

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Spring Garden Farm Inventory Number: QA-105  
Address: 210 Spring Garden Farm Lane Historic district:  yes  no  
City: Centreville Zip Code: 21617 County: Queen Annes  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Centreville  
Property Owner: Margaret Quimby and Eleanor H. Price Tax Account ID Number: 011100  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 7 Tax Map Number: 45  
Project: Planning Studies for US 301 at MD 304 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration  
Preparer's Name: Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 08/10/2005  
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form QA-105  
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  no Listed:  yes  no  
Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Architectural Description:

This form supplements the existing Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form completed for the Spring Garden Farm in 1983. It provides an updated description, significance evaluation, and determination of eligibility for the property.

The farm complex on Spring Garden Lane is located on a 280-acre parcel of land to the southeast of Centreville in Queen Anne's County. The property contains a dilapidated residence surrounded by a collection of modern farm buildings. The residence is vacant and is in a state of collapse. Portions of the house are obscured by vines and other plant growth. Since the initial MIHP form was completed, the property has deteriorated substantially.

The residence consists of a circa 1790 brick house that was altered with Queen Anne and Gothic additions approximately 100 years after its initial construction. Clad in brick that was at one time painted white, the façade of the house features a front-facing gable atop an octagonal portion of the building. A round-arch window is located in the articulated gable. The entrance is obscured by the collapsing porch.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended   
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

MHT Comments: *Integrity compromised by severe deterioration*

Jim Anselmo  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
Julian Z. Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

10/5/05  
Date  
10/13/05  
Date

A side-gable wing extends from the octagonal portion of the building. The wing contains a single-story porch topped with a standing-seam metal roof that is currently collapsing. The porch supports, which are failing, consist of turned balusters. Fenestration beneath the porch has been obscured by the partial collapse. Window openings on the second level are tall and narrow and are missing the glass, but some are covered with louvered shutters. Gable dormers whose sides are clad in wood shingles sit atop the roof, which is covered with asbestos shingles.

Metal pole barns and sheds of recent construction dates are now located on the farm, which remains in cultivation.

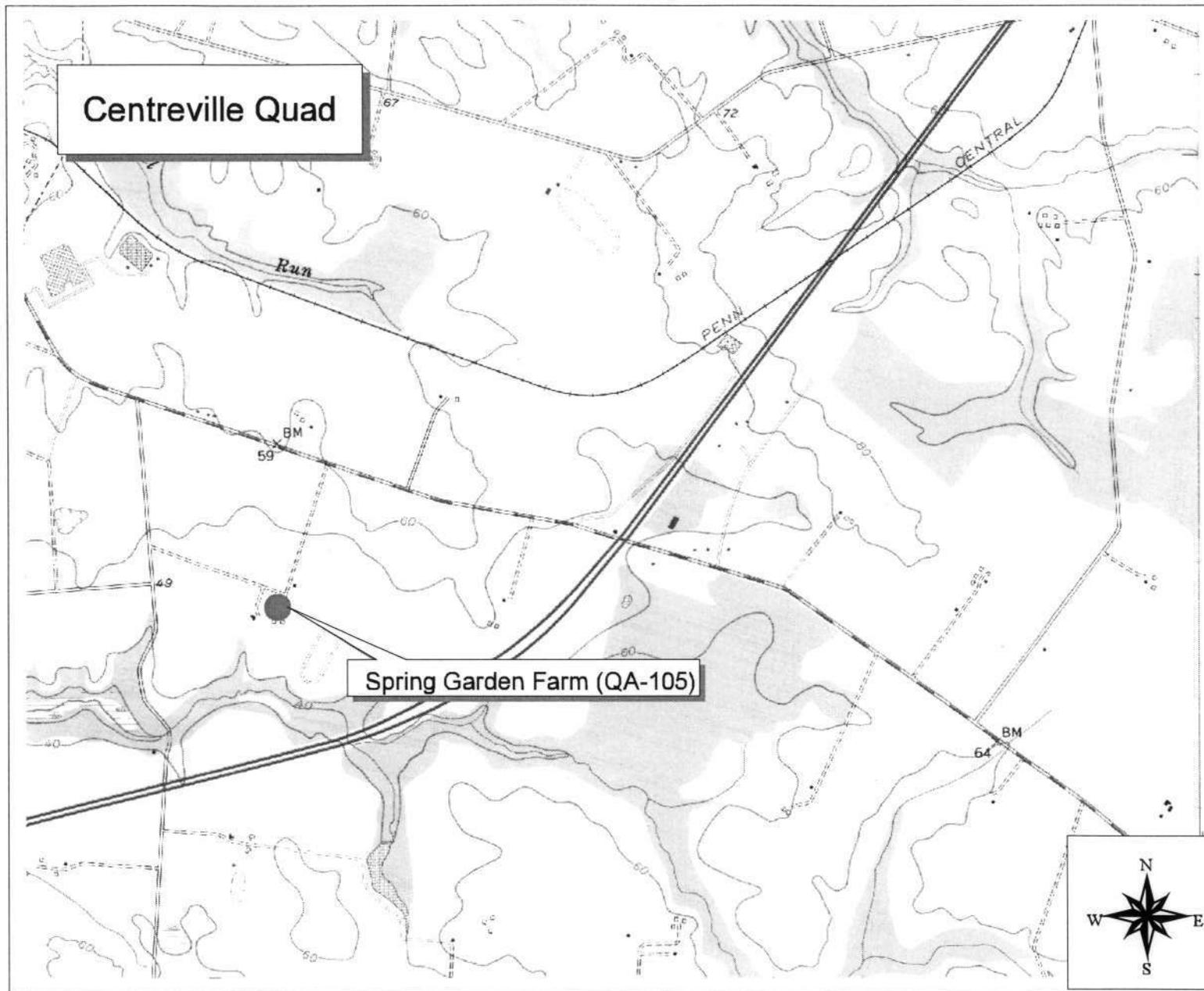
History, Significance, and Determination of Eligibility:

