

## Patience Reward Farm

## Chestertown

The main section of the house at Patience Reward Farm, is quite typical of one type of large mid-19th century Kent County farmhouse. Although there is no central roof gable, the side lights of the central dormer and central 2nd floor window as well as the imposing main entry draw the eye to the center. Located on the east side of Route 661, this Victorian farmhouse's gable roofed main section is 2-1/2 stories tall and 5 bays wide, with design emphasis on the center bay on all three levels. A 3 bay porch with arched post brackets spans the approach facade. Cornice sawnwork on three sides is the house's most prominent decorative element. Unusual for a house of this type, the kitchen wing stands at a main section gable end instead of to the rear. This lower 2 bay wide wing may be of earlier construction.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Patience Reward Farm

and/or common Patience Reward Farm

## 2. Location

street & number East side Quaker Neck Landing Rd., (Rt. 661),  
1/2 mile south of Quaker Neck Rd., (Rt. 289)  not for publication

city, town Chestertown  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    | <input type="checkbox"/> educational                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted     | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
|                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific                   |
|                                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                   |
|                                                 |                                                    |                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> military                     |
|                                                 |                                                    |                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |

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

name Edward T. Stuart, Jr.

street & number 656 Dorset Road, Box 377 telephone no.:

city, town Devon state and zip code Pennsylvania 19333

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber WHG 70

street & number folio 214

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. K-460

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

This Victorian farmhouse's gable-roofed main section is 2½ stories tall and 5 bays wide, with design emphasis on the center bay on all three levels. A 3 bay porch with arched post brackets spans the approach facade. Cornice sawnwork on three sides is the house's most prominent decorative element. A lower 2-bay-wide wing, with an addition at the rear, joins the main section's north gable end.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. K-460

| 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/<br>humanitarian |
| <input 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)         |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |                                                 |                                                  |

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

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.

The main section of the house at Patience Reward is quite typical of one type of large mid-19th century Kent County farmhouse. Although there is no central roof gable, the sidelights of the central dormer and central 2nd floor window as well as the imposing main entry draw the eye to the center. Built for commodiousness but also with an awareness of the decorative detail fashionable at the time, the house has cornice sawn work (still in good condition) for its most prominent visual feature. Unusual for a house of this type, the kitchen wing stands at a main section gable end instead of to the rear. Detracting from the visual impact of the house, it may indicate an earlier construction date for the wing.



## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 2½ stories, 5 bays wide, 2 bays deep (no windows in south gable end)  
Wing A: lower 2 stories, 2 bays wide, 1 bay deep  
Wing B: 1 story
2. Plan type - Central hall with lower 2-story wing on north gable end.
3. Roof type - Main section: gable (90°)  
Wings: A- gable B- low partial hip (former porch?)
4. Chimneys - 2 in main section enclosed within each gable end. 1 - north gable end of Wing A.  
Materials: brick<sup>1)</sup>  
Decorative elements: S. gable - Main section - cap appears missing;<sup>2)</sup> north gable - Main section - 1 corbelled course beneath. -2 course cap (partially missing).<sup>3)</sup> Wing A - flared to top - slight corbelling.
5. Material/Walls - Main Section: Frame; asbestos shingles over weatherboard with probable pilasters covered - simple capitals remain.  
Wing A: Frame; painted/stained wood shingles, 10" exposure with 14" cornerboards; lapped weatherboard on rear (appears quite new).  
Wing B: Frame; painted/stained wood shingles, 6½" exposure.
6. Material/Roofs - Main section: Aquamarine painted, corrugated metal sheets over wood shingles.  
Wing A: Corrugated metal over wood shingles.  
Wing B: Roll Asphalt
7. Material/Foundation - Main section: Brick (above ground); no cellar?  
Wing A: Brick Piers with brick infill - crawl space  
Wing B: Brick piers with brick and concrete block infill.
8. Age - Main section: 1850-1890  
Wings: Not able to determine age from exterior; Wing A may predate main section, perhaps from earlier 19th century, because of its location at main-section gable end rather than at rear, which was usual when a secondary wing was built at the same time as a main section of this type. Wing B - 20th century.
9. Style - Vernacular rural Victorian with perhaps earlier 19th century wing in simple farmhouse style.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main entry: Located in central bay of approach facade; double 3-raised panel doors with Greek ogee and bevel moldings; 4-light sidelights with panel below; 4-light transom (center 2 larger); plain board pilasters.  
Secondary entries: main section - rear of central hall to modern deck. Wing B - to rear of wing A
2. Windows - Main Section: type - double hung lights-6/6  
details - plain board (unmolded) frames; plain, slightly projecting wood sills; lintel - about 6" fascia board surmounted by bevel and drip. Aluminum storms throughout; **center 2nd floor window - 2/2 sidelights.**  
shutters - louvered, screwed-on, painted green on approach facade only; shutters removed at rear; shutter dogs or fasteners removed.  
  
