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Kling Farm
Centreville vicinity
Private

late 18th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Kling Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
North side of Maryland Route 305

CITY, TOWN
Centreville

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
William W. Kling

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route 1, Box 13

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 #: CWC 124
Folio #:

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Kling Farm is located on the north side of Three Bridges Branch, about 1 1/2 miles northwest of Centreville. A long driveway leads in to the farm from Maryland Route 305. The house and farm buildings stand on high ground near the center of the farm, surrounded by open agricultural land which is completely surrounded by woods.

The house was constructed in two stages. The original section is frame, 1 1/2 stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a steeply pitched gable roof. A relatively modern addition to the west gable is also frame, two stories high and three bays wide, with a more moderately pitched gable roof. A smaller frame wing to the rear serves as a kitchen.

The front facade of the early house faces south toward Three Bridges Branch and Maryland Route 305. There is a door to the left of center, a 9/6 window to the west and paired 9/6 windows to the east. The door and west window have not been disturbed; the east windows are a modern

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

alteration, probably replacing a single 9/6 window. There are two 6/6 pitched roof dormers on the second floor. The building rests on a brick foundation and is covered with plain horizontal weatherboard siding and an asphault shingle roof. The box cornice has been rebuilt. Much of the weatherboard siding has also been replaced, leaving some early boards under the eaves, where they were better protected.

On the east gable wall, the chimney back is left exposed for the first five feet above ground level. A small 6/6 window to the right of the chimney on the first floor replaced an earlier door. Two small four-light casement windows flank the chimney in the upper gable. The siding matches the front facade; the corner-boards and rakeboards are modern replacements. The chimney has plaster necking below the corbeled cap.

The fenestration on the rear wall has been altered. There are 9/6 windows in the center and west bays and a modern paired 6/6 window in the east bay. Two 6/6 pitched roof dormers are located on the second floor. Approximately half of the old weatherboard siding has survived on this facade. Seams in the siding below the 9/6 window in the center bay indicate there was once

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

a door in this location.

The west gable wall is completely covered by the later addition. The chimney on this gable has been reworked and raised in height to accommodate the two story addition.

The interior consists of a hall-parlor plan, with the larger hall to the west and the parlor to the east. The hall is dominated by the paneled chimney breast on the west gable wall. The fireplace opening is relatively large, framed by a handsome crossetted surround with a broken field fascia and an ogee backband. There are six fielded panels above the mantel as well as paneling to the right of the fireplace. A bold interior cornice and a two piece chairrail encircle the room. The cornice is one of the finest recorded in a small house in this county, and was originally further embellished by a dentil course below the soffit, now missing. Seams in the cornice suggest several changes in this room. Originally the west gable wall was completely paneled with an enclosed winder stair to the left and perhaps a built-in cupboard to the right. A seam in the southwest corner of the second floor chamber reinforces the likelihood of a stair, and the present

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

door in this corner leading to the wing is trimmed with a mid-19th century beaded architrave. A built-in cupboard in the right cheek wall of the fireplace was probably adapted and reused. The fielded panel doors and foliated H hinges are consistent with the surviving original work. Evidently there was at one time a partition across the rear of the hall, parallel to the north wall. This narrow passage is difficult to explain, unless it served as a hall leading to separate chambers in a wing to the west or northwest. There is little question that it was a later alteration and was removed when the house was restored. Surviving early trim includes two sections of original chairrail, several pieces of the molded baseboard, and most of the original architrave trim. The window sash is set in boxed and molded frames, while the door architrave matches the mantel surround. One early sash with wide molded muttons has survived in the southwest window, the remaining sash is later.

The gable wall of the parlor is also almost entirely paneled. The fireplace is off-center to the left, with a closet and an enclosed winder stair to the right. The fielded paneling undoubtedly extended across the

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

alcove to the left at one time, but was removed to make room for a small kitchen in the north third of the parlor. A partition was erected across the parlor to separate the kitchen and the floor was renewed. When the house was restored, this partition was removed, the kitchen was shifted to the rear wing, and a door in the gable wall was changed to a window. The mantel in this room is a plain 20th century surround, and the large fielded panel above the mantel is framed with a strip of Victorian molding. The size of this panel may suggest a crossetted overmantel, but no clear evidence of removed woodwork can be seen. The four-panel door to the winder stair is original, hung on wrought H-L hinges secured with wrought nails. The door to the closet under the stairs is virtually identical and is hung on wrought H-L hinges nailed to the jamb with wrought nails and to the door with wire nails. Several sections of early baseboard and most of the early chairrail and cornice have survived intact.

There are two rooms on the second floor separated by two closets. One wall of the closets is a vertical beaded board partition, and both doors are early. One is paneled, the other beaded batten, and both

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.5 DESCRIPTION

are hung on wrought H-L hinges secured with wrought nails. The door openings are framed with 20th century trim however, and it is possible these are modern features, carefully installed against the original board partition using early materials. Small fireplaces on the gable walls heat the two rooms. The east fireplace is framed with raised paneling and a simple molded surround. There are seams in the floor on either side of the west fireplace, but it is not clear whether there was a stair in the southwest corner. There is no access to the attic or the eaves.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__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 DATE

Queen Anne's County Courthouse 9/26/80

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN STATE

Centreville Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XV; Recorded February 7, 1980.