The Spring Garden Farm is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. While the poor condition of a property does not preclude it from listing in the National Register, the state of near-collapse of the property has obscured character-defining features and materials from both original construction and the later Victorian-era construction. The loss of original outbuildings including a dairy and the addition of modern agricultural buildings also compromises the integrity of the property as a historic farmstead.

The Spring Garden Farm is not eligible under National Register Criterion A. It originally was an example of a farmstead with an associated farmhouse in the agricultural region of Queen Anne's County. However, changes to the farmstead, most notably the demolition of original agricultural buildings, have diminished the property's ability to convey its once-important role as an agricultural enterprise. The property is also not eligible under Criterion B. Research does not indicate that the owners were locally significant citizens or farmers. The property is not eligible under Criterion C because it no longer conveys as a distinctive architectural entity due to the deterioration of the main house, the demolition of original agricultural buildings, and the construction of modern buildings. The property was not evaluated for archeological potential under Criterion D at this time.

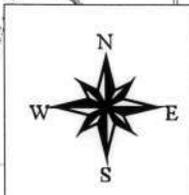
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MHT Comments:	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date

US 301 at D 304  
Centreville, Queen Anne's County



Centreville Quad

Spring Garden Farm (QA-105)



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Spring Garden Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Becky Kermes

Feb. 2005

MD SHPO

ART-2611 <No. 11A>013  
165 1717 -1 N N N-20 <044>0

Facade

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side elevation

ART-2611 <No.12A>014  
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Spring Garden  
Centreville  
private

c. 1790  
c. 1890

Spring Garden Farm is a large brick structure with two obvious periods of construction. The oldest section is mentioned on the 1798 tax assessment as a 30' x 40' two story brick structure with a kitchen of almost the same floor size. Late in the 19th century the kitchen wing was torn down and a late Victorian Gothic wing was built at right angles thereto. At the same time a porch was extended across the facade and the windows and doors were remodeled. It nevertheless retained its unique dormer windows with crossetted trim and keystones. The interior was apparently changed at this time.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Spring Garden

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rolling Branch Road, .3 miles south of Rt. 304, east

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles T. Quimby

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Centreville Heights

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 #: NBW 8

Folio #: 230

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Spring Garden is located on Rolling Branch Road between Rt. 304 and U.S. Rt. 301 southeast of Centreville. It is a large brick structure composed of a late 18th century section and a late 19th century section, both 2 1/2 stories in height.

The house faces northeast and the older section, on the northwest, is a five bay, all header bond, two and one half story structure with deep 'A' roof. Along the facade, first story, extends a porch with large turned posts and well designed pierced scrolled brackets. The windows have been lengthened and now have 1/1 sash with the upper sash having small square panes around the one large pane. The central entrance has bold double doors with three pane transom. All of the windows and doors have trim applied over the brick walls, a part of the major late 19th century remodelings. On the second story of the northeast facade are five windows with 6/6 sash. On the roof are two extraordinary dormers having 6/6 sash and crossetted trim with keystone in the center of the plain gable. Two huge chimneys rise from within the gables of this section. The roof throughout is covered with slate. The cornice

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 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 checked="" 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

**Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION

**Queen Anne's County Historical Society**

DATE

**9/9/83**

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

**Centreville**

STATE

**Maryland**

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  
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## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

has a row of dentils with three drill holes between each dentil.

The northwest gable of the old section is a plain brick wall with one former opening now bricked in. It apparently was a basement entrance at grade with segmental rubbed brick arch. The gable is laid in Flemish garden wall bond.

