

Walter Cox Farm
CT-213
Spears Road
Huntingtown, Calvert County
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ADDENDUM

Section 7. DESCRIPTION

The two-story farmhouse, tobacco barn, and one-story plank slave quarters described on the inventory form are no longer standing. A number of outbuildings were identified but not documented. Located in the former farmyard southeast of the dwelling site are a tractor shed, chicken house, and meat house. Lying down hill to the southwest is a barn. These buildings were photographed in 2007 and the digital images are contained in the documentation for CT-1314, Ponds Wood Road Community. A tenant house on the property was not recorded in the earlier survey, but also has been documented as part of CT-1314.

The meat house and chicken house were likely constructed circa 1900-1930. The side-gable chicken house is clad with board and batten wood siding painted red. The sill rests on concrete piers, and the roof is of standing-seam metal. The structure has three walls; the fourth "wall" on the north is provided by the tractor shed/garage which the chicken house adjoins. This indicates the chicken house may have been moved to its present location after construction of the tractor shed. The interior of the chicken house consists of two rooms; with the room on the north approximately double the size of the room on the south. On the west (front) façade, there are two fixed light windows and a door in the north section, and a door in the south section. The front-gable meat house, southwest of the chicken house, is clad in vertical wood siding, painted red. The roof is of standing-seam metal, and the sill rests on large sandstone rocks. The interior plan is a single room.

Located north of the chicken house is a tractor shed which appears to have been constructed in the first half of the twentieth century. The three-bay shed is open on the west. It is clad with vertical wood siding and its shed roof is covered with sheets of standing-seam metal. The sill rests on concrete block piers. There is a gasoline pump just inside the first bay on the left. The tractor shed is used for storage by the present owner. To the north of the tractor shed is a small shed constructed of concrete block. Down the hill to the southwest is another noncontributing building, a large equipment shed constructed in the 1970s according to the present owner.

Like the tractor shed, the cattle barn also appears to have been constructed in the first half of the twentieth century, with a later shed addition on the east. This addition also dates from the 1970s. The gable-roof barn is oriented on a northeast-southwest axis with an overall measurement of approximately 52 x 60 feet. The barn is clad in vertical wood siding which has peeling red paint. It has a roof covered with standing seam metal.

The original (western) section of the barn is built into the slope. This section is divided into two areas with the larger area open on the west for access by cattle. There are five bays in the cattle area; the far left bay is enclosed with board and batten siding. The floor is partially paved with concrete. East of this section is the portion of the original barn used for large farm equipment, which is accessed through large double doors parallel to the gable. A low cinder block wall divides the original barn with the 1970s addition. The barn is currently used for storage.

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WALTER COX FARM , Spears Road

Huntingtown mid 19th century and c. 1900

Private

A turn-of-the-century two-story frame cross-gable farmhouse, a tobacco barn with a steeply pitched roof and one wall of riven clapboards, and a one-story plank slave quarters compose this farm. The last-named building resembles CT-257, Plank House, in plan and construction.