

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Robert Price III Residence Inventory Number: QA-396  
 Address: 200 Del Rhodes Avenue, Queenstown, Maryland 21658  
 Owner: Pete Robertson, P.O. Box 277, Queenstown, Maryland 21658  
 Tax Parcel Number: P.117 Tax Map Number: 51A  
 Project: MD 018:US 301 to Greenspring Road, Queen Anne's Co. Agency: SHA  
 Site visit by: SHA Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is district listed?  no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: (provide name of Report) Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)  
 The two-story dwelling located at 200 Del Rhodes Avenue (QA-396) was recorded in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties in 1980. The interior framing was visible when the building was documented by Orlando Ridout. Three stages of construction were identified based on the structural evidence. The original one-story house was framed using hewn and pit sawn timbers between ca. 1815-1830. The house was enlarged ca. 1825-1850. A rear addition was constructed during the twentieth century.

Historic records suggest that the house was moved to its current location after 1877, since it does not appear on the 377 Lake map of Queenstown. Rhodes in his book entitled *Queenstown: The Social History of a Small American Town* (1985) included only a chain of title for the property.

The dwelling is significant under Criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places. It is one of the few pre-1850 buildings surviving in Queenstown and is associated with the early nineteenth-century history of the town. The building also serves as an example of a vernacular domestic structure that evolved through three stages of construction. This evolution is evidenced by its framing system (Criterion C).

The dwelling has been rehabilitated and retains its integrity of design, feeling, and association. The exterior siding, which was aluminum in 1980, is now wood. Windows are modern replacement units; the wide exterior window surrounds have been retained. The exterior porch has been removed. The doorway is a solid six-panel door. The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries listed on tax map 51A, parcel 117. The building is sited near the street. The front yard is delineated by a picket fence of recent construction.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Historian/Senior Project Manager, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc., November 1999

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Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date 12/17/99
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date 1/27/00

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

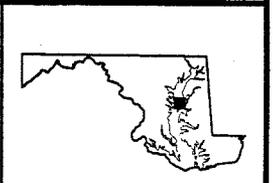
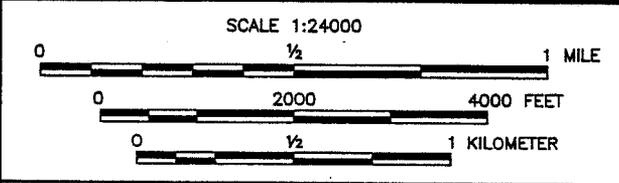
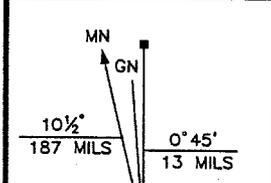
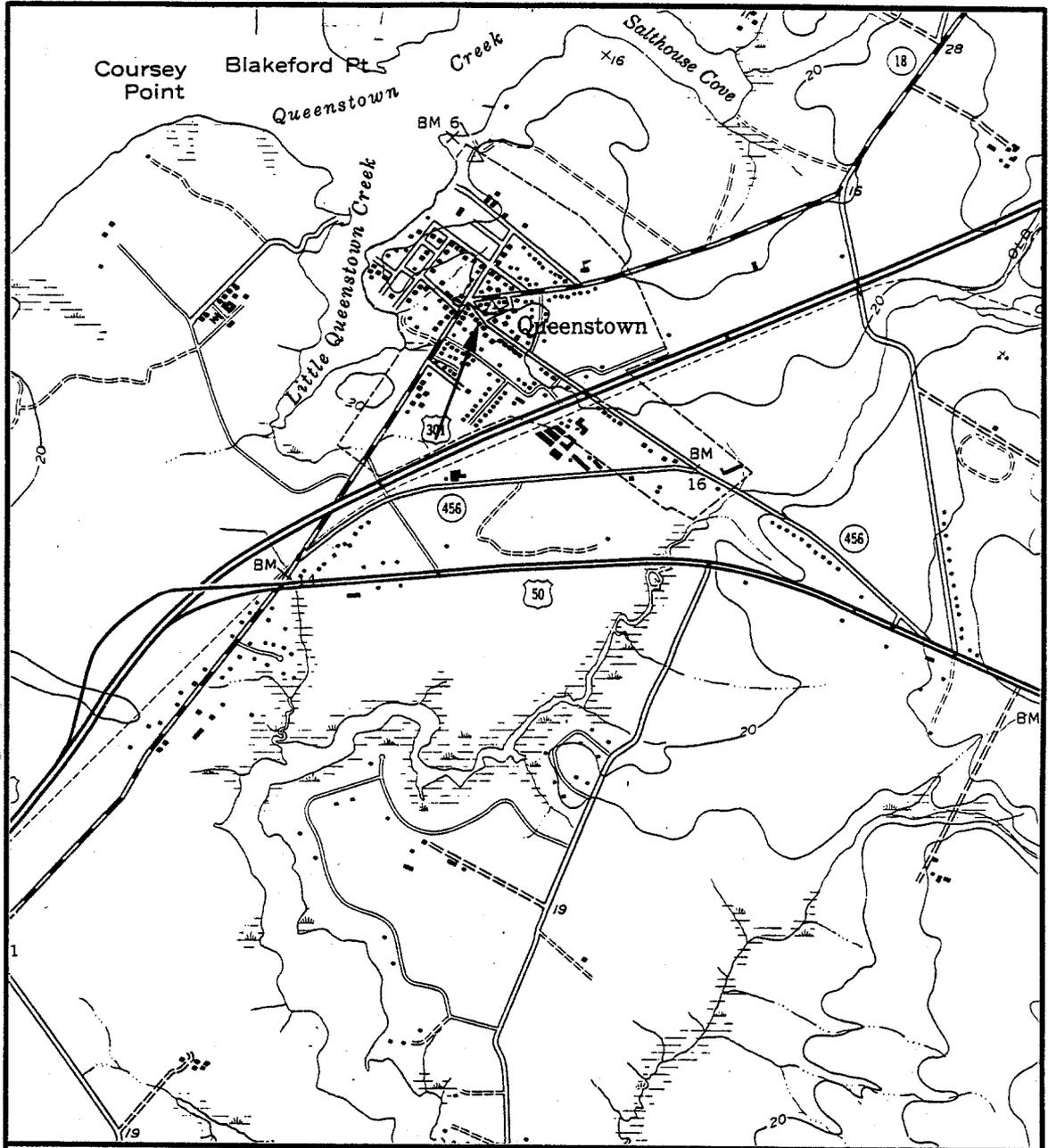
**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Village  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic  
Known Design Source: Unknown

