

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: D. Trainor Becher house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters south ^{east} of Whiteford Road about 1.0 mi northwest

CITY OR TOWN: Pylesville of Rocks Road (Md 24)

STATE: Maryland 21132 CODE COUNTY: Harford CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: D Trainor Becher house

STREET AND NUMBER: Whiteford Road Box 80

CITY OR TOWN: Pylesville RDI STATE: Md. CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
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8985

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small stone house, 2 stories,
 3 bays by 2 (~~four~~
~~four~~) faces south, the roof
 ridge line running east-west. A
 one story porch runs along the south
 wall. Chimneys at either end rise
 from heating fireplaces on both floors.
 A lean-to at the east end of the house,
 2 bays x 1, replaces an old kitchen.

A datestone below the chimney gives
 the year 1792

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1792

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Simple and sound, this little house has remained in constant use for 180 years.

The barn has recently fallen apart. (Since Mr. Prober is an elderly person it seems that the fields are farmed by a neighbor.)

Remote beautiful site.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC William's Inheritance

AND/OR COMMON Fairview Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Box 109 Whiteford Road (MD 136)

CITY, TOWN Pylesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Harford FIRST

STATE Maryland 21132

COUNTY Harford

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Robert Temko

Telephone #: 879-4031

STREET & NUMBER Box 109 Whiteford Road

CITY, TOWN Pylesville

STATE, zip code Maryland 21132

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: HDC 985
Folio #: 1041

STREET & NUMBER 40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN Bel Air

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 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

This stone house is located on a lane which turns off the east side of Whiteford Road (MD 136) between Graceton Road and Five Forks; 1/2 mile north east of Broad Creek. It is situated on a 10.89 acre lot, part of a division called "Fairview Farms." The dwelling faces north and cannot be seen from Whiteford Road.

The structure is a two story, coursed rubble stone dwelling, 3 bays by 2. It has plain quions and has been stuccoed on the eastern and northern sides. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has box cornices.

There are two entrances on the north side, the arrangement being D - W - D. On the south side the arrangement is D - D - W. The second story on each side has four windows. The windows are 3 lights over one and are replaced. The doors are of simple plank and there are flat jack arches over the south west window and the south east door.

There are two chimneys, located on the interior gable ends. These chimneys have apparently been rebuilt and appear to be brick under a stone casing. The chimney on the west side is wide and directly underneath it there is a datestone of 1792. The datestone, however, appears to be replaced cement. Each Chimney is flanked by a small attic window, 2 lights over 2 on the east side, 4 lights over 4 on the west side. There are two windows on the first floor of the western end (3 lights over 1).

On the eastern end there is a stone shed addition, one bay by one, with windows 6 lights over 6.

There is a one story, three bay, flat roofed porch on both the north and south sides. The northern porch appears to be older and has slender, rounded columns. Scroll brackets have been added. The southern porch columns have a larger circumference and are round and plain. Underneath the eastern end of the southern porch, the ground has been hollowed out for a cellar entrance. It is a full cellar.

Two frame outbuildings to the south east and the south west of the dwelling are in ruins.

The 1798 Tax List shows that a Mr. William Whiteford owned 290 acres of land called "William's Inheritance", and through the title search on the following pages it has been proven that this 10.89 acre lot was a part of william's Inheritance. The tax assessment also shows that Whiteford's house was a two story stone dwelling measuring 20' x 30', with a cellar. Although there is a 4 foot difference in our measurements (greater) than the tax assessors' measurements we are certain that the present house is the same one in which William Whiteford lived in 1798. Four outbuildings are also mentioned in the 1798 tax list: a kitchen, meat house, corn house and stable - all of wood.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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"/> 0-1499	<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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" 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) county history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1792

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this building lies in its antiquity and in its architecture. A datestone on the house indicates that it was built in 1792 and the 1798 Federal Tax List seems to support the fact that it was built at least before 1798. In this assessment William Whiteford is shown to have owned 290 acres of that tract called William's Inheritance and the description of the stone dwellin on the above mentioned acreage seems to fit the house in question. Although the measurements of the house assessed in 1798 are 4 feet smaller in length and width than the present house, it seems valid to say here that the present house and the house of 1798 are one and the same. It is not known what sorts of instruments were used in 1798 to measure a building and may even have been measured by a man walking the length and width and recording the number of steps.

