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Comins Land
Love Point, Kent Island
Private

mid-19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Comins Land

AND/OR COMMON

Chambers House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side Love Point on Caroline Avenue

JL 11.9/14/93

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. Earl L. Chambers, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 50

Folio #: 34

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Comins Land, generally known as the Chambers House, is located on the west side of Love Point Road, on the northwest extremity of Kent Island. The house faces the Chesapeake Bay to the northwest and the road to the southeast.

The main house is of frame construction, 2 1/2 stories high, five bays wide, and one room deep, with brick chimneys centered on each end of the pitched gable roof. A one story sun porch has been added to the northeast gable and a two story frame wing was added on the southwest gable, replacing an early 1 1/2 story frame wing.

The front facade of the main house faces southeast toward Love Point Road. It is five bays wide with a door in the center bay flanked by two large 6/6 windows on each side. There are five 6/6 windows across the second story and no dormers on the third story. Smaller 6/6 cellar windows are located below each of the first floor windows. The front door is framed by narrow sidelights and a six-light transom. The building rests on a continuous brick foundation and is now covered with aluminum siding. The eaves are boxed in; the roof is covered with wood

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

shingles. The southwest chimney is flush with the gable; the northeast chimney has been replaced with a larger shared chimney that serves both the main house and a fireplace in the sun porch. A one story 20th century porch stretches across the entire facade.

The northeast gable is partially covered by the sun porch. A pair of modern six-light casement windows flank the chimney in the upper gable. The aluminum siding and plain rakeboards are modern.

The northwest facade faces the bay. An unusually wide door with flanking sidelights and transom is located in the center bay of the first floor, with two 6/6 windows on each side and five 6/6 windows on the second floor. Four 6/6 pitched roof dormers on the third floor were added by the present owners.

The two story wing covers the majority of the southwest wing, leaving a pair of modern 1/1 windows exposed in the upper gable, flanking the chimney.

The interior of the main house consists of a center stair passage with a single parlor on each side. The stair rises against the southwest wall of the passage to an intermediate landing on the northwest facade. It is an open-string stair with large turned newels, tapered round balusters and a plain rail. The stair ends are trimmed with a band of plain flat trim that

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

outlines the risers and treads. The area below the carriage is plastered and has been covered with modern wainscot paneling.

In the northeast parlor, a fireplace is centered on the gable wall, flanked by modern doorways leading to the sun porch. In the southwest parlor, the gable fireplace is flanked on the left by a door to the wing and on the right by a closet. Early trim on the first floor includes simple mid-19th century mantels on both fireplaces, beaded architrave trim and Victorian paneling below the sidelights on both the front and rear door. Chairrails and interior cornices have been added by a recent owner.

On the second floor, the center passage plan is repeated, with an additional chamber partitioned off at the front of the passage. One unusual feature of this plan is that the upper run of the stair does not rise against the northeast wall, but is shifted over toward the center, leaving a narrow landing along the northeast wall on the second floor. It is unclear why the stair was constructed in this manner. The flanking northeast and southwest chambers are heated by fireplaces on the gable walls. These have mantels similar to the first floor mantels. The stair continues up to the third floor, which has been renovated in recent years. The

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

center stair passage is flanked by single chambers on each side. These rooms are completely modern except for the beaded architrave trim and beaded batten doors. There is no access to the roof or eaves.

There is a cellar under the main house, divided into two rooms by a brick wall under the northeast wall of the first floor passage. The northeast chimney is supported by twin piers with heavy wood lintels; the southwest chimney base has a large fireplace that shows little evidence of use. The ceiling joists run parallel to the gable under each parlor and parallel to the facade under the passage. The joists are gang-sawn and have original bridging nailed with machine nails. Machine sawn plaster lathing secured with machine-made nails is visible in the cellar stair well.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XXI; Recorded Nov. 15, 1980.

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Chambers House

INDY POINT
GHTHOUSE

Wickes Beach EAST
Cabin Cove

Baybush Pt

Panh

CHESTER

CHEESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE

ARUNDEL COUNTY

LANDING FIELD

STEVENSVILLE

Castle Marins

Chesterhaven Beach

Narrows

DEPT CHESAPEAKE
BAY AFFAIRS
MARINE POLICE
ACADEMY

KENT ISLAND

Chester

Kingsley Ch

Hog Island

Matapeake Estates

Bentons Pleasure

Dominion

Marling Farms

Hood Pt

Sunny Isle of Kent

Normans Batts

BATTS NECK

Warehouse Creek

COX CREEK

Johnson Island

Little Island

CRAB ALLEY

Marling Farms

WATER TANK

Narrow Pt

Kentmorr Airpark

ROMAN COLE

SHIPPING CREEK

Queen Anne Colony

Golf Course

Mattapex

Philpots Is.

Long Marsh I

Bodkin Island

EASTERN BAY

Kent Island Estates

Kent Island Estates

Parson Island



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Love Point vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from Southeast



QA-215 Chambers House
Love Point vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from Northwest



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Chambers House

Love Point

Photographer unknown

August 1955



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