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Handsell, an architecturally significant brick 18th century structure, derives its name from the original land grant laid out for the Proprietary in 1665. Located on the Nanticoke River and Chicone Creek north of Vienna, Dorchester County, the house which stands today was built on a Native American Chicone Village site.

The house at Handsell with two acres and a right-of-way to the Chicone Creek were recently purchased by David and Carol Lewis from the Webb family, who realized the historical benefit in having the house restored. The Webb family has also placed the entire 1,400 acres surrounding the house in Rural Legacy Conservation Easement. Recognizing the long history of this rare property, the Lewis' are selling Handsell house (with support from the Webb family) to the newly formed Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to preserving Handsell house for future generations to study and explore the rich history of the land, the river and the people of this place.