

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-247

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Dr. Maxwell House, St. Andrew

2. Location

street and number North side of Corsica Neck Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Centreville x vicinity

county Queen Anne's

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

name Mr. And Mrs. George A. Maxwell

street and number St. Andrew telephone

city, town Centreville state MD zip code 21617

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber CWC 46/396 folio CWC 96/149

city, town Centreville MD tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory _____	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
___ fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Maxwell House, known as "St. Andrew," is located on the north side of Corsica Neck Road, on high ground along the west bank of Corsica Creek. The house overlooks the creek on two sides, and is almost directly opposite Centreville Wharf.

The main house was moved to this location circa 1948 from a site in Bryantown by the previous owner, William Willis. It is a frame structure, two stories high, three bays wide and one room deep with flush brick chimneys at either end of the pitched gable roof. A 1 ½ story kitchen wing on the east gable wall is a 20th century addition.

The front façade of the main house faces south, toward the road. The door is located in the center bay on the first floor, flanked by a single 9/6 window on each side. There are three 6/6 windows on the second floor. The front door is fitted with a six-panel door with fully raised panels below a simple three-light transom. The building rests on a modern brick foundation and is covered with random-width beaded weatherboards and a wood shingle roof. The eaves are boxed in and trimmed with a complex bed mold. The window frames are beaded and trimmed with ovolo backband moldings. A simple one story entrance porch with a pitched gable roof and square posts protects the front door.

The flush brick chimney is centered on the west gable wall and is left exposed up to the first floor eave. A 9/6 window is located to the right of the chimney on the first floor and a pair of four-light windows flank the chimney in the upper gable. A bulkhead cellar entrance to the left (north) of the chimney is protected by a modern gable roofed shed. The foundation and weatherboards match the front façade; the gable eaves are trimmed with beaded rakeboards and an applied ovolo molding.

The rear or north façade, facing Corsica Creek, is similar to the front façade. The center door with three-light transom is flanked by single 9/6 windows on the first floor; three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second floor. The siding, cornice and roof match the front façade.

The majority of the east gable wall is covered by the modern kitchen wing. There are two four-light windows in the upper gable, but the north window has been blocked up in recent years. The siding and rakeboards match the west gable wall.

The first floor interior originally consisted of a narrow center passage flanked by single rooms on each side. The west wall of this passage has been removed, leaving a seam in the flooring. Presumably this partition was constructed of beaded vertical boards. The east partition is constructed of studs and plaster and is paneled on the west side with beaded pine boards, probably reused from the west partition.

The west room now encompasses the passage as well to form a large, rectangular room heated by a fireplace centered on the west gable wall. To the right of the fireplace, in the northwest corner of the room, is an enclosed stair that rises in a straight run of four steps against the north façade, then winds to the second floor. Only the winder portion is enclosed. A simple rail with a chamfered newel and square balusters is carried up the open portion of the stair. The door on the stairway is only 4'-9" tall, with four fully raised panels. A second small four-panel door to the left opens into a small closet under the stair. The fireplace is fitted with a Federal mantel with reeded pilasters, herring-bone reeded sideblocks and center block, and a complex molded shelf that breaks forward above all three blocks. The alcove to the left is paneled and fitted with low cupboards. A built-in cupboard in the east room evidently was moved to its present location from this alcove. Other early woodwork in this room includes Federal architrave trim, beaded baseboard, and a two-piece Federal chairrail. A simple interior cornice on the west gable wall is 20th century. Both of the exterior doors and the door to the east room are fully fielded six-panel doors typical of the Federal period.

The east gable wall of the east room is paneled with beaded vertical paneling, but has clearly been altered. The modern fireplace is relatively small and is set off by a simple Federal board surround with a cove/astragal backband. A door to the right of the fireplace leads to the wing. Evidence in the second story flooring makes it clear that a second enclosed stair was located to the left of the fireplace in the northeast corner of the house. This stairway has been removed and replaced with the built-in cupboard mentioned earlier. This cupboard has a pair of 10-light glass doors above and raised panel doors below. The back of the cupboard is semi-circular

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in plan, constructed of vertical pine boards. The cupboard is framed by a broken-field architrave with ogee/astragal backband. Similar architrave trim survives on both doors and windows. The chairrail and baseboard match the west room.