On the southwest facade, there is only a porch at the central door. It is identical to the front door. The windows flanking the door appear to be the original height judging from the position of the shutter dogs; however, they have 4/4 sash. The dogs have an unusual shape, almost an '8' shaped plate with rat tail on one end. There is a double stepped water table and a one brick string course around the house. One window in the basement is located on the westernmost bay. The easternmost bay has the relocated bulkhead. This side, too, has two extraordinary dormers like those of the front. Unlike the front, however, this wall is laid in Flemish bond.

Returning to the northeast facade, the c. 1890 wing projects slightly from the face of the older section and has two equal angled walls flanking it. In the center is a plain door with transom on the first story. In the two angled walls are one window each with 1/1 sash. The

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

porch projecting around this uneven gable is screened, but otherwise is the same build as the remainder of the porch. In the attic is a shingle-covered gable/pediment with window.

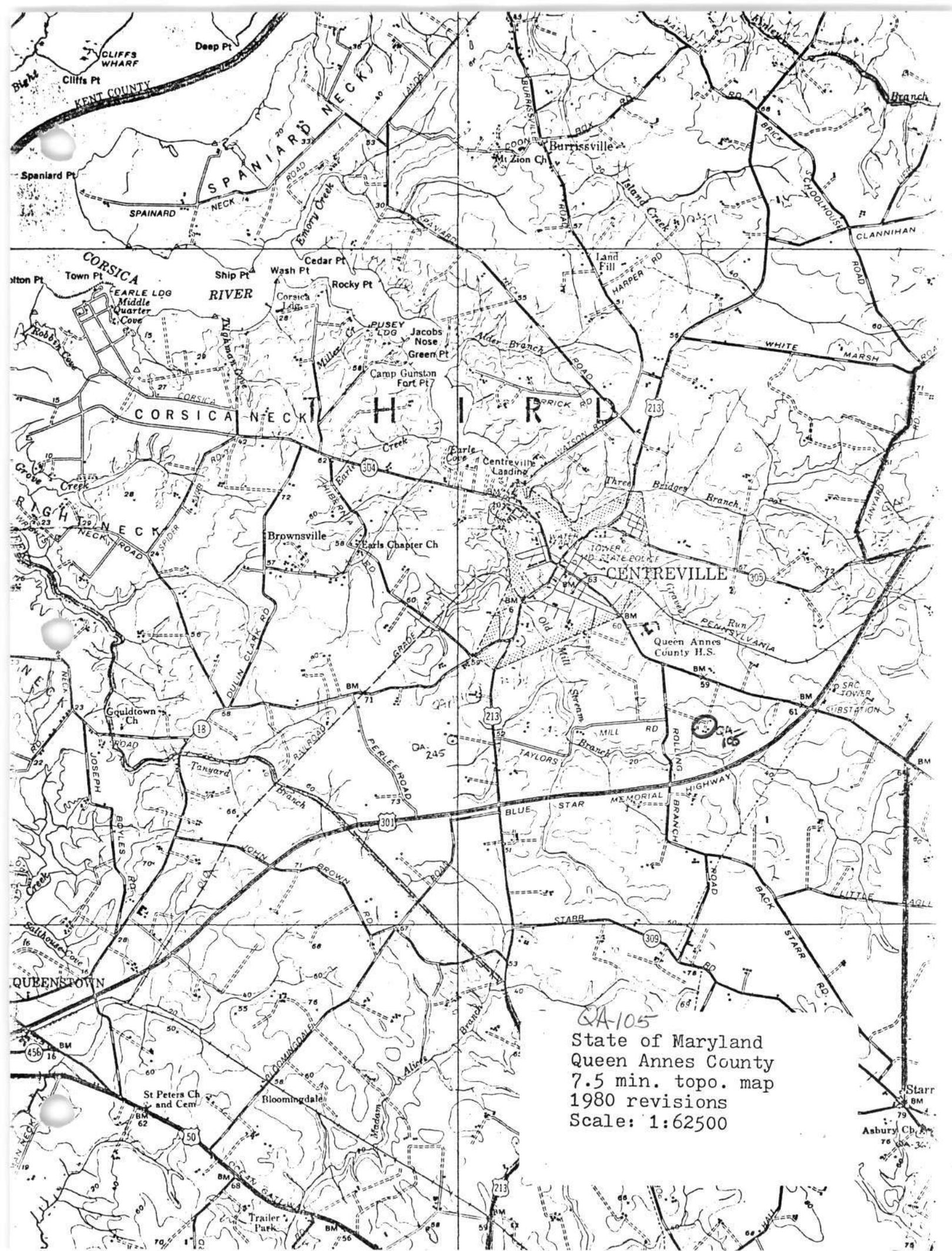
It is obvious that the designer of the wing was more concerned in making the southeast facade more symmetrical than the approach facade, for the wing is divided into two elements, a semi-octagonal projection on the north and a plain three bay structure with center gable on the south. This explains the reason for the uneven angles of the northeast facade. The semi-octagonal bay has a pair of 1/1 sash windows on both stories and a single window on the flanking walls. There is a pedimented gable with round window in the shingle decoration in the roof. The three southern bays have a central door with transom and hood, and a shingled gable/pediment in the roof, with semi-circular headed window. A chimney rises slightly south of center from the apex of the roof. On the southwest gable is a large shed roof enclosed porch with chimney. One window on the gable is off-center. This section projects deeper than the older section and has one window on both floors on the northwest wall.

