

# Easement

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United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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## National Register of Historic Places Inventory--Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

### 1. Name

historic Valley Cottage (Preferred)

and/or common Wallis House

### 2. Location

street & number Princess Stop Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Georgetown

N/A vicinity of

congressional district

First

state

Maryland

code

24

county

Kent

code 029

### 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

not applicable

no

military

other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Perkins

street & number Valley Cottage

city, town Georgetown

N/A vicinity of

state Maryland 21930

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse

street & number High Street

city, town Chestertown

state Maryland 21620

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historical American

title Building Survey

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1934

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Library of Congress

city, town Washington

state D. C.

# 7. Description

Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered  
 altered

Check one

original site  
 moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Valley Cottage is situated on Lot 51 of the original town plat of Georgetown (1737), on the south side of Princess Stop Street. It is a gambrel roof structure consisting of a 42' long 18th century portion with a 16' long extension built in 1954. The entire structure is sheathed with wood weatherboard and is covered with a wood shingle roof. The north facade of the 18th century portion has two doors sheltered by a screen porch. Flanking the porch are two windows with 6/6 sash. There are two dormers on the second floor, with shed roof and three pane casement windows. Defining the early portion of the house are two brick chimneys located within the ends of the original dwelling. The lines of the original structure are carried through the 20th century addition on the west end.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Parallel to U.S. Route 213, the east gable has the back of its fireplace exposed and rendered. There is a 6/6 lite window south of the chimney on the first story and another window on the second story. Also visible from the east is the end of a lean-to on the south side. A small window replaces the original 6/6 lite sash (from 20th century photo).

Across three-quarters of the south facade stretches the aforesaid lean-to. It has an entrance and two windows, one being a picture window. One portion of this lean-to was a small back porch, accessible from the living room door, prior to being enclosed for a bath. Between the lean-to and the west wing is a small section of the original wall with one window having 6/6 sash and batten shutters. On the second story are three dormer windows, asymmetrically placed so as to light the two chambers and stairhall.

The south side of the new wing has a similar roof line, with lean-to. It is, however, slightly deceptive in that the lean-to is actually part of the new room. A large picture window with adjoining double-hung window is located close to the west corner. A single dormer window breaks the gambrel roof on the new wing. The west gable of the new wing has a picture window close to the south corner. Another picture window with flanking double-hung sash is located on the second story. All of the above windows were installed so as to take advantage of the yard and the view over the Georgetown Yacht Basin and Sassafras River from this elevated part of Georgetown.

The plan of the building as it exists today consists of a central stair passage with a room on either side and a third room to the west, the latter being the new addition. Behind the east room is the lean-to kitchen and utility room.

Immediately west of the hall is a room with fine paneling across the fireplace wall. The chimney breast projects two or three inches in front of the paneled closets and three-part molding around the large fireplace with three panels above; the center panel being a large horizontal rectangle and the flanking panels being narrow vertical panels. The closet doors are six-panel hung on "H-L" hinges. One retains its original open-face spring latch. Two tall panels are part of the symmetrical composition on the outer edges of the wall. A third panel extends above both the door and latter panels.



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Georgetown  
Kent County, Maryland

This observation about the living room being the first building also brings up the probability that the paneling was installed when the two buildings were joined and the entire interior refinished. This seems probable because there is no visible sign of there having been a stair in the living room.

The kitchen lean-to is quite simple and has no moldings which would indicate its age. It is extremely low and may have begun life as a porch which was later enclosed. There is a later bath in the west end of the lean-to.

