

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Fairy Hill, Henry W. Carville Farm  
and/or common  Brampton (preferred)

**2. Location**

street & number ~~South side of Rt. 20, 2/10th mile west~~ of Airy Hill (Airport) Road n/a not for publication  
city, town Chestertown  vicinity of congressional district First  
state Maryland code 24 county Kent code 029

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Sparre  
street & number R.D. 2, Box 107  
city, town Chestertown  vicinity of state Maryland 21620

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse  
street & number  
city, town Chestertown state Maryland 21620

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date May 22, 1981  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle  
city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

Brampton is a ca. 1860 transitional Greek Revival/Italianate-influenced dwelling located near Chestertown in Kent County, Maryland. The main section of the house is constructed of brick, three stories high, with a symmetrical five-bay-wide facade and a depth of two bays. A two story frame wing, three bays wide by one bay deep, forms an ell at the rear. The entrance is located in the central bay of the principal (north) facade, and consists of double paneled doors with transom and sidelights in a crosssetted surround. A three-bay-wide porch with chamfered posts and a bracketed cornice (probably a late-19th-century renovation) shelters the entrance. All first-floor windows are floor-to-ceiling 6/9 sash; second-story windows are 6/6 with bold bracketed cornices; the third story is lighted by smaller 6/6 windows in plain surrounds. The shallow-pitched, metal-clad gable roof is detailed with a bracketed cornice and a shallow cross-gable above the central bay. Interior chimneys rise from either gable end. The building's interior is organized in a center-hall plan, and retains all its original trim and finishes in pristine condition, including walnut doors, moldings, slate fireplace surrounds, plaster ceiling medallions, and three-story spiral stair.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Brampton is a large ca. 1860 transitional Greek Revival/Italianate-influenced dwelling located on the south side of Maryland Route 20 near Chestertown in Kent County, Maryland. The main block of the house, which faces north, is of brick construction, three stories high, five bays wide and two bays deep. The entrance is located in the central bay of the north facade, and consists of double doors, each with two raised and molded panels, and a 7-light transom and 4-pane sidelights in a crosssetted surround. Two floor-to-ceiling 6/9 windows flank the entrance on either side. On the second story, five 6/6 windows with bold bracketed cornices are aligned above the first-floor openings. (Evidence suggests that similar cornices once graced the first-story windows.) On the third floor, slightly lower 6/6 sash appear above the second-story windows. Louvered shutters on all levels are probably replacements. The building has a shallow-pitched gable roof, clad in standing-seam metal and detailed with a bracketed cornice and a shallow cross-gable above the central bay. A one-story porch, with chamfered posts and bracketed cornice, spans the three central bays; this porch may represent a late 19th century addition.

The two gable end elevations are identical to each other, two bays wide, with windows on each floor matching those on the front facade. An interior chimney rises from each gable end.

At the intersection of the roof ridge and the front-facing cross gable, a platform formerly held a lantern or cupola.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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** ca. 1860 **Builder/Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)** Applicable Criterion: C

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Brampton is significant for its architecture, as a virtually unaltered example of the transitional Greek Revival Italianate style as expressed in a formal dwelling on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This type of structure is uncommon in the rural agricultural contexts of the Eastern Shore. Important features include the formal symmetry and refined proportions of the large, vertical brick structure; fine masonry construction; ornate bracketed cornice and window hoods; and elegant interior.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The brick main section of the house is believed to date to ca. 1860, based on architectural and documentary evidence and local tradition. The probable owner/builder was Henry W. Carville, whose name is associated with the property on the 1877 Kent County Atlas. Carville was known in the County as a gentleman farmer; he and his wife raised fruit trees on the property. Carville acquired a great deal of land in the County, but finally was forced to sell much of it, including Fairy Hill, to settle his debts. A local Democrat, he was not an active politician or civic leader, but did serve as vestryman to St. Paul's Parish, Kent.

