

Exemption

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-910

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic POPLAR KNOWLE FARM TENANT HOUSE #2

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4651 Muddy Creek Road not for publication

city, town Galesville vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eric J. Steinlein

street & number Benning Road telephone no.:

city, town Galesville state and zip code MD 20765

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Registry of Deeds liber 3300

street & number folio 748

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date federal state county local

depository for survey records MD Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The main block of Poplar Knowle Farm Tenant House #2 resembles Poplar Knowle Farm Tenant House #1 in overall design and scale, though its room sizes are slightly more generous. It is a two-story side-gabled frame house. The interior was not surveyed, however it appears to be two rooms wide and one room deep, with the front entrance in the lefthand (NE) room, and the rear entrance in the righthand (SW) room. Also in the SW room are the stove chimney and the stairway which rises along the west wall just inside the front window. As at Poplar Knowle #1, the roof pitch is moderately steep, and the windows are six over six.

Neither the asphalt roof shingles nor the wood shingle siding appears to be original. The house rests on piers. There is a one-story two-room kitchen addition at the rear and a more recent one-story shed addition to the northeast (probably a bathroom).

8. Significance

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

In 1877 Henry Murray bought the Tulip Hill Farm with its magnificent Georgian manor house constructed in 1752. In 1906 Henry's widow sold the house with 54 acres, saving 150 acres of land for her son Robert. The parcel she sold was a long narrow strip of land which extended from Muddy Creek Road to Tenthouse Creek and provided the Tulip Hill residence with an alleyway to the water. The land she gave to Robert was divided on both sides of this alleyway, a small 15-acre parcel to the south and the rest to the north. He immediately began improving his property which he named Poplar Knowle. On the northern portion he built his residence, also several barns and two tenant houses, including Poplar Knowle Farm Tenant House #1 (AA-908). On the southern portion, sometime after 1906, he built Poplar Knowle Farm Tenant House #2.

According to oral informant Robert Foote, Jr., the Luther Johnson family was living in Poplar Knowle Tenant House #2 before 1926. In 1926 Robert Foote, Jr. and his parents Robert and Eliza Foote moved into Poplar Knowle Tenant House #2 and lived there until 1942. From c. 1946 to 1980 George and Lavinia Green were the last black family to occupy the house. In 1980, Poplar Knowle Tenant House #2 and 15 acres, including the old Galloway family cemetery (burial site of descendants of Samuel Galloway, builder of Tulip Hill), were purchased from the Estate of Henry Murray, son of Robert Murray, by Eric Steinlein. The house is currently rented to tenants.

Cartographic analysis:
The 1878 G.M.Hopkins Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Md., prepared one year after the first Henry Murray purchased Tulip Hill, shows the main Tulip Hill residence and, slightly to the south but still part of the Tulip Hill Farm complex, three houses in the vicinity of Poplar Knowle Tenant House #2. No doubt these were leftover slave housing dating from the Hughes family, the previous owners of Tulip Hill. (Ann Hughes, widow, was listed in the Anne Arundel Co. Slave Statistics of 1864 as the owner of 44 slaves.) Apparently these houses were abandoned by Murray for they had disappeared by the time the 1906 USGS Map was prepared. Robert Murray built Poplar Knowle Tenant House #2 on the approximate site of one of these earlier slave quarters.



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Poplar Knowle Farm Tenant Hse #2

Q-Q. Co., MD

S. Wetherill, 3/85

North Corner



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POPLAR KNOWLE FARM TENANT HSE. #2

A. A. Co., Ind.

S. Wetherill, 3/85

South Corner, rear



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POPLAR KNOWLE TENANT HOUSE # 2