From the west extension a good view down river is visible over the roofs of the boat yards. Picket fencing encloses much of the yard.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Courthouse, Chestertown, MD

Maryland Historical Trust Historical Sites Inventory: Kent County (K-148)  
Michael Bourne, Surveyor

Usilton, Fred G., History of Kent County, Chestertown, 1916

Hanson, George A., Old Kent, Chestertown, 1936

Kent County Wills, Courthouse, Chestertown, MD

# 3. 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criterion: C

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Architecturally Valley Cottage is an important example of vernacular architecture in Georgetown. It is the earliest existing structure there and possesses a good interior. It is also the only surviving log structure in the town. It can be likened to Godlington Manor, Kent County, in its structural development and form, although Godlington had more subsequent additions. Its living room paneling is reminiscent of the work at Mattapex, Kent Island, also included in HABS, and the second floor room is like Wright's Chance, Centerville, Queen Anne's County. Log buildings were quite common in Kent County, due to being a less expensive method of construction. Few remain due to the fact that their foundations were frequently of poor quality. Several plank meat houses exist in Kent County and a few parts of dwellings. The earliest part of Knocks Folly is log, as is its neighbor closer to the water. Part of Hinchingham Farm and the Williams House, both in Rock Hall, and Killy Longfords, near Chestertown, are examples of log structures standing in Kent County. With the exception of Hinchingham Farm, the other structures have either been damaged by fire or excessive remodeling. Valley Cottage has been changed very little since its major remodeling in the 18th Century. As such, it is a good example of 18th Century vernacular architecture, well preserved and is considered a significant dwelling not only by the town of Georgetown, but also by the County.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Georgetown and adjoining Fredericktown were the focus of an attack by the British on May 6, 1813. According to an account in Usilton's History of Kent County, the British burned all but the Kitty Knight House (Restaurant). The destruction in property amounted to \$19,755.81 when the British troops under the command of Admiral Cockburn burned everything in sight. In all likelihood, all buildings beyond the Kitty Knight House were spared, thus the reason for the survival of Valley Cottage.

With the exception of the land battle of Caulk's Field near Tolchester, Georgetown is the only other battle or conflagration written about in the history of Kent County during the "War of 1812". This fact is the reason that Georgetown and Valley Cottage are important from a military viewpoint.

The fact that two of the subsequent owners of the house were officers in the military simply indicates that its owners played a part in the complex military history of our country. This is not reason enough for listing on the National Register, it only completes the picture of the house's involvement in the military.

We cannot expand on the commercial importance of Valley Cottage since little is known of the history of commerce in 1800. We can, however, speculate that the British on May 6, 1813 were not out for fun, but were on an errand to destroy commercial interests in the town.

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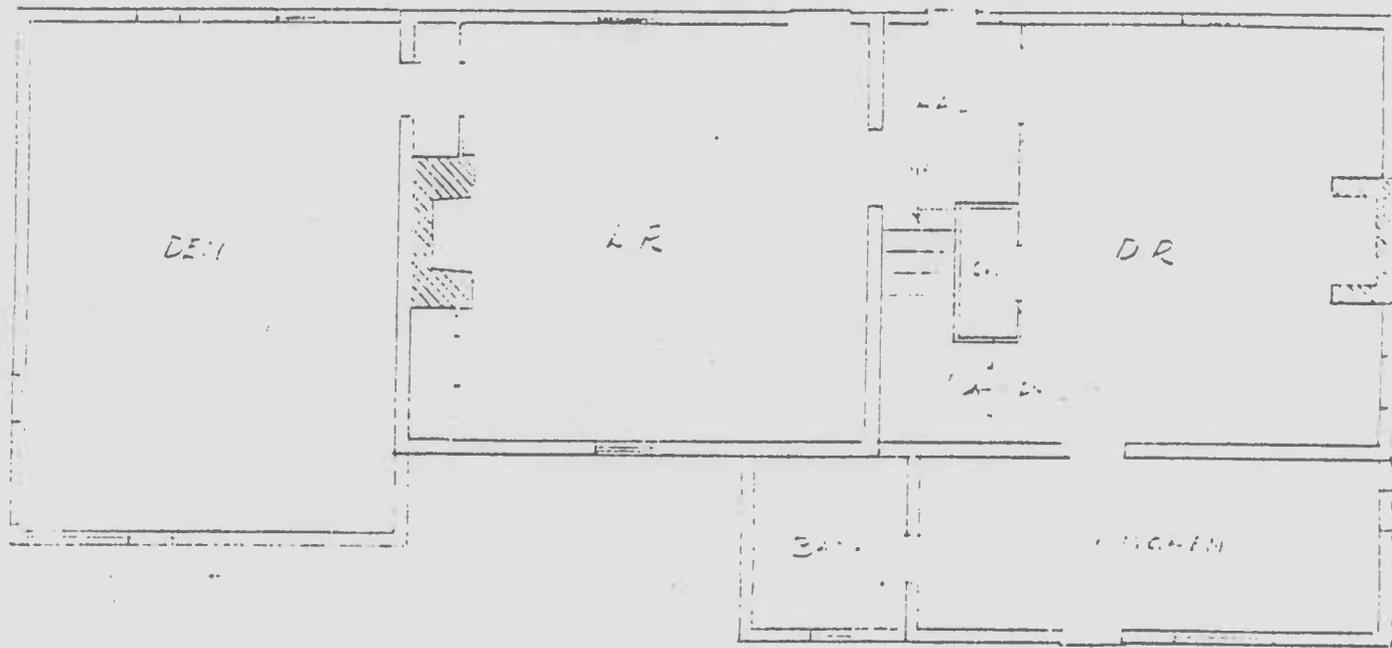
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## HISTORY AND SUPPORT (Continued)

