

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Hemsley's Fortune Inventory Number: QA-377

Address: Queenstown Centreville Road (MD 213) (southeast side) Historic district: yes no

City: Queenstown Zip Code: County: Queen Annes

USGS Quadrangle(s): Queenstown

Property Owner: Tax Account ID Number:

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): Tax Map Number:

Project: Agency:

Agency Prepared By:

Preparer's Name: Date Prepared:

Documentation is presented in:

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property:

Inventory Number: Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff: yes no Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

The present house at Hemsley's Fortune is large and sprawling, with numerous wings and additions attached to the main house. The earliest section of the house, clearly dating to the 18th c., was of brick construction, 1-1/2-stories high, 3-bays wide, and one room deep with a pitched gable roof and chimneys centered on each gable. [additions/alterations also in 18th & mid-19th c. See form/file for complete description.] The interior, laid out in a center hall plan, was totally renovated and now dates from the mid-19th c.

This property was traditionally associated with the Hemsley family, prominent in the early history of Queen Anne's County. In the late 18th c. it belonged to the Emorys, also important in local history, for a member of which family Emory University was named.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
MHT Comments: Description from Federal DOE file; no actual DOE Form was found. JEF 2001.	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, National Register Program	Date

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hemsley's Fortune

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast side of Maryland Rt. 213

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

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

Frank S. Dudley, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21658

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 74

Folio #: 279

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

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
<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

Hemsley's Fortune is located on the southeast side of Maryland Route 213 approximately one mile east of Queenstown. The house and farm buildings are clustered atop a knoll overlooking the source waters of the Back Wye River.

The present house at Hemsley's Fortune is large and sprawling, with numerous wings and additions attached to the main house. The earliest section of the house is of brick construction, and clearly dates to the 18th century. Although later alterations and additions and several coats of whitewash make it difficult to analyze the early part of the building, it would appear that the first house was 1½ stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep, with a pitched gable roof and chimneys centered on each gable.

At an early date, also in the 18th century, a two story brick wing was added to the northeast gable of the house. This building was also three bays wide and extended the full depth of the original house.

In the mid-19th century the main house was greatly altered. It was raised to three stories

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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
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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
6/11/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Centreville

STATE
Maryland 21617

Field Book QA-IX, Recorded May 14, 1979.

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.

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

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

and was remodeled in a form quite common on the Eastern Shore, bearing considerable resemblance to the Italianate villas popular in more urban areas, but still following relatively traditional lines. The interior of the main house was totally renovated and now dates entirely to the mid-19th century, strongly suggesting that the original dwelling was gutted by fire or was in extremely bad repair.

Despite the extent of later alterations, a close examination of the building reveals considerable detail of interest. The southeast facade was evidently the principal facade, with glazed header Flemish bond above a plain water table. The central entrance is now fitted with an elaborate mid-19th century surround, a paneled door, sidelights and a transom. The door is flanked by a single six-over-six window on each side. Oddly enough, these window openings do not have any visible form of arched or reinforced lintel. The second and third stories are laid in five-course bond using smoother, 19th century brick. There are three six-over-six windows on the second floor, and three smaller windows fitted with paired two-light casements on the third floor. The low-pitched gable roof is set off with a heavy bracketed

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

cornice and a small widow's walk.

The southwest gable is laid in Flemish bond above a plain water table on the first floor, and in five-course bond on the second and third floor. The chimney projects about 12 inches from the wall surface and is also laid in Flemish bond on the first floor. There are single six-over-six windows flanking the chimney on the first and second floor and small double casements on the third floor. The bracketed cornice is carried across the gable eaves, and projects out to wrap around the chimney.