Harrison W. Vickers purchased the property in 1896. There is no record that Vickers ever occupied the house; his family resided at a town house in Chestertown and at Laurentum, Vickers' Gothic mansion near the junction of Route 20 and the present Flatland Road. Vickers, an attorney, served as State's Attorney for Kent County from 1875 to 1883, and was a Visitor and Governor of Washington College in Chestertown.

Upon Vickers' death in 1911, the property passed to his wife, Jennie B. Y. Vickers. Dr. Frank B. Hines acquired the property from Mrs. Vickers' estate in 1934, by which time the house had fallen into disrepair. Hines served as Commander of the First National Guard Unit of Kent County, instructing in first aid and wound care. He was abroad during World War I with the Kent Medical Unit, part of Maryland's 29th Infantry Division, AEF.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Usilton, Wm. B., History of Kent County, Chestertown, MD.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Approximately 4.3 acres

Quadrangle name Chestertown, MD.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	1 8	4 0 5 4 2 0	4 3 4 0 6 5 0
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation Sheet #2

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Kathleen B. White		
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organization		date	October 1982
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street & number	107 South Mill Street	telephone	301-778-2363
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city or town	Chestertown	state	Maryland 21620
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# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature	<i>J. White</i>	date	6-30-83
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title	STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER	date	
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For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<i>J. Wilson Byers</i>	Entered in the National Register date 8/4/83
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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Kent County, Maryland

GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

A two-story frame wing extends to the rear, at the southeast corner of the building. This wing - possibly once an independent structure of somewhat earlier date - is three bays wide by one bay deep, clad in narrow weatherboards. A one-story enclosed entry porch across the central bay of the east facade is a mid-20th-century alteration, replacing the original formal entrance with transom and sidelights shown in photographs taken in 1936 in possession of the owners. Above the entrance is a tripartite window consisting of a 6/6 sash flanked by vertical 2/2 elements. The outlying bays hold 6/6 sash on both stories. At the rear of the ell, a one-bay two-story porch abuts the main house; this porch has been enclosed post-1936. The 1936 photographs also depict a lower and narrower two-bay gable-roofed frame section, with exterior brick chimney, against the south end of the ell; this section has vanished. The ell has a shallow, hipped roof with a bracketed cornice; a chimney rises from the ridge between the central and southern bays.

The interior of the main block remains essentially unaltered, retaining almost all its original plan, finishes, and ornament. The building exhibits a center-hall plan, with one room on either side. The principal stair is of the open-string type, with elaborate scrolled stair brackets, and rises in three curving flights from the entrance hallway. A heavy turned walnut newel post with an octagonal base and carved acanthus and rope motifs anchors the stair; its general shape is echoed by the turned walnut balusters, two per step, which support the heavy walnut handrail.

Door and window trim and baseboards throughout the main block are of walnut with complex molding profiles. Doors are also of walnut, with four panels defined by Greek-ogee-and-bevel molding. Slate mantel with round-headed openings appears in each first- and second-floor room; those on the first floor feature carved pilasters, and the living room mantel has a carved cartouche-like central element. Interior walls are finished in plaster; first floor rooms have cornices consisting of a large cyma reversa above a cove molding, and elaborate floral ceiling medallions of plaster.

A frame garage and adjacent tool shed are located behind the house; these outbuildings do not contribute to the significance of the property.

