

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

K-100

INDEX # 150105204

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hinchingham Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Swan Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hall

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Wharton Wallis

Telephone #: 301-639-2135

STREET & NUMBER

Hinchingham Farm

CITY, TOWN

Rock Hall

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21661

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: W46 75

Folio #: 434

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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	slightly	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hinchingham Farm is a frame telescope-type house of three sections. It faces south. The largest is a two story, three bay building with side stair, entrance hall, and gable roof; the central section is one and one-half stories high and two bays long with two gable dormers in each roof slope and a rear entry; the third portion is a lower one and one-half stories with gable dormers and two rooms, the end room being of plank construction. Roofs of the wings are very steep with beaded verge boards and wide brick chimneys enclosed in gable ends. Box cornices with moldings finish all roofs. The chimney back is exposed in the end gable. In the main house is a false chimney above the stair hall. The house is covered with medium width new weather-board, painted white. Shutters are painted green; roofs are shingled.

Fenestration of the main house is evenly spaced. Nine over six sash is used on second floor with nine over nine on the first. Second floor windows have quarter round backband moldings and rounded sills. The front entrance has a Victorian door and a modern gable roof porch. On the rear the door has a four pane transom light. The chimney-back on the gable is exposed almost to the second floor level. The cellar entrance has a gable roof enclosure. At the rear of the building is a screened porch with shed roof.

The central portion of the building has 6/6 sash windows, louvere shutters, and plain trim. It stands on a brick foundation.

Fenestration in the kitchen wing is less regular. A beaded batten door on the front is sheltered by a modern gable entrance. There are four pane attic windows and 6/6 sash windows front and rear. Alterations in this wing include the addition of two six-panel windows beside the door and removal of a chimney between the frame and plank sections of the wing. It originally had its chimney back exposed to the plank room perhaps indicating that the plank section is an addition instead of being the original portions. The kitchen wing stands on a modern brick foundation; the chimney cap has been rebuilt.

The main stair has plain balusters and turned newel and intermediates with block tops and bases. There are wave step brackets on the open string. The stair is unusually wide with low rise steps and a low balustrade. There is a raised and beveled spandrel beneath the stair, and horizontally boarded wainscoting with a finely molded chair rail in the stair hall.

Early detailing was replaced in the mid-19th century in the single room on the first floor of the main house; doors and trim have broad flat applied moldings. There is a simple mantle with shelf dating from the same period. The present dining room in the middle wing has an old pine corner cupboard with raised and beveled panel doors. In that room is a mantle with rectangular opening surrounded by paneled frieze and pilasters and surmounted by a shelf. The chair rail has a narrow upper molding which is also raised as the window backband.

The end room has plank walls exposed inside; wainscoting is of horizontal beaded boards; ceiling beams are chamfered. The pyramidal

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brick fireplace and ladder stair resembles that in the old kitchen at Godlington Manor (K-88).

The west bedroom has a wall of recessed paneling with fireplace and flanking closets with six-panel doors hung from "H" hinges. Wainscoting in this room is beaded. At the head of the stair is a board wall with molded edges which is identical to that in 518 High Street, Chestertown, (K-63), a building of the late 18th or early 19th century.

Behind the house is a plank smokehouse with vertical boarding and steep gable roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Hinchingham is important as an example of the "telescope" type of house, with successively smaller, gable roof additions end to end. The interior retains some of its original detailing which is modest but attractive and nicely proportioned. The floor plan with a series of rooms on each floor is typical of rural houses which grew over the years. In most rural Maryland houses servants rooms, reached by a steep ladder stair, were not connected to the main house on the upper floor; this custom may still be observed at Hinchingham Farm.

The house was in the same family for many generations. About 1675, a portion of "Hinchingham," originally granted to Thomas Hynson of Kent Island, was purchased by Michael Miller. Mr. Miller was a vestryman of St. Paul's, High Sheriff of Kent County, and a representative of Kent County in the Assembly at St. Mary's City for 21 years. He was also a big land owner; his will (Dec. 29, 1698) granted all land on Swan Creek and Kent Island to his son Michael and Godlington Manor (K-88), then 1000 acres, to his son Arthur.

Tradition holds that the house was constructed by 1725; extensive examination of the building would be required to establish this very early date. Most visible interior detailing appears to be later; however, buildings of this type were a vernacular form used for many years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rock Hall Historical Collection, Rock Hall, Maryland, 1957.
Johnson, Robert J., "Gravesend," Serene But Still Profound, Rock Hall, American Revolution Bicentennial Committee of Rock Hall, 1975.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Account Identifier: District - 05 **Account Number -** 009189

Owner Information

Owner Name: VAN DE WAL, ANTHONY JR & KATHERINE & ANTHONY VAN DE WAL, III
Use: AGRICULTURAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 326
 ROCK HALL MD 21661
Deed Reference: 1) MLM/ 89/ 280
 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
 7333 SWAN CREEK ROAD
 ROCK HALL 21661
 WATERFRONT
Legal Description
 241.20 AC
 7333 SWAN CREEK ROAD
 NW OF ROCK HALL

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
45	1F	5						80	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
Primary Structure Built 1800	Enclosed Area 2,640 SF

