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Stanley's Hope, Jacobus Creek Farm, Grange

1743

Still Pond

Private

Stanley's Hope or the Jacobus Creek House was first erected in 1743 as a one and one-half story hall and parlor type house. A date in glazed headers in the gable and an inverted V of glazed brick along the eave define its early proportions. In the middle of the 19th century a second story was added and central stair introduced. The building was recently restored.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jacobus Creek Farm, Grange (1845)

AND/OR COMMON

Stanley's Hope

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Still Pond Neck Road near Coleman

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Kent

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Mr. Robert Sparre

Telephone #: (301) 778-0441

STREET & NUMBER

Stanley's Hope

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: WH 6 69

Folio #: 83

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

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Stanley's Hope also known as Jacobus Creek Farm House, is a one and one-half story brick farm house constructed in 1743, as dated by the numerals in glazed headers on the west gable. In the 19th century a second story was added, but the first eave line is visible, marked in the gable by an inverted "V" of glazed headers.

The house was originally a hall and parlor plan dwelling with enclosed stairs in corners. It has undergone two major plan changes in its history. The first, certainly when the second floor was added, was the addition of a central stair with a window on the landing in the rear facade. The most recent change enlarged the living room by placing the first run of the stair against the wall and removing the central stair hall.

The house is three bays wide and one room deep. It has a gable roof of about 90° which is finished with verge boards on each gable end and a simple three-course corbelled cornice. The two chimneys are enclosed within the gable walls and finished with a simple two-course cap. There are no attic windows; gable dormers are centered over the two outer window bays and have 6/6 sash windows and gable roofs with simple returns.

The brick bonding and detailing on the first floor is typical of mid-18th century Kent County buildings. The river facade, originally the front of the dwelling is laid in Flemish bond while gable walls and present approach facade are in Liverpool bond. There is a water table on both long facades; its upper-most course is stepped and the bonding pattern below is English. Segmental brick arches of headers are used above the first floor windows; above entrance doors the segmental arch is of stretchers.

Windows are evenly placed on long facades with 6/6 sash used in each. Prior to the recent restoration a 9/6 sash remained in one window of the north facade. Whether or not it is original is unknown; it is however, typical of sash used here in the 18th century. With the addition of the second story, 6/6 sash windows were placed above the original first floor openings. In addition a landing window with 6/6 sash was placed, slightly left of center on the river facade. Basement windows in each window bay probably date from the first period of the house.

Entrance doors are in their original position; doors and trim have been changed. Photographs taken during the restoration show four-panel 19th or 20th century doors. There is a transom light above the lake side door, but not on the approach facade. Trim with what appears to be a backband molding is evident on the lake facade.

A two story frame wing with two entrance doors on the east gable was constructed in the 19th century originally as a kitchen. It has a pyramidal fireplace and enclosed end chimney. Originally, it had two rooms on the first floor; there were two entrance doors on the facade until the recent restoration when one was converted into a window. There are two windows on the second floor, front and rear, but none in the gable. When Stanley's Hope was renovated, bricks were

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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 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 1743

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure, although greatly changed, is significant for its early date, and is certainly one of the oldest remaining in the county. The house was probably constructed by Phillip Rasin or one of his three sons. Phillip Rasin had purchased the land (200 acres total) in 1708 from John Marsh for 9600 pounds of tobacco. Land records (please see attached) show that in 1742 he divided the land into three parts for his sons and heirs. Evidently one of them constructed his/her one and one-half story, hall and parlor house facing Jacobus Creek the following year.

Subsequent owners included George W. Perkins, who sold the property to Henry J. Jump in 8/1845 and Martha A. Jump who transferred the property to Martha A. Crew in 8/1888. The Sparre family purchased the property from John Price in 1961.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Swepson, Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country, New York, Weatherwane Books, reprint of 1923 edition.  
Deed and Land Records, Kent County, Maryland.

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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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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removed from a well on the property and used to sheath the exterior.

On the inside, the kitchen fireplace remains and beside it an enclosed corner stair. Some old pine floors remain on the second floor, but trim, doors, and mantles are either modern or date from the late 19th century. The present owners exposed old beams in the dining room and basement and converted the brick walled basement into a kitchen and den.

