

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
 INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Mathews-Williams House Survey Number: K-664

Project: Kent County Airport expansion Agency: FAA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name L. Bowlin Date 8/92

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)  
 Constructed circa 1860 with a later 1880s addition, the Mathews-Williams house is a two story, frame I-house single pile form with five bay facade. A two story wing provides the building with a T-shaped configuration. Resting on a brick foundation and capped by a gable roof, the building is covered with asbestos shingles and is adorned with two one story porches. The only remaining outbuildings include a garage and shed. The property does not possess distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction. The farmstead lacks integrity as outbuildings formerly associated with the track have been demolished, including a stone milk house. The ability of the property to convey its past history as a working agricultural unit is limited. The county has numerous examples of this property type which retain a higher level of integrity. The Mathews-Williams property does not meet the National Register criteria for evaluation.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: PHASE 1B CULTURAL

RESOURCE SURVEY KENT CO, AIRPORT SITE

Prepared by: LOUIS BERGER & ASSOC.

L. BOWLIN 5-17-93  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
R. Anderson 5.17.93  
 Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic, agricultural

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

I. Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

II. Chronological/Development Period: 10. Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

III. Historic Period Themes: Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Type: building(s)

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function and Use: Farmstead

Design Source: Unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mathews-Williams House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number E. side MD Route 297, 1.5 mi. N. of MD Route 213  not for publication

city, town Chestertown  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

## 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Agriconsult Corp.

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Registry of Deeds liber 98

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 195

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical 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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today. Contributing Resource Count: 0

The Mathews-Williams property consists of about 104 acres of land, on which are a farmhouse dating to the mid-late 19th century and two relatively modern structures, a garage and a shed. The house, which faces westerly, is positioned at the end of a long dirt driveway lined with evergreens.

The house is massed as a center-passage I-house with full-height wing centered at the rear to form a T-plan. It is of frame construction, with asbestos shingle siding and a brick foundation. The main block presents a five bay main (west) elevation, with centered three-bay screened porch. Window openings are fitted with 6/6 wooden double-hung sash. Interior brick chimneys are present at each main gable end. The asphalt-shingled roof has flush board eaves at gable ends, and features two gabled dormers, with 6/6 double-hung sash and partial returns, on both front and rear slopes. The rear wing, which appears to be of later construction than the main block, has 2/2 double-hung sash windows and a gable roof with partially returned cornices. Two brick chimneys are positioned on the roof ridge, one at the east end and the other toward the center of the block. A partially enclosed, shed-roofed porch is located along the south side of the wing.

The front entry, with its three-light transom, opens into a center stair hall which separates two rooms of generally equal dimensions. The curved handrail is supported in simple turned balusters, and the steps are ornamented with scroll brackets. The two front rooms have identical fireplaces framed with simple wooden mantelpieces. A built-in china cabinet is present at the southwest corner of the south room.

A doorway at the rear of the hall leads into the front room of the wing, which serves as a dining room. The principal feature is a fireplace with Eastlake-style wooden mantelpiece enriched with narrow reeding, brackets, and a scalloped molding below the shelf. From the dining room, a doorway leads to a narrow stairway adjacent to a small pantry. The kitchen is at the rear of the wing.

The second floor plan corresponds generally to that of the first. Both bedrooms in the main block have built-in closets with six-panel (3/3) doors.

The small garage is situated off the south side of the house. Constructed of wood and clad with asbestos shingles, it has a gabled roof covered with wood shingles, and 3/3 fixed-light windows. The shed is located off the northeast corner of the house. It is constructed of cinder blocks, with asphalt-shingled gable roof and fixed 2/2 metal windows.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. K-3647

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1860; ca. 1880     **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mathews-Williams house, believed to have been erected about 1860 and expanded in the late 1870s or 1880s, presents a largely intact example of mid- to late nineteenth century rural domestic architecture in Kent County. Its center-hall, two-story, single-pile form with symmetrical five-bay facade is generally typical of its time and place. The house, however, possesses no particularly distinctive features of design, construction or use of materials. As a former farmstead, the property lacks historical integrity, as outbuildings formerly associated with the tract have been removed, including a previously-reported stone milking parlor. As a result, the ability of the property to convey its past history as a working agricultural unit is limited.

