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Kentland
Near Fairlee
4th Quarter 18th Century, c. 1830

Kent Land was part of the John Bordley (d. 1761) tract which descended to John Beale Bordley before 1783. In that year he was taxed on 1816 acres, including Fancy Farm mentioned elsewhere.[1] In 1783 his large holdings were patented under the name "Kent Land" and included not only Fancy Farm, but Grumble, Providence, Bordley's Beginning, Coventry, Hills Down and Harris Adventure.[2]

Bordley is the likely builder of the frame tenant house which existed on Kent Land until two of its three sections were moved in 1987. Starting as a house in two parts, one was a two story frame section about 18' x 20' with basement and a winder stair adjacent. The second story was divided into two nearly equal size rooms, one with fireplace. Both the chimney breast and partition wall upstairs were made of vertical beaded boards. The principal room appears to have had a central door with two flanking windows, but the north door had been closed when the third section was added.

The one story section had two rooms, a kitchen and pantry. A boxed-in, ladder-like stair was located in the southeast corner of the kitchen next to the fireplace which was built in pyramidal fashion. There was little else about this structure that was noteworthy.

William Harris, merchant of Chestertown owned the farm at least as early as the 1820's. His heirs, however, sold it in 1/5 parts to Samuel E. Baker, between the late 1820's and 1830's, finally joining together in a joint

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deed in 1839.[3]

It would appear that Samuel Baker, even before the final deed, had built the third section onto the existing house. This addition was to turn his three room house into the best known plan around, one similar to that of Hinchingham Farm and many other houses is Kent. The new wing was taller that the other two and possessed an entry/stairhall and parlor. On the second floor there was a bedroom and small room at the head of the stair. A doorway was added to the old wall for access to the earlier bedrooms. The stair continued up to an unfinished attic. The interior was finished with woodwork of the period, with molded trim and corner blocks. The second floor fireplace wall was fitted with small closets on either side which allowed enough room for full size windows on the gable. Both of the new rooms were lighted by six windows.

In 1917 the farm was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Quinn and remains in the family to the present. In 1987 the old house was moved to a branch of Fairlee Creek and the site of the old house is now occupied by a new dwelling. In its new location, the old house is a three part dwelling, but the old kitchen and pantry have been replaced with a gambrel roof wing. The roof of the main section was heightened and dormers were added.

1. 1783 Tax Assessment, Worton Hundred.
2. Patents, Lib. IC #G, fol. 235.
3. Land Records, Lib. JNG 5, fol. 487 (JNG 1/436; JNG 2/687; JNG 6/18).

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY K-82

1. STATE Md
COUNTY Kent
TOWN Fairlee VICINITY
STREET NO. Rt 20 - btn Bakers lane + Rt 446

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Francis Guinn
PRESENT USE dwelling (?)
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES 2

2. NAME Guinn Farm (telescope) K 82 A

DATE OR PERIOD 19th Cent
STYLE Colonial
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

this house is a good late example of the Maryland telescopic house. It consists of 3 sections. the largest two sections appear to have been built at the same time since there is no seam where they join. ~~the 3rd portion may be earlier~~. the 2 main sections are 5 bays long with center door, and 2 bays deep. the 2 bays in the center of the house have a lower roof than the 1st section. the windows are covered with louvered shutter on both floors and the frames are narrow. Beaded clapboard cover the 2 sections and shiplap the smallest. On the west gable, the back of the fireplace is exposed on the exterior, reserving much earlier work. the doors have beaded flush panels.

On the est end, the fireplace is built on the exterior ~~completely outside~~ in pyramidal fashion.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered ? Interior Exterior poor

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD Oct 2, 1968

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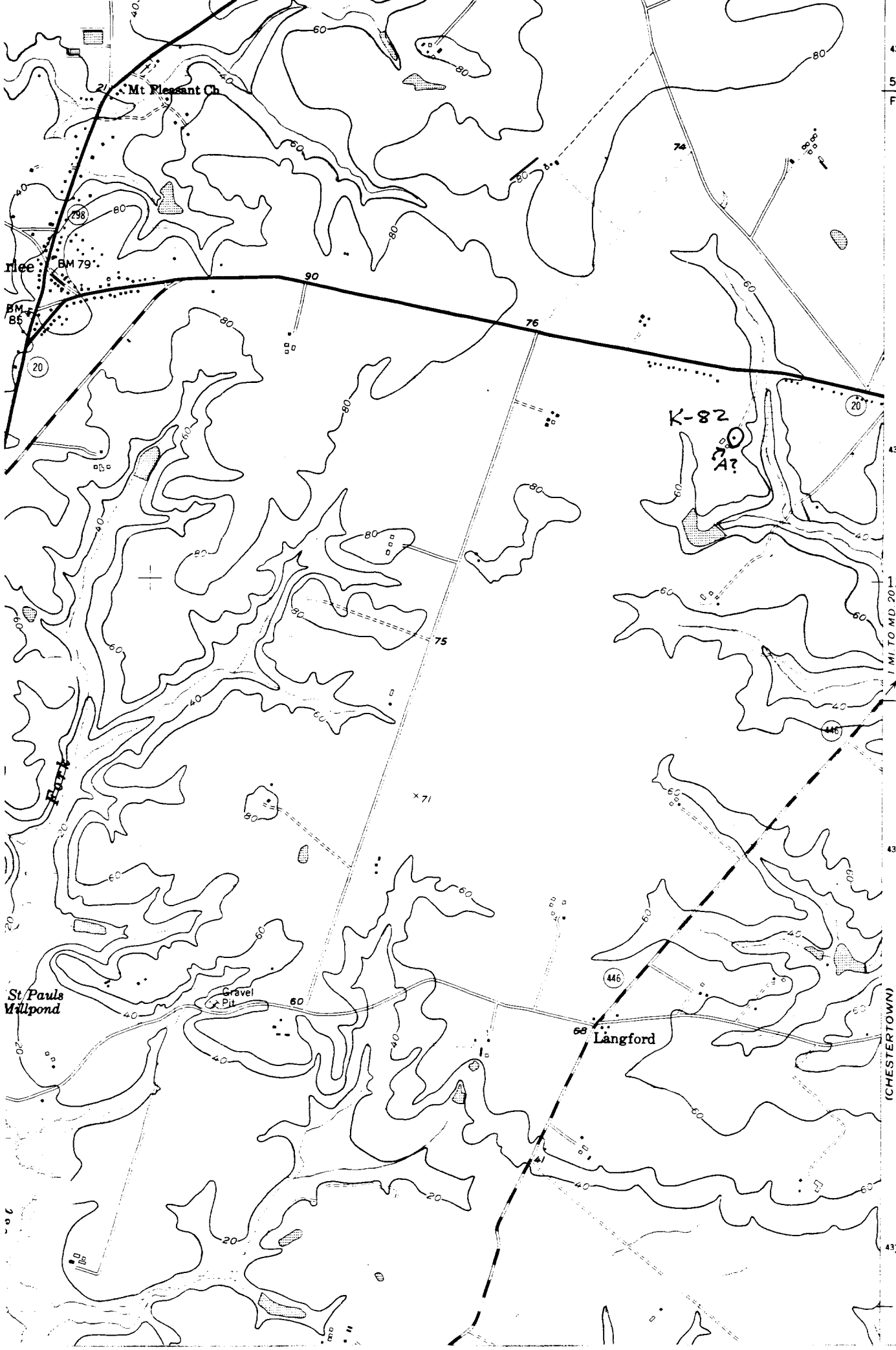

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