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Trice's Chance  
Hurlock vicinity  
Private  
1918

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Trice family occupation of this farm dates to the early eighteenth century, and due to its uninterrupted ownership has been designated as one of the few officially recognized bicentennial farms in Dorchester County. While the ownership can be traced back to 1732, the extant farmhouse was erected in 1918 after fire destroyed the older early to mid nineteenth century farm dwelling. The two-and-a-half story four-square style house was erected during the occupancy of M. Guy Trice, who acquired the farm in 1911. After the death of Lillie M. Trice in 1975, the property passed to Otis M. Trice, Norman L. Trice, Evelyn V. Trice, and Paul C. Trice.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-777

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Trice's Chance

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 4440 Blinkhorn Road not for publication

city, town Hurlock vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name John Trice

street and number 4440 Blinkhorn Road telephone 410-943-8356

city, town Hurlock state MD zip code 21613

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 255 folio 852

city, town Cambridge tax map 5 tax parcel 59 tax ID number 15-010487

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				_____	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

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

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

"Trice's Chance" is the name of a 220-acre farm located on the north side of Blinkhorn Road northwest of Hurlock, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story four-square style farmhouse, built in 1918, is designated at 4440 Blinkhorn Road, and the house stands at the end of a farm lane along with a group of early to mid twentieth century farm buildings. The house faces south with the ridge of the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis. The house is supported by a partially excavated rusticated block foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof, extended by a gable roofed pavilion on the east side, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story shed roofed addition with an enclosed single story porch.

### COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

The Trice's Chance farmhouse, built in 1918, is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, four-square frame house built atop a rusticated concrete block foundation and sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. One elevation, the west façade, has been covered with vinyl. The steeply pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story shed roofed wing.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a side entrance and two single-pane sash windows to the east. The door is partially glazed and trimmed with a molded lintel. The adjacent window frames have molded lintels as well. Stretching across the front of the house and extending around its east side is a single-story Tuscan columned porch. The second floor is lighted by three single-pane sash windows, and the south slope of the hip roof is marked by a hip roofed dormer fitted with a paired unit of one-over-one sash windows. The base of the hip roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising through the center of the house are single flue brick stove chimneys.

The east side elevation is marked by an off-center two-story, three-sided gable roofed pavilion, which is pierced on each floor by single-pane sash windows. There is a partially glazed side entrance in the south facing side of the pavilion that opens onto the porch. The west elevation is an asymmetrical elevation with one-over-one sash lighting the second floor, and a small squarish window lighting the stairwell. The north side of the main block is largely covered by a two-story shed roofed wing featuring a single-story enclosed porch.

The interior has survived with portions of its early twentieth century woodwork including a yellow pine door trim and staircase. The staircase is typical of the period with a large square proportioned newel post, molded handrail and square balusters. The parlor has been modified with the removal of the mantel and the installation of a stove insert.

# 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"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Specific dates**

**Architect/Builder**

**Construction dates** 1918

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SUMMARY SIGNIFICANCE

Continuously occupied since the early eighteenth century by the Trice family, the farm known as Trice’s Chance is defined by a two-and-a-half story four-square style dwelling erected in 1918 following a fire that destroyed a much older dwelling on a site nearby. The four-square style farmhouse, similar to many in the county, is a blockish structure topped by a steeply pitched hip roof and extended by a wraparound porch on its south and east sides. A two-story, three-sided bay pavilion extends the main block to the east, while a two-story shed roofed wing is attached to the back. The house is distinguished inside by some of its original woodwork including a quarter turn staircase built of local yellow pine.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Trice family occupation of this farm dates to the early eighteenth century, and due to its uninterrupted ownership as been designated as one of the few officially listed bicentennial farms in Dorchester County. While the ownership can be traced back to 1732, the extant farmhouse was erected in 1918 after fire destroyed the older early to mid nineteenth century dwelling. The two-and-a-half story four-square style house was erected in 1918 following the transfer of the property to M. Guy Trice in January 1911.<sup>1</sup> After the death of Lillie M. Trice in 1975, the farm passed to Otis M. Trice, Norman L. Trice, Evelyn V. Trice, and Paul C. Trice.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, WLR 3/603, 1 January 1911, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 122/147, 28 December 1960, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Trice's Chance  
4440 Blinkhorn Road  
Hurlock vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 5, Parcel 59

PLC 255/852

John R. Trice

to

3.23.1984

Suzanne C. Trice

Parcel No. 7 "Trice's Chance" 220 acres

PLC 247/232

John R. Trice and Constance M. Trice

to

11.4.1987

John R. Trice

...north side of the county road leading from Blinthorn School house to the Town of Hurlock....

