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Wright's Hope
Templeville vicinity
Private

circa 1825-50

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wright's Hope

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Maryland Route 302 (Barclay Road)

5/16/1997

CITY, TOWN

Templeville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles J. and Joann Murphy

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RT#1, Box 73

CITY, TOWN

Marydel

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21649

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 94

Folio #: 385

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

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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

Wright's Hope is located on the north side of Maryland Route 302 approximately 3/4 of a mile east of Templeville and 1/2 mile west of the Delaware state line.

Wright's Hope was constructed in two stages. The original house, probably built circa 1820-40, is of brick construction, 2 1/2 stories high and two bays wide with a flush brick chimney on the east end of the pitched gable roof. The main house was flanked by an original 1 1/2 story, two bay brick wing to the west and a smaller story-and-loft brick kitchen wing to the east. Soon after the house was completed the west wing was raised to the full height of the main house.

The principal facade of the enlarged house faces south to the road. The front door is located in the west bay of the original section, now the center of the facade, with one 6/9 window to the east and two 6/9 windows to the west. The two west windows are higher than the east openings, reflecting the higher floor level in that part of the house. There are large 6/9 windows on the second story above the front door and the east

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

window and 6/6 windows above the two west windows. Three 6/6 pitched roof dormer windows are ranged across the third story. These dormers have segmentally arched gables typical of the 1840's. The south facade is laid in five-course common bond with a three-course corbeled cornice and splayed jack arch lintels above the door and the east window on the first floor and all four second story openings. The front door frame is beaded and trimmed with an ovolo backband; the double doors each have a single vertical panel with a rabbeted and molded Greek Revival profile. The west window on the first floor and both west windows on the second floor are trimmed with ogee/astragal backband molding; the remaining windows have later Italianate trim. A seam in the second story brickwork is clear evidence of the original height of the west wing.

A faint outline of the original west gable is evident in the west gable wall of the enlarged house. The brickwork is laid in five-course bond. The only openings are a pair of small 2/2 windows flanking the chimney in the upper gable.

The rear or north facade is similar to the south facade except the west window on the first floor is omitted and there are no dormer windows. The rear

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7.2 DESCRIPTION

door is no longer used as a door but the opening remains intact, including the ogee backband trim. The two west windows on the second floor are trimmed with ogee/astragal backband and the window above the rear door is trimmed with an Italianate backband. The brickwork is five-course bond below a three-course corbeled cornice. The seam between the original house and the raised west wing is equally visible on this facade.

The east gable wall of the main house is partially covered by the east wing. A pair of small windows in the upper gable have been bricked up. The brickwork is five-course bond; the rakeboards are tapered and beaded.

The east wing is bonded into the main house and the brickwork is laid in five-course bond below a three-course corbeled cornice. On the south facade, there is a door in the west bay and a 6/9 window in the east bay with a single 6/6 dormer window in the center of the roof. The east gable wall of the wing is also laid in five-course bond with a flush brick chimney in the center. A pair of small windows in the upper gable have been bricked up. The gable eaves have been rebuilt and boxed in, presumably replacing original rakeboards. The rear facade is similar to

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7.3 DESCRIPTION

the south facade with a door in the west bay, a window opening to the east and a 6/6 pitched roof dormer on the second floor. The early sash of the first floor window has been replaced with 8/8 sash. The brickwork is laid in five-course bond; the batten door and trim are relatively modern.

The first floor of the original main house consists of a single rectangular room with a blocked fireplace and chimney centered on the east gable wall. The original stair was evidently an enclosed winder in the alcove to the left of the fireplace; a door to the right opens into the east wing. The original staircase was removed, probably in the late 19th century, and replaced with an unusually wide stair against the west wall. It is an open-string stair with a turned newel, tapered balusters and molded rail. This stair blocked the rear door on the north facade and created a small closet. One section of original chairrail and the rear door architrave with ogee/astragal backband survive in this closet. A door in the west wall at the foot of the stair opens into the west room, originally the west wing. An early broken-field architrave trim with ogee/astragal backband survives on this door opening; all other trim in this room has

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7.4 DESCRIPTION

been replaced. The six-panel door to the west room has ogee/astragal panel molds; the front door has flush beaded vertical panels.

The floor level in the west room is one step higher than the original house. The walls in this room have been furred out but the original plaster-on-brick walls and the outline of a chairrail are visible where holes have been cut for electrical wiring. The early trim was reused in this room, in contrast to the main room of the house, where plain trim was used when the walls were changed. Early woodwork includes broken-field architrave trim with ogee/astragal backband and a Greek Revival mantel with paneled pilasters below a band of molding, paneled sideblocks and a plain frieze, and a molded shelf with both Greek and Federal details. There is some evidence of a possible stair location in the northwest corner.

The second floor of the main house is at present partitioned to form a large chamber to the east, a stair hall to the northwest and a bathroom to the southwest. An enclosed winder stair to the attic with plastered soffit survives in the northeast corner of the east chamber. The outline of the original first floor stair is visible in the flooring, as well as the

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7.5 DESCRIPTION

ghost of an early partition that formed a passage along the north wall. The fireplace on the east gable wall has been blocked and the hearth removed, leaving a seam in the floor. Early ogee/astragal trim of three different but similar profiles survives on the window openings and one interior door.

The west room on the second floor is accessible from the stair landing. The doorway to this room has an Italianate architrave and is fitted with an Italianate two-panel door. The floor level of the west room is one step higher than the main house. A blocked fireplace is centered on the west gable wall; a seam in the floor to the right of the chimney is further evidence of an earlier stair when this was the garret of a 1 1/2 story wing.

The attic has been completely renovated.

A trap door under the first floor stair allows access to a 20th century cellar under the main house. An original cellar under the west wing opens into the modern cellar. An original exterior bulkhead cellar entrance on the south wall has been bricked up. The floor joists for the main house and the west wing are rough sleepers flattened on the top surface and squared at each end. The floor joists under the kitchen wing are modern.

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7.6 DESCRIPTION

The east wing is a single rectangular room that has traditionally served as the kitchen. A chimney with rebuilt firebox is centered on the east gable wall with a steep ladder providing access to the loft. Both the kitchen and the loft have been completely renovated. An electrical fire about 20 years ago caused some damage in the loft.

Dairy

To the east of the house is a small brick dairy with a door in the west wall and ventilated openings on the three other walls. These openings are fitted with beaded frames and small windows hinged at the bottom. Light frames are attached to the inside to catch the windows when they are open. The pitched gable roof is oriented on a north-south axis and oversails at each end. A cooling trough stretches across the north interior wall, with an overflow hole in the west wall.

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"/> 100-1499	<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 checked="" 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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

3/17/82

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-26; Recorded August 6, 1981.

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Notes: Outline of Title

- November 9, 1781. Nathan Samuel Turbutt Wright
to Samuel Turbett Wright, his
son. Deeds RT L, folio 12.(?)
- March 20, 1810. Samuel T. Wright to Samuel
Wright, Jr., his son.
- January 21, 1818. Samuel Wright, Jr. to John Hay.
- November 8, 1831. John Hay to William Downes.
- April 2, 1839. William Downes to his son
John W. Downes.
- January 5, 1871. J.W. Downes to his son
Philip W. Downes.



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