The second floor is divided into an east and west chamber flanking two smaller rooms in the center. This plan is almost identical to the standard center stair passage plan but without the center stair. The west chamber is heated by a small fireplace on the west gable wall, with the original stair in the alcove to the right and a closet to the left. The fireplace is fitted with a simple Federal mantel. It is a beaded board surround with a broken-field fascia and an ogee/astragal backband framing the opening below a plain frieze and a complex shelf. The windows and doors are trimmed with a beaded fascia and a relatively flat ogee/astragal backband that may date to the restoration of the house. The beaded baseboard and two-piece chairrail are also relatively crisp and may be reproduction mill work. A mortise-and-tenon hole in the floor in the center of the east door of this room suggests that the original door location has been blocked.

The two small rooms in the center of the house now form a sewing room/hall and a modern bath. It seems probable that this was originally a single room. The trim in both of these rooms appears to be reproduction millwork.

The east chamber is heated by a small fireplace on the east gable wall. Seams in the flooring to the left of the fireplace clearly indicate that a second original stair has been removed. The mantel and trim in this room match the west chamber woodwork. The door to this room does not appear to have been moved. A door to the left of the fireplace now opens onto a modern stair and a hall leading to the second floor of the wing.

The majority of the attic remains unfinished except for the flooring. The roof is constructed of common rafters set at a 38 degree (5/8) pitch. They rest on a flat false plate and are half-lapped and nailed at the ridge with early machine-made nails. Collar beams are half-lapped to each rafter pair and are nailed with identical nails. The framing material appears to be poplar and is hand-hewn and pit sawn. It is interesting to note that one wrought nail is evident in the collar connection closest to the east chimney.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Queen Anne's County Historical Society	date	3/4/1981
street & number		telephone	
city or town	Centreville	state	Maryland 21617

Field Notebook QA-XXII; Recorded December 9, 1980

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dr. Maxwell House, St. Andrew

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Corsica Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Maxwell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

St. Andrew

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 46/396

Folio #: CWC 96/149

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

QA-247

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>circa</u> 1948

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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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

The Maxwell House, commonly known as "St. Andrew", was moved to this site overlooking Corsica Creek in the late 1940's from a site near Bryantown. The relatively plain exterior offers little indication of the handsome interior paneling and woodwork. The original plan was an unusual variation of the center passage plan in which there is no stair in the passage. Enclosed winder stairs adjacent to the fireplace in each gable wall provided access to the second floor, similar to the original plan of the James Clements House (QA-48) near Sudlersville. As with the Clements House, the plan was later opened up into a more practical hall parlor plan with the removable of one passage partition. At "St. Andrew" the stair in the east room was also removed, and a handsome semi-circular back cupboard was shifted from the west gable wall

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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