Property Land Area	County Use		
241.20 AC			
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments		
		01/01/2004	07/01/2003	07/01/2004	
Land:	337,130	359,630			PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Improvements:	71,240	67,050			
Total:	408,370	426,680	408,370	414,473	
Preferential Land:	65,580	65,580	65,580	65,580	

Transfer Information

Seller: VAN DE WAL, ANTHONY JR & KATHERINE &
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 01/02/1996
Deed1: MLM/ 89/ 280
Price: \$90,000
Deed2:
Seller: VAN DE WAL, KATHERINE &
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 12/07/1995
Deed1: MLM/ 87/ 598
Price: \$0
Deed2:
Seller: MACKIE, FRANK H. JR. &
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH
Date: 06/15/1995
Deed1: MLM/ 78/ 525
Price: \$0
Deed2:

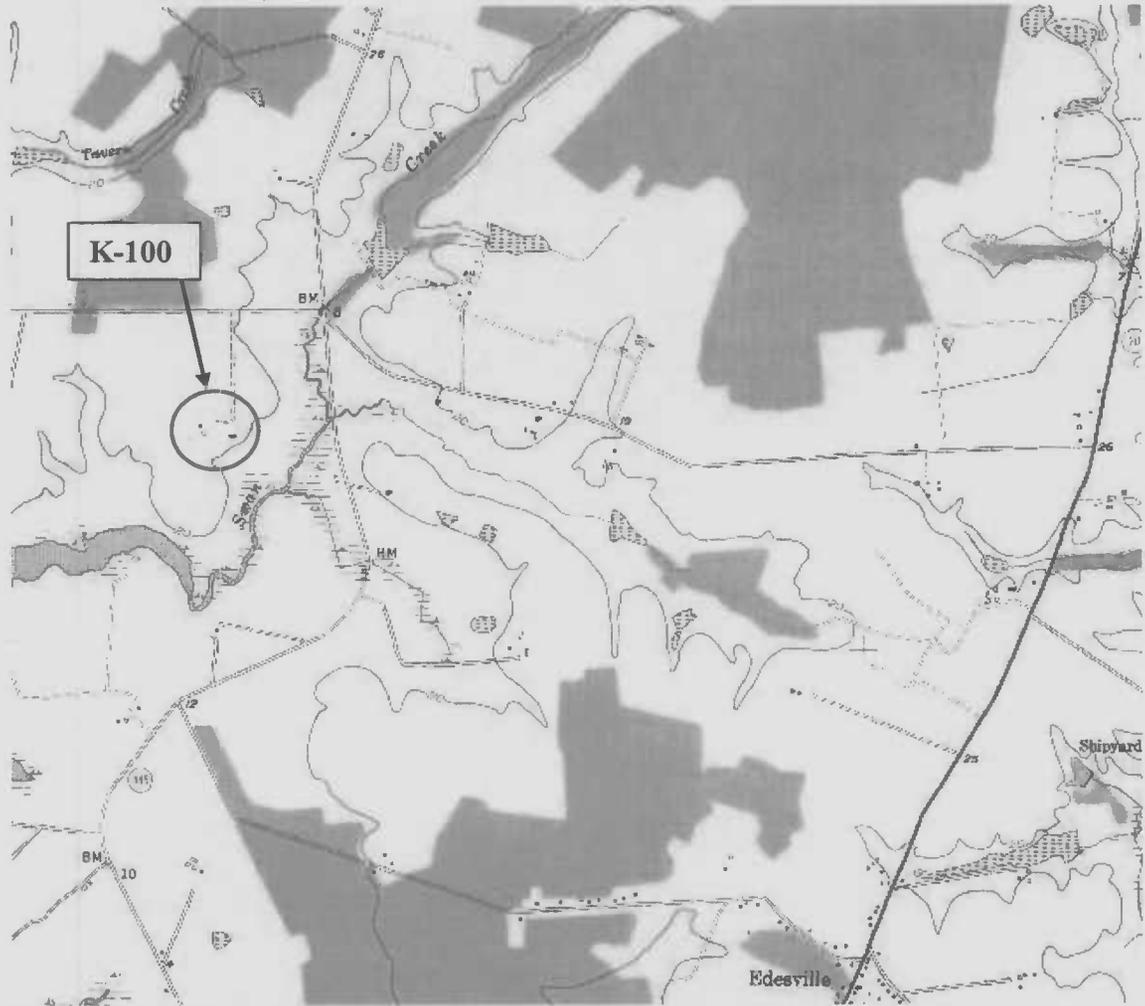
Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
 AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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Hinchingham Farm
7333 Swan Creek Road, Rock Hall
Rock Hall Quadrangle



1992-95 Aerial Photo





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Hinchingham Farm
7333 Swan Creek Road
Michael O. Bourne
3/13/1969
Neg. on file at MHT

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Pinchingham Farm MHT - K-100
Swan Creek - Rock Hall Md.

East Facade

C. Engstrom

Aug 1977



Huechlingham Farm M. & T. 100
Swan Creek Rd. - Rock Hall, Md
South Section - First Floor.
C. Engstrom Aug 1944



Hinchinshaw Farm N.W.H.T. 100
Swan Creek Rd. Rock Hall, Md
North Section - Shire Hill.
C. Engstrom - Aug 1977