Survey No. QA-496

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SUBERS FARM or LEACH FARM

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 321 Kibler Road ___ not for publication

city, town Chestertown, MD ___ vicinity of congressional district 1st.

state Maryland county Queen Annes

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	X other: apartments

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

name Chino Farms, Inc.

street & number 841 McGuiness Road telephone no.: 410-778-2125

city, town Chestertown, MD state and zip code 21620

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Annes County Land Records Office liber MWM 399

street & number folio 688

city, town Centerville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Subers Farmhouse, 321 Kibler Road is an early 20th century farmhouse located in the seventh election district of Queen Annes County, north of the crossroads referred to as Catlin Corner. It faces primarily east toward the lane to Kibler Road and includes several barns that were not included in this survey. The house is divided into two apartments, with one being on the first and another on the second and third floors.

The house is a five-bay long frame dwelling standing on a brick foundation. It is two-and-one-half stories tall and is covered with aluminum siding. There is an 'L' addition behind the south end of the house which is two stories tall and two-bays long. A one story family room was built in the corner of the 'L' in recent years. On both the east side of the main house and the south side of the kitchen 'L' there are covered porches with concrete floors and late 20th century iron balustrades. The windows have 1/1 sash and originally had shutters but do not at present. There are three "A" roof dormer windows on the east slope of the roof.

The plan of the house consists of a central stair hall with two flanking rooms. Behind the south room is a one room kitchen with bath between the two. The placement of the new room in the corner of the 'L' makes it possible to access the north room from the kitchen without having to use the stair hall, which is dedicated to the second floor apartment. The stair backs up to the kitchen, where there is access to the basement.

The basement is only under the northern half of the house. It has hard machine-made brick walls, concrete floor and circular sawn 2 X 10 floor joists overhead. Balloon framing with corner bracing is visible from the basement. In the north gable is the base of a one flue chimney.

The door and window trim is composed of approximately a four inch board with three reeds running down the center thereof. It is joined with both a mitered and a corner block corners. The only original doors are located on the closets and they have five horizontal panels. The hardware on the closets consists of a plain round metal knob and a long elliptical escutcheon which contains both the knob and keyhole.

The stair is a straight run to a landing and then turns 90° into the second story hall. Its balustrade consists of a large square paneled newel post with turned balusters, typical of the 1910 period. The room above the first floor kitchen consist of a kitchen and bath, with the living room taking up the south room. The north room and two attic rooms are bedrooms for this apartment

The finished attic or third floor is accessible from an enclosed stair in the ıt of the hall. There is a washer/dryer hook-up in the attic hall. Around the stair well is a solid balustrade of vertical beaded boards. Access to the unfinished attic over the kitchen is gained from the south attic room. From there it is possible to see the common rafter roof structure for both sections of the house. The kitchen attic rafters have neither tie beams nor ridge board, they are simply nailed together with wire nails.

The floors throughout the house are covered with carpet. Originally, there were pine floors, some of which are visible from the basement.

8. Significance

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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
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The house located at 321 Kibler Road, Chestertown, is significant because it is an early 20th century vernacular form of farm house that developed in the 18th century as the prototypical farmhouse and was used with little change except for building methodology and millwork for over 200 years. From the exterior, it appears that the building could be nearly 60 years earlier in date than it is.

The farm was acquired by Chino Farms, Inc. in 1992 from Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Davis. In that deed, it is referred to as the Subers Farm or the Leach Farm and consists of 243 acres of land. No other research has been undertaken on this resource except that the farm is listed on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, Stevenson Atlas of Kent and Queen Annes Counties in the ownership of Mrs. Hendrix.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 243 acs.

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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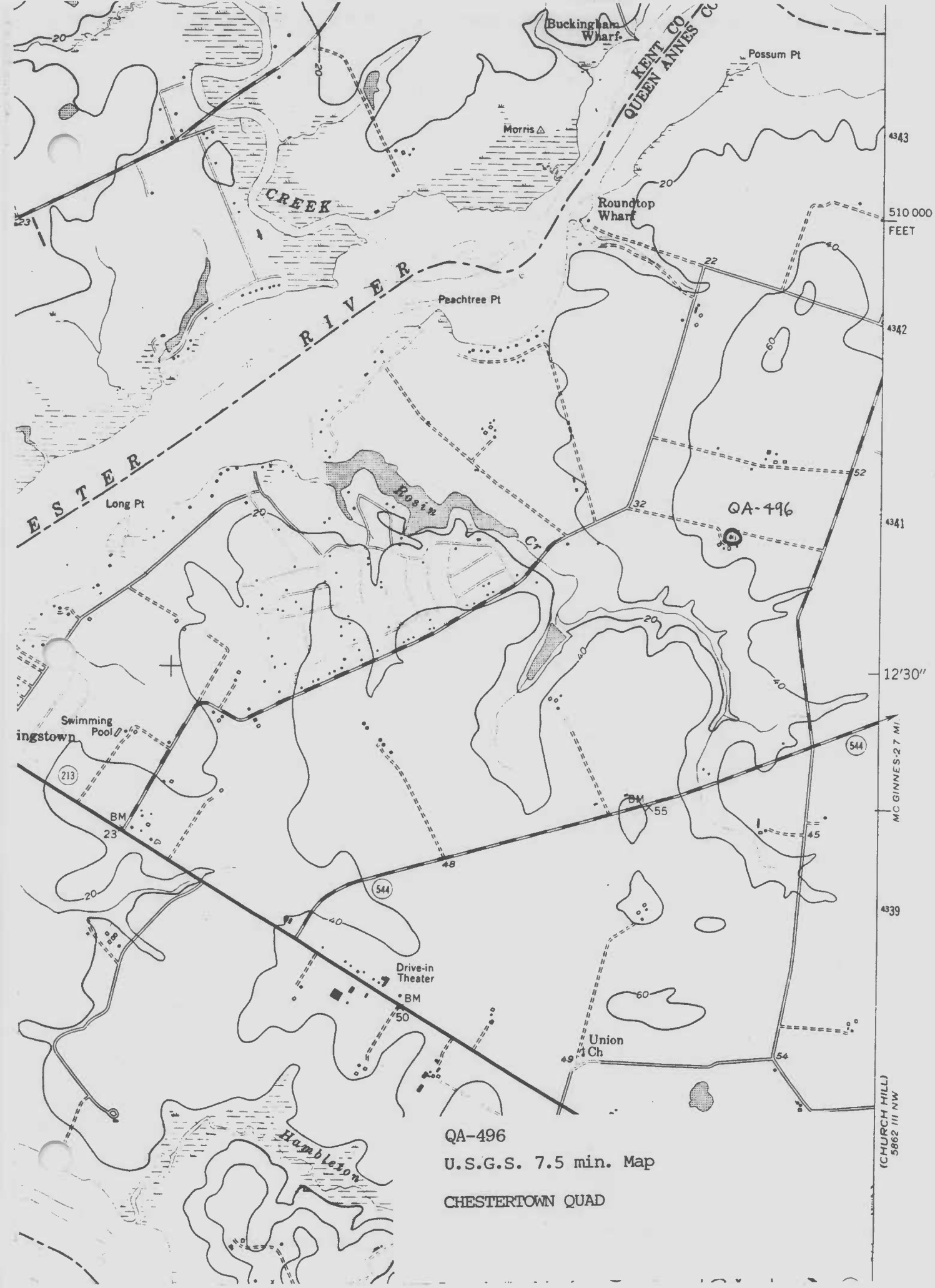

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Subers Farm

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