

HO-1098
Wilson-Hearn Farm
10010 Gorman Road
Private

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years later. The farm was again sold, and the purchaser was Samuel Close Hearn. He took down the original section of the house and built the addition in its place c. 1895. Hearn died in 1913 and his wife, Maria, died four years later. Their children sold the farm to a sibling, Samuel Fletcher Hearn, and his wife, Sadie, in 1918. The property was foreclosed upon and sold out of the family in 2008. Subsequent law suits have attempted to regain the property for the family and forestall the demolition of the house and development of the farm, and these are continuing at this time (2012).

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilson-Hearn Farm

other _____

2. Location

street and number 10010 Gorman Road not for publication

city, town Savage X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Gourley & Gourley LLC

street and number 8756 Lewinsville Road telephone 703-230-1900

city, town McLean state VA zip code 22102

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 11388 folio 725

city, town Ellicott City tax map 47 tax parcel 472 tax ID number _____

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> | <u>3</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> social | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
| | | | | <u>1</u> | |

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Note: The Wilson-Hearn Farm was originally surveyed as HO-237, but was not mapped. A property to the east of it, known as the Stansfield House, was subsequently surveyed and given the same number, presumably mistaking it for the Hearn house. Since the Stansfield House was mapped, the original survey number has been assigned to it and the Hearn property reassigned a new number.

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Description:

The Wilson-Hearn Farm is located at 10010 Gorman Road, on the east side of the road, about two miles northwest of Savage in southeastern Howard County, Maryland. The farm complex consists of a frame house and several modern outbuildings at the end of a straight farm lane that meets Gorman Road where it turns sharply to the west.

Exterior

The house is a two-story, five-bay by two-bay frame structure with a clear seam between the three western bays and the two eastern bays. The western half has a rubble stone foundation and the eastern a brick foundation of four-to-one common bond. The siding is wood weatherboards and the gable roof has standing-seam metal and an east-west ridge. There is a small exterior brick chimney on the west end, an interior brick chimney between the west and west-center bays, and another between the east and east-center bays. There is a one-story wing on the west that has a foundation of home-made concrete blocks, has wood weatherboards, and has a flat roof. The east end also has a one-story wing, with a parged foundation, German siding, and a hip roof with asphalt shingles.

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The south elevation of the main block, on the first story, has a center entrance with two windows to the west that are boarded up. There is a three-bay, one-story porch here that is completely rebuilt with new material and has a flat roof with a balustrade and asphalt roll roofing. The two east bays contain a three-sided bay window that is two stories tall, and the first story windows are boarded over. On the second story there are two six-over-six sash to the west, a door that had 15 lights in the center, and the bay window in the east; it has paired one-over-one sash in the center and single one-over-one sash on each side. There is a wood bracketed cornice with returns. The east and west wings are boarded up.

The west elevation has the altered wing on the first story. The main block, on the second story, has a six-over-six sash in the north bay and a door in the south bay. The gable end has a lunette with only plastic in the opening.

The north elevation of the main block, on the first story, has a center door with six panels, and two boarded-up windows to each side. There is a one-bay, one-story porch in the center, set on two quarried granite piers. It has a rebuilt deck and stairs, has turned posts and jigsaw brackets. There is a hip roof with standing-seam metal over wood shingles. The second story has five six-over-six sash. There is a wood box cornice with a plain frieze and returns that matches the south elevation, but has no brackets.

The east elevation is covered by the wing and a modern deck on the first story. The second story of the main block has two six-over-six sash, and the gable end has a window opening that is missing its sash.

Interior

The house has a center-passage, double-pile plan with wings added to the east and west gable ends. The passage has random-width pine flooring that runs north-south. The baseboard has a broken field with a quirked ogee and bevel at the top. The architrave has a quirked ogee and bevel backband and a beaded interior edge. The walls are plaster on lath. The front (south) door has six panels with small panels at the top and bottom and tall panels in the center. It is mortised and tenoned and pegged. There are sidelights with three lights over one panel. The transom has four lights and is mortised and tenoned and pegged. The exterior of the door has bolection-moulded panels. The interior doors on the west side and north end of the passage also have six panels in the same configuration as the front door. The east doors are missing. There is a two-run stair that ascends to the north along the east wall. It has an open stringer with plain rectangular strips for the stair-end brackets. There are five tall panels below the stringer, with quirked ogee and bevel panel moulds. The newel is turned in a Grecian urn profile. The balusters are round and tapered, and are set into holes in the bottom of the fully round handrail.

