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King's Grant or Stratford Manor
Quaker Neck
c. 1820

King's Grant is built on part of Stratford Manor, a 1000 acre tract patented in 1660 to Richard Chandler.[1] The manor was later resurveyed in 1735, for George Garrett and included over 200 additional acres.[2] Garrett began selling farms soon after the resurvey.

The house on the farm is an interesting vernacular brick residence begun around 1800, and changed during the 1820-30 period, then again in the late 19th century and in 1930.

Only the stair and some second story trim date from its earliest period. The door trim with its incised corner blocks and late Federal trim date from the second period, along with the heavy mantels of the two rooms flanking the central stairhall. The late 19th century change occurred only on the first to second story balustrade where catalogue parts were used except for the handrail and intermediate newels.

In the 1930's, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Blackwood purchased the farm and turned it into an "estate." A second wing was added to the house to balance the original brick kitchen. An enclosed one story porch was added in front of the main entry and two bay windows were installed on the river side of the house. The Blackwoods installed a swimming pool, pool house and many other buildings including barns for their fine herd of cattle. The house has remained essentially the same since that time.

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In the 1877 Atlas, the house appears to be either owned and or occupied by Isaac Cordray.

1. Quaker Neck Map.
2. Ibid.

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Kings Grant House 19th Century
Chestertown
Private

Kings Grant dates from the early 17th century, but the present house was constructed nearly 200 years later. The house is brick with a central hall and modern wings. Its interior woodwork exemplifies the era between the decline of Federal period and the robustness of the mid and late 19th century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Kings Grant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Quaker Neck, 3 miles west of Chestertown

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X 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 NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. & Mrs. George F. Johnson

Telephone #: (301) 778-0539

STREET & NUMBER
Shell Point

CITY, TOWN
Chestertown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: EHP 26
Folio #: [redacted] 94

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Kent County Courthouse

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
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kings Grant House began as an early 19th century brick house. Through the years side wings have been added, as well as a front entrance extension which is one story high, one bay wide and one deep and has a wooden balustrade around the flat roof. The building was renovated in the 1930's, and most major changes and additions appear to date from that time.

The old house is brick, three bays wide and one room deep, with a gable roof. With its central hall plan and enclosed end chimneys the building is typical of its contemporaries in Kent County.

The brick walls, recently sandblasted, are laid in Flemish bond on the approach facade and Liverpool bond on the river facade and gable ends. There is no elaborate brick detailing, no belt course or water table and no window arches.

The enclosed chimneys at each gable have been rebuilt but were probably terminated with simple corbelled caps. The east chimney is now partially exterior to the gable wall having been enlarged to carry a third flue (furnace).

Windows and doors are evenly placed with 12/12 sash windows used on both floors and a 6/6 sash window at the stair landing, river facade. Trim is double beaded with a very large outside bead. On the river front two bay windows have been added on the first floor. Three gable dormers in each roof slope have 6/6 sash and the central dormer on the approach front has sidelights. (Attic windows in the gables are four-pane and have rowlock arches.) The main entrance, now inside the entry addition,has a transom light and paneled jambs and head. The rear entry has similiar detailing, except that there is no transom and the door itself remains in place.

A great deal of the original detailing remains. The stairway has early turned pine balusters above the second floor and later turned oak balusters below. There is a shadow rail which has reeded and fluted pilasters; the stair is open to the attic.

Window and door trim on the first floor is ribbed and has corner blocks which are incised with a star design. Second floor trim has a backband of composite moldings which appear more nearly Federal in style; they are a delicate design. Mantles have broad moldings on shelfs and surrounds; they appear to be contemporty with the trim but were refinished natural (and replaced with wire nails) in the 1930's. Pine floors appear on both floors; they are likely partially original to the house. Arched doorways, on the first floor, are later additions.

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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
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kings Grant dates from 1604. Although a dwelling may have existed early in the history of the Manor, the present house was not constructed until nearly 200 years after the original grant. Its interior woodwork, in particular, remains as an example of the transitional period between the decline of the Federal period and the robustness of the mid and late 19th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

