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Rosedale
Near Rock Hall
c. 1800

Located on the upper reaches of Swan Creek, Rosedale is a telescopic Federal period brick farmhouse. Similar in proportion to the Moffett House on Quaker Neck, the main section is two and a half stories tall with dormers. Here, however, there are two dormers rather than three. There is also a one and a half story kitchen wing and a new one story wing as well. The brick is light in color and the window arches are gauged brick with mock keystones.

The plan of Rosedale consists of hall and parlor in the main block and one room in the old wing. (Originally this wing had a kitchen and pantry.) The stair in the hall is located in its northeast corner and allows access to the rooms above. Trim details included reeded and rope moldings.

The house may have been built by John Bradshaw or his son, James, to whom he bequeathed the farm in 1788.[1] In the 1812 will of James, his property is described as on the "south side of Swan Creek from the road to Paiges Point to Swan Creek Bridge."[2]

On the north side of the house there are two period outbuildings; one a brick smokehouse, the other a pyramidal roof brick dairy. Both were stabilized in the 1980's.

In the 1852 Tax Assessment, Hiram Jones owned 383 acres called Pages Farm on which a "Brick House & other Buildings in good repair" are

listed.[3] Richard W. Jones appears on both the 1860 map and in the 1877 Atlas. In 1957, at the time of Rock Hall's 250th Anniversary Celebration, Rosedale was owned by Hiram Jones.

1. Wills, Lib. 7, fol. 221.
2. Wills, Lib. 9.
3. 1852 Tax Assessment.

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rosedale

and/or common Rosedale

2. Location

street & number West side Route 445 ¼ mile north of Edesville Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Rock Hall X vicinity of congressional district FIRST

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nannie J. Deputy

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland 21620

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber EHP 57

street & number folio 774

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Rosedale is a "telescope" house with a 2½ story main house that is three bays wide & has a central entry, an early 1½ story, three bay wing, and a one bay, one story kitchen. All sections are brick, now painted white and have gable roofs. Woodwork & mantles from the late Federal period remain in the main section.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Rosedale is a very handsome example of a Federal period house. Its Federal styling is reflected in the narrowness & vertical proportions of the main house as well as by the brick detailing at the openings of the main facade. Period detailing on the interior is best illustrated by the beautiful, delicately carved mantles. The survival of the two most common domestic outbuildings, the smoke house & the dairy, add greatly to the importance of Rosedale. Each little structure is nicely detailed & their siting near the kitchen wing illustrates a typical domestic arrangement.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Marsha L. Fritz, Surveyor		
organization	County Commissioners of Kent County Historical Society of Kent County	date	10/4/81
street & number	The Court House Church Alley	telephone	778-4600 778-3499
city or town	Chestertown	state	Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - 2½ stories; 3 bays wide, 2 (one room) deep
   Wing A: 1½ stories, 3 bays wide, 2 (one room) deep
   Wing B: 1 stories, 1 bay wide, 1 bay deep

2. Plan type - Hall & Parlor with 2 side wings

3. Roof type - Main Section: Gable
   Wings: Gable roof both wings

4. Chimneys - Double flue chimneys are located in the main house gables (enclosed) & in the gable of Wing A.
   Materials: Brick
   Decorative elements: Simple 2 course caps

5. Material/walls - Main section and Wing A are brick with Flemish bond front facade, common bond sides & rear. Now painted white, extensive rebuilding in rear. Wing B is brick, modern, laid in Flemish bond with raked mortar joints. Front facade of main house has gauged jack arches above the windows. In the center of each is a mock keystone of 5 gauged brick. These decorative bricks are rubbed to a bright orange finish.

6. Material/roofs - Main Section: wood shingle, Wing A: wood shingle/asphalt, Wing B: Wood shingle

7. Material/foundation - Main section: Brick, Wing A: Brick, Wing B: Brick

8. Age - Main section - First quarter 19th century
   Wing A contemporary with main section (base of walls are continuous)
   Wing B modern

9. Style - Federal

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main entry: Center of west facade. There has been reconstruction above the door which now has a crude flat arch. This is certainly not original. Trim is narrow with an inside bead. The 8 panel door has 6 small upper panels & two larger lower ones. They are shallow & edged with a flat ogee molding.

   Secondary entries: In rear of main house opposite the front entry; facade, center bay, wing, has a modern door set beneath a splayed jack arch. Details of the door opposite this; a door leads to the Wing B from the gable.

2. Windows - Main section: type-Double hung; Lights-second floor - 6/6, First Floor 9/6; Details-the frames are about 2½" wide with a double bead & plain sills, probably replacements. The center window, 2nd floor, south facade has been altered. Windows in the north gable have been closed; Shutters—modern wooden louvered with star shutter dogs.

