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Koppelman Farm  
Near Kennedyville  
4th Quarter 18th century

The Koppelman Farm, north of Kennedyville, is a frame, gambrel roof farmhouse, the first part of which dates back to the late 18th century and the other, larger part to 1926. When the latter three-story structure was constructed, the old kitchen was removed and the former hall-parlor plan house was converted into what would be the kitchen and dining room. In 1926, and in subsequent remodelings, original features in the hall and parlor were removed; the second floor plan was left intact.

That plan contains a unique feature in that the stair is located between the fireplace and the original exterior gable. Placing it in this location, rather than in the corner results in a stair without winder steps and makes the ascent to the corridor and three bedrooms above easier.

On the second floor, the corridor and one small bedroom are located on the west side of the house. A medium size chamber is located in the southeast corner and the largest of the three is adjacent the corridor and stair and retains remnants of the old fireplace that heated the room. All of the interior partitions are vertical beaded boards and the doors are board and batten. Those board walls still carry a whitewash finish, the only finish that they have had.

In 1926, the three-story addition was built on the south side of the old gambrel roof house. It dwarfed the original structure. This newer structure has some features associated with the late 19th century Colonial Revival

and shingle styles. There are a pair of two-story bay windows which terminate in a gambrel roof, dormer-like projection from the side of the larger gambrel roof. The plan of this early 20th century building includes a stair/entry hall and two parlors with interior corner fireplace. The plan is similar to 103 South Queen Street in Chestertown, a late 19th century townhouse.

In the 1877 Atlas, the farm is owned by George W. T. Perkins, who lived at 201 Water Street, Chestertown. It was undoubtedly tenanted at the time, which is probably the reason that the second story is still intact.

KOPPELMAN FARM  
Kennedyville, Maryland  
(Old house-mid 18th century)  
(Main house-1926)

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The most significant feature of this building is the wing's unusual floor plan. Unlike other gambrel roof houses in this area, this chimney is located several feet inside the gambrel wall and the stair rises between the chimney and the exterior wall. The wing has been extensively rebuilt. Early interior detailing remains on the second floor only.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC PENNINGTON, OLD HARMONY, CORNER FARM

AND/OR COMMON Koppelman Farm (preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Junction of Route 213 and Kennedyville Road

CITY, TOWN Kennedyville **1st** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland **xx** VICINITY OF **Kent** COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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. & Mrs. George Elmer Koppelman, Jr. Telephone #: 301-348-5648

STREET & NUMBER Box 31

CITY, TOWN Kennedyville  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21645

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

Liber #: EHP 30  
Folio #: 729

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

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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

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The main house is three bays across the front (southeast) facade and three full stories plus a supra attic in height. The gambrel faces forward with its ridge perpendicular to the old house attached to its northeast corner. The southwest wall of the main house is broken by a pair of 2½ story, gambrel roofed, three sided bay windows. A one-story porch with a flat roof and round columns runs across the front of the house, turning the corner on the north side to the wing.

Windows have 2 over 2 sash set in plain frames. On the third story, they have segmental heads, and on the lower floors louvered shutters.

The building has a green asphalt shingle roof, white asbestous shingle siding and a brick foundation. The major alteration to the main house was the enclosed porch, storm windows.

The interior stair occupies the northern bays. It rises in two runs, the first beginning parallel to the main entry. There are a pair of square newel posts with ball taps, turned balusters, and a closed string. On the first floor are two parlours with corner fireplaces with slate mantles and a wide doorway between them. Interior doors have five panels and the trim is reeded.

The wing was a 18th century free-standing gambrel roofed house three bays long an' one room deep. The position of the original entry is not certain but there is now ar.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input 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	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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 Old hse.-mid 18th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
Main house - 1926

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant because of its 20th century section and because it includes an early and, on the upper floor, virtually unaltered 18th century residence.

The very unusual plan of the wing contributes to its importance as does the existence of its interior finishes. The combination of bare pine floors, rough plaster walls, and white-washed trim is illustrative of the character of simple, rural residences in the Colonial period on the Eastern Shore.

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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, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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entry into the center bay northwest facade, and it is probable that there once was a door opposite it. At present all fenestration has been changed except one small window in the north end of the northwest wall and three shed dormers which remain on each long side of the roof. The small window lit a closet under the stair landing and has a 2/2 sash. Dormer windows have 6/6 sash with wide, very crude muntins.

The exterior of the wing is covered with asbestos shingles; the roof is covered with asphalt. The box cornice is very plain and has no moldings. The vergeboard in the gambrel is plain. No windows are visible on the exterior of the gambrel but interior evidence indicates that there was once a small window on the second floor. A modern entry door has been constructed on the east bay of the north gambrel. A brick chimney with a simple cap projects from the roof.

