

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Town of Easton

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cochran House

AND/OR COMMON

The Poney House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

113 South Hanson

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Olive W. Nedd

Telephone #: 301-822-2636

STREET & NUMBER

113 South Hanson

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 487

Folio #: 695

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house stands on the west side of South Hanson Street in a residential area south and east of the Washington Street commercial district. Its neighbors are primarily small frame houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The house faces east.

The structure is a three bay, two and a half story, dwelling of brick. A two story, two bay frame addition extends to the rear; a one story, kitchen shed is found behind the two story addition; these are covered with shingles. A modern enclosed porch has been constructed on the south side of the addition.

The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the front facade and 1/5 English bond on sides and rear. The brick has been painted white with green details.

Windows are evenly spaced on the front elevation. An original window is found in the center of the second floor, south elevation and in the west bay of the north wall, first floor. Flat arches of gauged brick are found on the original windows. The trim is rather narrow with a bead and appears to have been replaced. The frames hold 2/2 sashes on the first floor and 6/6 sashes on the second. Modern paneled shutters flank all windows on the front elevation.

The main entrance is in the south bay. The door trim appears to be old and there is an overlight of five small, square panes. The porch is modern and evidence of an earlier porch exists. It was about the same width as the present porch and appears to have been supported by brackets; its date is unknown but appears to have been added after the original bricks were laid.

The A-roof is covered by grey asphalt shingles. It terminates in verge boards but they are modern replacements. The two gable dormers in the east roof pitch are very plain and appear to have been rebuilt. Their twelve light casement windows are modern. An exterior brick chimney, its upper portion rebuilt, rises at the center of the north wall.

The main portion of the house has a dog-leg stair with windows in the south west corner. The building is one room deep on each floor. A door leads from the main room on the first floor to the frame addition; it has a jamb with flush beaded paneling. It appears to be original and would have lead to an earlier rear wing.

Much of the interior woodwork would date from the original construction date; chair rails and door and window trim remain in the rooms on the first and second floor. A surviving mantle on the second floor has a mantle shelf and plain frieze. The rectangular opening is flanked by paneled pilasters; there are also paneled end blocks.

The stair is quite simple with plain balusters and square newel and intermediates. The closed string course has molded decoration. The original random pine floors exist although those on the first floor have been covered.

The frame addition appears to date from the middle of the nineteenth century. It has a small stair enclosed with vertical boarding.

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

C1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Corkran

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant for its architecture. There is a large quantity of original detail remaining in the main brick portion. It is significant also for its period, built in the early nineteenth century, by James Corkayne, and for two subsequent owners. Henry Corkran, a Quaker, made it possible for the A. M. Bethel Church, one of the first Black congregations, to acquire the property across the street for their church, and Gertrude Poney, one of the communities' best-known citizens, who ran a catering service in Easton for many years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Easton, Maryland 21601

