

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-103

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Wier-Rakes House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Barnes Corner Road just east of Tome Highway  
CITY, TOWN  
Rising Sun  
STATE  
Maryland  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1  
VICINITY OF  
COUNTY  
Cecil

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Earl Rakes Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
6 Barnes Corner Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Colora  
STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21917  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Clerk of the circuit Court  
STREET & NUMBER  
Cecil County courthouse  
CITY, TOWN  
Elkton  
STATE  
Maryland  
Liber #: WAS 340  
Folio #: 850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION****CHECK ONE****CHECK ONE**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Wier-Rakes House c. 1870 is a 2½ story three bay by one room center hall frame house with two story T kitchen to the north. The house faces south and Barnes Corner Road. The primary gable runs east/west. The structure stands immediately east of the Jacob Tome Highway.

The aluminum sided frame rests on a full fieldstone foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched slate roof with central cross gable. The rear kitchen wing is slightly shorter and four bays across by one room deep with shed additions on either side.

The south (main) elevation is three bays across with a central entrance and single light transom. The door is partially glazed. The central bay is flanked by 4/4 sash windows with louvered shutters. A shed roof front porch is supported by tuscan columns set on rusticated granite plinths. The second floor is illuminated by three 4/4 sash and the cross gable has a 2/2 Gothic arch sash.

The gable ends are similar with two 4/4 sash on each floor and two 2/2 attic lights that flank the interior end brick stove stacks. The brick stacks are corbeled.

The north side is dominated by the T kitchen and its shed additions. The detailing remains primarily the same. Access to the kitchen wing is gained by an east side entrance from the shed porch. The roof is supported by square posts.

The north end is basically plain with a single kitchen door and two 2/2 attic sash that flank the interior end brick stove stack.

The interior has not been altered significantly. A central stair rises to the second floor. The east parlor has remained untouched with its late 19th century wallpaper, chandler, molded plaster cornice and late 19th century woodwork. The mantel has detached columns and a molded cornice. The woodwork has been grained and has remained that way. The door and window surrounds are molded. The rear wing has an enclosed stair between the two rooms and plain surrounds. Four pane doors have not been grained. Two 19th century wagon sheds and a frame single story frame barn stands north of the main house and are sheathed with vertical siding.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" 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**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This is another example of the wide usage of this form in Cecil County. The remaining wall paper and interior finishes are unusual survivals. Mrs. Wier owned this house in 1877.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County committee

DATE

11/10/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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WIER-RAIKES HOUSE

NR WEST HOTTINGHAM

NORTH ELEVATION

1980 PBT

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