

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**HARRISON AND ADA WARD FARM**

13501 Travilah Road, Darnestown  
~~13501 ESWORTH ROAD, TRAVILAH~~

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-25/9

Approximate Building Date: 1885

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Travilah

Access: Private

The Harrison Ward Farm is a fine example of a late nineteenth century, middle class, rural farmstead which features a striking house and barn. The property contains a very intact center gable house with a three story tower, constructed in 1885, and a bank barn which exhibits an unusual use of a center gable form. The Ward Farm has secondary significance for its association with Harrison Gilmore Ward, a citizen active in the local community, and a founding member of the Travilah Hall Company which was responsible for the 1910 construction of a town hall in Travilah.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M25-9

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Harrison and Ada Ward Farm

and/or common W.H. Poole Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 13501 Travilah Road  not for publication

city, town Darnestown  vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 Hallie P. Moseley

street & number 17191 Ryland Chapel Road telephone no.: (301)937-3277

city, town Rixeyville state and zip code VA 22737

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4145

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 489

city, town Rockville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

# 7. Description

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## 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.

The Harrison Ward Farm is a fine example of a late nineteenth century, middle class, rural farmstead which features a striking house and barn pair of center gable form with Renaissance Revival detailing. The barn has a prominent setting near the road's shoulder, while the house, nestled in a group of mature trees, is located on a rise above the road. The entire property is enclosed with a combination of stockade, chain link, and post and rail fencing. There are new residential developments to the south, east, and west, across Travilah Road, and the once-rural setting is now quite suburban in feeling. The remaining open fields are important to the character of the farmhouse and outbuildings.

The Ward Farmhouse, constructed in 1885, has a two and one half story, four bay front section facing west and rear ell to the east. The house has a picturesque asymmetry achieved by an off-center cross gable (second bay from the north), three story tower (southmost bay), and wrap around porch. Thin cornices with deep eaves meet a wide frieze without architrave and end with returns at each gable.

The roofs of the main house, tower, and porch are standing seam metal; siding is covered with stucco. Windows, most of which have operable shutters, are two over two sash on the front elevation (except for the tower which has one over one), and six over six sash, for the most part, on secondary elevations. The front entrance, beneath the cross gable, contains a paneled door with transom.

The three story, hexagonal tower features ocular (bull's eye) windows in a fishscale frieze surmounted by a hexagonal hipped roof with wood finial. The front cross gable contains a two light lunette (half round window) while each of the three side and rear gables contain square, four light windows. An exterior chimney stands on the south gable end (east roof slope) of the main block and an interior chimney on the rear ell, near the intersection with the main block.

A one story porch, supported by slender square columns with wide Ionic capitals and square bases, and covered with shallow hipped roof, extends across the front facade and wraps around the entire north side. The porch floor is stone over concrete.

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The two story, gable roof rear ell is four bays across on the south and one bay wide on the east gable end. A two story, shed-roof addition at its southwest corner is two bays wide and two bays deep, while another two story, shed roof addition to the east is two bays wide and one bay deep. There are entrances from both the south and west elevations. At the northeast corner is a two bay, one story addition with an outside entrance.

Few alterations have been made to the house. The stucco was probably applied to the siding in the early 20th century. The two additions at the corner between the main block and rear ell were constructed in the early and mid 20th century.

Standing southwest and across the drive from the house, the five bay by three bay bank barn (60' x 40') exhibits compatible Renaissance Revival detailing with louvered oculi in both side gables and front and rear cross gables, and pedimented louvered windows. The barn is covered with drop (German) siding and sits on a foundation of Seneca sandstone. Near each gable end of the raised-seam metal roof sits a cubic cupola each of which is punctuated with a turned ball finial and vented with louvered windows on most sides.

On the north facade, a central raised wagon ramp leads to a pair of large center doors on tracks, the eastmost of which contains a human size door. A round cinderblock silo, built between 1929 and 1946, without a roof sits to the west side of the ramp. On the south facade, a single central oversize door on a track is located above the stabling area which is enclosed with wood siding and early 20th century windows.

East of the barn is a three bay, gable roof corn crib with vertical wood siding and corrugated metal roof; it sits on a stone foundation and faces east. Connecting the corn crib with the bank barn is a one story, shed roof tack room with vertical wood siding and raised seam metal roof.

Northeast of the corn crib, and facing west, is a one bay, board and batten, gable roof garage with a shed roof, one bay addition across the width of the south elevation. These outbuildings are contributing. To the south of the house, beyond the fence marking the boundary of the rear yard, is a modern gambrel roof barn, which is not contributing.

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" 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 c.1885 Builder/Architect Unknown

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.

Summary: The Harrison Ward Farmstead contains a handsome pairing of center gable house and barn with classical architectural details. While use of the center gable building form was widespread in Montgomery County residences built during the later 19th century, this example is noteworthy for its stylish three story tower and its good integrity. The center gable bank barn is a rare example of the use of form for an agricultural building. The Ward Farm has secondary significance for its association with Harrison Gilmore Ward, a citizen active in the local community.

### Architectural Significance

The center gable I house was a building form popular in Montgomery County through the second half of the 19th century. Examples have been found dating from as early as 1850 to as late as 1890. The building type is characterized by a three to five bay, two story structure which is one room deep with side gable roof and central cross gable.

There are two main subtypes of the center gable form. One, influenced by Downing's Gothic Revival cottages, has a steeply pitched roof. Compatible elements include: gable windows which are pointed- or triangular arched or diamonds with 90 degree corners; bargeboard on center and/or side gables; full width porch with turned posts and scroll brackets. One of the best examples is Mendelssohn Terrace (#10/12), 1880, which has secondary cross gables flanking the main cross gable.