3/4/81

STREET & NUMBER

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Centreville

STATE

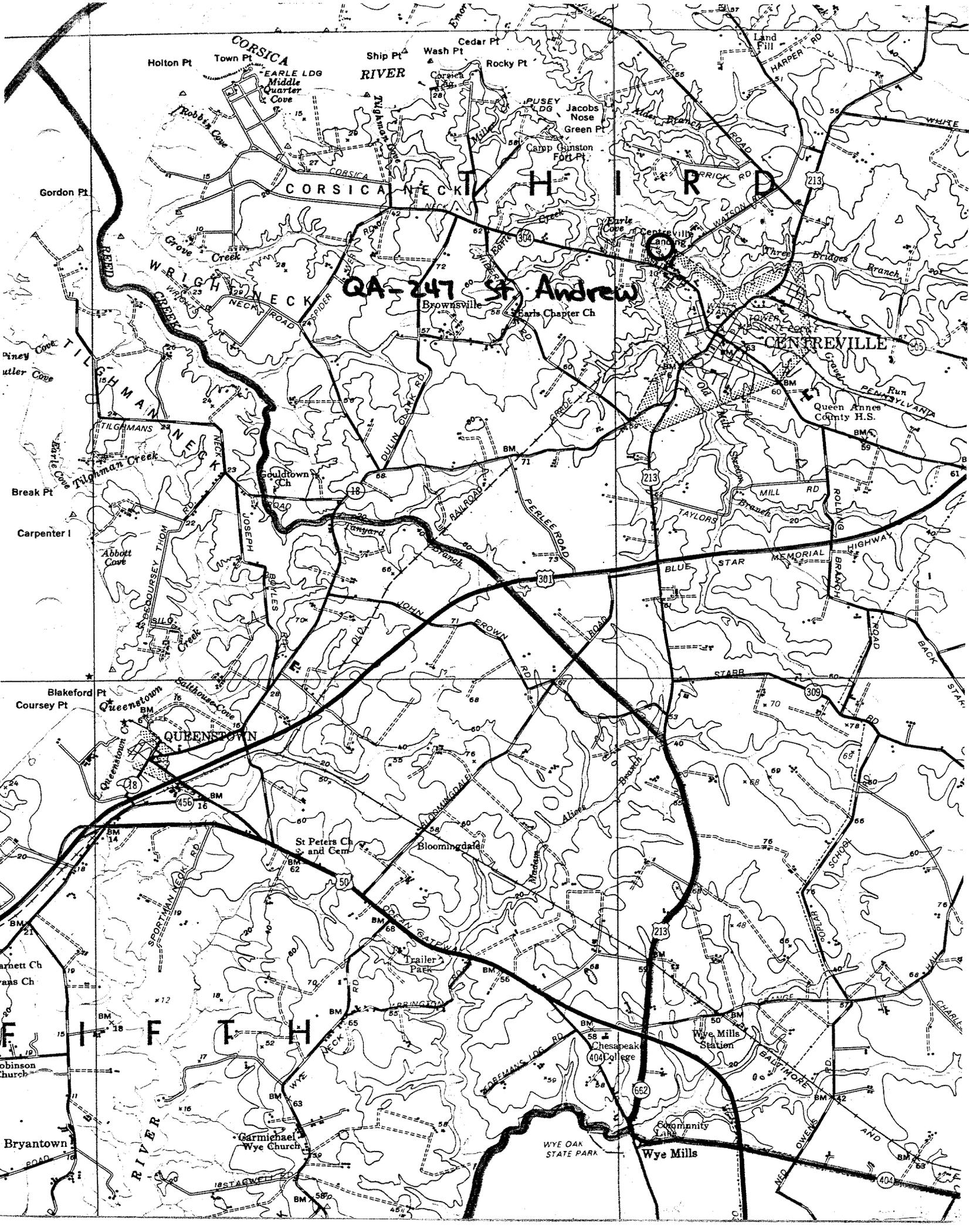
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



QA-247 St. Andrew

CORSICA RIVER

CORSICA NECK

WEYMOUTH NECK

CENTREVILLE

QUEENSTOWN

Wye Mills

Gordon Pt

Break Pt

Carpenter I

Blakeford Pt

Robinson Church

Bryantown

Ship Pt

Wash Pt

Cedar Pt

Rocky Pt

Jacobs Nose

Green Pt

Camp (Hinson)

FOOT PT

Earle Cove

Centerville

Wagon Rd

WARRICK RD

WASONS RD

BRIDGES

Three Bridges

Branch

FEARNSYLVANIA

Run

Queen Annes County H.S.

