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Ca. 1900

Saltbox House

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization: Piedmont**  
**(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery**  
**Counties, and Baltimore City)**

**Chronological/Development Period:**  
**Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930**

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:**  
**Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning**

**Resource Type:**

**Category: Buildings**

**Historic Environment: Rural**

**Historic Function and Use:**  
**Domestic/single dwelling/residence**  
**Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse**  
**Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barns,**  
**sheds**

**Known Design Source: None**

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Saltbox House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number w/s Pine Tree Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Woodsboro \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Betty M. Rippeon et al

street &amp; number c/o Harold Reiley, Rt. 1, Box 171 telephone no.:

city, town Woodsboro state and zip code Md. 21798

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 991

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 508

city, town Frederick state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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|  |                                       |   |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                     |
| <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 Saltbox House is a one and one-half story dwelling sheathed in asphalt shingling with a saltbox roofline of standing seam metal located approximately one-quarter of a mile from Pine Tree Road. The principal elevation faces south and consists of two assymetrical bays. The building is possibly of log construction underneath the asphalt shingling. Eight outbuildings serving a variety of domestic and agricultural functions surround the main house.

The principal facade reveals the gable end of the saltbox configuration (the ridgeline runs north to south). An exterior brick chimney stands at the south-west corner; an off-center interior chimney (stucco over brick) lies along the ridgeline. Openings in the south facade include 6/3 light windows in the upper half story and a 3/1 light window and an off-center door on the first floor. The east elevation contains assymetrical placement of 6/3 light windows. An open shed roofed porch covers the entry bay. The west elevation reveals a stone foundation. It consists of a side door opening and a paired window of 3/1 lights.

Outbuildings on the property include a corral, an outhouse, three small sheds and a barn with an attached shed. The barn has vertical siding and a gable roof (oriented east to west) and rests on a concrete foundation. A metal conveyor connects it to a storage shed. The property also contains a pond.

# 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

**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.

This simple vernacular dwelling was constructed after 1873. (It does not appear on either the 1858 Bond Map or the 1873 Titus Map). The building is representative of domestic, vernacular architecture in the region. The probable log construction was prevalently used in the region into the twentieth century. The saltbox roofline is not widely seen in the region; however, it served a functional purpose of enclosing a exterior porch space. There are other examples of late nineteenth to early twentieth century, one-story log dwellings in the Woodsboro vicinity that, with this house, comprise a typical form of housing.



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Saltbox House  
Woodsboro vicinity  
Frederick County  
Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle





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Saltbox House

w/s Pine Tree Rd.

Woodsboro Vicinity

Frederick CO.

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West E Leo.

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Saltbox House  
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Woodsboro Vicinity

Frederick Co.

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East Elev.

2/3



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Saltbox House → Outbuilding

w/s Pine Tree Rd

Woodsboro Vicinity

Frederick CO.

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Outbuildings / East Elev.

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