COOPER-CLAYTON HOUSE K-419
Worton, Maryland
(1899 or 1900)

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Constructed about 1900 this house has a plan and form typical of other buildings of the same period in Kent County. It is unusual for its use of concrete block and slate shingles. The blocks were made on the building site.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Cooper-Clayton House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Route 297, south of Railroad tracks

CITY, TOWN Worton ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

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
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Sara E. Clayton Telephone #: 301-778-3550

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 #: WHG 10

Folio #: 478

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The most interesting house in the village of Worton is a 2½ story block structure that stands on the corner of Route 297 and the Worton-Lynch Road, just south of the railroad tracks. The structure faces west.

The building is 2½stories in height and L-shaped in plan, with a three-sided bay window projecting forward toward Route 297. The space between the legs of the L is filled with a one-story, flat-roofed porch which continues around the south facade of the building. Behind the house is a one-story, gable-roofed kitchen, with a tall brick chimney.

The house has a steep slate-covered gable roof which is continued across the gables with a pent eave. Slate shingles also cover the gable end above the pent. In the west gable is a pointed attic window, and in the south gable a three small sash windows, the central being taller.

One over one sash windows in plain frames are used throughout the house. They are grouped in pairs in the gable ends. There is an entry into the south side of the three-sided bay from the porch and another entry--the major one--into the south gable. These are both plain single doors without transom or side lights.

Rusticated block is used for the walls and foundation of the main house with smooth block used for the kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
ca X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1899 or 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harrison Cooper

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed about 1900 this house in the village of Worton has a plan and form typical of other buildings of the same period in Kent County. It is unusual for its use of concrete block and slate shingles.

Concrete blocks were a newly developed construction material in the 1890's and the early 20th century, and for a time were used experimentally in all kinds of buildings. Their use in houses is fairly unusual in Kent,* this building being one of the most attractive.

From the end of the 19th century until almost the middle of the 20th, small concrete block machines were available to the individual home owner or contractor. This house was constructed by Mr. Harrison Cooper who made the blocks himself on the building site.

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* There is a group of concrete block houses on Kent Circle and one on High Street in Chestertown, as well as a large block house in Fairlee.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Caroline Cooper of Chestertown, Maryland

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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

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STREET & NUMBER: Court House	TELEPHONE:
CITY OR TOWN: Chestertown, Maryland	STATE:

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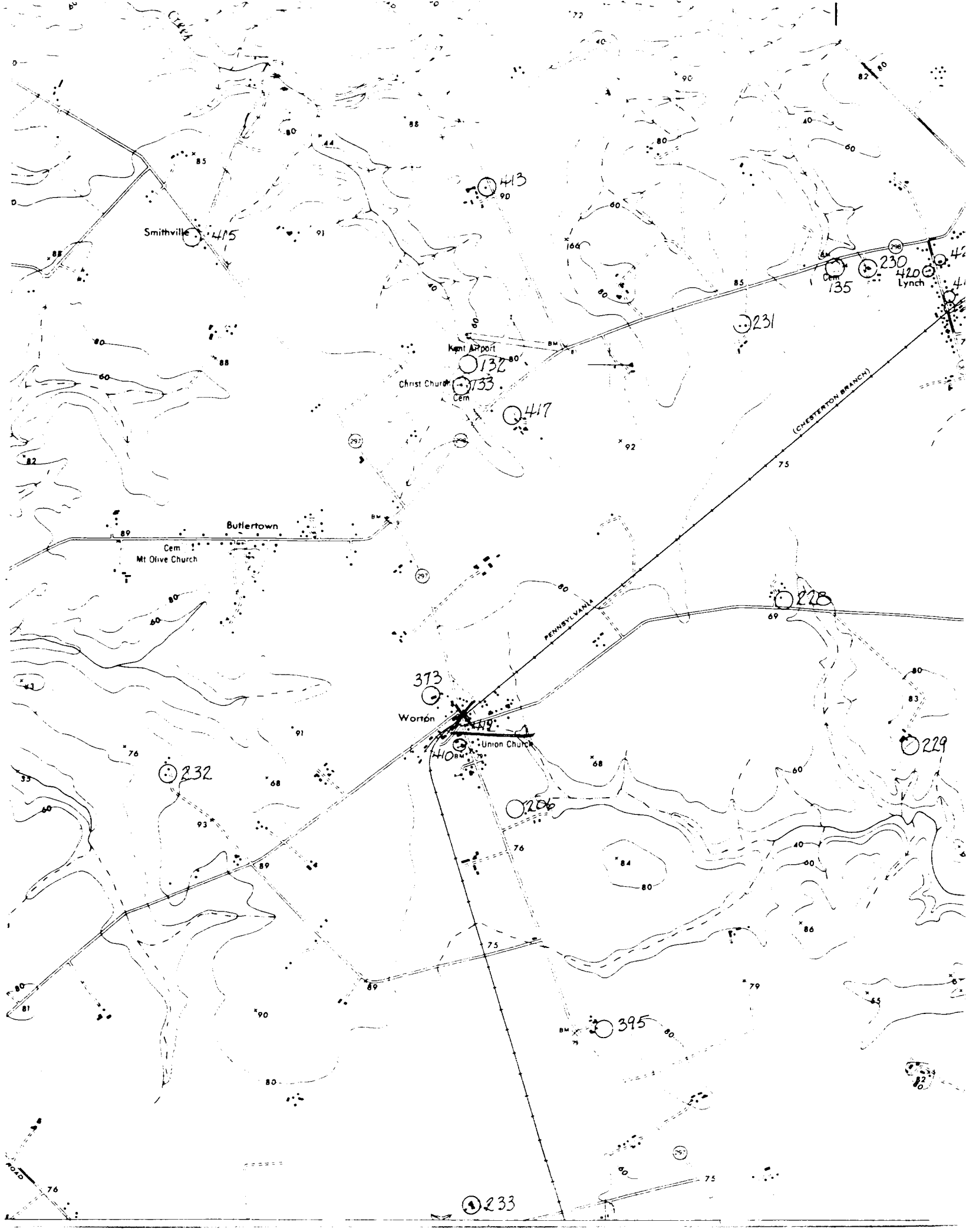

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