ROLLING BRANCH

MILL RD

STAR

BLUE STAR

MEMORIAL

TAYLORS

BRANCH

BACK STAK

ROAD

STARR

ROAD

SCHOOLS

ROAD

WYE MILLS

STATION

WYE OAK STATE PARK

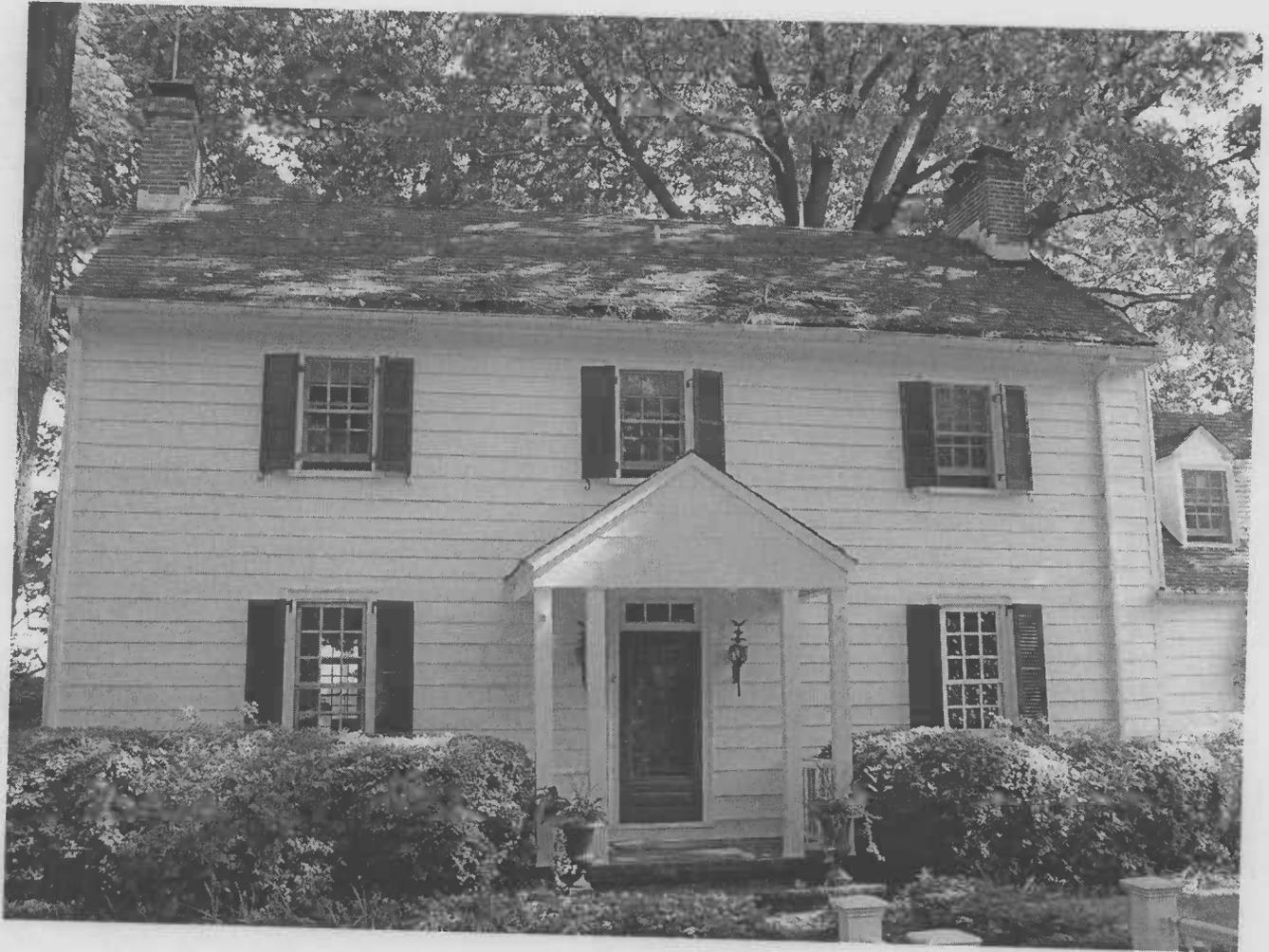
ROAD

WYE MILLS

ROAD

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Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT



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"St. Andrews"
Centreville vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1981
View from Southwest



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