Wings: type: A- double-hung; B- casement, most in pairs  
lights: A- 6/6 - front; 1/1 in 2 sizes, rear - replacements?; B- 9  
details: A- plain wooden lintels/heads and sills with apparently plain board frames (obscured by shutters and storms). B- plain board frames; plain wood sills  
shutters: A- painted green louvered (partially moveable on double window) wooden, appear fairly new (nailed open); no hardware on shingled walls.
3. Dormers - 3 in front, 2 in rear of main section. Front- 6/6 with segmentally arched upper sash; center dormer flanked by 2/2 sidelights and with prominent 12-15" return of gable roof; plain pilasters; no overhang at eaves or gable end. Rear- 6/6 double hung windows.
4. Roof details - Main section: Eaves-box cornice with large bevel and bead crown molding and bevel bed molding and bold returns about 40" long; Sawn work on bottom of cornice(soffit) on approach facade and all returns, a trefoil drop with 3-leaf pattern above, with pattern varied over center bay. Gable end's overhang is 12-15" with large beveled Fascia beneath; barge boards with same sawn work as approach facade.  
Wings: A - plain box cornice; plain verge boards overlaying shingles. B - roofing wrapped around overhang fascia; no soffits; rafter ends and look-outs exposed
5. Porches - 3 bay wide, 1 bay deep porch on approach facade extending nearly the width of house; low-hipped roof with metal turndown at edges; not standing seam, asphalted. Large chamfered posts with lambs' tongues at top with ogee and box capitals; simply sawn arched brackets at posts and house wall. Recently replaced

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

pine tongue and groove flooring. Modern deck at rear. Lattice work between piers.

6. Color - Current: Main section - green, wings - white. trim white; shutters dark green.  
Historic: ?

Interior Description

The interior was not viewed. Plan type - probably central hall, one room deep, with kitchen in side wing.

Outbuildings/Site Description

1. Major outbuildings - Dairy?/Small Shed?  
Barn with catslide roof over shed wing and corn crib.  
  
Pole shed  
All late 19th/ early 20th century ? except for new Texture 1-11 plywood clad shed.
2. Site Description - This Victorian farmhouse, facing northwest, sits at the end of a long lane from Quaker Neck Landing Road. Numerous farm outbuildings lie to the north. The site is generally flat but drops off slightly at the sides and rear. Immediately surrounding the house are lawns with trees and shrubs.
3. Views to/from site - The approach facade faces a partially enclosed lawn with one (declining) tree to the southwest probably planted about the time the house was built. Beyond the lawn are fields (appear to have been plowed but not planted) with trees in the distance. Several old, partially dead, trees remain in the rear. Numerous new plantings have been made. Beyond the rear lawn is a small woods lot and plowed fields. To the southwest of the house a farm pond lies in a low area. In the distance on all sides are trees/woods, through which to the southwest several houses are partially seen.

Use of Building

1. Current - residence/farmhouse





View to Southeast

PATIENCE REWARD FARM (K-460)

Quaker Neck, Chestertown, Kent County

Photograph: M. Q. Fallaw, May 1981



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View to east

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View to southwest

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