

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Rich Bottom Farm Inventory Number: HA-527
 Address: _____ Historic district: yes no
 City: Havre de Grace Zip Code: _____ County: Harford
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Havre de Grace
 Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
 Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40 Agency: SHA
 Agency Prepared By: Jean Erving
 Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: _____
 Documentation is presented in: M. Inventory Form # HA-527 through HA-531 and Project Files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Rich Bottom Farm, a modest farmstead composed of a house and collection of outbuildings does not meet the Criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. All of the farm structures and features have either totally disappeared or are in ruins, with the exception of the late 19th century frame dwelling which is open to the elements. It is not architecturally significant and lacks integrity.

- Rich Bottom Farmhouse HA-527
- Rich Bottom Farm Barn HA-528
- Rich Bottom Farm Cornhouse HA-529
- Rich Bottom Farm Abandoned House HA-530
- Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence HA-531

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: There is one NR-Eligibility Review Form for HA-527 through HA-531 which are all part of the Rich Bottom Farm

E. Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
R. Andrews
Reviewer, National Register Program

Friday, June 14, 1991
Date
Friday, June 14, 1991
Date



INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Rich Bottom Farm, Howard County Vic. Survey Number: HA 527-531

Project: MD 155 from I-95 to US 40 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

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*(Rich Bottom Farm Worm Fence - HA-531)
(Rich Bottom Farmhouse - HA-527)*

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: M. Inventory Form # HA 527-531
and project files

Prepared by: Jean Ewing
Elizabeth Hannor 6/14/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R. Ambrose 19 June 91
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C.- A.D.900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: _____

Historic Environment: _____

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): _____

Known Design Source: _____

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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: Reek Bottom Farm house

AND/OR HISTORIC: Spever - Mc Connell - Mitchel farm.

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters south of Level Road (Md 155)

CITY OR TOWN: Harve de Grace about 0.5 mi east of Lapidum Road

STATE: Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <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"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Rental housing</u>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: George C Spever Pensell

STREET AND NUMBER: 704 Chesapeake Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Harve de Grace STATE: Maryland CODE:

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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: Md 21014 CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 190.500

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:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house, clapboard under asphalt shingles.

L Shaped. The main house faces south, the wing running north along the west wall.

2 stories, the main section ^{3 bays x 2} has attic windows in the gable ends of the slate roof, and one central chimney. The wing has been added to at the rear, its proportions are 2 bays x 3 (see sketch) the third window lighting an addition for which the west slope of the roof has been raised.

Windows three or two over two except at the front of the house where they are 6 over 6. Wide eaves under the slate roof. A one-story porch flanks the south side and another the east side of the wing.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

possibly the wing is older

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

One of several farm buildings, this simple house has been owned by people who did their own farmwork with the help of tenant farmers. Labor costs prohibit this operation now (and the ^{over} tenant house the best of several is in impossible condition See HA 530)

Once a busy farm with a cannery on the property, the land obviously waits for capital for development.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. Mc Connell, former owner, now residing
 the property, whose family farmed here for 80 years,
 1 December 1970, SE, M.C.

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	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

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. Purip & Mary Carroll

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Dec 70

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

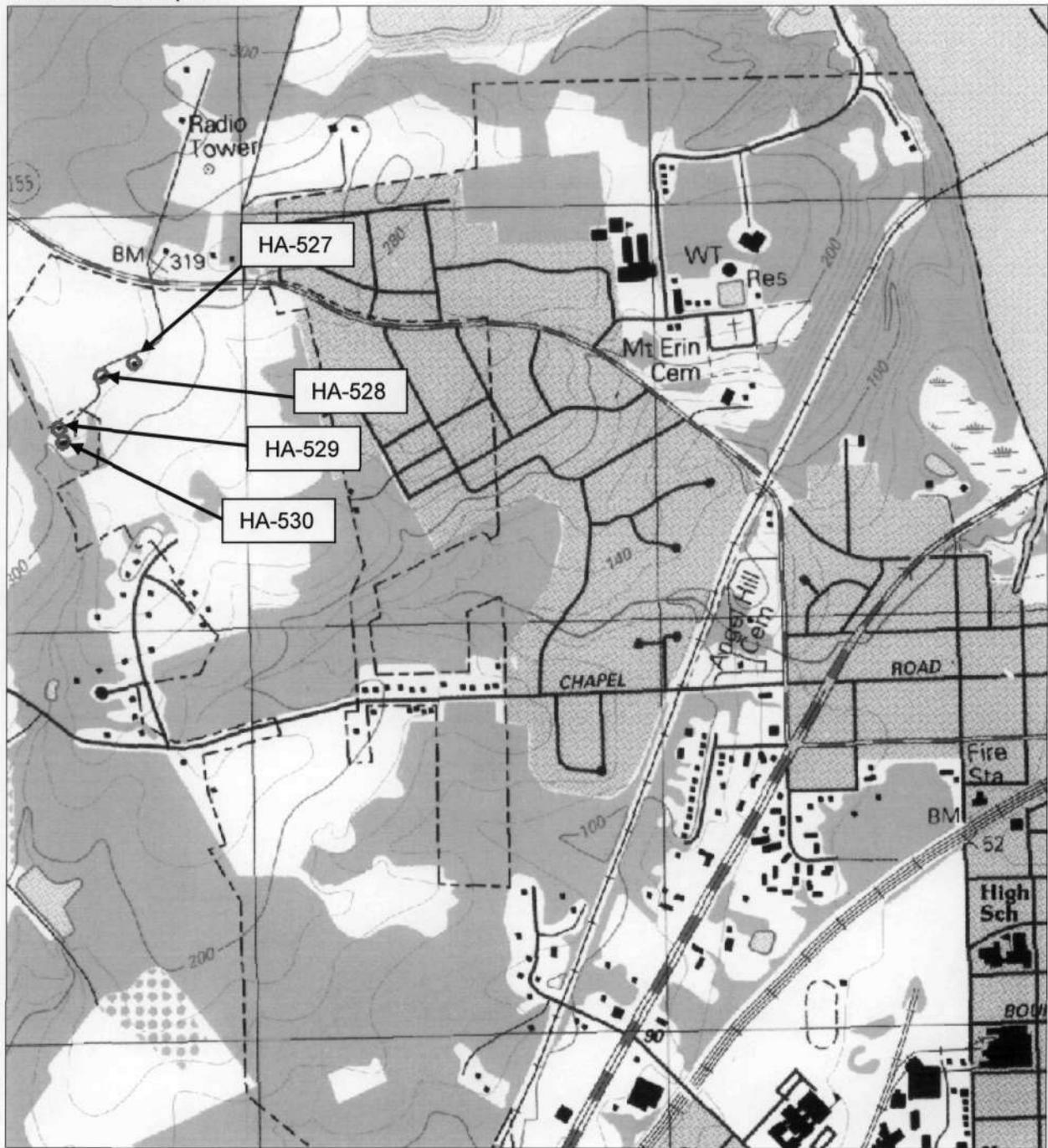
ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

- HA-527 Rich Bottom Farmhouse
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Havre de Grace quad





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Rail Bottom Farm house

December 70

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HA 527

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Rick Bottom Farm house

December 1970