The southwest room flooring matches the passage, but runs east-west. The room appears to have new baseboard, and the walls and ceiling appear to have been covered with drywall. The architrave is also

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probably new. The south windows are new vinyl sash that extend down to the baseboard. The cornice appears to be wood. There is a fireplace on the north elevation that has a quarry tile hearth, fire brick firebox, and red Roman brick mantel, with built-in bookcases to either side. There is a 15-light door on the west to a recently enclosed porch.

The northwest room flooring matches the passage, but runs east-west, and the baseboard and architrave also match the passage. The walls and ceiling are plaster on lath, with cut nails. There are new sash on the north elevation. The doorway on the west has a swinging door with nine lights over two lying panels, and typical architrave. It leads to a modern bathroom.

The southeast room has narrow oak flooring that runs north-south, baseboard with a quirked ogee and bead on top, and symmetrical architrave with two beads in the center, cavettos flanking them, and bulls-eye corner blocks. The bay window on the south elevation has wood one-over-one sash on weights. There are two doorways on the north, but the doors are missing. The east elevation has a window opening to the north, but the sash is gone and the kitchen counter from the east wing passes through the opening. The south bay has a doorway with a four-panel door. The room to the east appears to have been added on after the kitchen was built.

The northeast room has linoleum, plain baseboard, and architrave that matches the southeast room. The north windows are six-over-six wood sash. There is a fireplace on the south wall, built of 20th century brick, with straight jambs and an iron crane. There is an exposed, tapered brick flue. On the east wall the north bay has a doorway into a kitchen in the east wing. To the south of the doorway is a stair with a winder at the top. It has circular-sawn railings and posts, and a closet beneath it.

The second story has a center landing with two doors on the west, two on the east, and one on the south, each leading to a separate chamber. The passage landing has a six-over-six wood sash set high on the wall. The stair details match the first story, and the stair ends here. The flooring is random-width pine that runs north-south. The architrave on the north, west, and south doorways is plain but for a beaded interior edge, and there are plain corner blocks. The architrave on the east matches that of the first story east rooms. All of the doors have four panels, but the east ones have panel moulds and the west and south ones do not.

The south-center chamber has new trim and the west wall has been opened up. The flooring matches the passage. The southwest chamber flooring matches the passage, and there is no baseboard or architrave. The walls have been covered with drywall. There is a door on the west with 24 lights over two panels. The south windows match the landing window, and the north wall has a closet set to the west, with the door missing. The northwest chamber flooring matches the passage. There is plain baseboard and the

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architrave matches the passage. The windows match the landing. There is a closet on the south wall, in the center, with typical architrave for the room and a four-panel door with no mouldings.

The southeast chamber flooring is 2 3/8 inch pine that runs east-west. There is plain baseboard and the architrave matches the first-story east rooms. The east window is a six-over-six wood sash that matches the landing, but the south bay windows are wood one-over-one sash on weights. The north wall has a wood mantel with thin, fluted colonettes on each side. The imposts above are curved brackets with a moulded face. The frieze is incised with small leaves on thin, curving tendrils. This was never a working fireplace. To the west of the mantel is a closet with four-panel door and typical eastern architrave.

The northeast chamber is a modern bathroom, with a closet on the south with typical four-panel eastern door. The door on the east leads to a hall with winder stairs to the east that go down and up to the attic. To the north of the hall, in the northeast corner, is a small chamber.

The attic has the stairway at the east end, with two beaded-edge vertical-board doors on the west leading to two rooms in the east half of the attic. The walls and ceiling are lathed and plastered. The north door leads to a wood cistern labeled "RAWLINGS IMPL. CO. BALTIMORE, MD." There is a brick chimney between the two rooms. The joists are circular-sawn. The roof has circular-sawn sheathing and wood shingles. The rafters are circular-sawn 2 by 8s mitered and butted at the ridge. The west attic rafters are sash-sawn 3 by 5s that are mitered and butted at the ridge. There are half-dovetailed collar beams fastened with cut nails. The joists are sash-sawn and 3 by 5 1/2 inches. The north and south walls extend several feet above the floor, and the rafter feet lap over the outer edge of the plate. There is sash-sawn board lath with riven and shaved wood shingles. The attic is divided in half by a board wall that runs north-south. A brick chimney comes up just west of this partition and is corbelled to the south, with wood supporting it, to reach the ridge.

