Toad Hall/Sandy Hill
near Worton
1960's

Toad Hall on Sandy Hill Farm is composed of three late 18th century frame houses originally located in the second, third and sixth election districts. These were moved to the site in the 1960's when Toad Hall was first assembled. The individual parts of Toad Hall are highly representative of vernacular building forms which would have been encountered in the late 1700's in Kent County. Each of the structures is three bays long and each was originally the principal part of the farm house from which it came.

The eastern most section is 1 1/2 stories tall and came from a farm on the southeast side of Worton. The central 2 1/2 story section came from Gresham College on the Bay near Tolchester. And the final section with gambrel roof, originated from a farm on Duck Puddle Road (K-188).

The latter two parts have been encased in a shell of old bricks taken from other old buildings in Kent and Queen Annes Counties. Each of the original two room structures has been altered to meet the needs of the owner, using fragments of old woodwork from several more old dwellings.

From an architectural standpoint, the building must be viewed from the perspective of a 1960's project that incidentally incorporated several old buildings and not as an historic structure in and of itself.

In the 1783 Tax Assessment, Sandy Hill and the adjoining Mill at the head of Still Pond Creek were owned by John Eunick.
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TOAD HALL
Still Pond, Maryland (circa 1975)

Toad Hall is located on a point of land overlooking the head of Still Pond Creek. It is a building that is composed of parts of 14 old houses which have been moved to a farm called Sandy Hill and re-erected. The house presently consists of 4 parts, a 2½ story, 3 bay gable roofed house, a three-bay gambrel section, a 1½ story kitchen, and a one-bay, gable roofed entry/utility room. They are arranged end to end, like the telescope houses built on the Eastern Shore in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The old buildings are all frame but two are veneered with brick removed from another old house.
INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
HISTORIC
SANDY HILL

AND/OR COMMON
Toad Hall (preferred)

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
South side Still Pond Creek Road,
overlooking head of Creek

CITY, TOWN
Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF
First

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Raimond

STREET & NUMBER
Still Pond Creek Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF
First

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Kent County Court House

Liber #: WHG 63

Folio #: 290

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE
1970

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis, Maryland
DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

XEXCELLENT
__GOOD
__FAIR

CHECK ONE

__DETERIORATED
__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

__UNALTERED
XALTERED

__ORIGINAL SITE
__MOVED
DATE see bel

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Toad Hall is located on a point of land overlooking the head of Still Pond Creek. It is a building composed of parts of 14 old houses which have been moved to a farm called Sandy Hill and re-erected. The building faces north with a view of the water.

The house consists of 4 parts, a 2½ story, 3 bay gable roofed house, a three-bay gambrel section, a 1½ story kitchen, and a one-bay, gable roofed entry/utility room. They are arranged end to end, like the telescope houses built on the Eastern Shore in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The old buildings are all frame but two are veneered with brick removed from another old house and old sidewalk bricks discarded in the 1960's by Chestertown.

The gambrel-roofed section has Flemish bond brick work and a low cove water table. There are 3 shed dormers with 6 over 6 sash in each slope and a brick chimney in the west end wall. Entry doors are located in the east bays, and first floor windows have 9 over 6 sash. This building was originally located on Duck Puddle Road near Galena (K-188.) It included paneling from a house in Queen Anne's County and from the Dr. Joyce House (K-206) on Still Pond Neck.

The center portion of the house is the Page-Gale house which was moved from a site near Tolchester Beach. This structure has 3 irregularly spaced bays with 6 over 6 sash windows on the second floor and 9 over 6 sash windows on the first. There are gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash in both roof slopes and brick chimneys with corbelled caps in the gables. The brick veneer is laid in Flemish bond with the same detailing--cove water table and flat arches--as the gambrel section.

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although this house contains parts of several early buildings, its design is an example of the inventiveness of a single individual rather than a representation of early Kent County architecture. The intent of the builder and current owner was to preserve fragments of historic houses which would otherwise have been lost rather than to make an accurate restoration of any particular building.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
The kitchen of the house is located in a 1½ story frame structure moved from the Elgin Farm (K-206) near Worton. It has 2 gable dormers in the roof, beaded siding, 6 over 6 sash windows, and a brick chimney. On the inside, the structural frame is exposed and the floor joints as well as the flooring are beaded.

Interior trim, chairrails, mantles, doors, paneling, and flooring were removed from houses and represent architectural detailing of the Upper Shore from about 1760 to 1860. They have been reassembled rather than restored and rooms were not designed to recreate one architectural period.

The building site included ponds which were pickling tanks from a factory and a smoke house from the old Barroll Mansion formerly located at Byford Heights in Chestertown.
Sandy Hill consists of three re-located houses, all frame, and all having recently been veneered with old brick from other old houses. See K-206 and K-188

K-206 is a one-and-one-half story structure with all exposed and beaded construction. It is connected to a two and one-half story, three bay long (two dormers) frame structure which was built near Tolchester, also in Kent County. The last portion (K-188) is a gambrel roof frame building which was located near Galena. It is still in the process of being prepared for a home. It's site is a high bank, overlooks the head waters of Stillpond Creek.
Sandy Hill - K-132

Sandy Hill consists of three re-located houses - all frame - and all having recently been veneered with old brick from other old houses.

See - K-206 and K-188

K-206 is a 1 1/2 story structure with all exposed and beaded construction - It is connected to a 2 1/2 story - 3 bay long (2 dormers) frame structure which was built near Tolchester, also in Kent County. The last portion is a gambrel roof frame building which was located near Galena.

It is still in the process of being "prepared" for a home. It's site is a high bank which overlooks the head waters of Stillpond Creek.

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