

Briscoe's Purchase
CH-699
Wicomico
Private

C. 1835; 1900

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Briscoe's Purchase is significant as one of a dwindling number of 1 ½ story early 19th century dwellings to survive in Charles County. In 1835, the property of William Turner, lying in both St. Mary's and Charles County was divided between his daughters Eliza Ann Turner and Eleanor Jane Posey. Harrison Posey and his wife Eleanor Jane, likely seated the property shortly afterwards. The farm remained in the Posey family until the early 20th century.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Briscoe's Purchase is a two-part frame dwelling standing on a 257 acre parcel near the St. Mary's County line. The earliest portion of the dwelling, believed to be constructed around 1835, is 1 1/2 stories in height, three bays in width and includes two large exterior chimneys on one of the gable ends. Attached to the opposite gable end is two story, two bay frame addition, likely dating from the turn of the 20th century. One of the building's most distinctive feature is the pair of chimneys on east wall. A row of huge mulberry trees define the yard. Nearby is a corncrib dating from the turn of the 20th century.

Some time in the 20th century the entire structure was reclad. Asphalt shingles were put on the roof and a shed roof porch was extended the entire length of the façade. Also a shed roof dormer was cut from the original roofline and now holds a row of three windows. The chimney is laid with 1:7 American bond. Each chimney stack has a single stepped shoulder on the exterior end. Between the stacks is a frame pent doorway.

The interior was not available for study at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	c. 1800	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1800		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Briscoe's Purchase is significant as one of a dwindling number of 1 1/2 story early 19th century dwellings to survive in Charles County. In 1835, the property of William Turner, lying in both St. Mary's and Charles County was divided between Eliza Ann Turner and Eleanor Jane Posey, probably Turner's daughters. Formerly, the farm belonged to Samuel Briscoe. By 1816 Briscoe had died and this property was sold by a decree to William Jones. Jones abruptly sold part of the property to William Turner who soon acquired the remaining acreage from Edmund Key, who was assigned the settlement of the Briscoe estate. The Turner family owned land in the vicinity of Budds Creek adjoining the Briscoe farm.

Harrison Posey and his wife Eleanor Jane, likely seated the property shortly afterwards constructing a 1 1/2 story frame, double pile structure heated with two massive exterior chimneys with a pent between. The farm remained in the Posey family throughout the 19th century. It was inherited by Harrison Posey's three children John W. Posey, Emily Estelle Posey and Julia E.B. Posey. Emily and Julia sold their interests to J. Margaret Posey, the wife of John Posey in 1892. By 1905 both John and J. Margaret Posey had died and Addie Burroughs became the heir at law. Addie resided there until at least 1915 after which time the property was sold a number of times before entering into the Long family's possession in the 1940's.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 of 257

Acreage of historical setting 258

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

This property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 75, Parcel 15.

11. Form Prepared By

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Chain of title:

- March 23, 1990 Alice G. Long to James Judson Long, Jr. 1/3 interest
2nd "John Posey Farm." 256 acres
526:072
- February 23, 1977 James Judson Long, Sr. estate divided: 2/3 to James Judson Long Jr., 1/3 to
Alice G. Long, widow.
507:64
- February 2, 1965 Mary E. Long, widow to Judson and Alice G. Long
173:389
- April 17, 1944 Raphael H. and Rose A. Martin to Samuel C. and Mary Effie Long.
80:30
- September 16, 1941 Benjamin P. Simpson, heirs to Raphael H. and Rose A. Martin.
First mention of "John Posey Farm"
75:55
- September 19, 1919 Walter A. Gebhart and wife of Baltimore City to Benjamin P. Simpson.
Lying near the village of Wicomico, "Part of Briscoe's Purchase."
35:305
- June 12, 1915 William B. and Annie L. Burroughs to Walter A. Gebhart
Part of Briscoe's Purchase 258 acres, where Addie Burroughs now resides.
28:414
- November 8, 1905 John W. Posey to Addie Burroughs, sole heir at law of J. Margaret Posey
16:549
- June 13, 1892 Harrison Posey heirs to 2/3 interest to J. Margaret Posey
JST 5:54
- May 30, 1835 Division of property lying in both Charles and St. Mary's County between heirs.
Harrison Posey acquires land in Charles County which was deeded by
appointment of the Chandler of Maryland by Edward Key, Esq to William
Turner in 1816 IB 11 317. Harrison Posey married Eleanor Jane Turner.
JB 21:499

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Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

27°30"

CH- 699 Charles County, MD
Name: BRISCOE'S PURCHASE
Location: BUDDS CREEK
Quad: CHARLOTTE HALL



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5660 IV NW
(POPES CREEK)

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NEWPORT 2 MI.



BM 40
Dyson Bridge

Trinity Ch

BM 163

BM 160

BM 138

BM 153

BM 43

Ryceville

Substation

Wicomico

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Creek
ST. MARKS

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CHARLES CO. MD
C. CURREY

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