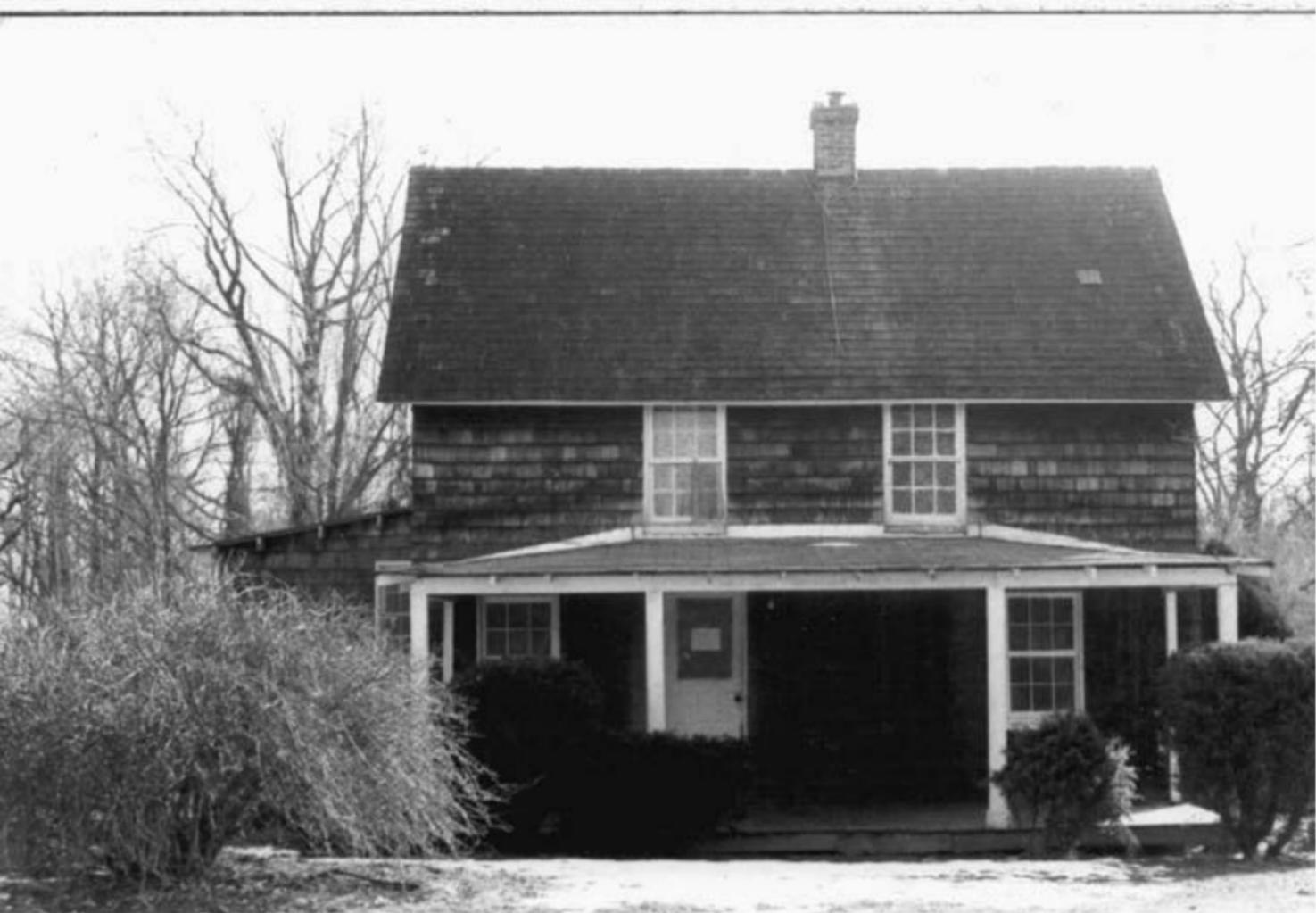
~~ROLL # 10~~

~~FRAME 1~~

A.A. Co., Md.

S. Wetherill, 3/85

South corner, rear



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POPLAR KNOWLE FARM TENANT HSE. # 2
~~ROLL # 3~~
~~FRAME 3~~

Anne Arundel Co., Md.
S. Wetherill, 1/85
facade, NW elevation