The foundation under the east half has rubble stone below grade. There is a center wall in the east half of the basement running east-west, with a hewn sill on top. The foundation under the east side of the passage has a sill set to the western side of the wall. The west half of the basement also has a stone wall running east-west, and it stops short of both the east and west walls. The joists here are circular-sawn 3 by 10s.

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 checked="" 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: _____ | |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Specific dates | N/A | Architect/Builder | N/A |
| Construction dates | c. 1861-1865, c. 1890-1904. | | |

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.)

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Significance:

J. D. Warfield wrote of the history of the Wilson-Hearn Farm in 1905:

Benjamin Warfield of 'Warfield's Range,' married Rebeckah Ridgely, of Judge Nicholas and Sarah (Worthington) Ridgely. He built his cottage upon a commanding plateau, just north of his brother John. Its present owner, Mr. Samuel Hearn, has a picture of it. . . .

After his [Benjamin Warfield's] death the homestead was bought by Vachel Yates, a relative. He resided there in 1774, as shown by a note from William Coale to him in 1774. It was found in the old cottage when torn down by Mr. Hearn.

Nicholas Ridgely Warfield, as heir-at-law, in 1810, confirmed the sale to Mr. Thomas Moore. It passed to Mr. Marriott and to Mr. Faire, who mortgaged it to Mr. Mason, and by the late John T. Mason of R. was sold to Mr. Hearn some twenty years ago. . . . The graves of Benjamin and Rebeckah Warfield are in the family ground.¹

Warfield's account is not complete, and the chain of title for the Wilson-Hearn Farm is not clear, so its history is not completely known. The deed from Nicholas Ridgely Warfield to Thomas Moore is dated 1809, and is for 100 acres on the Middle Branch of the Patuxent River. No metes and bounds are given, so the exact location cannot be confirmed, though it is definitely in the Gorman Road area. Both Warfield and Moore are described as farmers in the deed, as was common. Thomas Moore was not listed in the grantee index between 1809 and 1829, and no deed could be found transferring the property from Moore; it seems to show up next when being sold in 1829 by John and Elizabeth Rhine and Richard H. Burgess to Joel Blue. Neither Rhine nor Burgess could be found in the grantee index, so perhaps they were court-appointed trustees for Moore. They could also have been heirs, since Nicholas Ridgely Warfield left property to a Mary Ridgely Burgess in his will, c. 1815.² How they came into possession of the property is not clear at this time. The deed to Blue was for 252 acres, raising the issue of how Moore acquired the additional 152 acres.

The history of the property becomes a little clearer with its ownership by Joel Blue. Blue was a minister who married, first, Margaret (last name unknown), by whom he had several children. After her death he married, in 1838, Mary Pindell. He was later married to Mary Belt Hill, widow of Holden Hill (assuming that Mary Pindell was not a typo and was a different person than Mary B. Hill). In 1858 Joel

¹ J. D. Warfield, *Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland* (Baltimore: Kohn & Pollock, 1905), p. 368.

² This reference can be found in Anne Arundel County Land Records, WSG 4-91.

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and Mary Blue sold 100 acres to Benjamin S. Holt for \$3,000. This deed does not make reference to an earlier deed, however, the metes and bounds given in the deed, when platted out, are clearly for the Wilson-Hearn Farm. Holt is shown on the 1860 Martenet *Map of Howard County* where the current house is, and two neighboring properties are listed with Joel Blue. Presumably one of these was his home. Whether he lived on the farm prior to selling it, or always lived elsewhere and leased the farm for income is not known at this time. Farming apparently did not suit Holt. In 1860 he offered the farm for sale, explaining simply that he was “about to change his business.” He described the farm as “about 107 acres of land, eight of which is woodland and the remainder in a good state of cultivation, and a good supply of never failing water in ever [sic] field.” Unfortunately, the buildings were not described.³