PLC 198/525

Otis M. Trice, Norman L. Trice, Evelyn V. Trice,  
Paul C. Trice

to

1.26.1977

John R. Trice

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PLC 122/147

Lillie M. Trice (died on 12.12.1975)

to

12.28.1960

Otis M. Trice, Norman L. Trice, Evelyn V. Trice,  
Paul C. Trice

Parcel No. 7 ...from Blinthorn School House to the town  
of Hurlock...."Trice's Chance" "North Division" "July"  
containing 220 acres

WLR 3/603

John E. Trice and Katie E. Trice

to

1.1.1911

M. Guy Trice

\$4,500 north side of county road leading from Blinthorn  
schoolhouse to Hurlock

FJH 11/94

Levinia Charles, Thomas J. Prettyman, Emma A. Prettyman,  
and Isabella L. Trice

to, son

5.16.1876

John E. Trice

1732

Trice's Chance

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Personal Interview with John Trice, 12.3.08.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 220 acres  
Quadrangle name Preston, MD 1944

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

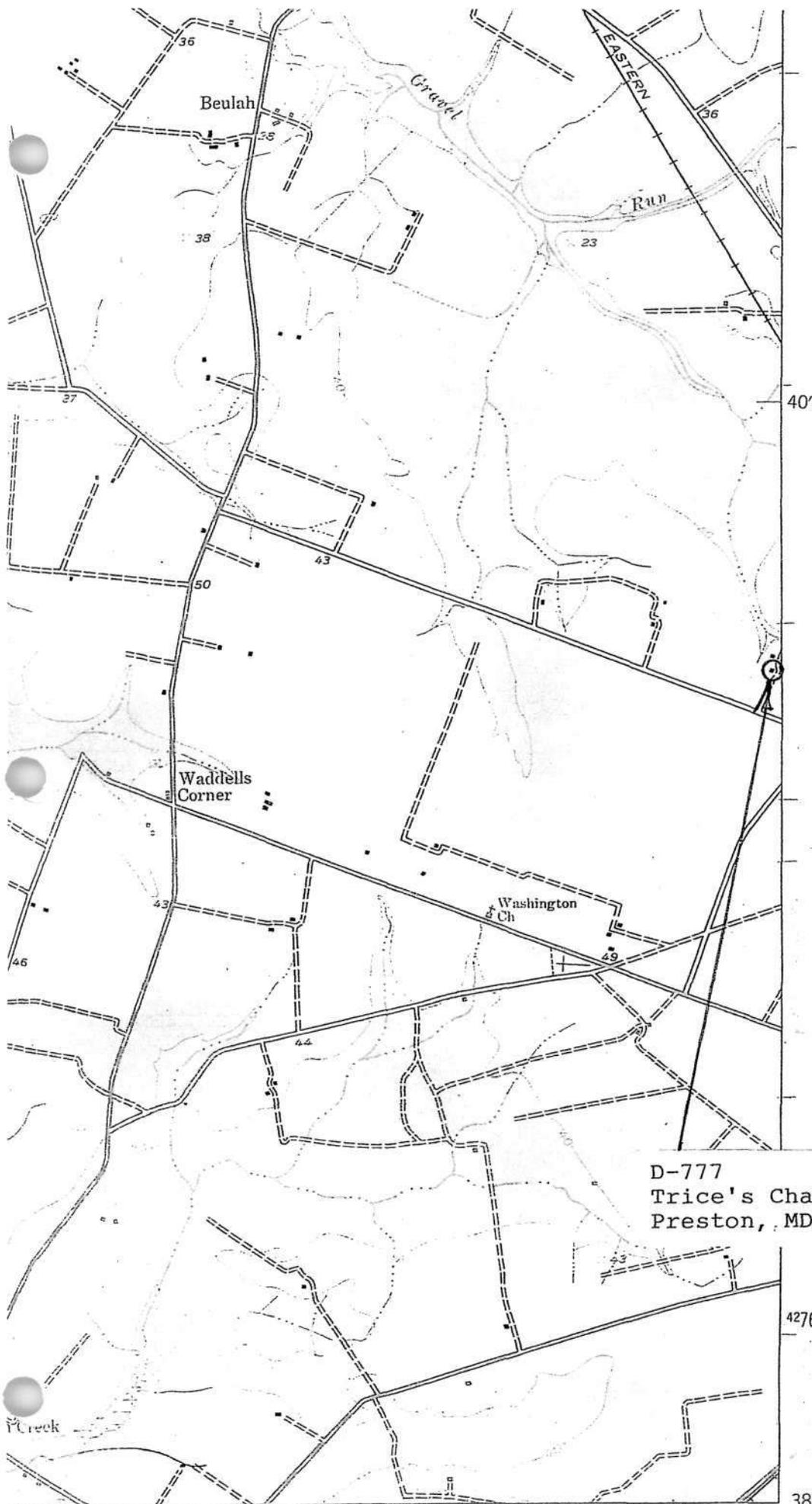
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Preston, MD Quadrangle, 1944

4276000m.N.



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TRICE'S CITANCE

HULLOCK VIC, POKCHITZREH G. MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

11/08, PAUL TOYANT, PITUTVZMADITEL

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TRICE'S CHANCE

HARLOCK VIC., DOCKMISTON C., MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

11/08, PAUL TOWARD, PITTSBURGH

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