

G-V-D-011

ca. 1910

William Povish Farm

Kempton

Private

The William Povish Farm is an early twentieth century site consisting of a frame dwelling with a wash house and a kitchen building behind it, a frame bank barn, and a small granary of vertical plank construction. The house is a two story, gable-roofed, ell-plan with a double entrance facade and a porch that extends around the major portion of the building. The Povishes operated this small farm themselves, raised cattle and later raised dairy cows.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William Povish Farm

AND/OR COMMON

William Povish Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Kempton Rd. -East side, .5 mile North of Kempton

CITY, TOWN

Kempton

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Povish

Telephone #: 301-334-3765

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 84

Folio #: 295

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The William Povish Farm is located on the east side of Kempton Road approximately .5 mile north of the town of Kempton. The main facade of the house, facing the road, points northwest.

The house is a two story, frame structure built ca. 1910. Its basic configuration is an ell-plan with a shallowly pitched gable roof and an irregularly spaced four bay facade with two central doors. A shed-roofed porch extends the full length of the facade, covers the northeast endwall, and then continues to the rear ell as an enclosed room.

The exterior walls are covered with narrow German siding which has slightly uneven beveled edges. This suggests that these boards may have been hand planed into German siding from standard weatherboard. Recently, however, the house has been covered with gold aluminum siding and the only place where the original siding is visible is within the enclosed area of the porch.

One over one sash windows with plain board surrounds and narrow sills light the building. The roof, which is covered with asphalt shingles, has a shallow box cornice with partial gable end returns. A brick chimney is located along the ridgeline of the rear wing.

The porch rests on a cement block foundation and is supported by eight turned posts with a turned baluster railing at the northeast and southwest ends. The enclosed section of the porch is covered with green hexagonal asphalt shingles and has three over one sash windows.

The interior arrangement is a two room plan with a one room rear ell. The two front rooms, each with its own exterior entrance, have always been referred to by the original occupant as "the parlor" (northeast end) and "the drawing room" (southwest end). A two flight stairway is located against the partition wall in the drawing room. Ten stairs rise to a landing, then four additional stairs rise to the right. The newel post is square with applied moldings, and square balusters are spaced two per tread. The second floor contains three bedrooms corresponding generally to the same layout as the ground floor. The area above the drawing room, however, contains a hallway and a built-in closet with hand planed paneled doors as well as a five-sided corner bedroom. Window surrounds, door surrounds and baseboards throughout the house are plain, flat board. The interior doors are five-paneled with white ceramic knobs.

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**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	ca. 1910	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	William Povish
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Povish built the house and barn circa 1910. He raised cattle and then later changed to raising dairy cows, selling their milk to Carnation Dairy. The Povishes sometimes boarded men who worked in the coal mines at Kempton (see G-V-D-002).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Tim Shane, August 18, 1980.

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

March 1981

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

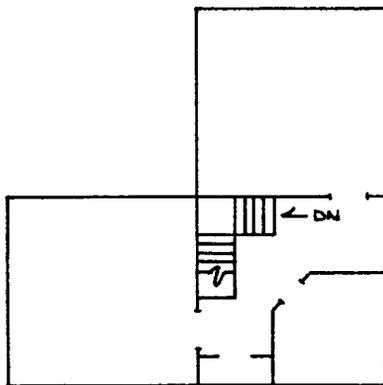
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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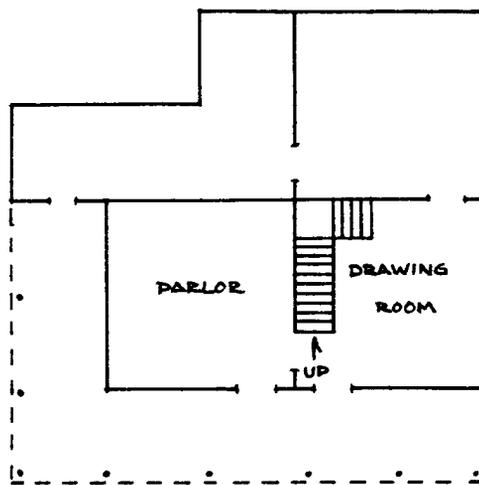
Two small, single room, gable-roofed outbuildings are set side by side approximately fifteen feet east of the house. The easternmost building is a wash house, the other is a combination kitchen and milkhouse. The kitchen building is set into a hill with the entrance of the milk cooling compartment at the base of the hill. The milkhouse is actually the basement portion of the kitchen. The basement and foundation are of poured concrete, while the kitchen above is of frame construction. An interior brick chimney cuts through the east corner and is attached to a wood burning stove. This building is no longer used, as a modern kitchen has since been installed in the basement of the rear wing in the house. The wash house is similar to the kitchen in size and materials except that it does not have a basement level. An interior brick chimney is located on its northeast wall. A spring runs south between the two buildings supplying both with water.

