

Wentworth
CH-646
Patuxent City
Private

Circa 1850

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-646

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wentworth
 other Calverton Manor

2. Location

street and number 16005 Prince Frederick Road not for publication
 city, town Patuxent City X vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Andrew V. Havrilla II
 street and number 5287 Jennie Run Lane telephone 301-934-3813
 city, town LaPlata state MD zip code 20646-3641

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36-18-363
 city, town LaPlata liber 2696 folio 180

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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The frame structure is currently re-clad in aluminum siding and rests on a continuous brick foundation. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and meets the eave walls with a boxed cornice. The south or front elevation is asymmetrical and includes four 6/6 light double hung wood sash windows on the second floor, above two first floor windows of the same composition. The door is located at the west end of the main block and features a set of three narrow rectangular sidelights on either side below a 4-light transom. Four turned wooden posts support the shed roof porch. The kitchen wing includes an enclosed porch containing two modern 1/1 windows.

The east elevation is without windows except a modern replacement window in the rear ell. This wall is dominated by the stepped shoulder brick chimney with evidence of original corbelling around the cap. This chimney has deteriorated substantially above the roofline.

The rear or north elevation also includes some replaced windows and possibly some altered fenestration. On the second floor two 6/6 light windows appear near the east wall, mirroring those found on the façade. To the right or west of this grouping is a replacement 1/1 window of smaller proportion than the other windows. To the right of this is a boarded window. The enclosed first floor ell includes two c. 1950 2/2 light windows. An exterior door stands in the kitchen wing.

The west elevation includes a single window in the rear ell and an exterior brick chimney flue with a corbelled cap. Attached to the kitchen wing is a square exterior brick chimney flue with a corbelled cap. The west chimney of the main block reveals decorative corbelling at the top.

The house is currently vacant. While the interior was not available to be adequately surveyed, unshaded windows reveal two first floor rooms in the main block first floor, with an open stair passage located in the to the east of the door. A two part mantel adorns the fireplace. The interior appears to have been extensively remodeled with a drywall drop ceiling added in the late 20th century. However, some original doors and hardware have survived.

The unusual fenestration on the front elevation suggests the possibility of two building periods for the first and second floors. Future fieldwork, dependent on access to the interior is necessary to fully identify the site's evolution.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates c. 1850

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates c. 1850

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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In the 1850 census for Charles County, Rufus Robey is identified as a schoolteacher living in the household of merchant, James T. Thomas. Thomas is believed to have occupied the Patuxent City House (CH-122) in the nearby 19th century village of Patuxent City. In 1858, Rufus Robey married Mary B. Porter of Newark, Delaware. By 1860, Robey was 33, and Mary, age 26. He owned \$2000 in real estate and \$500 worth of personal property. Also living in the household was the first of their four children, Helen, schoolteacher Charles Porter of Delaware and mechanics James Gross and Washington Curtis.

The Robey's acquired over 200 acres in the vicinity of Patuxent City by purchasing smaller adjacent tracts. Much of this property was held by wife Mary B. Robey who, at the time of her death in 1881, granted a life estate to her husband Rufus. Rufus Robey was an active figure in Charles County life. In 1862, he held a trader's license with James Cochran and James T. Thomas at Patuxent City. He served as Justice of the Peace in 1861, and as chairman of the Oyster Monopoly meeting in 1860.

The dwelling is one of only a handful of documented local examples of the Greek Revival influence on architectural traditions in Charles County. As the dominant architectural style in America between 1830-1850, the Greek Revival style was inspired by an awakening of interest in classical Roman and Greek forms. First seen in public buildings, Greek Revival details eventually spread to influence domestic architecture. In many rural examples such as Wentworth, Greek Revival elements were attached to traditional plans.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3

Acreage of historical setting 211

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling now known as Wentworth is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 36, Grid18, Parcel 363.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept

date 2/15/01

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Crownsville MD 21032
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Wentworth
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county and state

Chain of title:

1865-1870 Mary B. Robey acquires property forming Wentworth 211 a. on the public road leading from Hughesville to Patuxent City conveyed to Mary B. Robey

A - John H. Ward and wife, November 15, 1865. 1/4 part of a tract called part of Calverton Manor which Mary Hickey dec'd possessed. For \$335.29. Including land and premises. 118 acres.