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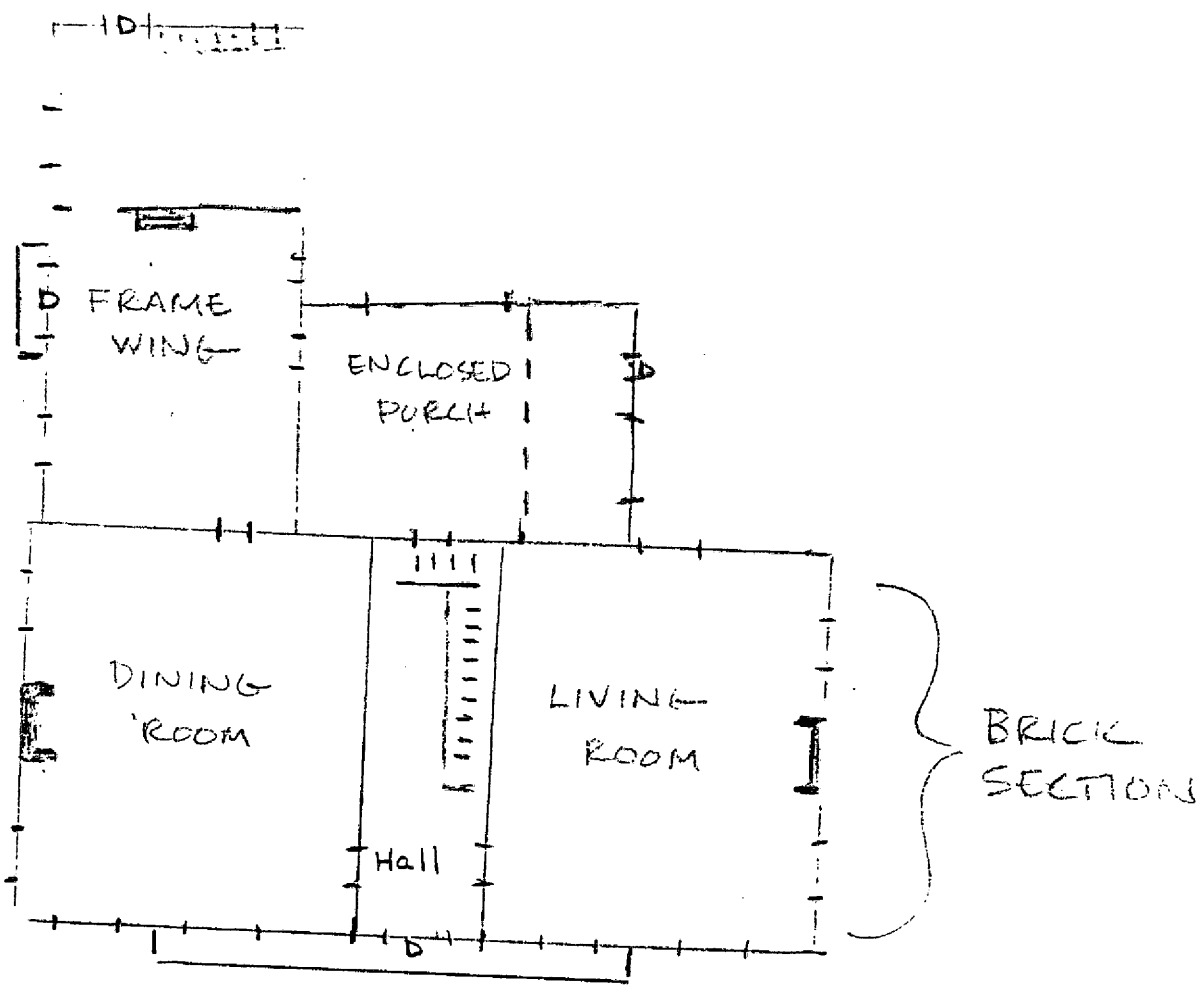
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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundaries of the nominated property are shown on the attached plat.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The 4.3 acres included in this nomination were selected from the surrounding open agricultural land as the minimum property necessary to encompass the house and convey its historic setting. As indicated on the attached plat, boundaries were determined primarily by the visual and physical barriers of a line of trees on the west and a line of utility poles on the east; the nominated acreage was also intended to maintain the historic relationship of the house to Maryland Route 20 on the north.



SKETCH PLAN  
 1st Floor  
 not to Scale

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sparve  
 Rt. 20, W of Chestertown, Md.  
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