

AL-VI-A-138

McKenzie Farm, (Twigg Brick House)

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the “vertical files” at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

All material is property of the Maryland Historical Trust.

Last Updated: 12-11-2003

TWIGG BRICK HOUSE - MCKENZIE FARM

AL-VI-A-138
McKenzie Road, McKenzie
ca. 1844

The Twigg House was probably constructed in 1844 by either Moses Greenwade or Charles S. Cresap. Today the house, which is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond, is one of the largest brick farmhouses in the county. The house is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McKenzie Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Twigg Brick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

McKenzie Road

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles E. Twigg

Telephone #: 729-0574

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 6 Box 107 A

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

—x VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse'

Liber #: 470

Folio #: 230

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

The Twigg Brick House is located on McKenzie Road near McKenzie in Allegany County.

The Twigg House is a two story, five bay wide rectangular building that is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond with four to one variation. The building rests on a low stone foundation and has a gabled roof with a wide soffit. The roof has been covered with tin. Windows in the structure are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Flat sturctual arches are located above all windows. Two small six light windows are located in the gable ends. The main entrance is located on the southeast facade and features a vertically paneled door with original hardware. A single story, two bay wide addition constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond abuts the main block on the southwest facade. Windows and doors in the addition are all modern, however they have all been topped with jack arches to tone with the main block. The addition rests on a low concrete foundation with a beveled water table and has a gabled roof that has been covered with tin. A long shed roofed porch that is supported by a cement block foundation extends across the main facade. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the gable ends of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input 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

The Twigg Brick House is believed to have been built circa 1844 by either Moses Greenwade or Charles S. Cresap as a residence for his farmstead.¹ Today the large brick house is in fair condition, however, when first built the house must have been part of a large and prosperous farm. The main house is typical of rural brick architecture in the first half of the nineteenth century, in that it is very sturdy and functional. The brickhouse is laid in American Common Bond and is among the largests brick farm houses built in the county. Numerous small outbuildings are scattered around the dwelling unit, however a plan for the grounds does not seem apparent.

The house remains in fair condition and is an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in the agricultural regions of Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/19/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Twigg Brick House
Historic Name-McKenzie Farm - Delta Farm
McKenzie Road
AL-VI-A-138

Allegany County Deed: Liber 470, Folio 230
Grantee: Charles E, Twigg and Beverly his wife Date: April 19, 1974
Grantor: Daniel William Light and Charlotte his wife
Notes: 139.64 Acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 225, Folio 470
Grantee: Daniel W. Light Date: June 13, 1949
Grantor: Arthur E. Light

Allegany County Deed: Liber 154, Folio 124
Grantee: Arthur E. Light Date: August 15, 1942
Grantor: Charles Heavner and Lena his wife
Notes: Known as Delta Farm

Allegany County Deed: Liber 154, Folio 303
Grantee: Charles Heavner and wife Date: Nov. 23, 1926
Notes: 68 Acres to Biggs and 14 to B&O RR.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 105, Folio 368
Grantee: Henry O. Liller Date: December 23, 1909
Grantor: Howard Buchanan and wife Elizabeth Consideration: \$7,000.00
Notes: 223.75 Acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 104, Folio 273
Grantee: Howard Buchanan Date: February 27, 1909
Grantor: Walter J. McKenzie Consideration: \$7,000.00
Notes: 223,75 Acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 74, Folio 16
Grantee: Walter J. McKenzie Date: February 24, 1893
Grantor: Ernest McKenzie
Notes: 269.3/4 Acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 40, Folio 167
Grantee: George McKenzie Date: Sept. 22, 1873
Grantor: Joseph Dilley Consideration \$15,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 26 Folio 629
Grantee: Joseph Dilley Date: Sept. 18, 1867
Grantor: Samuel Brady (Trustee) Consideration: \$6,750.00
Notes: of Greenwade

Allegany County Deed: Liber EE, Folio 592
Grantee: Moses Greenwade Date: Sept. 30, 1844
Grantor: Charles S. Cresap Consideration: \$3,400.00
Notes: 275 Acres

FLOOR PLAN:

- (X) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side One room deep
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- (X) PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