Benjamin and Elizabeth Holt sold the farm to Mrs. Fayette Wilson, the wife of John W. Wilson, of Baltimore, for \$5,600. Thus, the Holts saw a tidy profit from their less than three-year tenure. John Wilson apparently died shortly after acquiring the farm, and Fayette Wilson sold it in July 1865 to Thomas Marriott. The Marriott family lived next door to the Wilson-Hearn Farm, though it would seem that Thomas Marriott’s interest in the farm was in speculation. The farm was advertised for sale in November 1865 as 200 acres. The additional land was presumably part of the Marriott farm, though this is not clear in the records. That it is the Wilson-Hearn Farm being offered is clear by the description of “a school at the outer gate”; the 1878 Hopkins *Atlas of Howard County* shows School House 4 located on Gorman Road, next to the farm lane back to the farm. The farm was divided into seven fields, and the improvements were “a very fine dwelling house, containing twelve rooms, barn, horse and cow stable, pump at the door, and one in the stable.” The advertisement noted: “This property is worthy of an inspection, being fitted up with great care by the late John W. Wilson, for his own use.”⁴ This description is suggestive, though not conclusive. A photograph in the possession of the Hearn family (probably the same photograph mentioned by Warfield, reportedly with Maria Hearn standing in front of the house) shows the existing western half of the house, with the earlier house to the east. That house was a 1 ½-story, gambrel-roofed frame structure, probably of three bays, and is typical of eighteenth-century housing in Tidewater Maryland. At most it would have had four rooms on each story, or a total of eight in the house, and more likely it would have had five or six. The photograph does not include the entire original house, so it is possible that there were additions to the east and north. However, it seems most likely that part of the “fitting up” that the Wilsons did was building an addition to the old house, c. 1861-1865.

³ *Baltimore Sun*, 10 November 1838, p. 2, col. 4. *Baltimore Sun*, 23 October 1899, p. 7. Simon J. Martenet, *Martenet’s Map of Howard County, Maryland* (Baltimore, 1860). *Baltimore Sun*, 29 November 1860, p. 4, col. 5.

⁴ G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Howard County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, 1878). *Baltimore Sun*, 15 November 1865, p. 2, col. 6.

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The surviving fabric of the house is consistent with a date in the early 1860s. The house has a bracketed Italianate cornice and bolection-moulded panels on the front door, features that were just being introduced on the finest architect-designed houses in Maryland in the early 1850s. The stair newel post is of the rather slender Grecian urn profile that was popular in the 1840s but was beginning to become more robust in the 1850s, and would have been a bit retarditaire in the 1860s. The six-panel doors, with small, square frieze panels at top and bottom, are unusual, but fit within the pattern of the re-arrangement of six panels in doors that was popular in the 1850s and 1860s, prior to the switch to four panels. The architrave has abandoned the use of symmetrical mouldings and corner blocks that was so popular in the 1830s and 1840s, and adopts the ogee and bevel profile that was introduced in the late 1840s and was almost universal in the 1850s and later. The framing is sash-sawn and mortised and tenoned and pegged, with the posts only 4 inches deep, and the rafters were simply butted at the ridge. This construction is consistent with an 1860s period of construction, as well, since butted rafters begin to be introduced in Howard County in the 1850s, and circular-sawn material begins to be introduced in ever-increasing amounts at the same time. Guttered corner posts were still very common in the 1850s, though not invariably used, but appear from surviving evidence to have been mostly abandoned by the 1860s. Of note are the wood shingles, which are riven and shaved, and must be original to the house. By the 1860s most shingles were circular-sawn, though there were questions about the longevity of shingles made that way. In any case, these shingles must be a late use of hand-split and shaved shingles on a house.