B - George H. Chappelleur, June 23, 1866. 40 acres. Mentions William Woodburn dwelling. In consideration of the premises.

C - Charles DeMarr, December 18, 1868. Same as A for 525 118 acres. Formerly assessed in the name of Mary Hickey's heirs generally known as Calverton Manor or Hickey's Place. With improvements...

D - William F. Dement, December 13, 1870. Part of Wilbur's Place, and part of Hickey's Place being a part of Calverton Manor adjoining Thomas, Dudley, Canter, Estep and Lyons. 40 acres same as B described as the residence of Rufus Robey.

April 1881 Will of Mary B. Robey. To four children Helen Edward, Agnes and Delia... To Rufus Robey husband life support and control of property until his death. Written in 1864.

Wills 18:174

August 6, 1901 L. Allison Wilmer and Walter J. Mitchell, trustees appointed by decree of the court to Ruby Nicholson.

Equity BGS 5:419

October 9, 1903 Ruby M.L. Nicholson and Thomas F. Nicholson, Jr. to Sarah E. Stewart \$1500.00. All those lots tracts, sub-divisions, pieces parcels of land and premises 223 3/4 a. known as **Wentworth**

14:362

April 25, 1910 Sarah J. E. Stewart and James E. Stewart to Thomas Tolla and Julia Tolla both of Dodge County, Wisconsin \$3,000 Wentworth and Calverton Manor lying immediately on the public road 223 3/4 a.

21:572

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- December 28, 1966 Last will and testament of Nicholas Tolla. My farm..all equipment, crops and furnishings to sister Mary Louise Connick of Aquasco.
- October 12, 1982 Mary L. Connick (daughter of Thomas and Julia Tolla) to Leslie E. and Juanita M. Connick his wife. 154.995 ac. **Wentworth or Part of Calverton's Manor**
Parcel 1 23.692a. Northside
Parcel 2 131.303a. Southside
860:283
- October 9, 1998 Joseph V. Kneib to Andrew V. Havrilla, II three acres. Lot 2 of Siesta Fields. PB 43 No. 23. Purchased at public auction.
2696:180

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Advertiser Vol. II 1855-1869. Heritage Books, Inc. 1991.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 1/2001

North arrow



Name: WENT WORTH

Address: 6250 SIESTA FIELDS

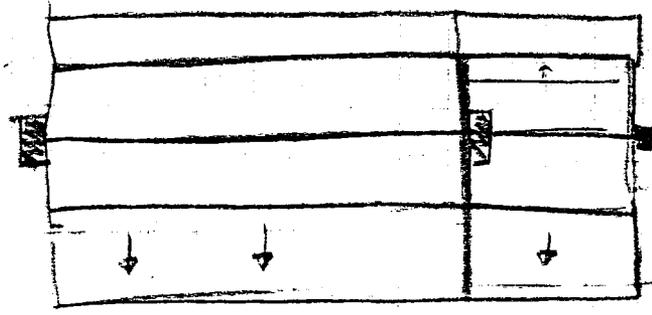
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Charles County, Maryland

PATUXENT CITY Vicinity

BENEDICT ←

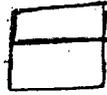
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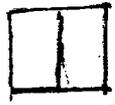
BRICK WELL SITE



