

MALONEY HOUSE  
Worton, Maryland  
(ca 1860)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

MALONEY HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On St. James-Smithville Road about 1/8 mile south east of the intersection with Possum Hollow Road.

1st

CITY, TOWN

Worton

XX 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	<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Patrick A. Molony

Telephone #: 301-778-1004

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Worton,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 83

Folio #: 40

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

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

The Maloney House is located on St. James-Smithville Road about 1/8 mile southeast of the intersection with Possum Hollow Road. It faces northwest and is set back off the road about 700 feet. The entry lane is on axis with the main doorway of the house, but the lane turns, continuing around to the side of the building. The front walk, an extension of the lane, is bordered with plantings.

The main house is five bays wide and two bays deep. It has a gable roof with three gable dormers and a cornice decorated with scroll-pan bracketts placed about 18" on center. At the rear is a six bay, true 1½ story wing which is three rooms in length. Both main house and wing are frame.

Brick chimneys are located in each exterior gable and between the end two rooms of the kitchen ell.

Windows in the main house have six over six sash on both floors, although those on the first floor are larger. Window trim is a simple fillet and bead. Shutters are louvered with some operable panels. They have original sliding bolts and small strap hinges.

Changes in the weatherboarding show that there formerly was a wide porch across the front of the house. This has been removed and an entry door with a circular pediment and a brick stoop substituted. The doorway has a five pane transom and a three light side light. The door has bolection moldings applied to octagonal exterior panels. On the interior the door paneling is simpler. There is a large cast iron lock.

An interesting feature of the house is the graduated weatherboards used on the front facade. At the corners of the building are paneled pilasters with a base and cap.

The rear wing has a modern one-story screened porch on the south west gable side. The presence of a seam in the siding between the end two rooms suggests the rear room

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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 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

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an older building. This section also has an exposed chimney back, small windows in the attic gable, and may have had a door on the south west facade.

The house is painted white with black shutters. The house rests on a foundation which is brick on the front facade and fieldstone elsewhere.

The central interior stair is a dog-leg open to the attic. It has turned balusters on an open string, and a round handrail which meets the intermediate newels with a gooseneck or ease. Newels are also turned. Window and trim in the main house is made up of a fillet and Greek ogee backband and an inside bead. The same Greek ogee molding is used on most baseboards. Doors have four panels with applied Greek ogee panel moldings and Victorian cast iron hardware. Mantles are very plain and show Greek Revival influence. The flooring is random yellow pine.

In the end room of the wing is a pyramidal brick fireplace with a ladder stair. The flooring in this room is very wide pine boards and the ceiling joists now exposed show the marks of a pit saw and were once white washed. In spite of considerable rebuilding in this room, its interior detail as well as its exterior form would seem to place its construction date in the late 18th or early 19th centuries. Because the foundation of the wing seems continuous, this little structure may have been moved in place when the later house was constructed.



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Copeland

Newtown

St. Georges Church

Landing field (Private)

Worton Creek

Tims Creek

Green Point Farm

Green Point Wharf

Mill

Creek

Buck Neck Landing

Great Oak Marsh

Hanesville

St. James Church

Mt. Pisgah Church

Melrota

FAIRLIEK

NECK ROAD

ROAD

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Maloney House

View to southeast

Worton

Kent County

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