The house itself is a good example of what Henry Glassie calls the I House (p.49), a Pennsylvania Dutch influenced style of dwelling. He states that although the Midatlantic, " the major region last settled and initially least homogeneous" on the East Coast, it was, however, " the most important of the material folk culture regions, for both the North and South were influenced by practices which had their new world source in southeastern Pennsylvania." (Glassie; 1968, p. 36, 49).

He includes a description of a farm house most usual in the mid-Atlantic region which fits this house quite well. The house most usual, he states, "combines Georgian with earlier folk features...they are two rooms deep, have internal gable end chimneys, a placement of windows and doors which approximate symmetry... and often had two doors. Like many of the early Pennsylvania German houses, these houses are frequently built into the bank with a subterranean cellar. Whether partially above ground or completely below, the cellar was used for cooking and the storage of preserved food, it often had the only large, open fireplace in the house." (p. 54, 55).

The Whiteford Family, owners of the land before 1788 and of the house before 1798 until 1892, were involved in County activities in many ways.

William Whiteford, listed as owning the property in 1798, was, by an act of Assembly, passed in January of 1800, among those appointed a commissioner to lay out public roads in the Deer Creek area. He was appointed by Benjamin Ogle, then governor of Maryland. He served in the County Militia in Captain William Webb's Company in 1775. He was also a collector of "fines and forfitness" for the 23rd battalion for the north side of Deer Creek for the Revolutionary War Committee. He was also a member of the Petit Jury for the March term of 1783.

His brother, Hugh, was a judge of elections for the fith district in 1800. He was listed as a farmer. A Dr. Hugh Whiteford is also listed as a trustee of the Harford County Academy, which opened in 1815. It is not known whether these are the same person.

Hugh's son, William, served as County Representative in the House of Delagates from 1821 through the 1823 term; and again in 1840.

Samuel M. Whiteford served as a delagate for the 1867 term of office.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Glassie, Henry; Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States, 1968, University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia. pp.36, 49, 54, 55.
 Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Press of Sun Book Office, Baltimore. pp. 72, 77, 121, 276, 324, 354.
 Federal Tax List of 1798.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10 10.89 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see map of tract division

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

9/3/76

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

838 6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

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
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH
HA - 1087

Robert M. and Victoria B. Temko
Box 109 Whiteford Road
Pylesville, Maryland 21132

HDC 985/1041 11/14/75 Grantor: Stanley E. Lloyd
Grantee: Robert M. and Victoria B. Temko
Acreage: 10.89 acres, being lot 4 on a plat of Fairview Farms

HDC 985/482 11/7/75 Grantor: Charles Archer, Jr., Katherine A. Endslow, James H. Archer, Sr., William T. Archer
Grantee: Stanley Lloyd
Acreage: Land was divided into 3 parcels of land. This particular lot is included in Parcel # 3 which had 117.54 acres.

GCB 276/180 8/17/42 Grantor: Charles S. and Viola T. Archer
Grantee: George C. Ahrling, single
Acreage: 149 acres, farm

GCB 276/180 8/17/42 Grantor: George C. Ahrling, single
Grantee: Charles S. and Viola T. Archer

JAR 130/504 10/11/10 Grantor: William H. and Bessie W. Harlan
Grantee: Charles S. and Viola T. Archer
Acreage: 149 acres. The Samuel M. Whiteford home farm

JAR 130/102 2/28/10 Grantor: J. Edwin Webster, Trustee
Grantee: William H. Harlan
Acreage: 153 acres, 34 perches. Land sold due to default in mortgage

Equity Case, Docket N, folio 101: Caroline H. Webster, assignee vs. Sarah J. Whiteford & c.
(Caroline Webster died, J. Edwin Harlan took over.).

WSF 73/408 6/16/1892 Grantor: R. Morgan Whiteford
Grantee: Richard Dallam

JMM 11/1 1887 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Samuel M. Whiteford
Grantee: To Sarah J. Whiteford, his wife, for life, with remainder to his 3 sons - R. Morgan, Nelson, and Elmer.
Acreage: 153 acres, 34 perches. part of tracts called William's Inheritance, Pools Hill, and Mount Nebo.

TSB 6/236 12/11/1848 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of William Whiteford
Grantee: to eldest son, Hugh, part of a farm on part of a tract called William's Inheritance
to Samuel M. Whiteford: "All that portion of my farm Called " William's Inheritance " which is not heretofore bequeathed unto my son Hugh, including my residence ..."