MHT No. QA-396  
 Robert Price III Residence  
 Queenstown, Queen Anne's County  
 Queenstown Quadrangle Map



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 241 EAST FOURTH STREET, FREDERICK, MD 21701

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The same is the following for all photographs:

1. inventory #: QA-396
2. historic name: Robert Price III Residence
3. location: Queenstown, Queen Anne's County
4. photographer: P. Giglio
4. date of photograph: November 1999
5. location of negative: MD SHPO

#### Photo #

1. View southwest
2. View south



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View southwest

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Robert Price III Residence

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Del Rhodes Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert R. Price III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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 #: MWM 155

Folio #: 101

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>19th century</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Robert Price III residence is located on the south side of Del Rhodes Avenue in Queenstown, approximately one block east of the old Courthouse.

This small frame dwelling has developed to its present size and form in three successive stages of development. The original house was only 14 feet wide and 16 feet long, with a single room on the first floor and a loft above. Architectural evidence suggests this part of the building was constructed circa 1815 to 1830. Later in the 19th century, probably in the period circa 1825-1850, the house was enlarged by the addition of a stair hall on the west gable end and was raised to a full two stories. In the mid-20th century a two story frame addition was made to the rear.

The front facade of the enlarged house faces north to the street. There is a door in the west bay and two 6/6 windows to the left on the first floor, and three 6/6 windows on the second floor. A modern entrance porch protects the door. The house rests on a continuous brick foundation, and

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

is covered with early horizontal weatherboards (now sheathed with aluminum siding), a plain box cornice, and an asphalt shingle roof. The only opening in the west gable is a single 4/4 window centered in the upper gable, with the lower sash blocked by the modern siding. On the east gable, the only opening is a 6/6 window on the first floor to the right of the flush center chimney. The foundation on this gable and the rear facade consists of brick piers rather than a continuous wall. The modern rear addition covers the entire rear facade.

The interior of the building was in the process of being renovated when it was examined. The majority of the framing was exposed, making it possible to identify the two successive stages of construction. The original house was framed with hewn and pit sawn timbers. Shouldered notches on several studs indicates that there was a single relatively low door in the center of each facade. Later windows have obscured further evidence of original openings. The chimney was centered on the east gable, and it seems probable that a tight stair or ladder was located to the left of the chimney,

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

but confirming evidence is lacking. The only dating evidence surviving are double-struck machine nails used together with an early type of machine-made nail, suggesting a date of circa 1815-1830. Later in the 19th century, probably circa 1825-1850, the original dwelling was enlarged. It was extended eight feet to the west and was raised to two full stories. The plan became a side hall, single parlor, with the stair hall in the new addition to the west. The framing members in this section run from ground sill up the full two stories to the top plate. The corner posts are L-section and are reinforced with down braces to the sill and upbraces to the top plate. After the roof was torn off the original house, a second wall plate was added directly on top of the earlier top plate, and studs and corner posts were mortised into the new plate. The present 42 degree roof dates entirely to the second period of construction. The rafters are half-lapped and nailed with machine nails. The loft was never floored. After the modern wallboard had been stripped from the walls and ceilings, it was found that the first floor of the original house had been plastered, but that

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

the added stair hall and second story were left unplastered and were periodically whitewashed. Notches in the side of one second floor ceiling joist identifies the location of an original partition that divided the second floor into two rooms.

# 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"/> 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
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<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		

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SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Price House is one of the few structures left in the center of Queenstown known to date prior to the mid-19th century. The plain exterior appearance of this small dwelling offers no clue of its significance as an enlarged one-room-and-loft house only 14 feet wide and 16 feet long. Although documentary evidence makes it clear that houses of such small size were not uncommon as late as the mid-19th century, it is unusual to find a surviving example. The framing of the early addition is also of interest, incorporating L section corner posts that rise two full stories, reinforced by both upbraces and downbraces.

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION

**Queen Anne's County Historical Society**

DATE

**5/13/80**

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

**Centreville**

STATE

**Maryland 21617**

**Field Note Book QA-XIII, Recorded November 27, 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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Robert Pricell,  
Residence

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





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Robert Price Residence  
Queenstown, Maryland  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
Front facade from North