In 1820, Reverend Purnell Smith and his wife lived in Valley Cottage. As rector of Shrewsbury Parish (Northeastern Kent County), the rector was considered an important personage in the county and town. People looked up to their ministers, as many do today. The rector's residence is a monument to a person highly esteemed by his parishioners.

Reverend Smith, upon retirement from Shrewsbury, remained at Valley Cottage, but he did not remain idle. He carried on a school in his home for the children of the Georgetown-Galena area. At this period there were no public schools. Small private schools existed around Chestertown. It was the increased interest of concerned people, such as Reverend Smith, that was instrumental in having the State enact a system for uniform primary education throughout the State in 1865. Thus, Reverend Smith is not important as a lone figure in education, but as a cog in the wheels which created universal primary education.



VALLEY COTTAGE  
 GEORGETOWN, MD.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Galena, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

LAT.: 75° 52' 51"

LONG.: 39° 21' 37"

No UTM ticks

A 

Zone	Easting					Northing													

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing													

C 

Zone	Easting					Northing													

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Zone	Easting					Northing													

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries are delineated on the attached plat.

The property is a town lot.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name title Michael Bourne and Dennis Perkins

organization Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory

date 12/1/80

street & number P. O. Box 716

telephone (301) 778-0069

city or town Chestertown

state Maryland 21620

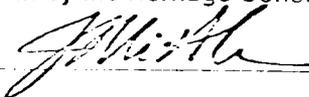
# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature



11-29-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Valley Cottage

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Princess Stop Street

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Perkins

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Valley Cottage

CITY, TOWN

Georgetown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21930

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EHP 24

Folio #: 524

STREET &amp; NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Historic American Building Survey

DATE

1934

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
REHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<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

Valley Cottage is possibly the earliest surviving structure in Georgetown and the only log structure to remain in the town. Architecturally it was noteworthy enough to have been included in the first years of HABS. The building is also one of the few whose family ownership is continuous back into the 18th Century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE ATTACHED

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Consultant

Oct. 1979

ORGANIZATION

Georgetown Association

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Richard A. Rosan

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Georgetown

STATE

Maryland

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  
(301) 267-1438

VALLEY COTTAGEGEORGETOWN, KENT CO.

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Valley Cottage is situated on lot #51 on the south side of Princess Stop Street of the original town plat of Georgetown. It is a small gambrel roof structure covered with wood weather-board. The north facade of the building has two doors in the center with a screened porch across the front of them. This is flanked by two windows with six-over-six sash on the original section. There are two other windows in the west addition. The addition has the same gambrel roof as the earlier part and also a dormer window which matches the others. They have three pane double casement windows. At the ends of the original dwelling are chimneys built of brick and contained within the structure.

