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White House Farm
Queenstown vicinity
Private

circa 1820-40, 1890

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

White House Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Dukes Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Maryland Route 18

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

X 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" 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

Susie Dukes

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 #: WHC 7 A

Folio #: 213

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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" 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

White House Farm is located on the east side of Maryland Route 18 approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Queenstown. The house is sited on high, open ground on the south side of Tanyard Branch, the main tributary of Reed's Creek. The house was examined following a fire which damaged the front brick section and completely destroyed the rear frame wing. According to Mrs. Dukes, the present owner, the frame section was built about 1890, following a fire that gutted the brick section and destroyed a frame wing that probably pre-dated the brick structure. A brick cellar under the rubble of the recently destroyed frame wing probably belongs to this earlier structure.

The brick dwelling is two stories high with a pitched gable roof. The west facade, facing the road, is laid in Flemish bond above a plain watertable and a five-course bond foundation. There are two large 2/2 windows on each floor. The south gable is laid in Flemish bond above a plain watertable and a five-course bond foundation. The upper gable is laid in common bond and does

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

not match the lower work, suggesting it was rebuilt following the fire in 1890. There are two 2/2 windows on each floor. The north gable is five-course bond above a plain watertable and five-course foundation. A blocked opening to the right of the flush gable chimney was probably an original exterior door. The east facade was partially covered by the frame wing, and this portion of the brickwork is laid in common bond with rough unfinished jointwork, indicating that it was never intended to be exposed. The exterior walls of the pre-1890 frame structure can be determined from this unfinished finish, and the racking of a two story brick hyphen or similar structure can be seen under the rubble of the fire. The exposed brickwork on this wall is laid in five-course bond with no watertable. The exterior walls were at one time whitewashed and where the whitewash was protected by the frame wing, the outline of the cornice of the earlier structure can still be seen. The only openings in this wall are a single door on the first floor and two doors on the second floor. All three served as interior doors leading to the frame wing.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

The first floor interior consists of a single room with a fireplace on the north gable wall. A Victorian mantel is the only show of decoration. The second floor is partitioned into two rooms, each with a door leading to the stair hall in the adjoining frame wing. The entire interior was clearly gutted in 1890, as the framing is circular sawn and secured with wire nails.

A brick cellar lies to the east of the brick house, partially buried by the rubble of the fire. It measures 11 feet by 20 feet (inside dimensions), and is laid in three-course bond. An arched brick chimney base at the west end of the cellar was not reused in the 1890 wing. Brick foundations at ground level run from the west end of the cellar toward the standing brick section. Mrs. Dukes reports that another massive foundation runs parallel to the south wall of the cellar, discovered when she attempted to plant shrubs in front of her porch.

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
<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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/24/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

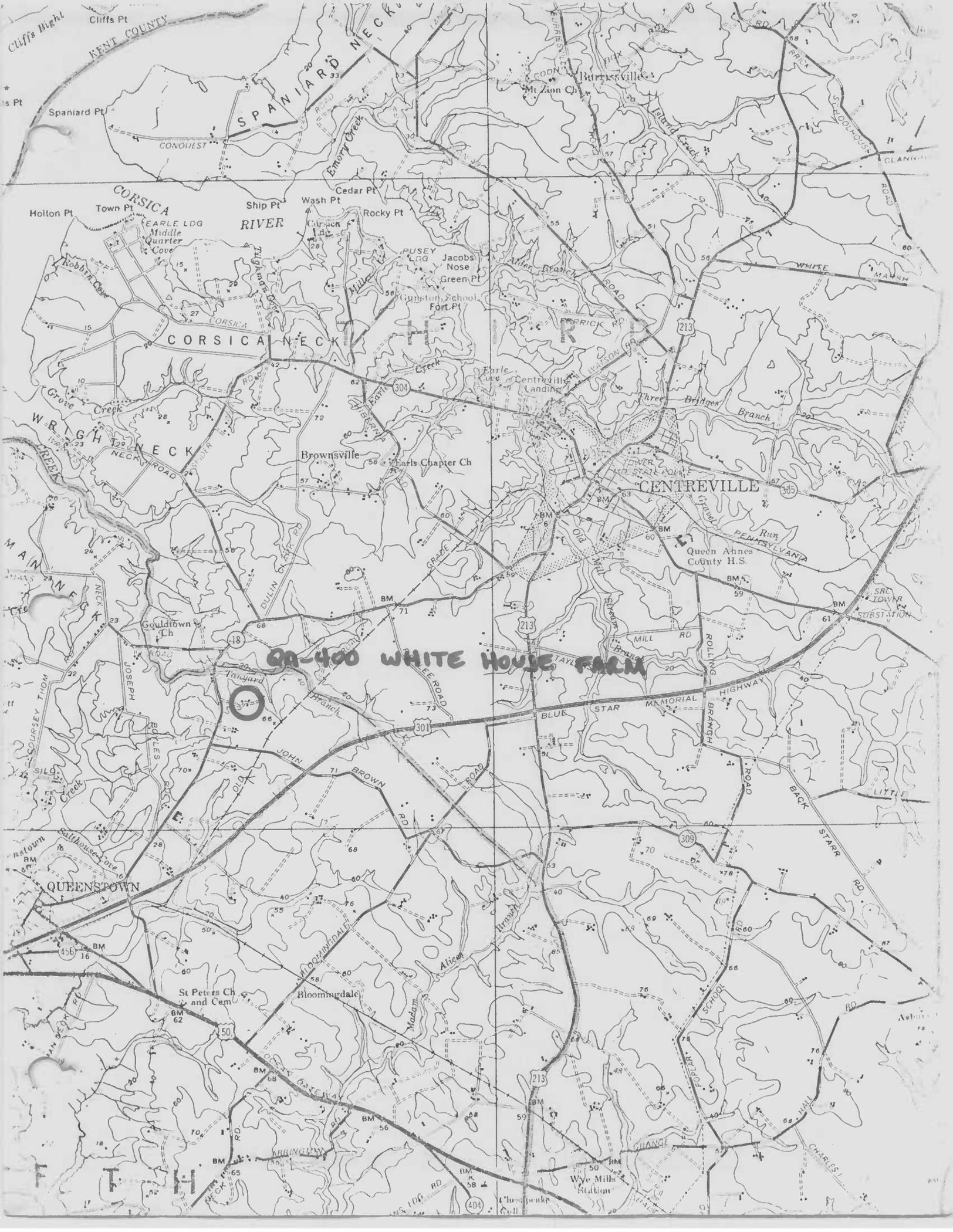
Maryland

Field Note Book QA-XIV, Recorded December 11, 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.

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



QA-400 WHITE HOUSE FARM

Cliffs Pt
Spaniard Pt

Holton Pt
Town Pt

Grove
Creek

QUEENSTOWN

St Peters Ch
and Cem

BRIDGEMAN

Ship Pt
Wash Pt
Cedar Pt
Rocky Pt

CORSICA NECK

Brownsville

Gouldtown Ch

JOHN BROWN

Bloomingsdale

BRIDGEMAN

Buttrissville

Emory Creek

PUSEY Ldg
Jacobs Nose
Green Pt

Centreville
Landing

CENTREVILLE

Blue Star Memorial Highway

WYE MILLS STATION

WYE MILLS STATION

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CLARK

WHITE

BRIDGES

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY H.S.

ROLLING

BACK

STARR

SCHOOL

CHARLES

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White House Farm

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





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White House Farm
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1979
View from Southwest



QA-400 White House Farm
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1979
View from Northwest



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White House Farm
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1979
View from Southeast after
fire



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White House Farm
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1979
Early foundation under
rubble of wing