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Prophecy
Centreville vicinity
Private

c. 1730, 1830
and 1870

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Prophecy

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lands End Road

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Booze

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

"Prophecy" Lands End Road

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: mwm 148

Folio #: 428

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Prophecy is located on Wilmer Neck, 5 1/2 miles north of Centreville. It faces northwest, opposite Bookers Wharf Road. The house is a long gambrel roof frame dwelling composed of two sections, the southern half being the earliest and the northern section built around 1870. Both sections were remodded/restored between 1973 and 1979.

The earlier part of the house consists of a 32' x 18' symmetrical frame dwelling with central entrance flanked by two windows with 6/6 sash. On the gambrel roof, there are two dormer windows the same size as below, with shed roofs. Two brick chimneys pierce the apex of the roof within the 32' dimension. Its southwest gable is plain other than the exposed brick chimney/fireplace back to the height of the second story. The southeast facade of this section is identical to the front.

North of the earlier section is the 1870 section, nearly equal in size to the first. The fenestration consists of two windows on the northern end with an entrance nearest the old section. Two dormers are symmetrically placed on the roof. A covered porch protects the entrance.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

A third chimney pierces the roof within the northeast gable. The gable has an exposed chimney back with interlocking glazed diamonds. On the second story are two 4-pane casements. On the southeast side of this section is a 12' shed addition containing a 10' enclosed entry and the rest screened porch, all of which was added in the 1970's.

The interior plan consists of a "hall and parlor" in the oldest section and a stair hall, "keeping room" and kitchen in the 1870 section. A back entry and lavatory are located in the leanto.

Separating the hall and parlor is the original beaded board partition. The "parlor" mantel, cupboard and trim are original to the house. In the hall, the stair and closet doors are original, but the mantel and cupboard were removed from the dining room of the Clough House near Price. The latter is very similar to the original work. Both rooms have exposed beaded ceiling joists.

On the second story, the floor plan consists of a passage and small chamber above the "hall", and a large bedroom above the "parlor". An original fireplace remains in the large bedroom. All of the interior partitions of this section are vertical beaded boards.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

In the 1870 section the plan consists of stair hall, bath over the kitchen and a large bedroom above the keeping room. Beaded board partitions removed from the Clough house and Liden's Adventure, Caroline Co., face the stair hall.

The frame of the earlier part of the house has gun-stock corner posts, one of three known examples on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The roof framing is typical of eighteenth and early nineteenth century construction of the upper shore, i.e. the ceiling joints and lower slope of the rafters are mortise tenon and pinned together. The upper rafters are toe nailed into a board plate and mortise tenon and pinned at the apex.

From the restoration, a part of an earlier tie beam surfaced. This item suggests the house originally had an "A" roof. Also found during the restoration was the lower horizontal member of an exterior balustrade (copied on the porches) and a wooden tombstone, an example known to have been used by the Quakers. It has been suggested that this structure was the late 17th Century Quaker Meeting House, known to have existed on this property.

The original plan and form of the 1870 wing were altered during the restoration and before. It was built as a two story structure with moderate "A" roof. The

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

Foundations still remain of the central chimney with back to back fireplaces. When the joists were removed from the keeping room, it appeared to have had a dirt or brick floor on grade. The floor was probably raised around the turn of this century. A basement exists only under the present stair hall and kitchen.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

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

Michael Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's Co. Historical Society