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Poney House

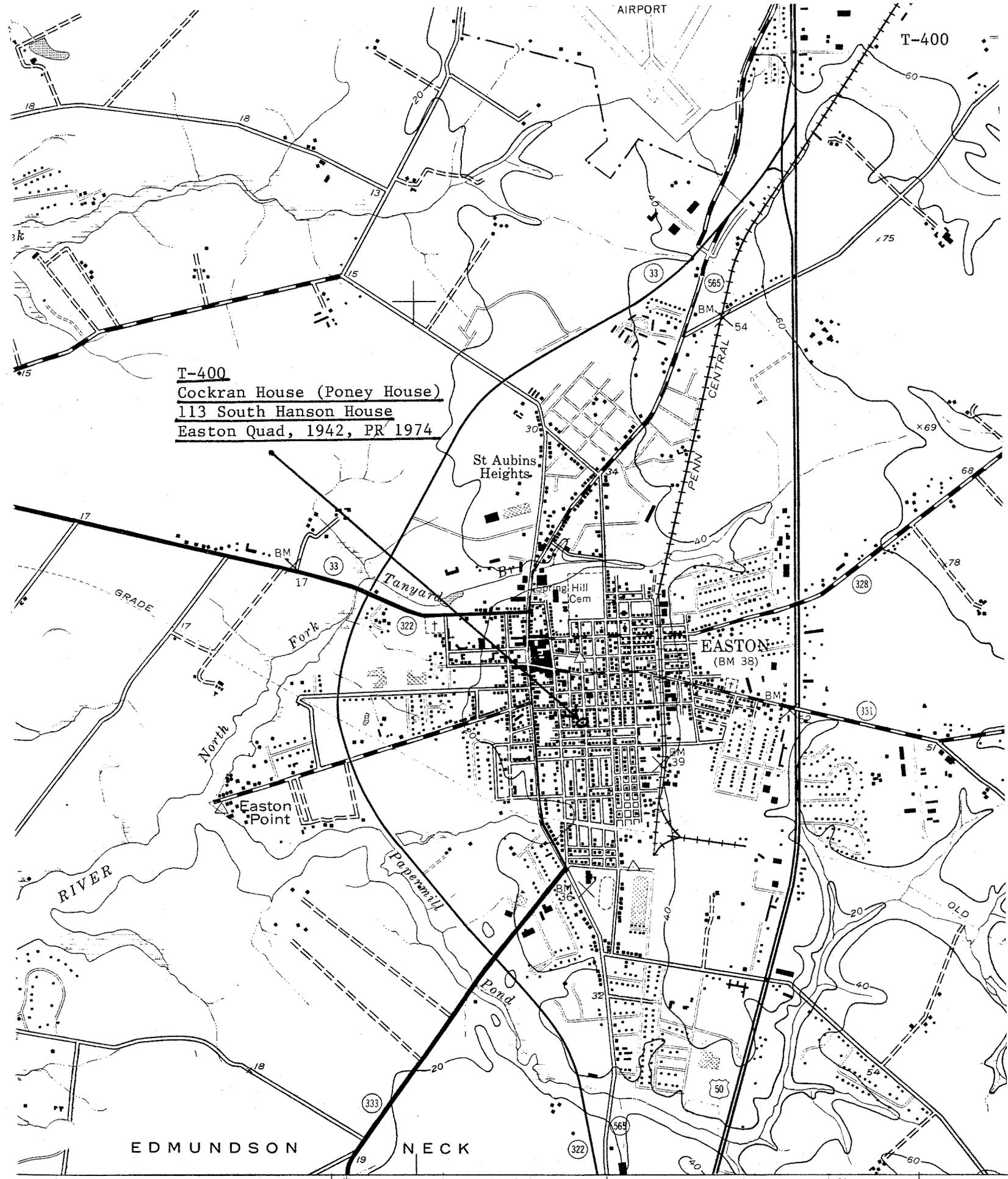
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This brick house belonged to Gertrude Poney and her husband Theodore from 1922 until her death in 1966 when she devised it to Joshua Turner and to his niece. The present owner, Olive W. Nedd, Gertrude Poney was a Black woman, and by profession, a cateress. Through the forty odd years she lived in Talbot County, she stood as tall as any human. She was a gentlewoman, an executive, a refined person. Her impact on the community, not only Easton, but the surrounding counties, was enormous. Her presence here was a rare treasure to be remembered and to be thankful for.

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When her husband, Theodore Poney, bought this property in 1922 for \$925.00, he was able to get it at a forced sale for default of mortgage. Florence E. Richardson, who defaulted on the mortgage to Madge S. Wrightson, had bought the house and property from Lewis W. Trail in 1905 for \$500.00. Trail, George Nickerson and R. E. Walker were intermittent owners, although Walker owned the property as early as 1868 when he purchased it for \$1600.00 from Henry Corkran. It had been in the ownership of William Vanderford as early as 1833, when he bought a part of the lot from James Coekayne, who was now a resident of Indiana. James Coekayne had paid £60... to Joshua Taggert for Lot 32, as laid out by the Town, (to Joshua Taggert). When he sold a portion of the lot, with premises, to Vanderford, for \$700.00, in 1831, there was obviously a house on the land. Mr Vanderford lost all his holdings through defaulted mortgages, and this property, in the liquidation process, came to Thomas C. Nicolo, whose daughter Mary honored the deed, in 1866, to Henry Corkran for \$1700.00.

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B072/F296



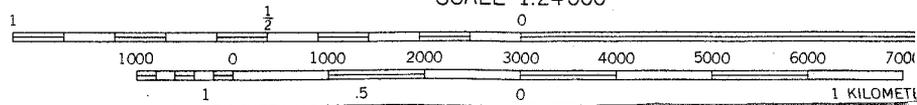
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Cockran House (Poney House)
113 South Hanson House
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974

EDMUNDSON NECK

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 TRAPPE 6.7 MI

(TRAPPE)
 5761 11 NE

SCALE 1:24 000



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 metric methods





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TUE PONY HOUSE

113 HANSON STREET
EASTON, MD

EAST ELEVATION

JULY 1976

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