CONTEMPORARY SHED



TRUINOUS CORNCRIB

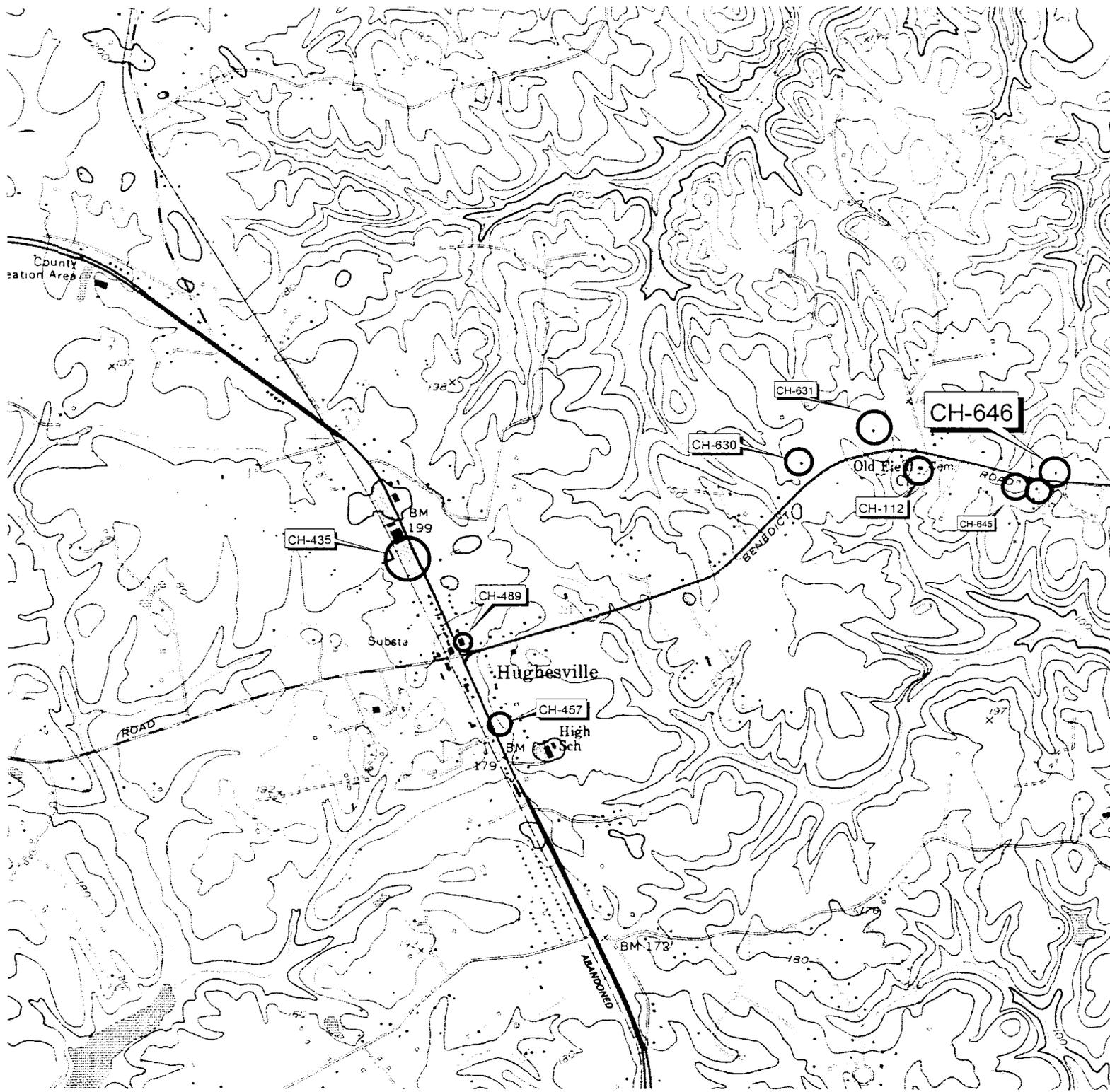


SHED



WOODS

Not drawn to scale



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Patuxent City vic.
Hughesville Quad