DATE

4/12/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

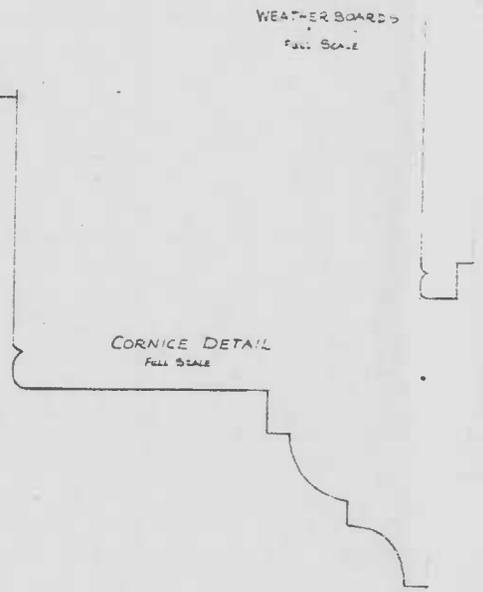
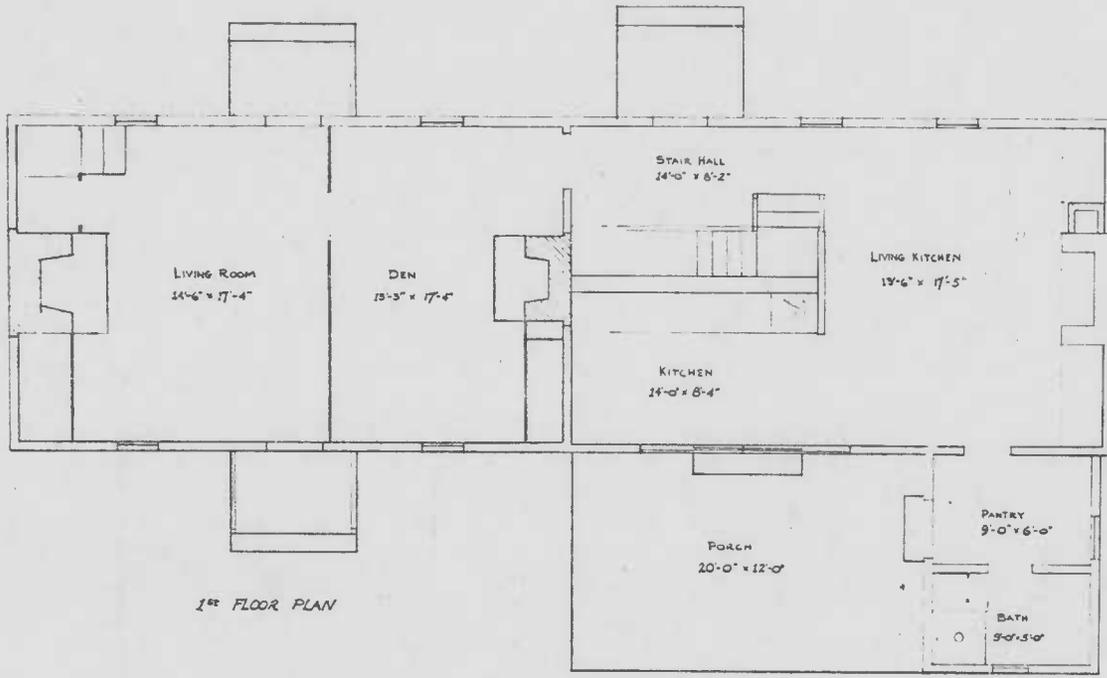
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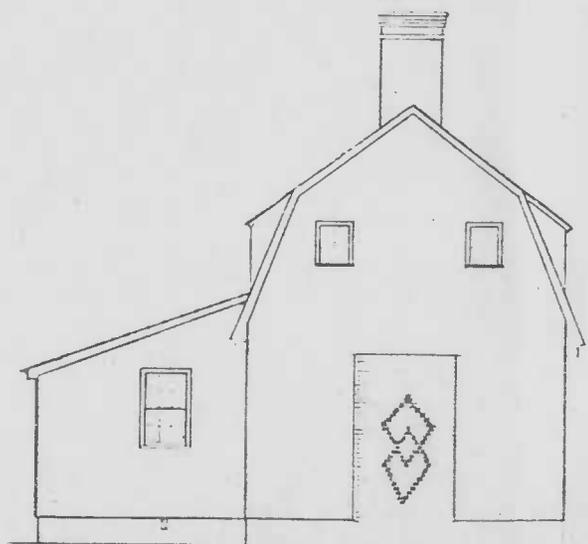
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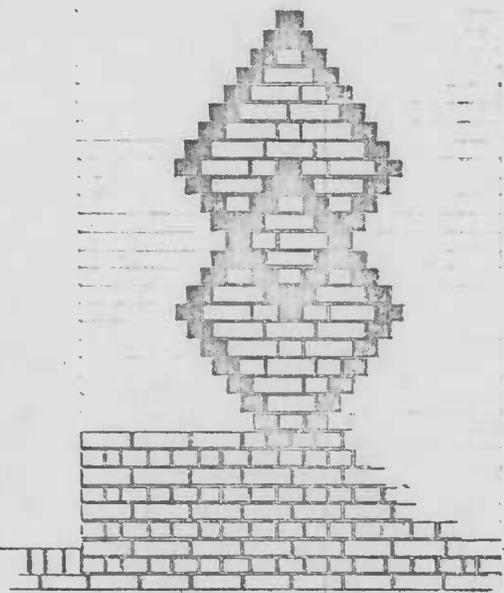


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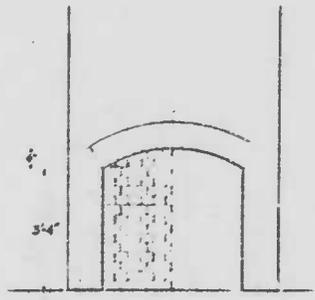
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RESTORATION AND REMODELING
OF
PROPHECY
LARGE END ROAD

