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Massey Farm
Near Chestertown
1st Quarter 19th Century

The early 19th century frame dwelling which stands on the Massey Farm resembles two brick houses in the County; the Costen Farm and Grantham & Forest Farm both in the First District. The similarities are in form, fenestrations, and plan. Each of the two-story buildings has a four-bay facade, and a roof without dormers. Each has a two-story wing and a nearly equal hall-parlor plan, with both rooms having its own stair and entry.

In the case of the Massey Farmhouse, the western room corner stair has been replaced with a straight run stair and the mantels and other period woodwork have been removed. One feature unique to this house is a recessed entry in the south facade which provides access to the basement as well as the kitchen. In this area original horizontal sheating boards are still exposed and not covered with asbestos shingles.

In the 1877 Atlas, the property is owned by the heirs of G. B. Ford.

MASSEY FARM
Chestertown, Maryland
(early 19th)

Massey Farmhouse represents one type of housing of the early 19th century. The building is similiar in plan to two nearby frame houses, Willowdale (K-204) and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291.) All three of these structures originally had corner stairs and hallways on the north side of the second floor although they are essentially hall and parlour houses. This structure measured 34' by 17' and has a later side wing.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC MASSEY FARM

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *East side Rt. 213, 1 1/2 miles north of Hopewell Corner*

1st

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 *William & Mary Wiltbank*

Telephone #: *301-778-3357*

STREET & NUMBER
Rt. #1

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*

Liber #: *RAS 22*
Folio #: *435*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 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 *2nd quarter, 19th century* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Massey Farmhouse is significant because it is one of Kent County's older buildings and because it represents one type of housing of the early 19th century. The building is similiar in plan to two nearby frame houses, Willowdale (K-204) and the Urieville Miller's House (K-291.) All three of these structures originally had corner stairs and hallways on the north side of the second floor although they are essentially hall and parlour houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

bulkhead, now enclosed within the addition walls. In the cellar-way wide horizontal boarding, the original exterior sheathing, is visible.

The exterior of the building is covered with asbestos shingles and has a sheet metal roof. The one-bay entry porch is an early 20th century addition. The windows and storm windows were installed within the last 20 years.

Inside, the first floor rooms retain virtually none of their original finish. Mantles were removed and discarded. One corner stair remains; the other has been replaced with a single-run stair that occupies much of the west room on the first floor. Originally, both corner stairs occupied the northern corners of the plan, a rather unusual arrangement also seen at Willowdale, (K-204) a house about 1½ miles south of this one. Like Willowdale, the Massey Farmhouse has a hallway on the north side of the second floor.

One early six-panel door can be seen on the first floor. It has Grecian ovolo and square moldings applied to the raised unbeveled panels (one side only) and, if original, suggests a construction date of the second quarter of the 19th century. This door was originally hung on HL hinges.

Beaded board doors lead to the second floor rooms; they are set in frames trimmed with Grecian ovolo and square moldings. Flooring is wide, random yellow pine.

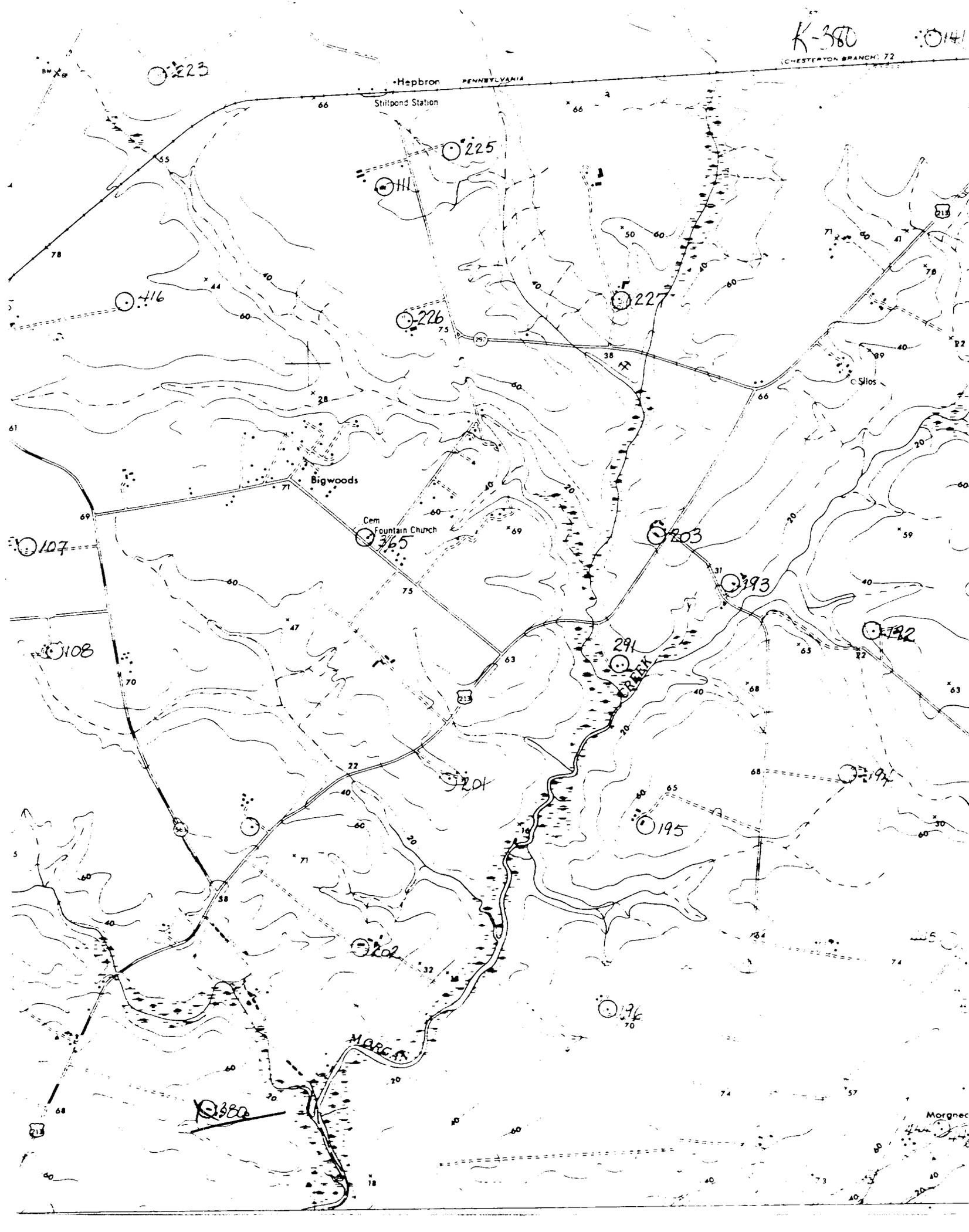
The structural frame is concealed except for the corner posts and plate. Window frames are exposed and mortice & tenoned & pegged into the plate. Rafters of the roof are sawn and half lapped and pegged.

Interior treatment of the side wing is of recent date.

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