

OLD BLACKS RAILROAD STATION
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1900)

The railroad came to Kent County in 1872 with stops at Massey's Junction, Lambson Station, Black Station, Kennedyville, Still Pond, Lynch, Worton, and Chestertown. Major stations were located at Chestertown and Kennedyville with those in between used for passenger service. Formerly the Black's Station, this little building has the widely overhanging roof and shingle siding so characteristic of small train stations all over the Eastern Shore. Moved to its present site in the 1940's the old station is now used as a residence.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **OLD BLACKS RAILROAD STATION**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *West side Route 297, one mile north of Hopewell Corner*

CITY, TOWN *Chestertown* VICINITY OF *1st Kent*
 STATE *Maryland 21620* COUNTY

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Howell C. Crew* Telephone #: *301-778-2810*
 STREET & NUMBER *Washington Ave.*
 CITY, TOWN *Chestertown* VICINITY OF STATE, zip code *Maryland 21620*

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*

Liber #: *WHG 21*
 Folio #: *598*

STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN *Chestertown, Maryland 21620* STATE

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The little railroad station which formerly served Black is a frame structure three bays long and one room deep. One-and-one-half stories tall, the building is covered by a steep gable roof which overhangs in the front to provide cover for a former passenger platform. The roof is symmetrical although the building underneath it is assymetrical. The framing members of the roof are exposed and chamfered, a decorative treatment reflecting the influence of the Stick Style of the 1860's and 1870's. Three large chamfered brackets on the front of the building support the ends of the eave.

The main entry is in the center bay of the front facade. The door is well over 7' in height with two large lower panels and a 6-pane window above.

Flanking the door are a pair of six over six sash windows with their panes set horizontally. Centered in the gables to illuminate the attic is a pair of three over three sash windows. Beneath these windows is another six over six sash window .

The front wall, the gables, and a part of the rear of the building have been covered with red asphalt imitation brick shingles. Where an addition has been constructed on the back of the building, however, the original finish of the exterior walls is still visible. The wainscoting portion of the wall is made up of horizontal boarding with wooden shingles above. Both are painted a medium brown . The chamfered edges of the structural members are "picked out" in dark red. This is probably the original color scheme.

The interior is divided into a waiting area and a smaller ticket sales office. The stove which heated the building was located in the waiting room and vented into a square brick chimney in the center of the building. The interior rooms have a narrow-board wainscoting and windows and doors enframed with wide flat moldings. The ticket seller's window, glazed with rolled glass, is still in place. There is also a second floor loft reached by a corner stair enclosed in boarding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES *ca 1905*BUILDER/ARCHITECT *Kent County Railroad Company*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Black Station was one of eight 19th century railroad stations constructed in Kent County. They were built by the Kent County Railroad Company between 1869 when work on the railroad began in earnest and 1872 when it reached Chestertown. The two major stops for the trains were at Chestertown and at Kennedyville where larger freight and passenger terminals were constructed. On intermediate stops stood the smaller buildings used primarily for passengers.¹ This is one of two smaller stations that are still in existence.² The building is similiar in size and in detail to many of the other stations which stood in small rural towns in this part of the county. Stylistically it shows the influence of the Stick and Shingle Styles of Architecture in its use of exposed structural timbers and exterior cladding materials.

The building was moved to this location by Kenneth A. Clark in the 1940's and converted into a residence.

- 1. These stops were Worton, Lynch, Still Pond, Black, Lambson, and Massey's Junction.*
- 2. The other is Worton Station. Chestertown Station is standing in its original location. (K-413.) Kennedyville Station has been moved to Wilmington, Delaware.*

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hayman, John C., Rails Along the Chesapeake, (Salisbury, Md.: Marvadel Publishers, 1979.)

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland.

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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
Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Kent County Planning Commission

DATE
778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER
Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Chestertown, MD 2162-

