the property in 1914, the sale price had increased significantly to \$3000.

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Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Dwelling

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-475

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Green Holly

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Millstone Landing Road _____ not for publication

city, town Lexington Park vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John P. Rue II, Gary Rue

street & number 223 North Clairmont Dr. telephone no.: 301-863-7840

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 204

street & number folio 14

city, town Leonardtown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Green Holly is located at the end of Millstone Landing Road near Lexington Park in St. Mary's County, Maryland. The house stands on a rise in the landscape overlooking the Patuxent River. The main block of the house has a T-shaped plan. A two-story shed roof addition is attached to the west elevation of the house and a one-story, gable roof addition extends to the south of the main block. The house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Green Holly appears to have been built in two principal stages. Around 1840, the house was constructed as a center hall, single pile plan structure. It was later enlarged and reconfigured as an asymmetrical, Queen Anne style building. The house is supported by a continuous brick foundation. The first floor of the main block is sheathed with weatherboard siding while the second floor is covered with staggered, square butt wood shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation of the main block is ell-shaped with a one-story, shed roof porch infill that wraps around to the south side of the house. The porch is supported by square wood posts. The two southern bays of the main block consist of pair of ten-light entrance doors and a six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds. Above these two bays are two six-over-six sash windows lighting the second floor. The northern section of the house is a projecting three-sided bay lit on both the first and second floors by three six-over-six sash windows. The gable roof that caps this bay is pierced by a louvered vent.

The north elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with wide, plain surrounds on both the first and second floors. An exterior brick chimney stands against the northern gable-end elevation. To the west extends the longitudinal elevation of a two-story wing. The wing is pierced by a ten-light window on the first floor. The northwest corner of the wing is cut out and pierced by a six-panel door on the first floor and by a six-over-six sash window on the second floor.

The west elevation of the house consists of a northern gable end pierced by two ten-light windows on the first floor and one small six-over-six sash window on the second floor. The eave is pierced by a louvered vent. The west side of the main block is obscured by a two-story shed roof addition. The first floor of the addition is obscured by a one-story, shed roof addition pierced by a pair of six-light windows. The second floor of the two-story addition is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof slope of the main block. A one-story, gable roof kitchen wing extends to the west. This wing is pierced by an eight-light window and a six-panel door. Extending from the west side of the kitchen is an overhang supported by

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7.1 Description

wood posts that shelters the entrance door.

The south elevation of the western one-story shed roof addition is pierced by a six-panel door. An exterior brick chimney stands against the gable end of the kitchen wing. The first and second floors of the two-story, shed roof addition are pierced by one six-over-six sash window. The first floor of the main block is pierced by a six-over-six sash window with wide, plain surrounds and by a pair of five-light doors. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with wide, plain surrounds. An exterior brick chimney with a five course bond pattern stands against this elevation.

Currently, the main entrance to the house is through the southern kitchen wing. From the modern one-room kitchen extends a modern pantry. From the pantry there is a hall that leads to an irregularly shaped vestibule. A winding, open string stair, added by the current owners, is located in the northwest corner of the vestibule. Both the first and second floors of this western section of the house appear to have been added at a later date. The eastern section of the house consists of two parlors. The southern parlor is finished with a large mantel. The northern parlor, enlarged by the three-sided bay, was reworked in the twentieth century. The door architrave, which provides access between the north and south parlors, consists of symmetrically molded trim with bull's-eye corner blocks.

The second floor consists of a center hall with a coved plaster ceiling flanked by one large south bedroom and two smaller north bedrooms. The south bedroom door architrave consists of symmetrically molded trim with bull's-eye corner blocks like that on the first floor.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: John P. Rue II and Gary Rue
FROM: John P. Rue, Elizabeth T. Rue, John P. Rue II, Gary Rue.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 204, folio 14.
DATE: December 26, 1984.
NOTES: Transfer of part of "Green Holly" being 2.947 acres.