The addition was a side-passage, double-pile plan that probably created a generally center-passage plan out of the whole house. It is clear from the use of architrave on the east wall of the passage, which is of the same period as that on the west wall, that this was an addition to an earlier house. According to Hearn family tradition the original section of the house was taken down and replaced by Samuel Hearn in 1880, when he purchased the farm. It was certainly replaced by 1905, when Warfield published his book, and it is not known how much earlier than this date he had seen the farm. The building fabric of the addition is consistent with a date of c. 1890-1910, and suggests that Hearn made the change, but probably not right away. Most likely, he built the addition c. 1895. The cistern in the attic is labeled with the "Rawlings Implement Co." of Baltimore on it. J. S. Rawlings & Co., dealers in agricultural implements, is listed in the Baltimore City directories in 1892. By 1901 the company had changed its name to the Rawlings Implement Company, and they remained in business at least until 1923. While it is likely that a cistern was placed here from the time the addition was constructed, and this could be it, it is also possible that the cistern got replaced at some time. Emily Hearn recalled that her parents were still using the cistern in the post-war period.⁵ The foundation of the addition has eighteenth-century bricks and could be the original foundation, though it has had alterations to it and appears to simply be reused bricks. No other evidence of the original house fabric was found, though only limited

⁵ Interview with Emily Hearn, 2 August 2012. *Polk's Baltimore City Directory*, 1892, 1901, 1923.

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investigation could be done. The addition preserves the center-passage, double-pile plan, and the new kitchen was presumably in the northeast corner. In the twentieth century wings were added to both ends of the house, with at least the western one being open originally, and later enclosed.

Thomas Marriott sold the Wilson-Hearn Farm, now consisting of 200 acres, to John Ford of Spartansburg, Pennsylvania in 1866 for \$10,300. Ford and his wife, Sarah, must have moved here, since they were listed as being from Howard County in 1869 when they sold the farm to Sarah Pfaltz for \$10,250. The slightly lower price probably reflects the beginning of the depression that followed the end of the Civil War. Sarah Pfaltz is shown as the owner of the farm on the 1878 Hopkins *Atlas of Howard County* and was reportedly living on the farm, but the farm had already been ordered by the court to be sold to settle an estate. The advertisement placed in late 1877 describes the farm as “a part of the estate of the late Jonathan Marriott,” which suggests that the extra 100 acres added by Thomas Marriott came from that source; Jonathan Marriott’s property, as shown on the 1860 Martenet *Map of Howard County*, was just southeast of the Wilson-Hearn Farm. The ad also noted: “The improvements consist of a large and commodious frame dwelling house, barn, stables, cow stables, granaries, outhouses and tenement houses. The dairy is an unusually fine one, supplied by a spring, and the stables are supplied with water. There is a fine orchard of choice fruit on the place. There is a grove of ornamental trees surrounding the dwelling, which is located on very high ground.” A subsequent ad in 1878 noted that the water to the stables was “from a well in the barn-yard.”⁶

The trustees, John T. Mason and Charles Poe, sold the farm to George Mason, of Virginia, for only \$6,050. Mason immediately mortgaged it to Campbell Fair, of Baltimore, and was apparently foreclosed upon two years later. The farm was again advertised for sale, with the description repeating most of what had been given earlier. The purchaser was Samuel Close Hearn, and he paid \$4,500 for it. According to family tradition, Hearn must have been living on the property prior to purchasing it, since he was paying taxes on the property prior to 1880.⁷ Samuel Hearn died in 1913 and his wife, Maria, died four years later. Their children sold the farm to a sibling, Samuel Fletcher Hearn, and his wife, Sadie, in 1918. Samuel F. Hearn was reportedly a blacksmith. The Hearn family gradually sold off portions of the farm in the twentieth century. When sold to Samuel and Sadie’s son, Harry Cissel Hearn and his wife, Ruth, in 1941 it was down to about 151 acres and by 1959 had been reduced to 140 ½ acres. There were cattle and sheep on the farm at this time, and the Hearn family made butter and operated a truck farm. More recently there were a number of greenhouses on the property. Another 16 acres was later sold before the property was foreclosed upon and sold out of the family in 2008. Subsequent law suits have

⁶ Hopkins, *Atlas of Howard County*, 1878. Martenet, *Map of Howard County*, 1860. *Baltimore Sun*, 1 December 1877, p. 4, col. 7. *Baltimore Sun*, 27 April 1878, p. 3, col. 4.

⁷ *Baltimore Sun*, 2 August 1880, p. 3, col. 6. Interview with Emily Hearn, 2 August 2012.