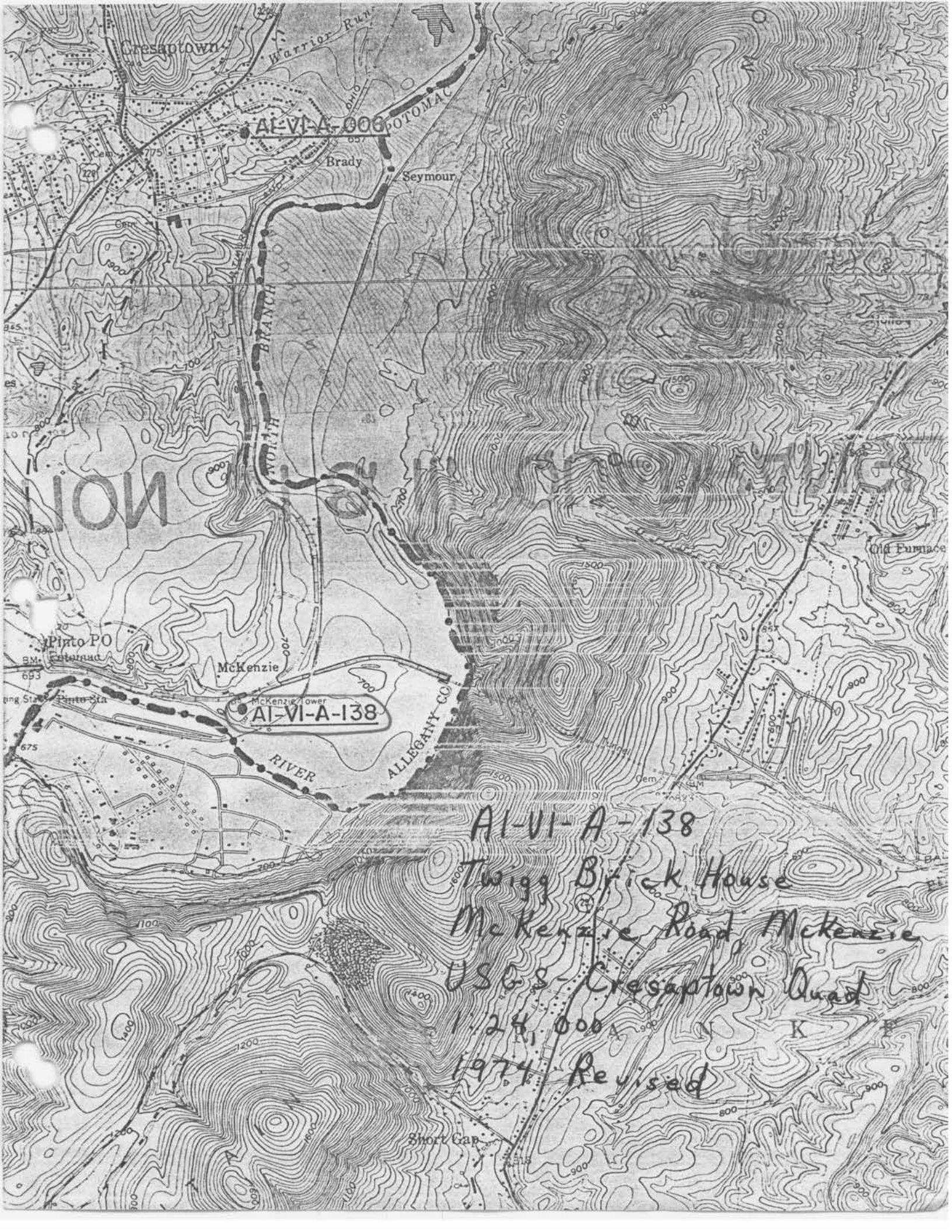
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



Cresaptown

Warrior Rvn

AI-VI-A-006

Brady

Seymour

NORTH BRANCH POTOMAC RIVER

WV

Pinto PO

McKenzie

AI-VI-A-138

McKenzie lower

ALLEGANY CO.

RIVER

AI-VI-A-138

Twigg Brick House
McKenzie Road, McKenzie

USGS - Cresaptown Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

Short Gap



A1-VI-A-138

Twiggy Brick House

McKENZIE ROAD

John E. NELSON

4/19/77

~~Section 28~~

North East



A1-VI-A-138

Twiggy Brick House

MCKENZIE ROAD

John E. NELSON

4/19/77

South



A1-VI-A-138

Twiggs Brick House

Mckenzie Road

John E. Nelson

4/19/77

north-west



A1-VI-A-138

Twiggy Brick House

McKENZIE ROAD

John E. NELSON

4/19/77

~~_____~~

North