STATE

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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Pas. Pas. Pas. M			September 30, 1880.		M Pas. Mix.		
P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	LEAVE	(ARRIVE	P. M.	P. M.	
3 25	7 05	10 05	lv. Baltimore	3 25	8 05	8 25	
6 15	8 30	11 45	lv. Philadelphia arr	8 05	8 25	8 25	
			(Philadelphia time.)				
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	lv. Wilmington arr	12 07	8 05	8 05	
8 20	9 35	1 08	lv. Middletown arr.	11 26	8 30	8 30	
7 35	10 02	2 06	lv. Bombay Hook ar	42			
18 10	9 11	11 10	lv. Clayton ¹ arr.	38	10 35	4 50	
8 25	11 25	2 55	Bingham's	28	10 25	4 10	
8 35	11 40	3 00	Delaney's	25	10 15	4 05	
8 50	11 55	3 15	Massey's Junc. ²	22	10 00	4 05	
9 05	12 10	3 30	Lambson	18	9 45	3 55	
9 15	12 20	3 40	Black	15	9 30	3 55	
9 25	12 35	3 50	Kennedyville	12	9 15	3 50	
9 30	12 45	4 00	Still Pond	9	9 00	3 50	
9 40	12 50	4 05	Lynch	7	8 55	3 50	
9 45	1 00	4 10	Worton	5	8 45	3 50	
10 00	1 15	4 30	Chestertown	0	8 30	3 50	
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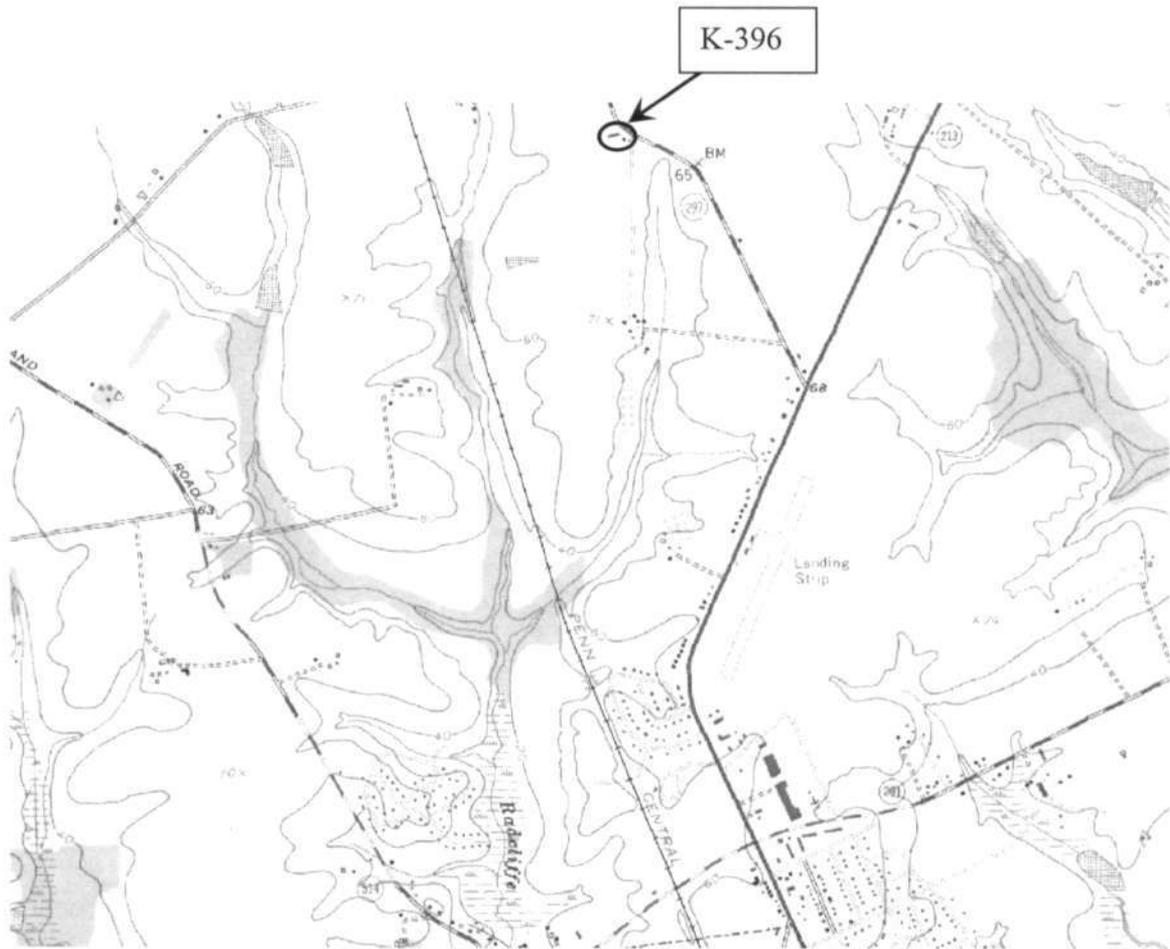
The distance from Bombay Hook to Baltimore is 70 miles.
CONNECTIONS.—¹ With Del. & Ches. R. R., and Del. Div. Phila., Wilm. & Balt. R. R. ² Junction of Kent County and Queen Anne & Kent R. R.
 * Daily; † Sundry only; ‡ Sundry only; § Sundry only.

* Daily; † Thursday only; ** daily, except Thursday.

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Worton Rd.
Chestertown vicinity
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Old Blacks Railroad Station

View to West

Chestertown

Kent County

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