The northwest facade is similar to the front facade, but the brickwork on the first floor is English bond to the left of the center door and three-course bond to the right of the door. On the second and third floor it is laid in five-course bond. The entrance door is not as elaborate as the door on the southeast facade, otherwise the fenestration is identical. The contrasting brickwork on the first floor is puzzling, but is probably evidence of a major repair, or could be further evidence of a mid-19th century fire.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

The interior is laid out in a center hall plan, with a single parlour on either side of the stair hall. The stair rises along the east side of the hall to a landing at the rear. It has an open string carriage, heavy turned walnut newels, turned ballusters and a simple walnut rail. The stair ends are decorated with scrolled brackets. The interior architraves are typical of the mid-19th century, with recessed "panels" in the fascia boards and bullseye corner blocks. The mantels in both parlours are Federal surrounds installed during a modern renovation. The upper floors of the house were not examined, but repeat the first floor in general plan and detail.

The two story brick wing is traditionally believed to be the earliest section of the house. Architectural evidence, however, clearly demonstrates that this was an 18th century addition.

The southeast facade is laid in glazed header Flemish bond above a plain watertable. The first floor openings have all been altered, and now consist of double glass doors in the center bay flanked by six-over-six windows. It is unclear when these windows were installed, but the openings have been

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

reworked. On the second floor, there are two asymmetrically placed six-over-six windows which do not show evidence of alterations. The northeast gable of the wing is almost entirely covered by a frame addition. The southwest bay of the northwest or rear facade is also covered on the first floor by a modern addition. The exposed portion of the facade is laid in three-course bond on the first floor, with Flemish bond on the second floor. The first floor openings have been altered on this facade as well, and now include a center door with a single six-over-six window to the left. Evidence of an earlier door opening is visible to the left of the existing door, and the window opening has been reworked. There are two six-over-six windows on the second floor, placed asymmetrically as on the front facade. The eaves are finished on both facades with a box cornice, and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The interior on the first floor is now composed of a single room with an enclosed stair against the southwest wall. A door to the left of this stair leads into the main house, and a door below the stairs leads to a second set of stairs down to the

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.5 DESCRIPTION

cellar. From the cellar stairs, it is possible to see the original watertable of the adjoining main house, and at the bottom of the stairs is the original bulkhead entrance to a small cellar under the main house. These two pieces of evidence, together with the lack of a bearing gable wall at this end of the wing all contribute to the conclusion that the wing is not earlier than the house.

It can be assumed that the first floor of the wing was originally divided into two rooms, but evidence of the partition is lacking. There is a fireplace on the center of the northeast gable wall, and a door to the left of the fireplace leads to the later frame wing. The fireplace wall has had paneling added in recent years. The second floor was not examined.

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	Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search
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Account Identifier: District - 05 Account Number - 004268

Owner Information

Owner Name:	DUDLEY, FRANK S, JR.	Use:	AGRICULTURAL
		Principal Residence:	YES
Mailing Address:	P O BOX 70 QUEENSTOWN MD 21658	Deed Reference:	1) MWM/ 245/ 777 2) MWM/ 245/ 773

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address		Zoning	Legal Description
		AG	364.40 AC
		WATERFRONT	N/SIDE US RT 301 N/E QUEENSTOWN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
51	16	38						80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	03
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1890	5,183 SF	364.40 AC	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
3	NO	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments		
		01/01/2001	As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	197,130	197,130			
Improvements:	348,490	348,490			
Total:	545,620	545,620	545,620	NOT AVAIL	
Preferential Land:	95,130	95,130	95,130	NOT AVAIL	