HD 18/14 1/9/1835 Grantor: William Whiteford
Grantee: Samuel M. Whiteford, his son
Acreage: 104 acres, part of tracts called William's Inheritance and Tryou

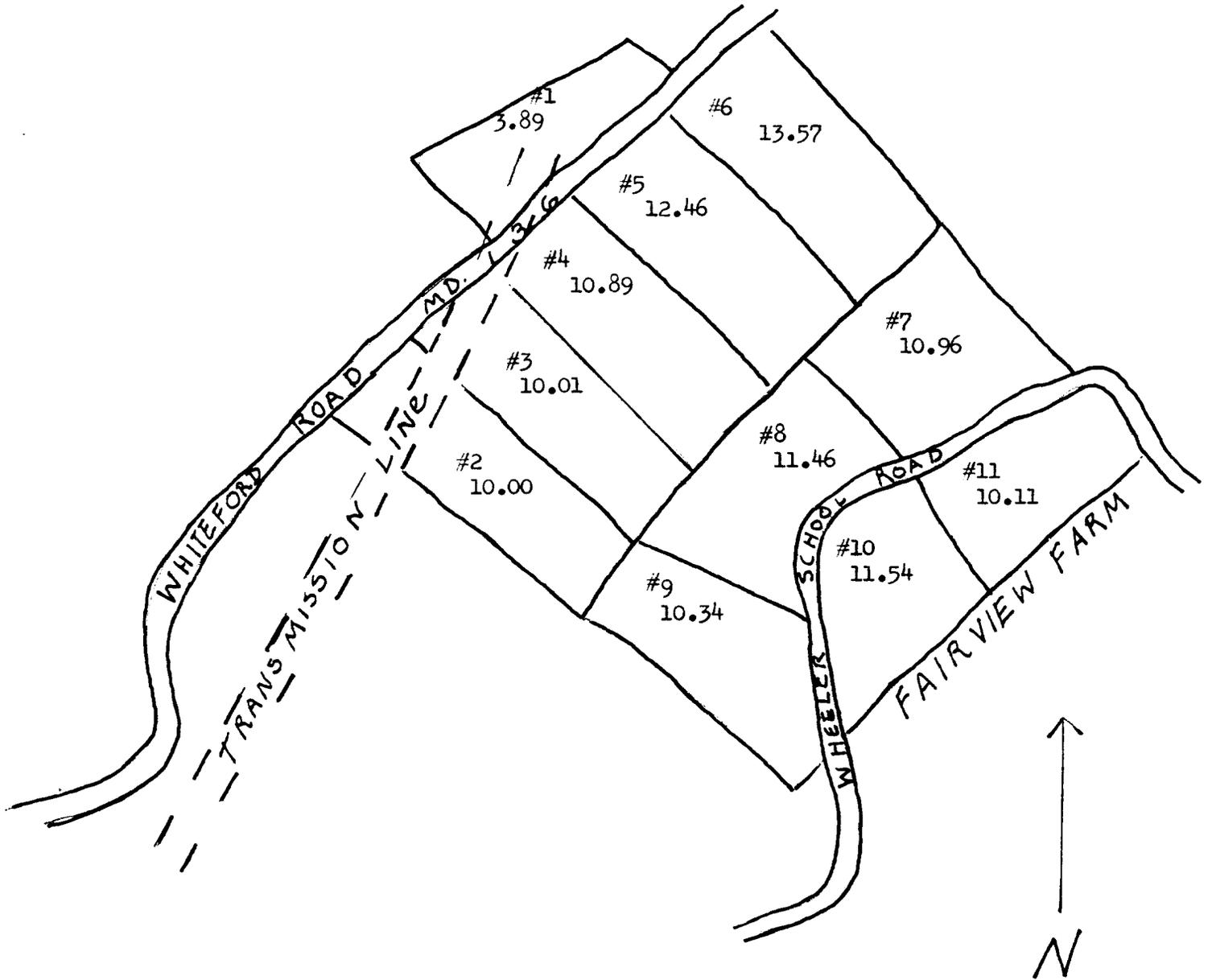
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AJ	C/489	1/18/1809	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Hugh Whiteford Grantee: William Whiteford Acreage: 292 3/4 acres. "To my son william all that tract of land where he now lives..."
AJ	R/209	10/11/1788	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of William Whiteford Grantee: Hugh Whiteford with remainder to son, William

The 1798 Tax List indicates that William Whiteford owned 290 acres of land called William's Inheritance.

Sheet 10, Harford County Assessment Map
Scale: 1 inch = 600 feet.

Lot # 4 contains the nominated house.





William's Inheritance HA-1087
Pylesville, MD
Paul Penrod 8/76
North