The east gable has the back of its fireplace exposed and stuccoed. There is a window south of the chimney on the first story and one north of the chimney on the second story. Both sections of the roof have a steep pitch.

Across three-quarters of the south facade is a leanto addition at least mid-19th century in date. A matching leanto was also constructed on the new west wing. The early leanto has a squarish window on its east side and three others on the south, as well as an entrance. One window of the main house sheds light into the living room. The windows of the west wing are composed of a large "picture window" with adjoining double hung sash. One is located on the south side and another on the west, very close to the southwest corner. There are three dormers in the old section and one in the new. On the west side of the gable, on the second story is another large "picture window", this one with two flanking sash units.

The plan of the building as it exists today consists of a central stair passage with room on either side and a third room to the west, the latter being the new addition. Behind the east room is the leanto kitchen and utility room.

Immediately west of the hall is a room with fine paneling across the fireplace wall. The chimney breast projects two or three inches in front of the paneled closets and three-part moulding around the large fireplace with three panels above; the center panel being a large horizontal rectangle and the flanking panels being narrow vertical panels. The closet doors are six-panel hung on "H-L" hinges. One retains its original open-face spring latch. Two tall panels are part of the symmetrical composition on the outer edges of the wall. A third panel extends above both the door and latter panels. On the top of the paneling is a bold cornice with crown and bed mouldings and a fascia and soffit. The crown and fascia continue around the remainder of the room. There is also a three-part chair rail and a baseboard. A batten door opens into the room from both north and south sides. The remainder of the walls are plastered.

The east room or dining room is finished simply and has a large fireplace with wood lintel (now bricked up). Its west wall, which separates it from the stair hall is a vertical beaded board wall with three doors, one leading to the hall, the middle is a closet and one leading to the cellar. The last has a raised panel above the door.

The stair hall consists of an entry and a stair located between the living room and the dining room closet, the latter being closed by vertical boards. The newel post is a handsome fluted square post with bold applied cap. The rail is made to fit against the closet wall and the balusters are rectangular.

On the second story are two intermediate posts with fluting on one side only. The remainder of the balustrade is similar.

On the east side of the hall, separated by a board wall is a small bedroom with fireplace, having a plain two-part surround similar to the work below. Two new closets flank the chimney. At the head of the stair on the north wall is another board wall which contains a closet for each of the two bedrooms. This space was originally part of the east bedroom.

The south bedroom is the same size as the living room below and like it, boasts a fireplace wall of paneling. Above the fireplace the composition is symmetrical, with four panel doors on the outer sides, two rectangular panels in the center of the composition flanked by two smaller panels. Beneath this symmetry however, is the fireplace south of a large panel, the latter filling the space taken up by the flue from the fireplace below.

Returning to the dining room, on opening the door to the cellar, the wall on the south is exposed logs without chinking. This wall butts into the corner post of the living room, giving rise to the possibility that the living room was the first structure on the property with the dining room being added soon thereafter. The stair side of the living room wall also has nail holes in the studs and diagonal brace which further support the theory of two periods of construction. If it indeed did develop in this manner, it would be similar to a small derelict building opposite Essex Lodge in Cecil County near Earleville.

The kitchen leanto is quite simple and has no mouldings which would indicate its age. It is extremely low and may have begun life as a porch which was later enclosed. There is also a bath in the west end of the leanto.

From the west extension a good view down river is visible over the roofs of the boat yards. Picket fencing encloses much of the yard.

# Easement

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1. STATE Maryland  
 COUNTY Kent  
 TOWN Georgetown VICINITY  
 STREET NO. Rt. 213, .1 mile south of  
 Sassafras River, (west)  
 ORIGINAL OWNER Benjamin Everett  
 ORIGINAL USE dwelling  
 PRESENT DWNER Mr & Mrs Dennis Perkins  
 PRESENT USE dwelling  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION frame (and Log?)  
 NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
 INVENTORY K - 148

2. NAME Valley Cottage  
 DATE DR PERIOD c. 1665 + later  
 STYLE colonial  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FDR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NDTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTIDN OPEN TO PUBLIC no

Valley Cottage, located south of the Kitty Knight House, is a small frame gambrel roof dwelling which is reputedly to have been begun in 1665 by Benjamin Everett, an ancestor of the present owner.