Note: A former basement entry north of the door in the east wall of wing A has been bricked in. It had a segmental arch.

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7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Wings - Type-double hung; Lights-6/6; Details-Same as main house. Alterations in the brick show these windows to be modern additions. There is no remaining evidence of earlier windows although they probably were in the same location; Shutters same as main house.

3. Dormers - There are 2 dormers per slope in the main house. They have 6/6 sash, a shallow cornice with return & gable roofs. They may be later additions. (6-light attic gable casements remain in the north gable but have been closed in the south) There are 2 similar dormers in each slope of wing A.

4. Roof details - Main section / Wings-Shallow box cornice - modern

5. Porches - There is a three bay long, one bay deep screened porch with a shed roof on the east wall of Wing A. Other doors are reached by modern brick stoops.

6. Color - Current: White/green shutters - Historic: Unknown

7. Other

Interior Description

1. Plan type - Hall & parlor one room deep with side wings

2. Major stair - In north parlor a corner stair with simple 6-panel door

3. Major mantles - North parlor-Bold reeded Federal mantle with broken shelf with bold plinth blocks, reeded pilasters & a rope molded surround. South parlor-Similiar in configuration but not as elaborately carved.

4. Major trim - Windows/doors-split face with back band
   Cornices-none
   Chair rails-none on first floor

5. Major doors 6 - panel with raised & beveled panels.

6. Floors - Early floors are medium-width yellow pine

7. Walls/ceiling finishes-plaster

Outbuildings/Site Description

1. Major outbuildings - Smoke house: one room, gable roofed; plan dimensions-12' x 14'-3" Common bond brick, stuccoed wooden shingle roof. Masonry bearing wall pegged frame roof.
   Dairy: square with pyramidal roof; plan dimensions-10-3' square. Common bond brick, painted wooden shingle roof. Bearing wall, pegged roof frame. Also has louvered windows & finial.

2. Site description - Rosedale stands in the middle of a grassey yard set back some distance from Route 445. Cultivated fields grassey lawns with some old trees. The two outbuildings are behind the kitchen wing set side by side.

3. Views - Cultivated fields & woodslands are visible from the house. The house is clearly visible from Route 445

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Use of Building

1. Current - Vacant residence

2. Historic - Residence

History of Building/Past Ownership

The building shows evidence of a recent and extensive remodeling which included the rebuilding of a major portion of the west (rear) of the main house & closing windows on the north gable of the main house. The kitchen (WingB) & the porch were probably constructed at the same time. The remodeling work is soundly done but is not sensitive to the house's historic character. Local residents claim that paneling was removed from the house during that remodeling. Because paneling is incompatible with Federal mantles of the kind in the main house, this paneling must have come from the early wing, a part of the house that has been entirely remodeled.

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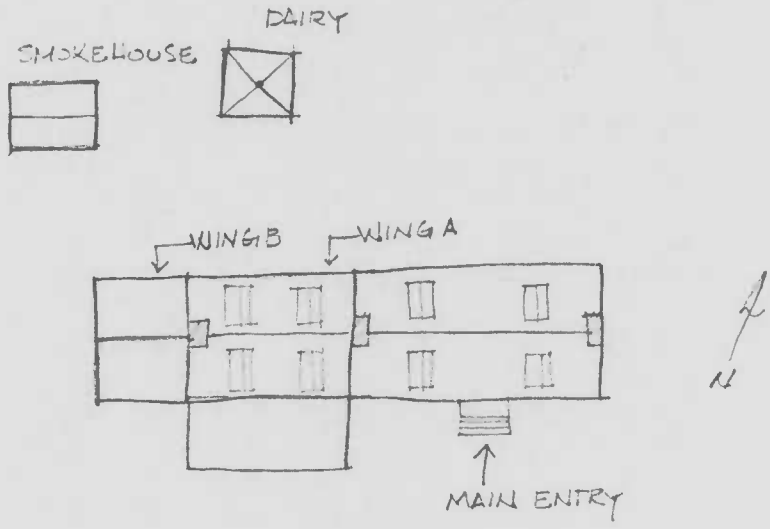

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Rosedale is a 2½ story brick house, three bays long and two bays deep, with a three bay long, 1½ story brick kitchen wing.

The south facade is laid in Flemish bond and covered with many layers of whitewash and paint. There is neither water table nor belt cours.e A one story 19th century porch obscures the area above the first story windows but flat arches with keystones, all brick, are above those of the second story. The north and south doors occupy the center bay of each facade; that of the south facade has and eight-panel door and a transom. A large portion of the north facade has been rebuilt with new brick and lacks the detail of the south facade. Two "A" roof dormers are placed on each slope of the "A" roof. Very large tall chimneys are enclosed in each gable. Two windows on each story have been bricked up on the second and thri d storys of the east gable.