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<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>  COUNTY <b>Kent</b>  TOWN <b>Stillpond</b> VICINITY <b>Coleman</b>  STREET NO. <b>Rt. 443, 1.4 miles west of</b>  <b>Rt. 292, (south)</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER  ORIGINAL USE <b>dwelling</b>  PRESENT OWNER <b>R.H. Sparre</b>  PRESENT USE <b>lodge</b>  WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b>  NO. OF STORIES <b>2½</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  INVENTORY <b>K - 220</b></p>
	<p>2. NAME <b>Jacobus Creek farm</b>  <b>formerly, Stanley's Hope</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1743 and later</b>  STYLE <b>colonial</b>  ARCHITECT  BUILDER</p>
	<p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>no</b></span></p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    <b>no</b>    Interior    <b>good</b>    Exterior    <b>good</b></p>	
<p> 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>Michael Bourne</b>   DATE OF RECORD <b>March, 1969</b></p>

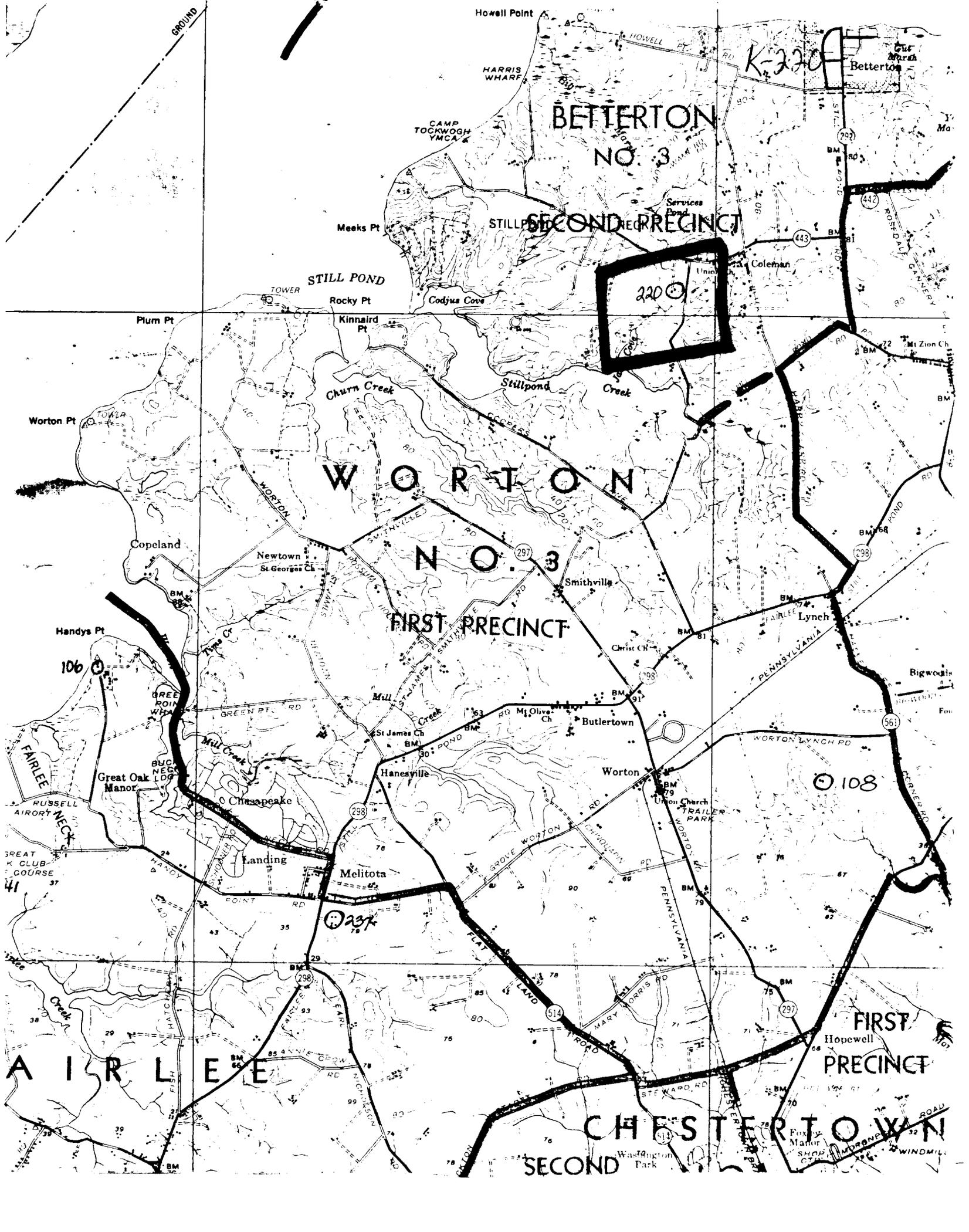
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Jacobus Creek farm, formerly called Stanley's Hope, is now a three bay, 2½ story house with a three bay two story wing, frame with brick facing.