Apparently in its original form it was a three bay long building to which was added two bays with the same roof line. Two brick chimneys are located at the ends of the first building, the east fireplace back being exposed, as are many other buildings on the Eastern Shore. There are three small flat headed dormers on each side of the roof with double casements. Louvered shutters define the first story windows, which have 6/6 sash. Three leanto additions have been built to the structure; two of which are enclosed; one screened.

A glimpse of the Sassafras River can be seen through the trees and over the Georgetown Yacht Basin.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good

6. LOCATIDN MAP (Plan Optional)

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

7. PHOTOGRAPH

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael Bourne

DATE DR RECORD Sept. 11, 1968

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



# Easement

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Valley Cottage, located south of the Kitty Knight House is a small frame gabled roof dwelling which is reputedly to have been begun = 1665 by a ~~man~~ certain Benjamin Everett, ~~the~~ <sup>ancestor</sup> ~~of~~ the present owner.

Apparently in its original form it was a 3 bay long building to which was added on addition of 2 bays. Two brick chimneys are located at the ends of the 1<sup>st</sup> building, the east fireplace back being exposed, as are many other buildings on the Historic Drive. There are 3 small flat headed dormers on each side of the roof with ~~drab~~ <sup>drab</sup> casements ~~and~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~shutters~~. Louvered shutters define the 1<sup>st</sup> story window, which have  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> three lean-tos have been added to the building, one of which is enclosed with screen.

A glimpse of the Broggs River can be seen from the property, thru the trees and over the Georgetown Yacht Basin.

Name Valley Cottage MHT# K-148  
Location Kent Georgetown  
COUNTY town

Rt 213  
address or road#

First owner of record Benjamin Everett DATE 1665

Present owner Mr + Mrs Dennis Perkins DATE 1908

Address Georgetown Md.

Parcel or Deed # \_\_\_\_\_

Original use Dwelling

Present use Dwelling

Md. Map Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

Long. & Lat. reading \_\_\_\_\_

Style Colonial

Date(s) of construction C. 1665 - ?

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION:

1 1/2 NUMBER of stories log(?) - frame type wall construction

Foundation-basement brick

Wall construction- frame

Water table, string course, other decorative work essential to walls

Chimneys 2 brick chimneys - 1 + exposed fireplace on ext gable - - other in middle of bldg.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance type & placement 2nd bay f east

Windows 3 bays long + 2 bay addition w/ 3 dormer or entire row - (North side)

Shutters burned

Roof type gambrel covering —

Cornice, eaves wood box

Dormers, cupolas flat headed dormer with <sup>dormer</sup> casement roof

Porches 3 lean-to sections - one screened.

Wings, hyphens \_\_\_\_\_

Interior:  
Stairway \_\_\_\_\_

Doors \_\_\_\_\_

Trim \_\_\_\_\_

Other notable work \_\_\_\_\_

Name Valley Cottage MHT# K-148

Physical condition good

Environment wooded yard - about 2 or 3 acres - located adjacent to Betty King's House

References:

MHT Color slide # \_\_\_\_\_

MHT B & W # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner contacted \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