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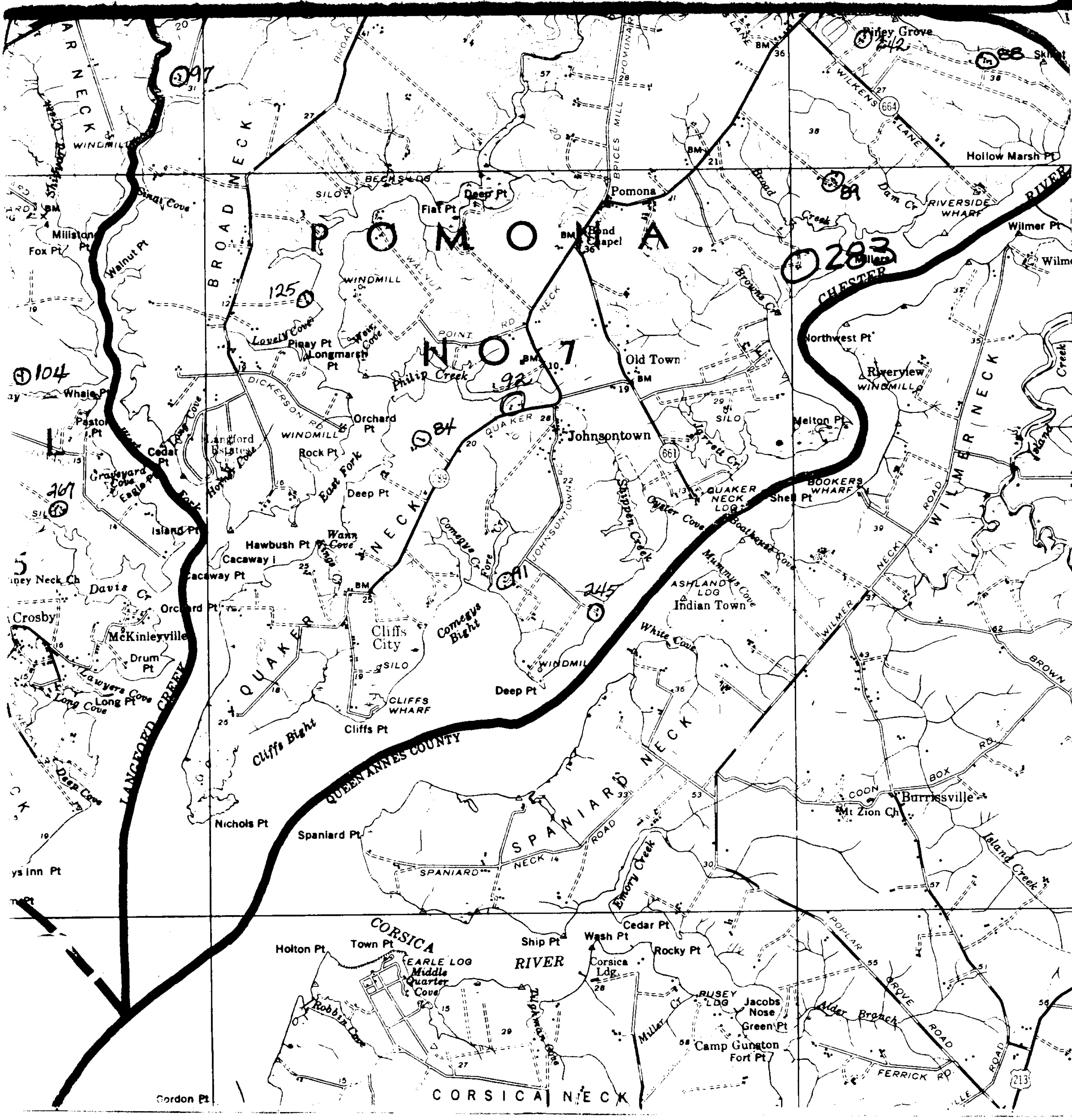
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Millers
Northwest Pt
Riverview
WINDMILL
Melton Pt
BOOKERS WHARF
WILMER NECK
WILMER NECK ROAD
Island Creek
Shell Pt
QUAKER NECK LDG
Oyster Cove
Boathouse Cove
Mummys Cove
ASHLAND LDG
Indian Town
White Cove
Shippen Creek
Jarrett Cr
Browns Cr
Broad Creek
Dam Cr
WILKENS LANE
SPICES MILL
BECKS LDG
Deep Pt
Flat Pt
SILO
WALNUT POINT RD
NECK
Philip Creek
Longmarsh Pt
Piney Pt
Lovely Cove
West Cove
BROAD NECK
BROAD NECK ROAD
DICKERSON RD
Orchard Pt
Rock Pt
East Fork
Deep Pt
QUAKER NECK
Wann Cove
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Comegys Bight
Cliffs City
CLIFFS WHARF
Cliffs Pt
Cliffs Bight
Nichols Pt
JOHNSONTOWN RD
Deep Pt
QUEEN ANNES COUNTY
Langford Estates
Cedar Pt
Island Pt
Eagle Pt
Graveyard Cove
Horsey Cove
Long Cove
West Fork
LANGFORD CREEK
Walnut Pt
Sinai Cove
Millstone Pt
Fox Pt
Whale Pt
Pestol Pt
Shipyard Cr
WINDMILL
Davis Cr
Orchard Pt
Crosby
McKinleyville
Drum Pt
Lawyers Cove
Long Pt
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Deep Cove
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Spaniard Pt
SPANIARD NECK
SPANIARD NECK ROAD
Emory Creek
Cedar Pt
Ship Pt
Wash Pt
Rocky Pt
Corsica Ldg
CORSICA RIVER
Holton Pt
Town Pt
EARLE LOG
Middle Quarter Cove
Robbin Cove
Tilghman Cove
RUSEY LDG
Jacobs Nose
Green Pt
Miller Cr
Camp Gunston
Fort Pt
Alder Branch
POPLAR GROVE ROAD
FERRICK RD
CORSICA NECK
Gordon Pt
Burrissville
Mt Zion Ch
COON BOX RD
BROWN RD
Island Creek
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QUAKER NECK RD

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

RIVER SIDE FROM SOUTHEAST

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~~Dining Room Mantel. S.W. of Main Entry~~
STAIRWAY

C. Engstrom - Aug 1977