TO: John P. Rue II and Gary Rue
FROM: Elizabeth T. Rue and John P. Rue
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 173, folio 488.
DATE: March 9, 1984.
NOTES: Transfer of part of "Green Holly" being 2.947 acres.

TO: John P. Rue and Elizabeth T. Rue
FROM: Maynard B. Barnes and Jean C. Barnes
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 111, folio 126.
DATE: December 10, 1963.
NOTES: Transfer of part of "Green Holly" being 2.947 acres.

TO: Maynard B. Barnes and Jean C. Barnes
FROM: William Aleck Loker, Trustee under the term of the last will and testament of Griffith Alexander, deceased.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 100, folio 53.
DATE: February 28, 1962.
NOTES: Transfer of the remaining portion of the tract "Green Holly" of which G. Alexander died possessed.

TO: Griffith Alexander and Blanche Craighead Alexander of Pennsylvania.
FROM: Anna Augusta Bennett of Pennsylvania.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 12, folio 481.
DATE: July 15, 1914.
NOTES: Transfer of "Green Holly" on the Patuxent River being 40 acres excepting the 11 acre portion on the northwest side of the road leading from the river to California.
Price: \$3000

TO: Anna Augusta Bennett of Pennsylvania.
FROM: Robert C. Combs, Trustee.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 1, folio 496.
DATE: March 16, 1894.
NOTES: Transfer of "Green Holly" being 40 acres of which Susannah E. Wise died possessed in 1874. Sale of property as result of decree in Circuit Court dated January

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8.2 Significance

2, 1894 (see Decree Record JJG 1/311). Price: \$725

TO: Susanah E. Wise

FROM: Elkanah Wise and Mary A. Wise

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 69.

DATE: August 22, 1866.

NOTES: Transfer of "Green Holly" being 40 acres, the land on which Charles L. Wise now resides situated on the Patuxent River and adjoining the lands of Richard B. Fitzgerald and the land formerly owned by Joseph F. Cecil. Price: \$1920

TO: Elkanah Wise

FROM: Charles L. Wise and Susanna E. Wise

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JAC 2, folio 68.

DATE: August 22, 1866.

NOTES: Transfer of Green Holly, being 40 acres, the land on which Charles L. Wise now resides situate on the Patuxent River and adjoining the lands of Richard B. Fitzgerald and the land of Joseph F. Cecil. Price: \$2100.

There is no preceding deed that specifically describes this property by the name "Green Holly" or by acreage. Benjamin Tippet's Surveyor Log Books do not include a mention of the tract "Green Holly." It seems likely that Green Holly is composed of a series of smaller tracts which are portions of St. Richard's Manor.

Parcel 1

TO: Charles L. Wise

FROM: George S. King, Trustee.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 280.

DATE: March 29, 1856.

NOTES: Sale of 10 acre portion of St. Richard's Manor as a result of court judgment on May 28, 1855. Metes and bounds of the tract are "East of a line running from a boundary at the north or north cove of Dillon's Creek and running to the south or west cove of Hominy Creek" being the same as the land mentioned in the bond of conveyance from Joseph F. Cecil to Charles L. Wise dated June 25, 1844.

Parcel 2

TO: Charles L. Wise

FROM: Elkanah Wise and Mary A. Wise and Edward Fenwick

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 12, folio 325.

DATE: January 15, 1842.

NOTES: Transfer of a lot on the Patuxent River known as "Part of St. Richard's Manor" being 19 acres. Price: \$500.

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8.3 Significance

TO: Edward Fenwick

FROM: Elkanah Wise

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 11, folio 373.

DATE: April 4, 1839.

NOTES: Deed of Trust transferring both personal property and the tract "St. Richard's Manor" being 19 acres to Fenwick.