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attempted to regain the property for the family and forestall the demolition of the house and development of the farm, and these are continuing at this time (2012). The exact location of the family cemetery, noted by J. D. Warfield, is not known at this time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 A
Acreage of historical setting 124 A
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the farm lane that runs to the west and north of the house, the driveway to the south of the house, extended 30 feet east of the east side of the house, and an imaginary line from this point due north to intersect the farm lane, which encompasses all of the known historic structures on the site. The location of the historic cemetery is not known.

11. Form Prepared by

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| name/title | Ken Short | | |
| organization | Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning | date | September 2012 |
| street & number | 3430 Courthouse Drive | telephone | 410-313-4335 |
| city or town | Ellicott City | state | MD |

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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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: Hearn house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Gorman Road about 0.8 mi ~~west~~ north

CITY OR TOWN: of bridge over I.95.

STATE: CODE: COUNTY: CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|--|---|---|
| District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> | In Process <input type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Being Considered <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"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input 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: Harry & Ruth Hearn

STREET AND NUMBER: Gorman Road

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Md CODE:

Mab
47
A620

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Howard County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Road

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: Md CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2.85

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:

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

| 7. DESCRIPTION | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| CONDITION | (Check One) | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | Good <input type="checkbox"/> | Fair <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One) | | (Check One) |
| | Altered <input type="checkbox"/> | Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> | Moved <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Original Site <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | | | |
| <p>This frame clapboard house, L shaped, faces south. 4 bays by 2 with the wing running north along the east side wall. Two stories high, the A frame roof ridge line runs east-west, the wide eaves bracketed. Windows have 6 lights on 9 downstairs, 6 on 6 up.</p> | | | |

| SIGNIFICANCE | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> | 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 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 <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.) | | | |
| <p>Harry and Ruth Hearn's farm land was appropriated by the highway department. they hope to move their diminished operation, now nursery stock, to open country if a developer wants the farm, or what is left of it.</p> | | | |

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | | | | LONGITUDE | | | | |
| | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION: JEAN S. EWING DATE: _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 ...

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS STATE: MARYLAND CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

| | |
|--|---|
| <p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p> |
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WILSON-HEARN FARM (HO-1098)
10010 GORMAN RD
CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR/HOME | GRANTEE/HOME | DATE | LIBER/ FOLIO | INSTRU- MENT | CONSIDER- ATION | ACREAGE | NOTES |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Martin L. Goozman Jeffrey W. Bernstein, Substitute trustees | 10010 Gorman Rd LLC / MD Co. | 21 Oct. 2008 | MDR 11388-725 | Substitute trustees Deed – fee simple | \$12,500,000 | 200½ A - 49-3-26 ARP -2.749 A -7.394 A - 19.08 A +2.749 A | Sale 11 May 2007 |
| Wincopia Farms Ltd. / MD | Lane Patkin Robert Leibner, trustees | 18 July 2002 | MDR 6292-644 | Indemnity Deed of Trust Fee simple | \$10.00 | 200½ A - 49-3-26 ARP -2.749 A -7.394 A - 19.08 A +2.749 A | p/o Warfields Range |
| Mary Constance Colbert / Howard | Harry Cissel Hearn & wf Ruth Roberts / Howard | 28 July 1959 | RHM 341-110 | Deed – fee simple | \$5.00 | 140½ A | |
| Sadie A. Hearn, widow Harry Cissel Hearn & wf Ruth Roberts Laura B. Simpson / Howard | Mary Constance Colbert / Howard | 28 July 1959 | RHM 341-106 | Deed – fee simple | \$5.00 | 200½ A - 49-3-26 ARP - 2.749 A - 7.394 A = 140½ A | SFH d. 29 Oct. 1995 |
| Laura B. Simpson / Howard | Samuel F. & Sadie A. Hearn (H/W) for life Remainder to Harry Cissel Hearn / Howard | 27 Oct. 1941 | BM Jr. 172-187 | Deed – fee simple | \$5.00 | 200½ A - 49-3-26 ARP | |
| Samuel F. & Sadie A. Hearn (H/W) / Howard | Laura B. Simpson / Howard | 27 Oct. 1941 | BM Jr. 172-184 | Deed – fee simple | \$5.00 | 200½ A - 49-3-26 ARP | |