Transfer Information

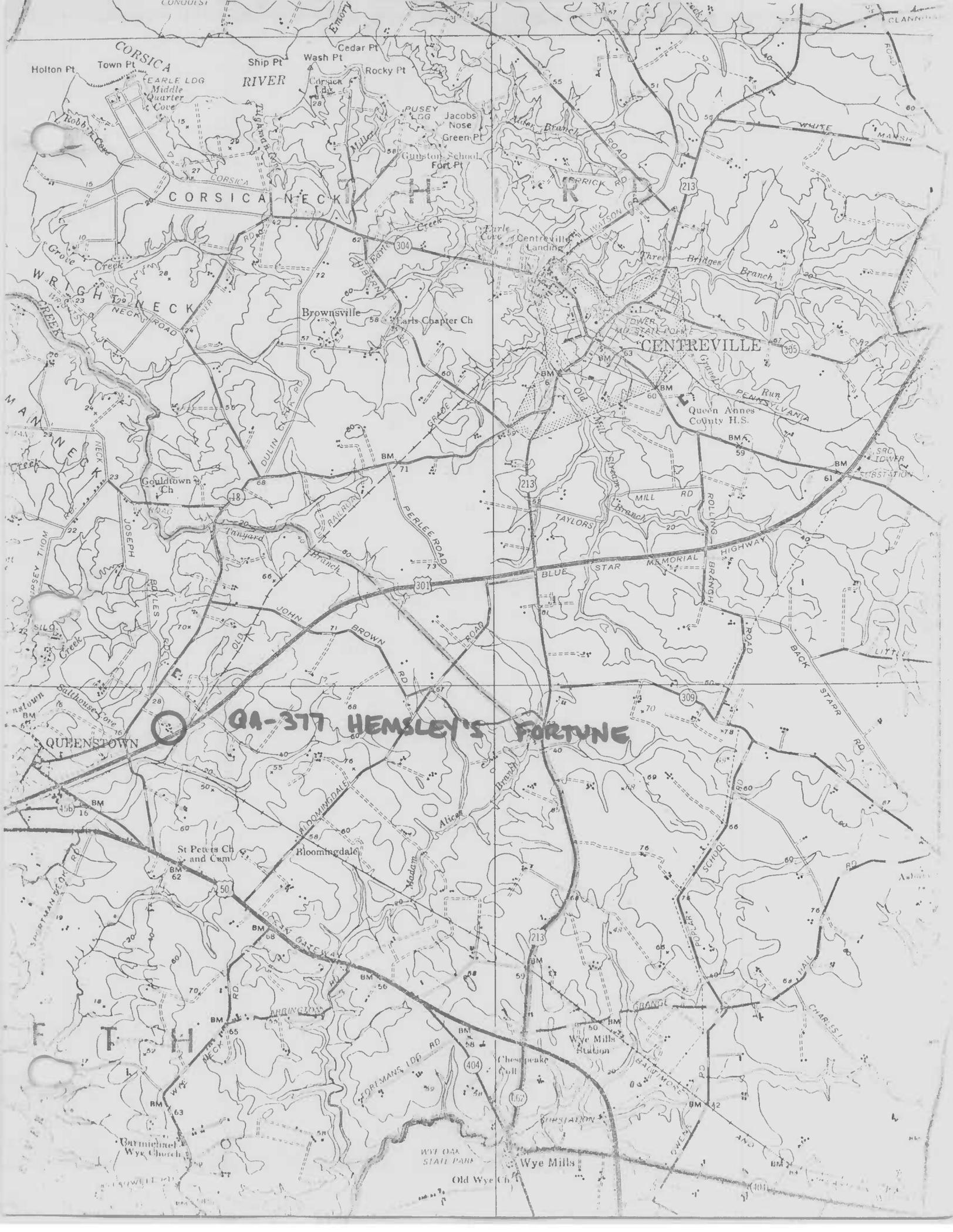
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Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX



QA-317 HEMPHILL'S FORTUNE

CORSICA

RIVER

CORSICA NECK

WYE NECK

CENTREVILLE

QUEENSTOWN

BLOOMINGDALE

WYE MILLS

GARMICHAEL WYE CHURCH

WYE OAK STATE PARK

Old Wye Ch

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Hemsley's Fortune

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





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Hemsley's Fortune
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Northwest facade



QA-377

Hemsley's Fortune

Queenstown vicinity

Orlando Ridout V 1980

Southeast facade



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Hemsley's Fortune
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Southeast facade of early
section



QA-377 Hemsley's Fortune
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Outbuilding