Parcel 3

TO: Elkanah Wise

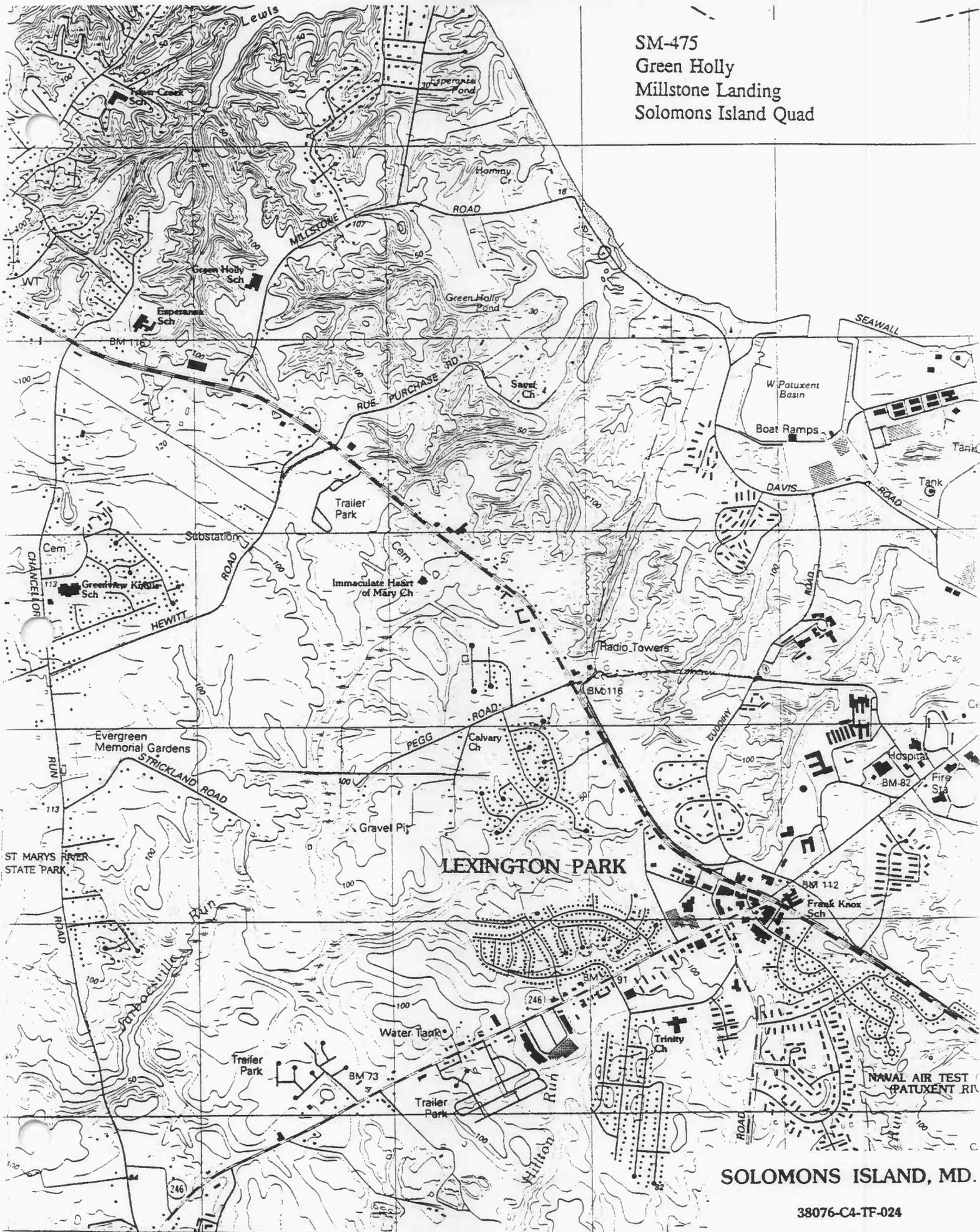
FROM: James McK. Hammett and Rebecca Hammett

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JH 12, folio 324.

DATE: October 7, 1841.

NOTES: Transfer of "Fishing Point and Part Mattaponi" on the Patuxent River being 9 3/4 acres adjoining a lot now owned by Richard Thomas called "Mattaponi."

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Green Holly
Millstone Landing
Solomons Island Quad



SOLOMONS ISLAND, MD.

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