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Simpkins Farm
Near Rock Hall
mid-19th Century

A vernacular building in the true sense, the old house on the Simpkins Farm illustrates what happens to a traditional building when it is trimmed out in later period woodwork. The plan is a modified hall-parlor with attached kitchen wing. The main house is brick and has a gable roof. The lower kitchen wing is frame and has a steeper roof. All of these characteristics are seen in buildings dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Here, however, the window and door details, the brick type, the roof pitch, and related proportioning of the house are mildly Greek Revival, which makes this a significant example of rural building practices in Kent County in the fourth or fifth decade of the 19th century.

D. Smith appears to be the owner in the 1877 Atlas.