From available historical information, it appears that the main block of the farmhouse was probably built under the ownership of Isaac Perkins, who obtained firm title to land held by heirs of Josias Ringgold by 1859. The house does not appear to have been Perkins' own residence, as the Martenet map of 1860 places his residence at another location, although within the general vicinity. The house may thus have originally served as a tenancy. In 1877, Perkins sold the land containing the house to Stewart Mathews, who farmed the tract until his death about 1907. It is Stewart Mathews who was probably responsible for the addition of the present rear wing which brought the house to its current configuration.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.  
1993 Phase IB Cultural Resource Survey, Kent County Airport Site, Kent County, Maryland. Prepared for Federal Aviation Administration and submitted to Wilbur Smith Associates, Columbia, South Carolina.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 104 acres  
Quadrangle name Betterton, MD, and Chestertown, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification See continuation sheet

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title M.H. Bowers, Architectural Historian, and L. Ferguson, Historian

organization Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. date March 1993

street & number 1819 H Street, NW telephone 202-331-7775

city or town Washington state DC 20006

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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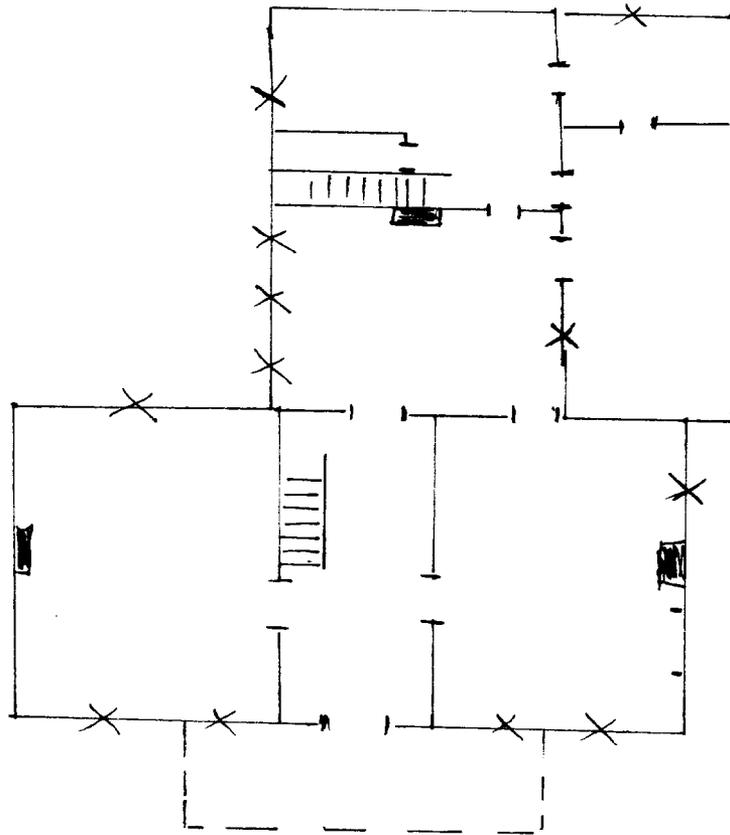
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10. Geographical Data (Verbal Boundary Description)

Beginning in the middle of the public road leading to Worton at the junction of the private road leading into the lands of Howell C. Crew, and running with the south side of the private road, North 79 degrees E 34 and 56/100 perches, thence north 68½ degrees East 192 8/10 perches, thence with the lands of Edwin C. Fry South 11 3/4 degrees East 48 8/10 perches, thence south 51 degrees west 202 6/10 perches to the middle of the aforesaid public road, thence by and with the public road North 34 degrees West 118 perches to beginning (Kent Co. Deeds Book 98, page 195).

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SUP:29 No. 1000

MATHIAS, LINDA M. HARRIS  
KENT COUNTY, MD

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Phone - 410/327-1234  
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Temperature = 22°C

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Pressure = 1013 hPa

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Wind = 10 m/s

Humidity = 75%

Clouds = 0/10

Sea level pressure = 1013 hPa

Station pressure = 1013 hPa

Sea level temperature = 22°C



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Experiment: K-664  
 The purpose of this experiment is to determine the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction between hydrogen peroxide and potassium iodide. The reaction is as follows:

$$2H_2O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O + O_2$$

The rate of reaction is measured by the volume of oxygen gas produced over a fixed period of time. The reaction is catalyzed by potassium iodide. The experiment is carried out at three different temperatures: 20°C, 30°C, and 40°C. The results are shown in the table below:

Temperature (°C)	Volume of $O_2$ (ml)	Time (min)
20	10	10
30	20	10
40	40	10

From the above table, it is clear that the rate of reaction increases with an increase in temperature. This is because the molecules have more kinetic energy and are able to overcome the activation energy barrier more easily.



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