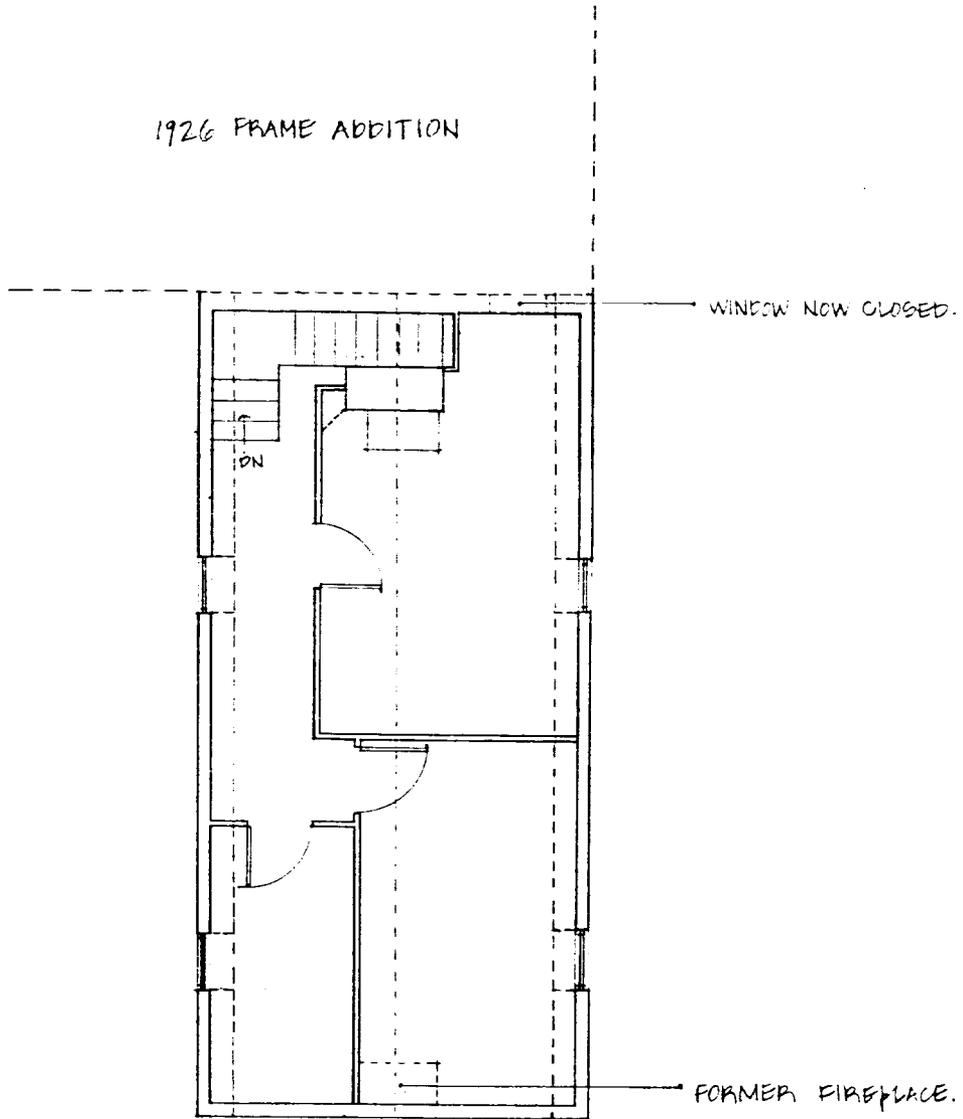
The most significant feature of this building is the very unusual floor plan. Because the first floor of the gambrel wing has been extensively altered and no original walls or details are visible, the plan drawing included is of the second floor only.

Unlike other gambrel roof houses in this area, this chimney is located several feet inside the gambrel wall and the stair rises between the chimney and the exterior wall. A door right of the first floor fireplace lead from the first floor to the stair; a door left of the fireplace lead to a closet under the stair that was lit by the little window mentioned above. Both of these doors have been covered over with modern paneling and the fireplace has been rebuilt. The stair is reached by a modern exterior door cut in the gambrel wall. Structural framing exposed on the inside of the end wall show that this stair and chimney is original.

Almost all of the early detailing remains undisturbed on the second floor. Chairrails and baseboards remain on all interior walls except that now adjoining the main house where evidence points to a replastering of the wall and ceiling after a fireplace and hearth were removed. All window and door trim remains in place as do the beaded board and batten doors. All early hardware has, however, disappeared. Walls and all woodwork is whitewashed, never painted. Floors are bare.