Further east is a bank barn with a supporting frame of both machine sawn and hand hewn timbers. Just north of the barn is a small gable-roofed granary of vertical plank construction with four grain compartments inside.

The kitchen, wash house, barn, and granary all date from about the same period as the house. A frame tractor shed northeast of the barn and a frame garage northeast of the house are recent additions to the property.



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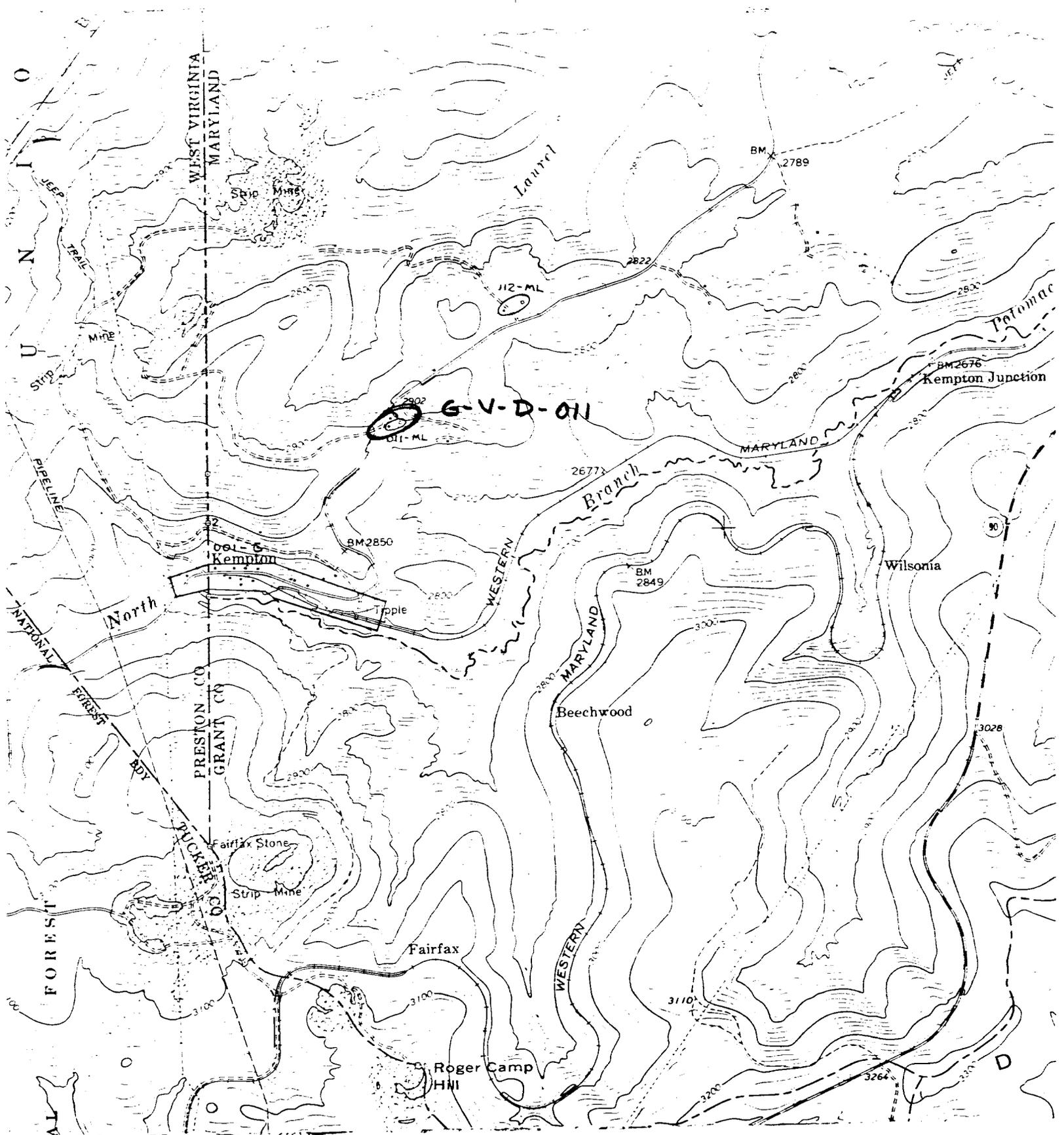
1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR



— WILLIAM POVISH FARM —

HOUSE:

ROUGH FLOOR PLAN (NOT TO SCALE)



Davis, MD-WV  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale-1:24,000  
 1946; revised 1966

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 William Povish Farm  
 Kempton Rd. - E side, .5 mile  
 North of Kempton



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Garrett Co., MD  
Merry Stinson 8/18/80  
NW elev.



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Garrett Co., MD  
SE elev.