

Taschenberger Farmhouse
AL-111-B-151
Oldtown Road
ca. 1890's

This farmhouse is located east of Cumberland near North Branch. The farm has been a productive one in the fertile lands along the Potomac River. The prosperity of the farm is reflected in the decorative features and ample size of the house. These features include decoratively pedimented windows and doors and a fine slate roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Tashenberger Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Oldtown Road

CITY, TOWN

North Branch

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

X __BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

X __PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X __OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

X __PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ernest Taschenberger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6309 Fair Oaks Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21214

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

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

AC III-B-151

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Tashenberger Farmhouse is located south of Oldtown Road near North Branch.

This farmhouse is a "T" shaped structure two and one half stories tall and five bays wide on the east. Wall construction is frame with germansiding. The building rests on a high foundation of rock faced ashlar stone with raised joints and a plain water table. Eaves consist of a cornice, bedmould and frieze. The gable flank roof is covered with slate shingles, including a band of diamon shaped shingles. The three gable ends have a shallow triangular pediment covered with imbricated shingles, with pedimented double windows.

Wall features include cornerboards. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located on the interior and inside end. The decoratively pedimented main entrance in the center of the eastern facade has light original hardware, and a two light transom. Pegged, two over two light windows have fluted jambs and wooden lugsills. Windows on the second story are capped by the continuous frieze. Other windows have a decorative pediment.

A hip roofed wraparound veranda has capped square posts. A hip roofed porch on the west has decoratively cut and bracketed posts.

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Taschenberger Farmhouse is located in the Spring Gap region of Allegany County. Many people in this area are farmers. The Mason Davis Dairy Farm is within a half-mile of the Taschenberger farm.

Farming "was neither easy or prosperous", particularly in eastern Allegany County where "the rocky, hilly terrain and submarginal soil make this a risky undertaking at best."⁽¹⁾ There was no other major industry in small communities like Spring Gap, so most people relied on farming to make a living.

The Taschenberger Farmhouse is in original condition and it stands as a reminder of the way of life experienced by farmers in eastern Allegany County.

(1) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County- A History (Parsons W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) P-312-313

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry et al. Allegheny County- A History (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing Co.) 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 142.09 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland

STATE Maryland 21502

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-111-B-151

DATE: 9/12/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Taschenberger Farmhouse

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: South of Rt 51

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Earnest Taschenberger

ADDRESS: 6309 Fair Oaks Ave
Baltimore

STORIES: 1() 2($\frac{1}{2}$) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) T

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 - () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
 - () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 - () LOG
 - () OTHER: Coverings
- german siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone rock faced ashlar raised joints

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: capped by frieze on second floor
1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() wood lugsills
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() fluted panes

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center East
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN two light transom
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: gable ends shallow triangular pediment w/ imbricated shingles
Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin. asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() wrap around veranda

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() capped sq. posts original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: hip on west deco cut Bracketed posts

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

78°45'
39°37'30"

694000m E

CUMBERLAND (JUNC. U.S. 40) 2.6 MI

2 220 000 FEET (W. VA.)

TWIGGTOWN 3.7 MI
42°30'

526J
(EVITTS)

410 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

4388000m N

4387

4386

4384



NE
CUMBERLAND

CUMBERLAND (JUNC. U.S. 40) 2.6 MI

WESTERN

CHESAPEAKE

NORTH BRANCH

FRANKFORT

North Branch

AL-III-B-151
Taschenberger Farmhouse
South of Route 51
Cumberland Co.

U.S.G.S. Patterson Creek Quad
24000
1974 Revised

HOLLOW MOUNTAIN
RIDGE

COLLIER

WILDCAT
HOLLOW

Run

BRUCE
HOLLOW

MART



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