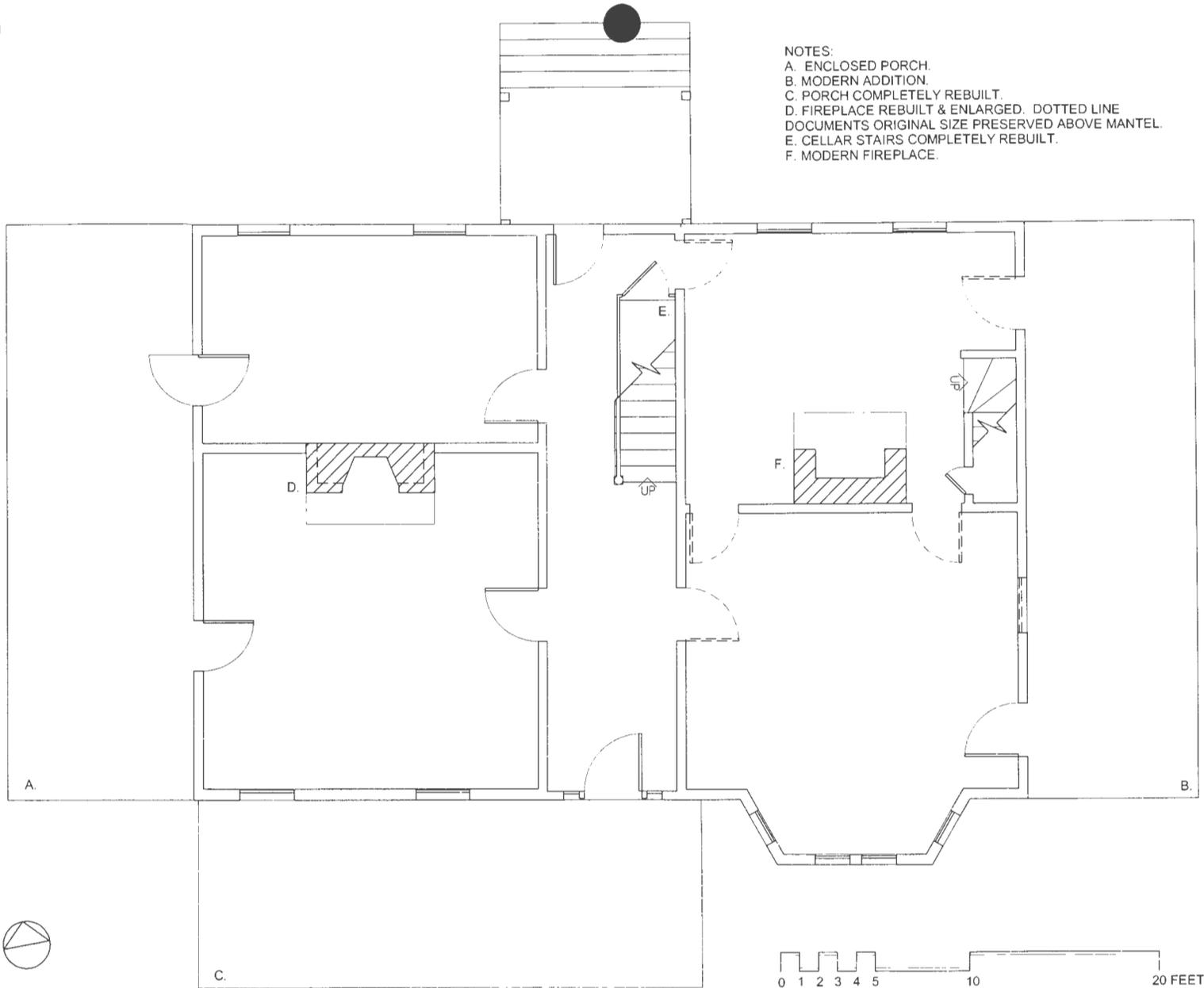
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| GRANTOR/HOME | GRANTEE/HOME | DATE | LIBER/ FOLIO | INSTRU- MENT | CONSIDER- ATION | ACREAGE | NOTES |
|---|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| Julia B. Merriken & husb. L. Grace Hearn Arthur C. Hearn & wf. Ridie M. Hearn / Balto. City | Samuel F. & Sadie A. Hearn (H/W) / Howard | 23 Dec. 1918 | HBN 106-566 | Deed – fee simple | \$5.00 | 1) 200½ A 2) 1¾ A | Grantors & Grantees are all heirs of Samuel C. & Maria C. Hearn on N. side, Still House Branch SCH d. 14 Oct. 1913 MCH d. 5 Nov. 1917 |
| George Mason / Fairfax Co, VA | Samuel C. Hearn / Howard | 13 Nov. 1880 | LJW 42-519 | Deed – fee simple | \$4,500 | 200½ A | |
| John T. Mason, R. atty / Balto. City For Campbell Fair | George Mason / Fairfax Co, VA | 10 Nov. 1880 | LJW 42-517 | Deed – fee simple | \$3,900 | ? | Sale 2 Aug. 1880 p/o Warfields Range |
| George Mason / Fairfax Co, VA | Campbell Fair / Balto. City | 2 Dec. 1878 | LJW 40-292 | Mortgage – fee simple | \$3,700 | 200½ A | |
| John T. Mason, R. Charles Doe, Trustees | George Mason / Fairfax Co, Va | 2 Dec. 1878 | LJW 40-289 | Deed – fee simple | \$6,050 | 200½ A | Equity Nov. 1877 Sarah Pfeltz v. George C. Pfeltz Sale 16 May 1878 |
| John Ford & wf Sarah / Howard | Sarah Pfeltz / Howard | 16 Sept. 1869 | LJW 38-74 | Deed – fee simple | \$10,250 | 200½ A | p/o Warfields Range |
| Thomas Marriott & wf Mary E. Antoinette Marriott / Howard | John Ford / Spartansburg, Crawford Co., PA | 18 Jan. 1866 | WWW 25-325 | Deed – fee simple | \$10,300 | 200½ A | On County rd. fr. Columbia Tpke to Savage Factory subject to mortgage of \$5,000 dated 10 Dec. 1865. Fayette Wilson [no previous reference] |
| Fayette H. Wilson / Howard | Thomas Marriott / Howard | 10 July 1865 | WWW 24-225 | Deed – fee simple | \$7,000 | a) 100 A b) 6 ½ A | a) except burying ground p/o “Warfields Range” |