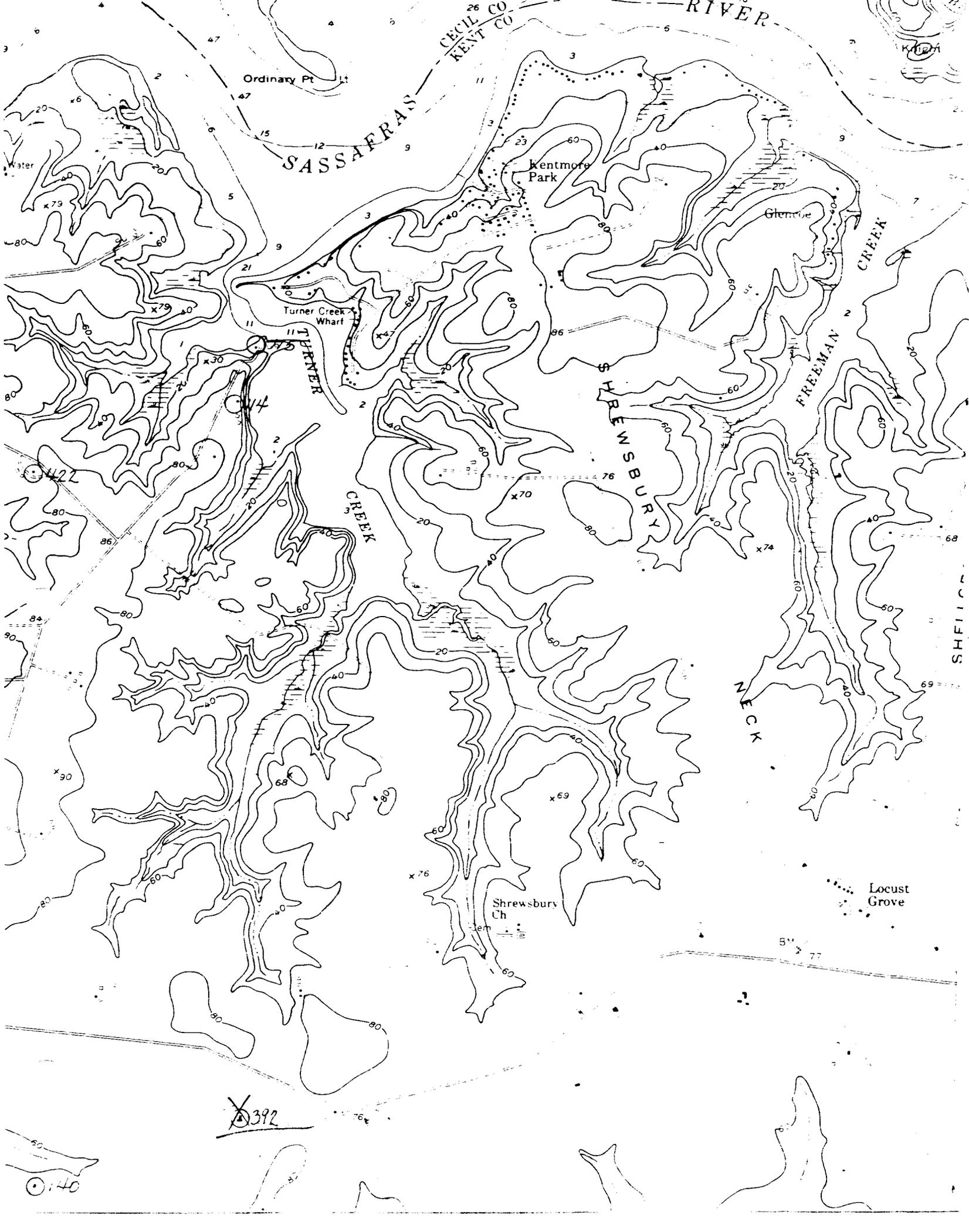
The one remaining fireplace is a crude affair which projects into the room. It is doubtful that there was ever a mantle. The hearth is bricks laid in sand. A pot-bellied stove provided heat to the room after the fireplace was closed.

1926 FRAME ADDITION



KOPPELMAN FARM (K-392) KENNEDYVILLE, MD.  
(SECOND FLOOR PLAN) SCALE: 1/8" = 1'0"





Ordinary Pt.

CECIL CO  
KENT CO

SASSAFRAS RIVER

Kentmore Park

Glimbie

Turner Creek Wharf

TURNER CREEK

SHREWSBURY CREEK

FREEMAN CREEK

TURNER CREEK

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