

Walnut Point Farm

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Walnut Point Farm

## 2. Location

street & number West side, near end of Walnut Point Road, 1.90 miles N.W. of intersection with Quaker Neck Road.  not for publication

city, town Chestertown  vicinity of 1st congressional district

state Maryland 21620 county Kent

## 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Stephanie Butan,

street & number R.D. 3 telephone no.: 778-1125

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland 21620

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber EHP 43

street & number folio 330

city, town Chestertown state Maryland, 21620

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Reconnaissance level county survey.

te 1968-1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust,

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. K-243

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" 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 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.

Until the house was drastically altered in the late 1940's, it had a 1½ story eighteenth-century section and a three-bay-wide, 2-story early twentieth-century section, both of frame construction and gable-roofed. The two story section is still three bays wide, but enlarged at both ends and at the rear. The 1½ story section is now 1 story and its long dimension shortened.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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
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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.

Both the early, probably eighteenth-century 1-½ story section and later 2 story section have been so altered and rebuilt that their earlier character cannot be discerned. In the eighteenth century portion, only the steep front roof slope, brick foundation and log joists indicate that this was the site chosen by an early settler for a dwelling. This house was one of many in the county built in a simple 1-½ story style and sited with easy access to a creek, water travel being an important mode of transportation during this period.



## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

BUILDING FORM AND MATERIAL

1. Size:
  - Main Section: 2 stories, 3 bays wide, 2 bays deep
  - Wing A: 1 story (formerly 1½ stories), now 1 bay wide, 2 bays deep
  - Wing B: enclosed porch-type room to rear of Wing A, 1 story
2. Plan type: Main Section- has side-hall plan; 1-story, 18th Century portion is at hall end of main section; 18th century section probably was originally hall and parlor. A brick kitchen was said to have stood formerly on the southwest gable end of Wing A, the oldest standing section.
3. Roof type: Main Section-gable; Wing A- steep gable; Wing B- Wing A roof slope altered to continue over Wing B (catslide)
4. Chimneys: 1) Wing A-gable end; Main section-through roof ridge, between 1st and 2nd bays (from north). A chimney was removed from the main section gable end nearest Wing A. Material for #1 is fieldstone, built in the mid-20th century. Material for #2 is brick. Decorative Elements: #2 has hood; this chimney is a replacement of an earlier one.
5. Material/Walls
  - Main Section: Frame. Asbestos shingles over lapped horizontal weatherboard.
  - Wing A; Same
  - Wing B: Frame, with asbestos shingles only.
6. Material/Roofs
  - Main Section: asbestos shingles
  - Wing A: asbestos shingles
7. Material/Foundation
  - Main Section: brick with parging; cellar
  - Wing A; Brick, with parging, but 1-6 common bond seen. Some burnt headers. Sample brick: 8-½" x 2-3/8" x 4±. Crawl space with rough log joists seen.
  - Wing B: Same as main section
8. Age:
  - Main Section- ca. 1910-1915
  - Wing A- probably 18th Century, perhaps early. This portion has been radically altered but log joists can be seen in the crawl space.
9. Style: 1940's remodeling of 18th century 1-½ story and early 20th century vernacular farmhouse.

BUILDING ELEMENTS AND DETAILS

1. Doors
  - Main Entry: Main section, a mid-20th century paneled door with upper lights. Gable roofed entry canopy supported by brackets. Brick stoop.
  - Secondary Entries: Main section, gable end- into kitchen; main section/Wing A- from rear enclosed porch
2. Windows
  - Main Section: paired casements; 3-lights, with 1 fixed light above; shutters -fixed louvered, plastic.
  - Wings: Wing A- grouped casements; Wing B- double hung. Lights: casements-3 with 1 fixed light above; Wing B-8/8. Shutters: fixed louvered plastic.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

3. Dormers: One formerly in center of Wing A on approach side, seen in old photo. Removed in 1940's remodeling. May not have been original to building, or may have been survivor of several.

## 4. Roof Details

Main Section: Box cornice with no crown molding; simple bed molding

Wings: Same. The rear roof slope of Wing A was altered with the addition of Wing B, an enclosed porch. One roof now covers both sections, with a catslide effect.