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|--|---|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| Benjamin S. Holt & wf Elizabeth W. / Howard | Mrs. Fayette H. Wilson / Balto. City | 25 Apr. 1861 | WWW 21-393 | Deed – fee simple | \$5,600 | a) 100 A b) 6 ½ A | p/o Warfields Range |
| Joel Blue & wf Mary | Benjamin S. Holt | 9 Oct. 1858 | WHW 19-338 | Deed – fee simple | \$3,000 | 100 A | [no previous reference] |
| John W. Rhine & wf Elizabeth W. Richard H. Burgess / AA Co. | Joel Blue / AA | 16 Apr. 1829 | WSG 14-448 | Indenture | \$900 | 252 A | Warfields Range – “on the Waters of Patuxent” & Still House Branch [no previous reference] |
| | | | | | | | |
| Nicholas Ridgely Warfield, farmer / AA Co. | Thomas Moore, farmer / AA Co | 26 Sept. 1809 | NH 15-481 | Indenture | \$3.00 | 100 A | Warfields Range |

NOTES:
 A. ENCLOSED PORCH.
 B. MODERN ADDITION.
 C. PORCH COMPLETELY REBUILT.
 D. FIREPLACE REBUILT & ENLARGED. DOTTED LINE DOCUMENTS ORIGINAL SIZE PRESERVED ABOVE MANTEL.
 E. CELLAR STAIRS COMPLETELY REBUILT.
 F. MODERN FIREPLACE.



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~~HO-237~~ HEARN FAMILY FARM 10010 GORMAN ROAD

FIRST FLOOR PLAN -- MEASURED BY KEN SHORT & JOE HAUSER -- DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- JULY 2012



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Wilson-Hearn Farm

10010 Gorman Road

Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

2012-07-13

MD SHPO

House, south elevation

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House, south elevation, front door

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House, west elevation, cornice detail at
southwest corner

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House, north elevation

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House, center passage, view northeast

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House, southeast room, mantel

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House, cistern in attic

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