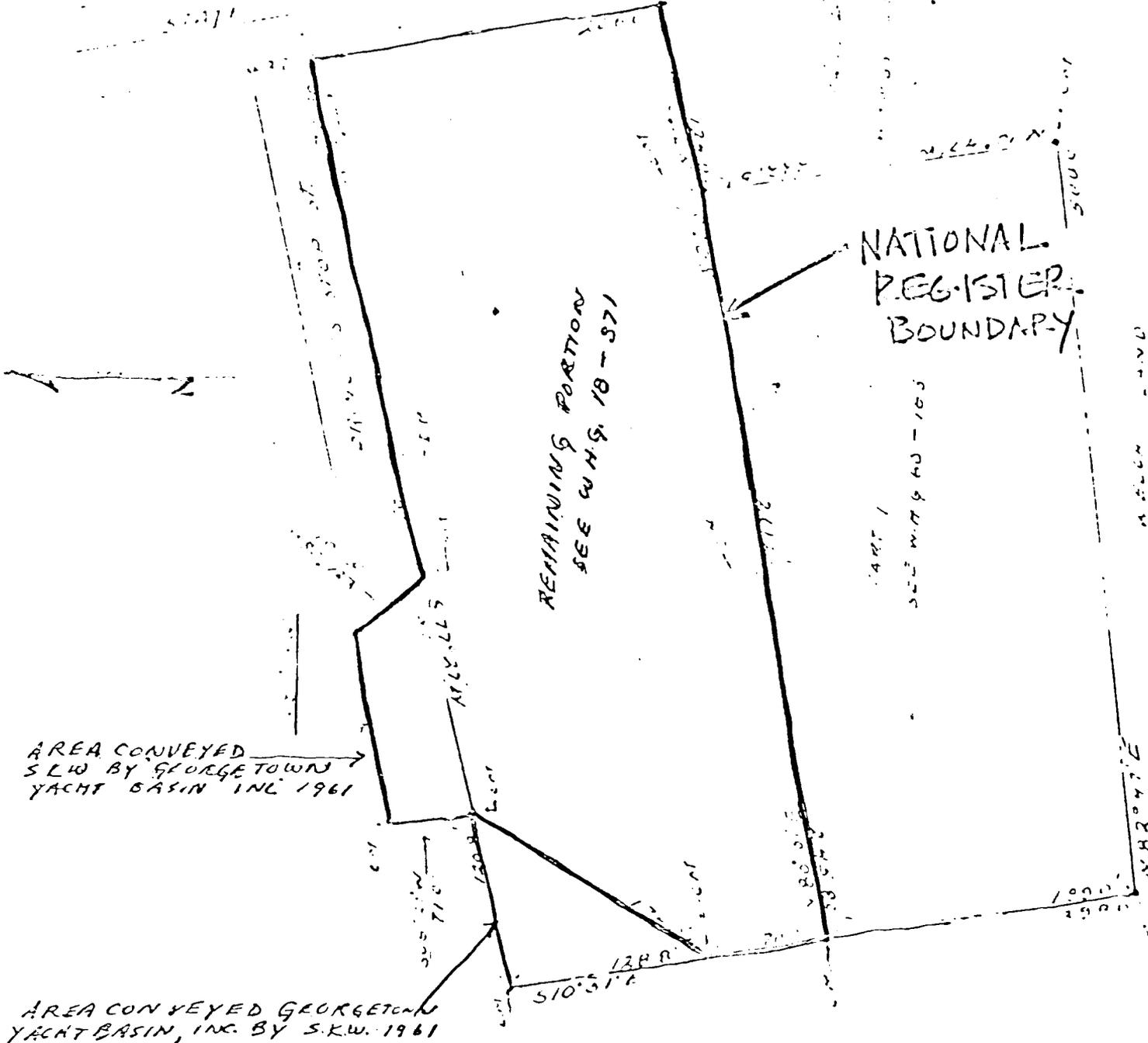
Recorder Michael Bourne

Date Sept 11, 1968

Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures: e.g. Map, Historical significance, sketch of floor plan, and angle of photos, etc.

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SARAH K. WALLIS  
 IN THE 1ST ELECTION DISTRICT OF  
 KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND  
 SCALE: 1" = 100'      SEPT. 1961