5. Porches: None at present; old photo shows porch across approach facade of main section and Wing A.

6. Color: current- white, with white trim, green shutters. Historic-unknown.

## 7. Other

There is a discrepancy between the size of the 1½ story section as it appears on the exterior and its foundation size. The foundation shows the old portion to have been about 16' x 32'. Outside, the old portion (as designated by current roof and wells) seems to measure about 16' x 23'. What appears to have happened is that during the late 1940's alterations a portion of the northeast 1-½ story gable end was raised to two stories, to provide a generous stair hall ( now a total of 14' wide) on the first floor and additional bedroom space on the second. The main entry and windows were relocated and a north-eastern two-story section added.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

## 1. Plan type:

Wing A- probably originally hall and parlor. Stair hall is now in approximate center of total house.

2. Major stair: Part of 1940's remodeling, a straight-run, open-string stair; 2 tapered plain turned balusters per tread; rail is continuous with newel, a simple turned newel.

Other Stairs: original stairs all removed.

## 3. Major mantels:

Wing A- gable end-1940's fireplace and chimney of fieldstone; heavy wood mantle shelf; rectangular opening with flat splayed arch of stone.

## 4. Major trim:

Windows/doors: plain

Baseboards: Plain board with Greek ogee and bevel cap, 1940's

Cornices: Modern, in Wing A only; date from time of paneling.

Chair Rails: none

## 5. Major doors: modern

6. Floors: original floors replaced in old section (Wing A). Carpeted throughout.

7. Walls/ceiling finishes: Wing A-mid 20th century pine paneling; false high ceiling with boxed exposed beams. (Second story floor of this section removed.) Pine board ceilings. Main section -wallpaper and paint on plaster.

OUTBUILDINGS/SITE DESCRIPTION

1. Major outbuildings: Mid-20th century barns, one with apartment on 2nd story.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

2. Site description: A circular drive, enclosing a large tree, leads to the approach facade. Lawns with shrubs and trees are on the other sides. Outbuildings stand to the east; a riding ring is to the southwest of the circular drive.

3. From the rear of the house, across the rolling lawn and cropland between the house and the waters of the East Fork of Langford Creek, Island Point and Beck's Landing in Broad Neck can be seen. Distant by land transportation, these sections of an adjacent neck were easily reached by water. It is quite likely that the original orientation of the original house was to the water, not the lane to the public road as at present, though hall and parlor houses in Kent County usually had one door on each long side and might be considered to have two facades. Sometimes one side was trimmed and decorated more elaborately, indicating the intended orientation, but this was not always the case. No exterior details remain on this house to indicate the original orientation.

USE OF BUILDING

1. Current: residence Historic: Residence, farmhouse

HISTORY OF BUILDING/ PAST OWNERSHIP

An old photo taken before the 1940's alterations shows much of the approach side. One 6/6 shed-roofed dormer was centered in the approach-side roof slope of the 1½ story section; a shed-roofed (with corrugated metal) porch ran along this section and across the front also of the two-story section. Main section windows were 2/2 with louvered shutters. Three chimneys could be seen--at gable end of 1½ story section, at gable end of 2-story section (one more two-story bay has since been added at this gable end), and at the intersection of the old section with the new (where present main hall is). The number of bays of the 1½ story section could not be discerned; the main section may have been 3 bays wide with a side stair plan and possibly no stair hall. The door and window openings were apparently all relocated during the late 1940's remodeling. Both sections' roofs were wood shingled. At the time of the photo the house appeared to be in very poor condition, a victim of the depressed local farm economy from the 1920's to World War II.

1. STATE Maryland  
 COUNTY Kent  
 TOWN Chestertown VICINITY Walnut Point  
 STREET NO. Walnut Point Road  
 ORIGINAL OWNER  
 ORIGINAL USE Dwelling  
 PRESENT OWNER Mrs. Helen Franz  
 PRESENT USE Dwelling  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION frame  
 NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K-248

2. NAME Walnut Point Farm  
 DATE OR PERIOD 19th Century  
 STYLE - ?  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior fair



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD Oct 21

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



ROCK HALL QUADRANGLE

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View to North

WALNUT POINT FARM (K-248)

Quaker Neck, Chestertown, Kent County

Photograph: M. Q. Fallaw, June 1981