Slightly southeast of the house is a framed smoke house with vertical boards. A tilted false plate supports the roof rafters. Strap hinges on the facade door appear

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

original. It stands on brick piers. According to the owner, Mr. Quimby, there was also a dairy between the smoke house and the house with 7' deep cellar having a trough around the outer walls. It blew down in a storm many years ago.



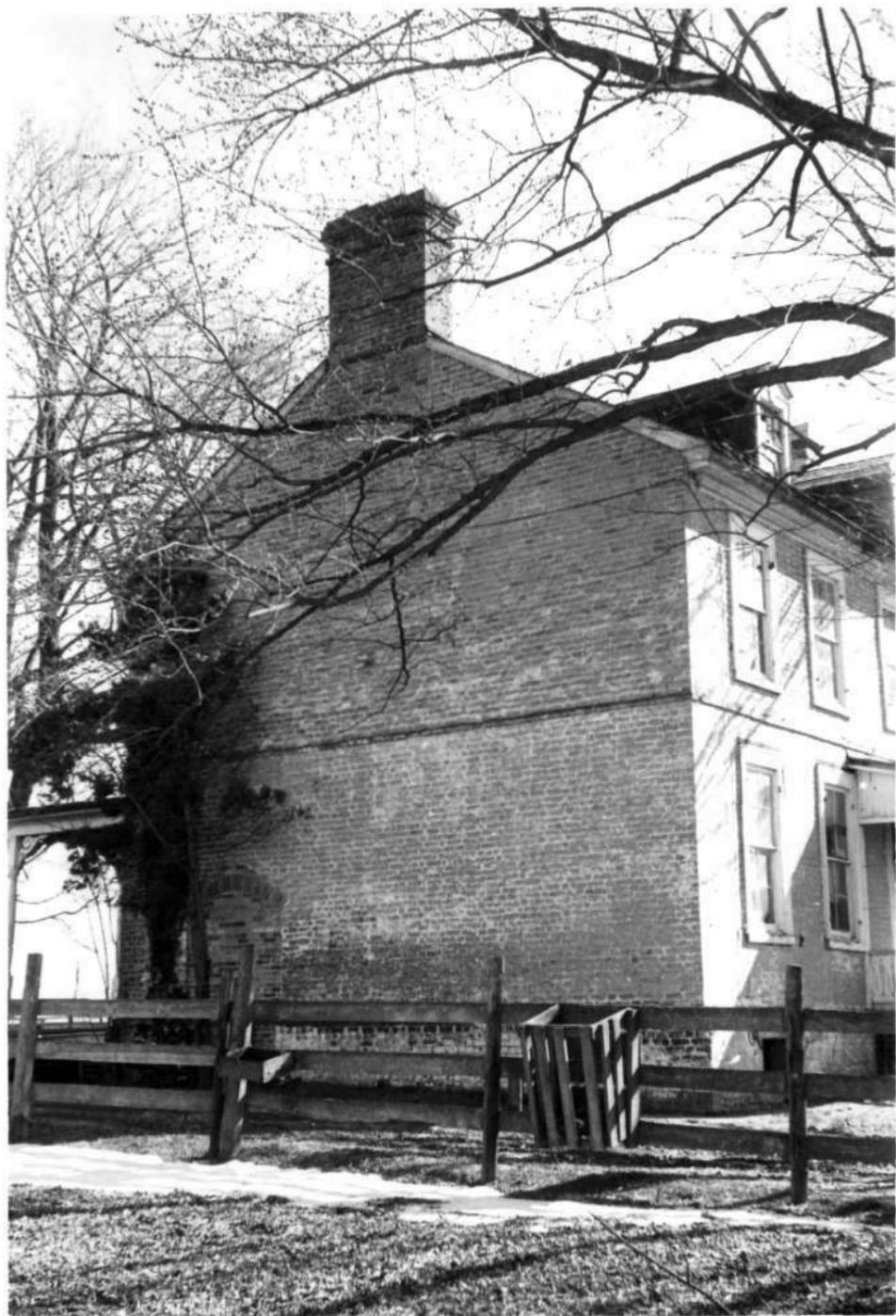
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State of Maryland  
Queen Annes County  
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Spring Garden Farm

Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
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