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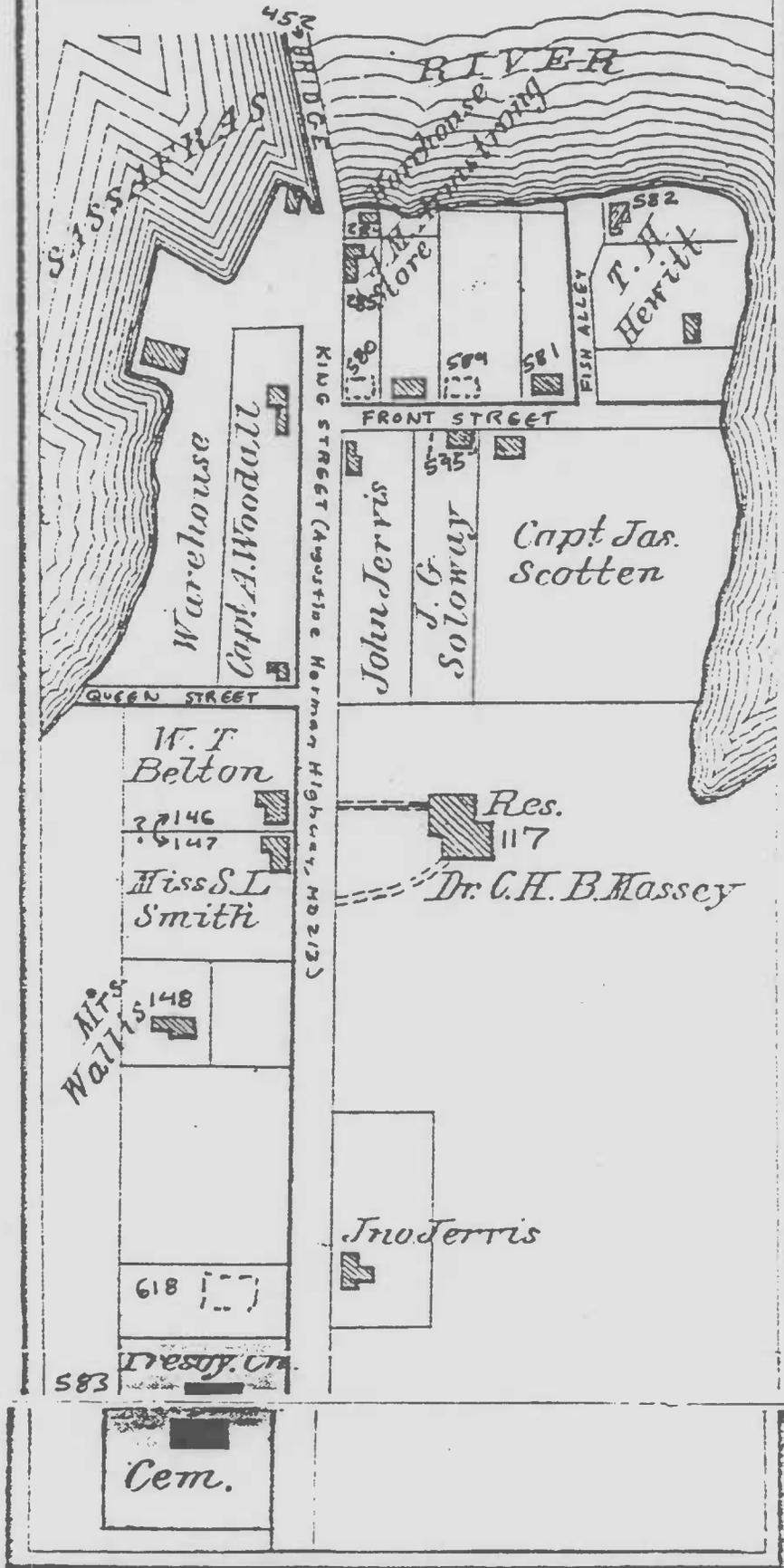