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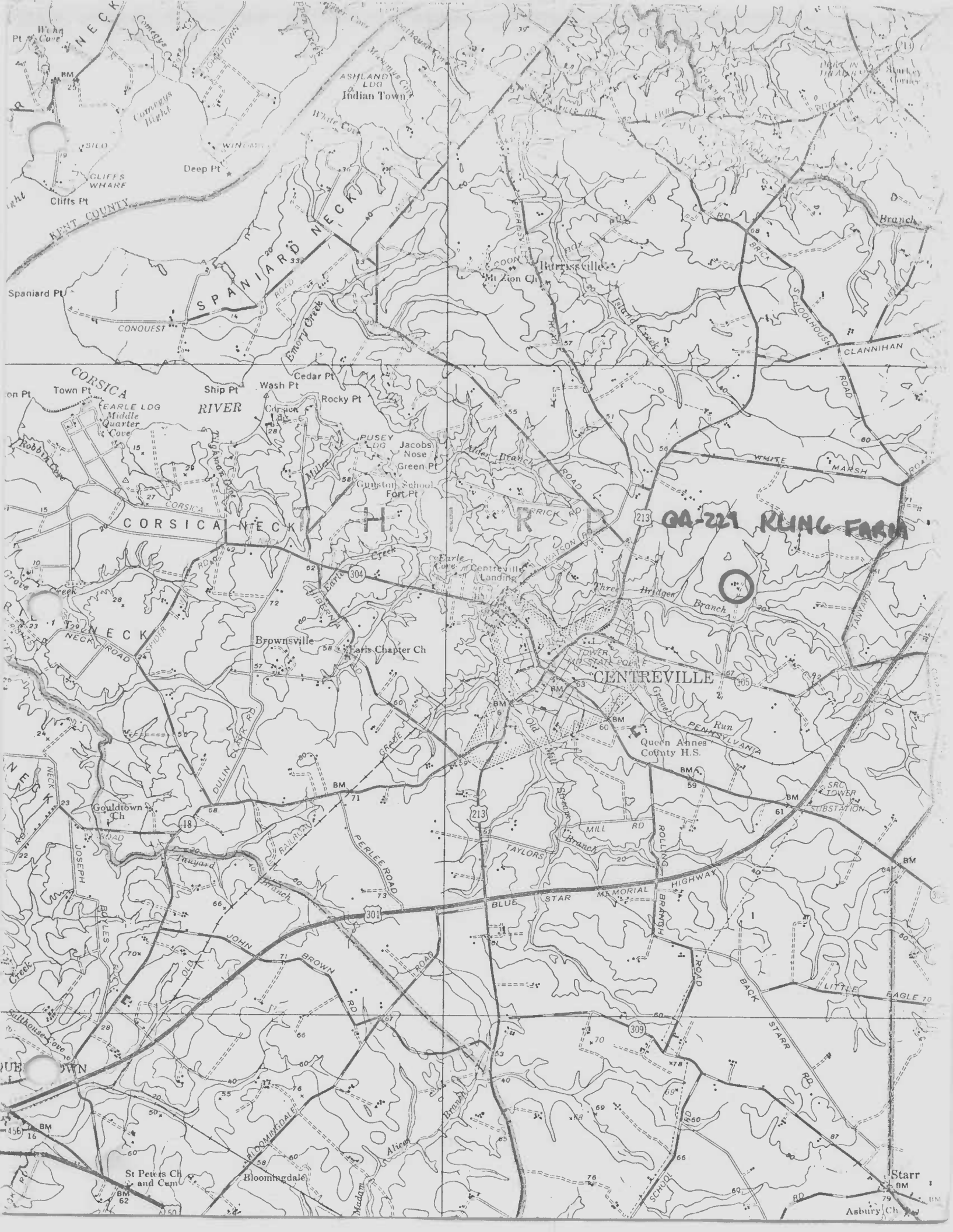

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SPANIARD NECK
CORSICA NECK
CORSICA RIVER
CENTREVILLE
Indian Town
Burrissville
Mt Zion Ch
Spaniard Pt
Cliffs Pt
Deep Pt
Town Pt
Ship Pt
Wash Pt
Cedar Pt
Rocky Pt
Jacobs Nose
Green Pt
Gunston School
Fort Pt
Brownsville
Earls Chapter Ch
Centreville Landing
Queen Annes County H.S.
Gouldtown Ch
St Peters Ch and Cem
Bloomingdale
Starr
Asbury Ch
KENT COUNTY
CONQUEST
CLANNIHAN
WHITE MARSH
BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
JOHN BROWN RD
PERLEE ROAD
TAYLORS MILL RD
ROLLING BRANCH ROAD
BACK STARR RD
LITTLE EAGLE
SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
BRICK
TANYARD
PENNSYLVANIA
SUBSTATION

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Centreville vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
South facade

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Centreville vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Rear facade from Northeast