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The Glebe of Hungar's Parish is a brick, one-and-a-half story structure with gable roof, dormers, and two interior end chimneys. The brick is laid in Flemish bond with English bond below the water table, and there is extensive use of glazed headers; flat arches span the openings on the five-bay east front. Since the eaves line is lower on the west front than on the east, the possibility exists that the present structure incorporates an older one. This theory is substantiated by the lower level of the northeast room. The central stair hall is flanked by two rooms on each side, all four having corner chimneys. The stair has three turned balusters to a treader and two landings. Many of the doors are original, and all the doorways on the first level have paneled reveals. The northeast room retains its fireplace framings while the northwest room is complete with cornice, paneled dado and paneled chimney breast; only the immediate framing around the opening is gone. The two south rooms have little original paneling.



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In 1638 Stephen Charlton, prosperous trader, merchant and planter who came to Virginia sometime between 1623 and 1633, patented one thousand acres of land on the Eastern Shore. He patented five hundred additional acres adjacent to the first patent in 1641. By his will, dated 1654, his property was to descend to his wife for the remainder of her life, thence to his daughter Bridgett and her heirs. If his daughter died without issue, the land was to be given to the parish for use as a glebe. This, in fact, did occur in 1704, and the Charlton lands were acquired by Hungar's Parish which had merged with Nassawattocks Parish in 1691.

The date of the existing glebe house, which is located on the land originally patented by Charlton, is uncertain. It is known that Charlton was erecting a new dwelling for himself in 1643, but whether this is the house is questionable. In 1745 an Act of Assembly authorized three vestrymen to sell the old glebe, "put the money into slaves to be used on the Charlton Glebe," and "to build Glebe Houses," so that it is possible that this is the date of the present house.

However, repairs were made to the Glebe House in 1758, 1762, and again in 1768 which hardly seems likely to have been necessary if it were a new house. But because there is no concrete proof, the date of the Glebe is variously placed between 1643 and 1745. It is certainly possible that the seventeenth-century home of Stephen Charlton is incorporated in the present house. In any case this structure, which was the official residence of the ministers of Hungar's Parish from 1745 until 1850, is notable for its exceptionally fine brickwork and its almost complete room of eighteenthcentury paneling.