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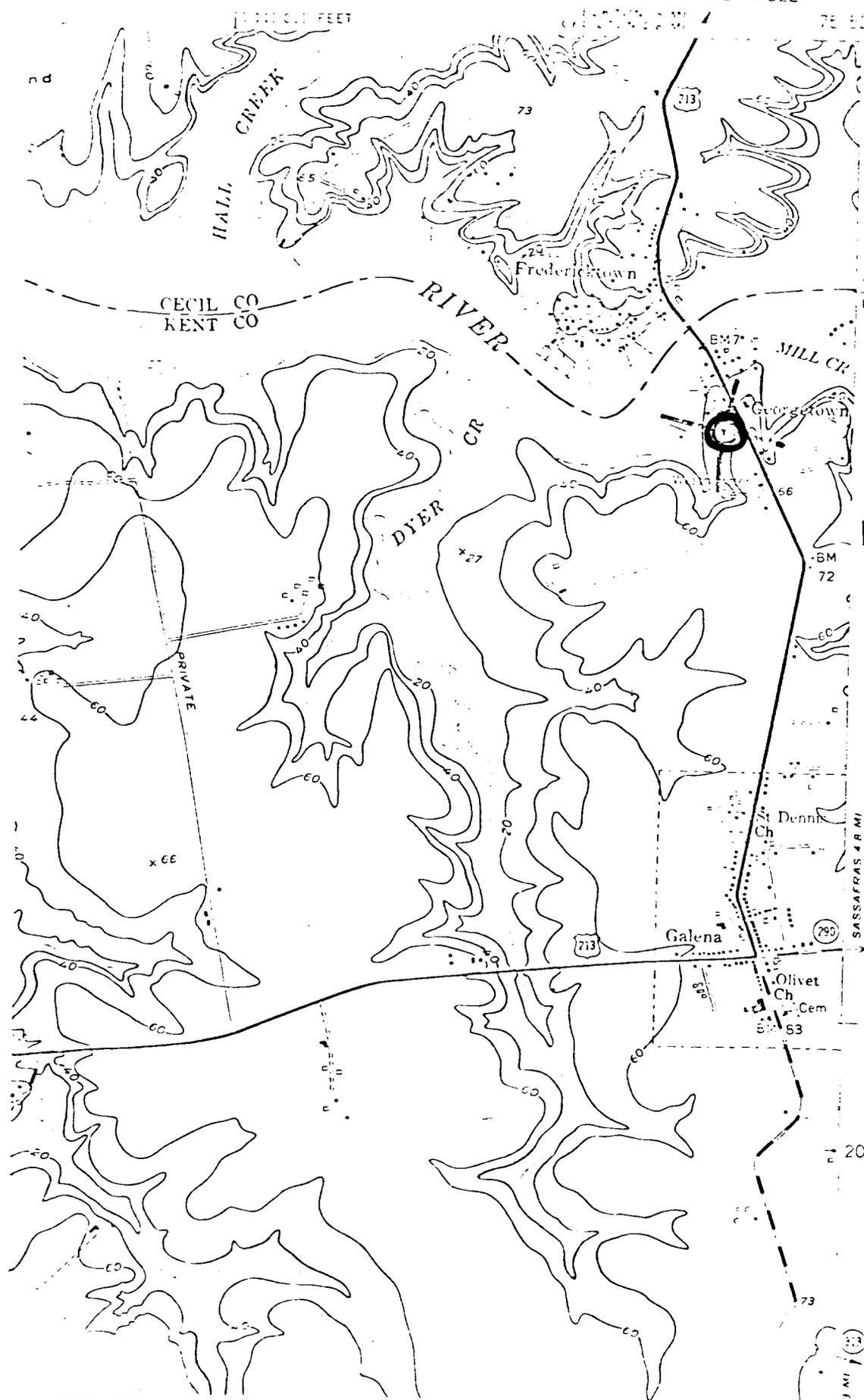
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GALENA QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW 4 CECILTON 15 QUADRANGLE

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VALLEY COTTAGE  
KENT Co., MD  
LAT: 75°52'51"  
LONG: 39°21'37"



ALLEY COTTAGE  
WALLIS HOUSE  
GEORGETOWN, KENT COUNTY

South (Rear) and Side  
facades

SCALE:

PREPARED: CAM 4/91

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GRANTOR

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Valley Cottage  
~~Darwin House~~

(Behind Witty Knight House)

Georgetown Md.  
Kent County

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Valley Cottage  
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M. Bourne March 1979



Valley Cottage  
Georgetown

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South

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