

STOCKTON STARTT HOMESTEAD (K-398)
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1885)

The Stockton Startt Homestead is a frame structure with a three bay wide, two-and-one-half story main house and a two-story ell; both sections have gable roofs. The main house has a three-bay, one-story front porch and a two-story bay window on one gable. Its roof is pierced by three gable dormers in the front slope and two central brick chimneys. The exterior siding is 4½" weatherboarding; in the gables and on the second floor of the wing, the dwelling is covered cove butt shingles.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC STOCKTON STARTT HOMESTEAD

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

Northeast corner of Stockton Startt Road & Route 20

(Chestertown Fairlee Road, MD 20) 1st 3/16 2/7/94

CITY, TOWN Chestertown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Kent

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 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Margaret Stoopes

Telephone #: 301-778-1935

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Chestertown STATE, zip code Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: no deed reference
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN 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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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <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 interior | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stockton Startt Homestead is a frame structure with a three bay wide, 2½ story main house and a 2-story ell; both sections have gable roofs. The main house measures 33'4" wide and 18'4" deep; it has a three-bay, one story front porch and a two-story bay window on the east gable. The main house roof is pierced by three gable dormers in the south slope and two brick chimneys which are located on either sides of the central stair hall. The dormers have horizontally boarded cheeks, round-headed upper sash, and overhanging eaves. The front porch has round columns and a flat, hipped roof.

The building has 4½" weatherboarding and 4" cornerboards. In the gables and on the second floor of the wing, the exterior siding is cove butt shingles. The structure is painted white with black, louvered shutters.

Windows have two over two sash with round upper sash in the gables and dormers. The central window in the front facade has a pair of one over one sash.

On the east side of the ell is a one-story porch which is divided by a lattice panel into two sections; one has the kitchen door and one the door to the dining room. This porch division appears on many Victorian houses and reflects parallel social division between servant and served. The back stair to the kitchen chamber above--this room not connected to the family bedrooms--similiarly reflects social divisions in 18th and 19th century Tidewater Maryland. The Stockton Startt House had both features although now the stair and chamber arrangement has been changed.

The interior of the house has a nice stair with turned balusters and newels and some original trim. Both features are typical of those in many other contemporary buildings. Mantles and most other interior detailing has been removed or covered.

Behind the house is a series of wooden sheds with gable roofs and vertical siding. There is a turn-of-the-century wooden, gable-roofed barn in the barnyard north of the

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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 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 ca 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stockton Startt House is significant because it is one of the common types of Victorian farmhouse and because it is unaltered on the exterior. Although several of these buildings remain in the county, this building has suffered little alteration on the exterior and can serve as a guide to the original appearance of other similiar structures.

Stockton Startt was a long time owner of this property and a nearby road is named for him. This building was constructed for Stockton Startt and his wife by her parents as a wedding present.

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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

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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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house. Side and rear yards are separated from the house by plain, pickett fences or rail fences, all painted white.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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DEPARTMENT
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View to northeast

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