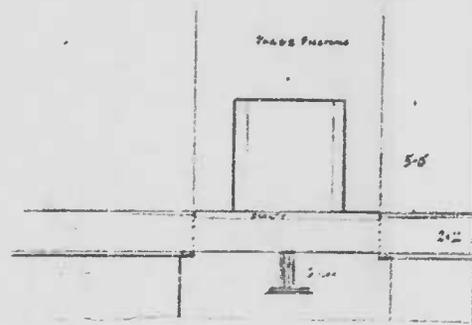
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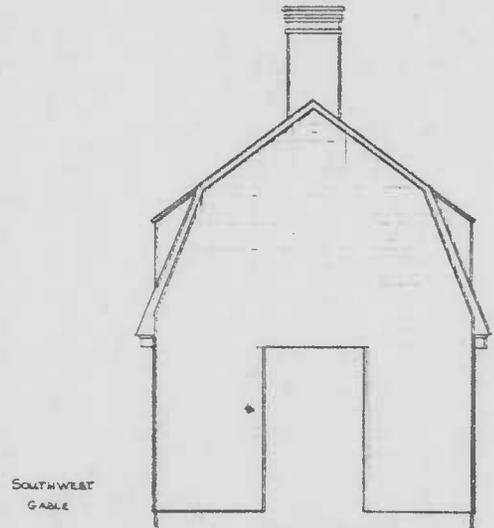
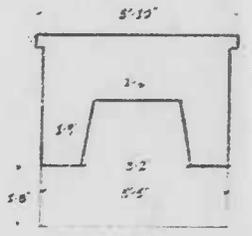
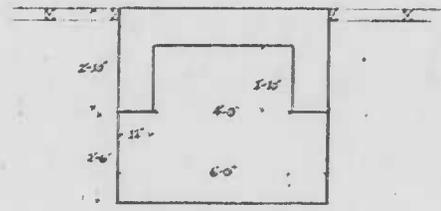
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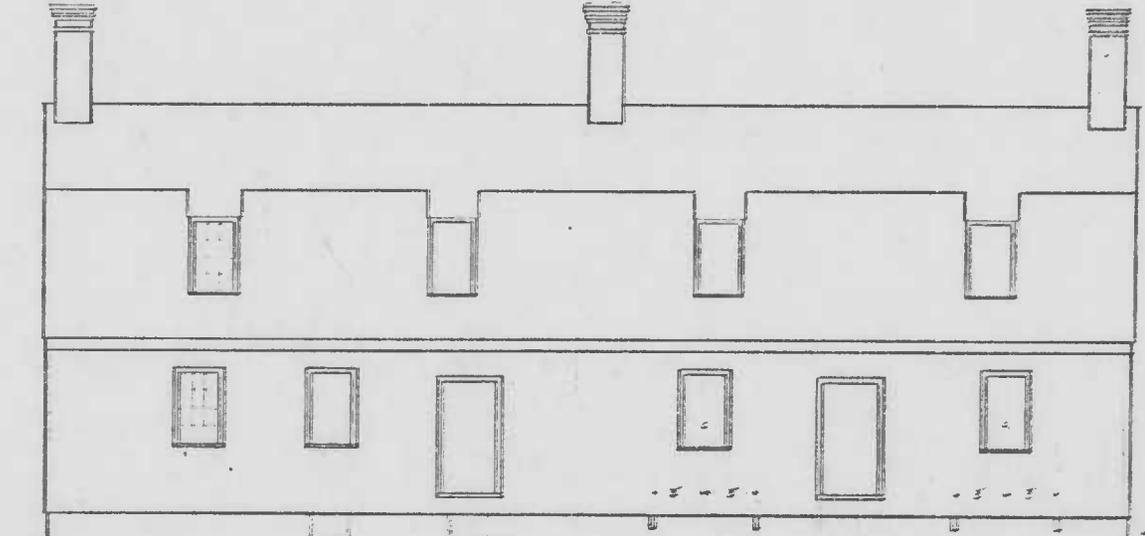
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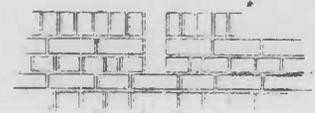
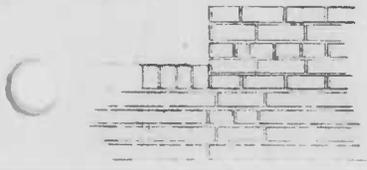
SOUTHWEST FIREPLACE



SOUTHWEST
GABLE



NORTHWEST ELEVATION



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OF
PROPHECY

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Queen Annes County
7.5 min. topo. map
1980 revisions



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Burrisville vicinity
James M. Kilvington 1974
Northwest facade



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Southeast facade, ~~early~~
section

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Detail, outbuilding