Off the west gable is the 1½ story kitchen with two dormers on each side of the "A" roof. Fenestration has been changed here and a small, one story brick wing is built on its west gable.

In the yard are two brick buildings, one with pyramid roof and the other with an "A" roof, probably a dairy and meathouse.

The farm is well maintained and has a view across Swan Creek to Hinchingham Farm.

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1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Kent
TOWN Rock Hall VICINITY
STREET NO. Rt 445, 2 miles north of Rock Hall (Rt 20), (north)
ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Carl Melemet
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION brick
NO. OF STORIES 2½

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY K - 259

2. NAME ROSEDALE
DATE OR PERIOD 18th century
STYLE Colonial
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Rock Hall Historical Collection, 1957, p. 12.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

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View to Northwest

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Rock Hall, Kent County

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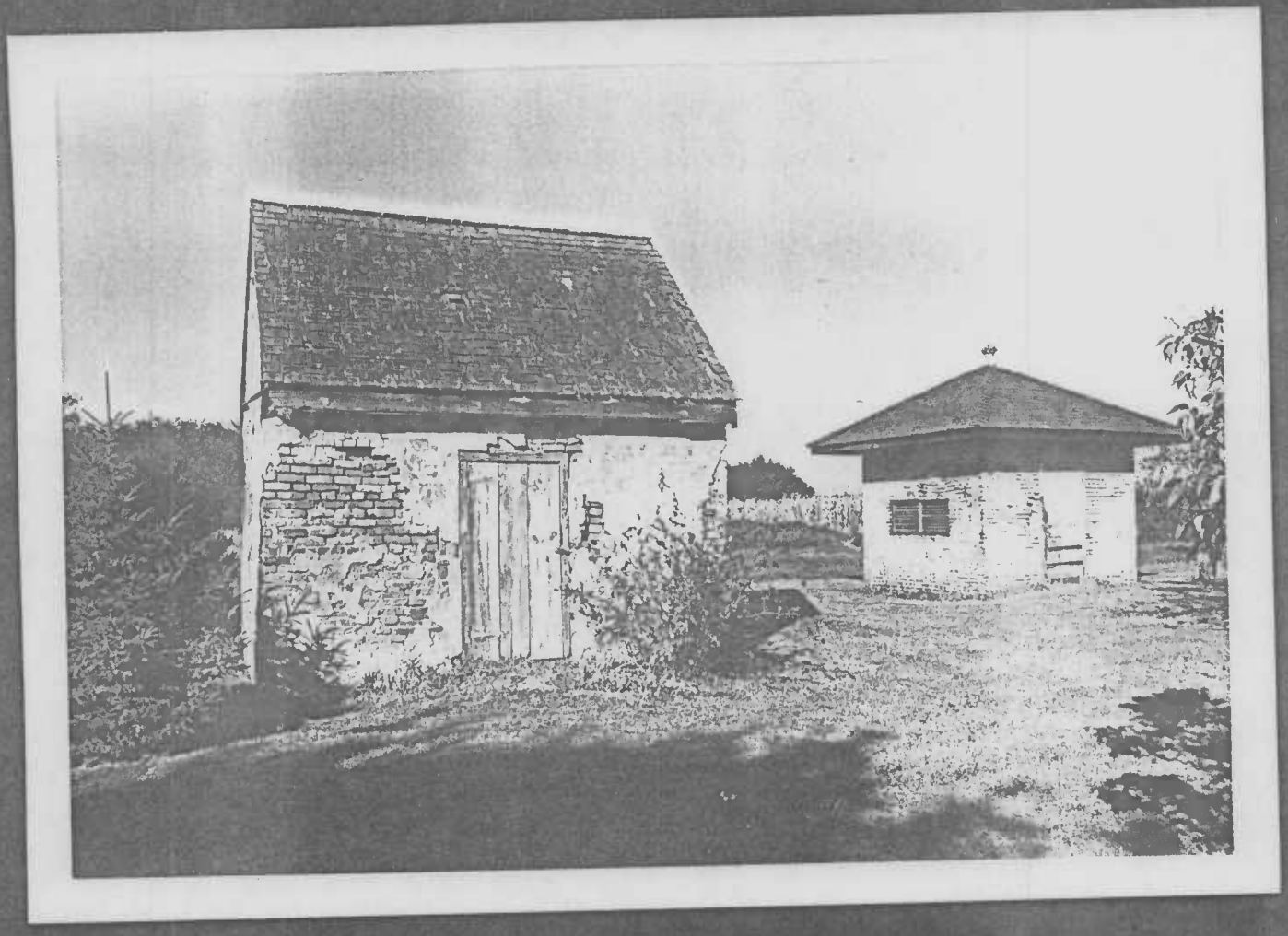

View to North

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