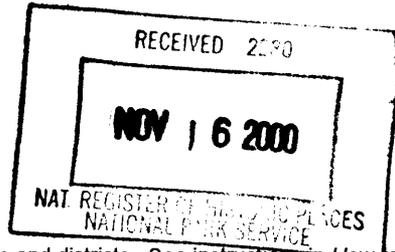


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word process, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Collins, Jackson, House  
other names QA-257

2. Location

street & number 201 South Commerce Street  not for publication  
city or town Centreville  vicinity  
state MD code MD County Queen Anne's code 035 zip code 21617

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

11-14-00  
Date

Signature of certifying office/Title

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying office/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
  - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.
  - See continuation sheet.
- Determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper  
Edson H. Beall  
Date of Action 12/13/00

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		Buildings
		Sites
		Structures
		Objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

**number of contributing resource previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne  
LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK  
walls BRICK  
roof ASPHALT  
other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- B Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity erity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property as yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

**Area of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1886-87  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1886  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

**Previous documentation on files (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet) Centreville, MD quad

1	1 8 Zone	4 0 7 7 0 0 Easting	4 3 2 1 8 1 0 Northing	3			
2				4			

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title S. Ray Buckingham  
organization Owner date May, 2000  
street & number 201 South Commerce St. telephone 410-758-2156  
city or town Centreville state Maryland zip code 21617

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**Paperwork Reduction Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et. seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The Jackson Collins House is a large 2-1/2-story hip-roofed brick dwelling constructed ca. 1886-87 in a prominent location on a major thoroughfare in Centreville, seat of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The house exhibits Victorian eclecticism in its combination of elements from various popular styles applied to a traditional center-passage, single-pile floor plan. It retains a high degree of integrity, and exhibits refined detailing and careful craftsmanship typical of superior buildings of the period in the region.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Jackson Collins House is located on the east side of South Commerce Street, one of the main streets in Centreville. Constructed of pressed brick laid in common bond, the house stands 2-1/2 stories high and three bays wide, with a full-height ell extending to the rear. The hipped roof, originally clad in slate, is now covered in asphalt shingles. The entrance is located in the central bay of the east façade, comprising a paneled door flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom. The entrance bay breaks forward and rises to become a tower. The uppermost stage of the tower is lighted by a semicircular-arched 2/2 window, and is capped with a pyramidal roof above a bracketed cornice. The flanking bays, which also break slightly forward of the façade plane, hold large paired 1/1 windows on the ground floor, with 2/2 windows above, and dormers above small brick panels at the attic level. A porch spans the façade, supported on Tuscan columns. Windows throughout are set in segmental-arched openings and fitted with original louvered shutters. A two-story polygonal bay appears at the south end of the main block. A two-story frame porch is located on the south elevation of the ell.

The interior is organized in a single-pile, center-passage plan. Along the southern wall of the broad passage rises a gentle stair which features decorated step-ends, turned balusters, and an ornate Italianate newel with an original gas lamp. The parlor, located to the south of the passage, features an original marbleized slate mantel. The front room to the north has a white marble mantel (of the period, but not original to the house). The dining room is located in the ell behind the north room, with the kitchen and back stair located beyond it. Interior decorative detailing remains virtually intact throughout the house, including doors and hardware, complex molded architrave trim and baseboards.

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## SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Jackson Collins House is significant under Criterion C as one of the finest examples of residential architecture of the Victorian period in Queen Anne's County. Built in 1886-87, the building exemplifies the eclecticism of the period. Its irregular massing, multiple roof forms, and ornate brickwork are associated with the Queen Anne style, while other exterior and interior decorative features reflect Italianate influence. Its basic form and plan, however, are clearly related to the traditional vernacular architecture of the Eastern Shore region.

## RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

The following information was prepared by Orlando Ridout V based on his fieldwork and research, and is taken verbatim from Michael Bourne et al., eds., Architecture and Change in the Chesapeake, the tour guidebook for the 1998 conference of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, in which the Collins House was featured (see Section 9 for complete citation).

The brick house known as the Jackson Collins House was built ca. 1886-87 on part of Lot 11 North of the original plat for the town of Centreville. It seems likely that the house was built by Aaron Arlett to replace a story-and-a-half house that appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of 1885. In August 1888, the property was purchased by John W. Perry, a local businessman. The purchase price of \$3262.00 indicates a substantial and valuable house was already standing on the property, and it seems likely that Arlett overextended himself and was forced to sell the house, possibly even before it was completed. The 1891 Sanborn map indicates the house was complete by that date, but Perry only lived here a little more than a decade before his death. It is useful to note that the decorative brick panels on the front façade of this house are also incorporated into the front of a small commercial building Perry built on Water Street in 1895. The brick house and lot passed to Zadock Collins in 1913 and remained in that family until recently. Jackson Collins, for whom the house is popularly named, occupied the property until his death in 1978; his widow, Elizabeth Harper Collins, died in 1990, and the house passed to S. Ray Buckingham and Dora Q. Buckingham in 1992. It has been carefully restored by the present owners over a four-year period.

The Collins House is typical of many refined Victorian houses on the Eastern Shore in that the stylistic trappings of the Victorian period have been incorporated into a traditional house form based on a center-passage, single-pile plan with additional bed chambers and service wing to the rear. This familiar form has been disguised somewhat by breaking the front elevation up into several different planes. The center bay breaks forward and is carried up three full stories in front to create a central tower topped by a turret-like chamber at garret level; the flanking window bays also project forward from the plane of the main elevation and are topped with ornamental dormers that rest on low brick plinths with shallow, recessed panels. A two-story, semi-octagonal window bay projects in similar fashion on the center of the south elevation, while the rear wing is tucked into the northeast corner of the rear elevation.

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The result is a bright and airy center-passage plan with public rooms flanking the passage and a refined dining room tucked in behind the front room on the north side. A secondary stair and service passage behind the dining room provide a buffer between the public part of the house and the kitchen to the rear, and permit discrete access to the bed chambers on the upper floors. The interior remains almost entirely original with the exception of the modern kitchen, period lighting fixtures, and the two first floor mantels. The marbled slate mantel in the parlor is original to the house; the more elaborate Italian marble mantel (dated 1883 on the back) in the drawing room and the mahogany mantel in the dining room were purchased in Philadelphia and installed during the recent restoration. Also noteworthy is the original gas newel lamp at the foot of the staircase. The open section of the porch to the south was restored on the basis of original piers and paint ghosts. An iron fence fronting the property is a modern reproduction by the Krug Iron Works of Baltimore, an important manufacturer of ironwork since the early nineteenth century.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References:

Bourne, Michael, Orlando Ridout V, Paul Touart, and Donna Ware. Architecture and Change in the Chesapeake: A Field Tour of the Eastern and Western Shores. Annapolis: The Vernacular Architecture Forum and Maryland Historical Trust Press, 1998.

## 10. Geographical Data:

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is shown as Parcel 702 on Queen Anne's County Tax Map 301. A plat indicating metes and bounds is recorded among the Land Records of Queen Anne's County in Liber 389, folio 932.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property, 0.856 acre, comprises the land historically associated with the resource, and encompasses the house within its immediate setting.