Originally it was a 1½ story dwelling as can be seen in the smaller brick above the second floor level. Also in the west gable, the next to last brick of the original pitch of the "A" roof is a glazed header and there is the date 1743, also in glazed headers in the gable.

Presently the house is used as a gunning lodge. When it was purchased four years ago, the entire building was remodeled, leaving no 18th century woodwork within. One novel feature of the house is the modern kitchen located in the basement of the original portion, where it apparently was located originally, (like Willow Grove, near Stillpond).



BETTERTON  
NO. 3

STILL POND  
SECOND PRECINCT

WORTON

NO. 3

FIRST PRECINCT

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AIRLEE

CHESTER TOWAN  
SECOND

FIRST  
PRECINCT

Betterton

Worton Pt

Plum Pt

STILL POND

Meeks Pt

Howell Point

HARRIS WHARF

CAMP TOCKNOGH YMCA

Services Pond

Coleman

Churn Creek

Stillpond Creek

Copeland

Newtown

Smithville

Handys Pt

Mill Creek

Butlertown

Great Oak Manor

Hanesville

Worton

Landing

Melitota

Worton Church TRAILER PARK

Hopewell

FIRST PRECINCT

CHESTER TOWAN

SECOND

Fox Manor

Washington Park

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The chandelier hangs from one of the exposed beams in the dining room in Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sparre's renovated farmhouse in Kent county. The main section of the house, below, is believed to date to 1743. The wing on the left was added in 1825.



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seated by the fireplace in the living room, which was enlarged. Changes included moving the original stairway. The house is on a 200-acre farm.

**HENRY  
WILLIAM KLENDER**

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grace of English prototypes.  
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where he is associated with the du Pont  
company.

They knew it would be a long and grad-  
ual project to rehabilitate the house,  
which was in disrepair. But it was a goal  
for retirement, still in the future.

"We were living in Kinston, N.C., when  
we bought the property in 1961," said Mrs.  
Sparre, "from John Price, whose family  
had owned it for a hundred years. . . . Our  
program for a full-scale renovation was  
planned in stages over eight or nine years,  
and was supervised by our longtime friend  
James L. Coleman, who lives in Worton, a  
few miles up the road. We used to come up  
from North Carolina twice a year to fol-

"our two children were away at school  
and were delighted to come home to the  
country." Especially their daughter Trina,  
now a senior at the Gunston School in  
nearby Centreville, who loves to ride and  
has her own horse at the farm. Their son  
Carl is a senior at Colgate University in  
Hamilton, N.Y.

The house faces an eight-acre spring-  
fed lake, formed when Jacobus Creek,  
which gave the farm its name, was  
dammed up many years ago. The lake and  
smaller ponds studding the property come  
alive seasonally with flocks of migrating  
Canada geese.

added in 1800, was an open  
now there are two extra be-  
bath.

A one-and-a-half story clap-  
netex, built in 1825, has been co-  
with matching bricks, which w-  
the 90-foot well on the propert-  
er floor was made into a chee-  
room (called the "brick-floor")  
the enclosed narrow staircase  
master bedroom and bath. En-  
old slave quarters, this suite  
vate from the rest of the house

Renewed throughout with  
tural refinements and mo-



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STANLEYS HOPE, STILL POND MD. BEFORE RESTORATION - COPY OLD PHOTO -  
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Stanley's Hope MHT R220

Still Pond Neck Rd

Still Pond, Md

Front. Before restoration

C. Engstrom

Aug 1977



Stanley's Hope MHT K220  
Still Pond Neck Rd  
Still Pond, Md

Frank. Extra story added -  
dated 1743.

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