

Stam House

114 Washington Avenue

Chestertown, Md.

private residence and Hills Tourist Home

Built in the last quarter of the 19th century this large Victorian frame dwelling, and presently also a Tourist Home, was first owned by John Stam who also had Stam Hall built as a town hall.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stam House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

114 Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Heighe and Helen S. Hill

Telephone #: 778-0806

STREET & NUMBER

114 Washington Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Court

Liber #: RA5 27

Folio #: 353

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

none known

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Always in immaculate condition this large Victorian house is in a most imposing location on Washington Avenue and is now a Tourist Home.

The Stam House, now Hill's Tourist Home, is situated on a large lot and back from the street. It is a large frame 2½ storey Victorian dwelling sitting on a low brick foundation. Built on a three sided cross gable plan with a tower centrally located in the main house, the house now has two additions to the rear. The roof of the entire house is of composition shingles. The central tall chimney has recessed panels, a multilayered cap and is unaltered.

The Washington Avenue, or east, facade is hidden somewhat behind trees and bushes. At the SE end is the front gable with brackets supporting the cornice. In the gable is a Palladian motive window. Directly below it are two 2/2 double hung shuttered windows, and below them a projecting bay composed of three elongated 2/2 windows, panels below each and dentials on the bay cornice. Continuing north on the east facade, one views the tower section which is recessed from the afore-described gable. The 4 storey tower has a mansard roof covered with diamond shaped composition shinges and also has a wooden cap. It is broken in the center on all four sides by a pediment housing a triangular shaped window with a curved bottom. In the third level of the tower are two 2/2 double hung windows directly next to each other. There is a small hood over these windows. Directly below is another set of two 2/2 shuttered windows with a small hood. The first floor contains a double door with stained glass side lights and transom. There is a one storey front porch reaching from the extended gable to the north side. The porch cornice is bracketed and has only sporting posts, which are also bracketed. The side of the north gable follows and has a plain box cornice. An arched window, 1/1, is on the second level and the first floor is unbroken.

The north gable cornice is bracketed and contains an arched window. There are two 1/1 shuttered windows to the west on the second level, one arched window possibly on a staircase (mid level) to the east, and a projecting bay again to the west on the first floor. The bay is like that of the east facade. The north facade of the tower, on the 3rd level, has a rectangular 1/1 window with hood. From the north one also views the two wings. The first attached to the house is a lower 2½ storey wing with A roof. Directly next to the main house the roof of the wing has been raised for a flat headed window, 6/6. To the west on the second floor is another 6/6 window, shuttered. The first floor has a shed type roof as it is built out. It contains, from l to r, a small 6/6 window, door, and larger 6/6 window. The 1½ storey addition, continuing west, has a stuccoed chimney rising from its far west roof, and a 6/6 window on the north side.

see additional sheet.

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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 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 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 after 1850 \* BUILDER/ARCHITECT Stuart \* 1877

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE \* Usilton's History of Chestertown states that this house was built in 1877 by H.M. Stuart at a cost of \$4,000.

Built in the last quarter of the 19th century this large Victorian dwelling occupies an imposing location on Washington Avenue, the town's main thoroughway. Because of its many rooms it has been a Tourist Home for many years. Its first owner John Stam also had the Stam Building built for the first Chestertown Town Hall, in the same period.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Fred G. Usilton, History of Chestertown

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre 37.8 perches (approx. 1 1/3 acres)

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

beginning for the same on Washington Ave. at NE corner of lot 16 and running thence S 89° W 14.4 perches, then N 36° W 3 perches, then N 2° W 9.32 perches, then N 88° E 16 perches to Washington Ave., and thence with said Avenue S 2° E 11.6 perches to beginning.

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

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Kethleen B. White, Historic Site Surveyor	DATE	Oct. 1976
ORGANIZATION	Md. Historical Trust/City of Chestertown	TELEPHONE	
STREET & NUMBER		CITY OR TOWN	
CITY OR TOWN		STATE	

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

The southern facade with its A roof is broken by a bracketed pediment housing an arched window. The cornice of the remaining roof is without brackets or decoration. This facade is four bays wide. On the second floor are four 2/2 double hung and shuttered windows with hoods, again small. The first floor also has four 2/2 double hung and shuttered windows with the central two having elongated shutters and panels below them suggesting they may have been entrances to and from the one storey full side porch. The porch cornice and supporting posts are bracketed. The southern side of the first wing contains two 6/6 double hung and shuttered windows on each floor. The small rear addition has one 4/4 window. The triangular window with curved bottom in the tower pediment is barely visible.

The west view is one of gables, three in fact. The smallest wing gable has a paneled door and 6/6 double hung window. The 2½ storey wing gable is unbroken. To the north of these gables, below the plain box cornice of the roof of the north gable, is one 2/2 double hung shuttered window with hood on each floor. To the south of the two wing gables is the gable of the main house with its bracketed cornice and a rectangular 2/2 window. Both second and first floors have 2/2 double hung shuttered windows with hoods. Only the triangular shaped window with curved bottom in the tower pediment is visible .

RAS 27/353 9/4/41 Morgan K. Bennett to J. Heighe and Helen S. Hill, part of Washington College leasehold #19.

RAS 26/245 3/27/41 Assignment W. Frank Jarrell Jr. Administrator of estate of Wm. E. Jarrell, deceased, to Evelyn Storey. \$4,165.00.

RAS 26/247 3/27/41 Evelyn Storey to Morgan K. Bennett

JTD 3/392 6/4/00 Richard H. Collins, Administrator Colin F. Stam, To Wm. E. Jarrell, \$3,750. with improvements.

SB 7/631 3/13/88 John L. Stam to Colin F. Stam, \$150 plus yearly rent of \$1.50 an acre, property approx. 1 1/3 acre.

SB 4/428 6/18/83 Visitors and Governors of Washington College to John L. Stam, entire lot #19, 99 year lease. (John sold only a portion to Colin.) \$600 plus yearly rent of \$1.50 per acre and entire lot #19 contains 3 acres more or less so it would be \$4.50 per year ground rent.



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FOODS (NEW) FARM

CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KENT

LYNCHBURG

STREET

POPLAR

PROSPECT

COLLEGE WASHINGTON

AVENUE

MORNING

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

PINE

CAMPUS

COLLEGE

STREET

KENT

STREET

STREET

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

BROWN RIVER

VIEW RD.

STREET

SCHOOL

MILL

CALVERT

STREET

WASHINGTON

TERRACE

RIVER

SCHOOL

STREET

SCHOOL

AVENUE

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

CROSS

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST.

CHURCH ST.

AVENUE

STREET

BYFORD

COURT

TWILLEY LANE

QUEEN

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

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