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The other main type, based on Italianate or Renaissance Revival models, has a low slope main roof and cross gable. Stylistic elements frequently associated with this type include: gable windows which are round- or segmentally arched, or, less commonly, lunettes and oculi; thin cornices with wide fascia trim and wide eaves; cornices and fascia on window and door surrounds; and full width porch with square or round columns. Pleasant View (#28/19), c1879, is a typical example of this type.

The Harrison Ward Farmhouse is a fine example of the center gable type exhibiting Italianate influence. In addition to the low slope roof and center cross gable, the house exhibits recognizable stylistic elements related to this architectural style: lunette, oculi, cornice with wide eaves and frieze, and square porch columns with capitals and bases. The wrap around porch and tower create a picturesque effect heralding the up and coming Queen Anne style.

The combination of center gable and polygonal tower elements is uncommon in Montgomery County. The two other known examples, the Oliver Watkins House, 1851 and 1870s (#13/3), and the King Farm, 1898 (#14/32), are in the Cedar Grove vicinity and executed in the Gothic Revival mode.

The use of the center gable form for a bank barn is also rare. This example is particularly noteworthy for its fine details, including pedimented louvered windows and door, louvered oculus, drop siding, and turned ball finials.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the barn retains much of its original integrity.

Historical Significance

Harrison Gilmore Ward (1853-1941) purchased 100 1/2 acres of unimproved land in 1881 for \$2,336.62. The tract, part of "Mount Prospect," was designated Lot 2 when sold to Ward by John L. DuFief, landowner of nearly 700 acres, to pay off his debts.<sup>2</sup>

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Ward and his wife, Ara M. Thrift (1857-1944), probably built the house in 1885. It is not known where the couple lived in the first few years after their marriage in 1879. Their first of seven children was born in 1882. Harrison and Ara Ward were active contributors to the Darnestown Presbyterian Church at a time when the church was thriving so strongly that it was expanded in 1897 with parlor and bell tower in the Gothic Revival style. Harrison Ward was a founding member of the Travilah Hall Company which was responsible for the 1910 construction of a town hall in Travilah, less than a mile south. The hall became the center of social events for the community over the next twenty years.<sup>3</sup>

The Ward children grew up to become known as upstanding and hardworking citizens of Darnestown and Travilah. Lula May Ward (1897-1976), who married Albert Cissel, helped the Bethesda Women's Farm Market to thrive. Spencer Ward (1890-1974) was highly regarded in the community and active in the Darnestown Presbyterian Church. Nettie Grace married Charles A Boyer, lived at Darne-Purdum Farm.<sup>4</sup>

The farm prospered into the twentieth century. Reflecting agricultural practices of the time, the Wards had a general farm, growing wheat, corn, and hay. Crops were hauled down Travilah Road approximately three miles to Pennyfield Lock for shipment on the C & O Canal. After the closing of the canal in 1924, the Wards took their crops to Georgetown themselves, by horse and wagon.<sup>5</sup>

Upon his father's retirement, by 1929, son William Harrison Ward managed the farm with his wife Mary Virginia Darby. Like many other farmers of the era, William shifted from general farming to dairy farming. In 1948, the farm was purchased by William H. Poole, Jr. and used in later years to pasture horses. Recently, the fields were subdivided for single family dwellings which are in the process of construction. The farm buildings, now little used, are situated on a four acre lot, currently up for sale by Poole's daughter, Hallie Mosely.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. Mi 25-9

See Attached Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.02A

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Silver Spring state MD

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.

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Periods:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930  
Modern Period - A.D. 1930-Present
- c. Historic Period Themes:  
Agriculture  
Architecture  
Social/Education/Cultural
- d. Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Functions: Farmhouse/Outbuildings  
Uses: Residential, Agricultural

Chain of Title

1877 Equity Records EBP 14:138

1881 DuFief to Harrison G. Ward, Deed EBP 23:408 (2-28-1881)

1929 Harrison Ward to William H. Ward, Deed 484:307 (7-1-1929)

1946 Wm Ward to Ralph and Louise Counselman

1948 Counselman to William H. Poole Jr, Deed 1150:421  
(4-28-1948)

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Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> A building known as Windsor's Store, built by 1879, once stood in Darnestown which had similar pedimented window treatment.

<sup>2</sup> Land transaction data from Eileen McGuckian MHT form, 8/1979: Judgement Record EBP 14/138 (Oct 26, 1877); Deed EBP 23/408 (Feb 28, 1881); Deed 484/307 (July 1, 1929); Deed 1150/421 (April 28, 1948). Also plat of DuFief real estate (Sept. 18, 1876).

<sup>3</sup> Construction date based on Eileen McGuckian 1979 MHT form, Tax Assessment Records, 1885. The Wards were married at the Gaithersburg vicinity home of Ara's father, Samuel Thrift. Sources: Margaret Marshall Coleman, **Montgomery County: A Pictorial History**, 165; Ward Genealogy File, Montgomery County Historical Society; #25/10-1 Travilah Town Hall MHT form, Alison F. Hays, 2/1979.

<sup>4</sup> On Lula May Cissel: Nancy Houston, "A History of Ridgefield," **Little Acorn**, June 1980, 12-13. Spencer Ward: Phone conversation with Nancy Houston, 5-10-94.

<sup>5</sup> In 1911, Ward bought the Darne-purdum farm which he then gave to his daughter Nettie Grace and her husband Charles A. Boyer. (#24/20 MHT Form) Conversation with Harrison C King, grandson of Harrison Ward, son of Augusta Ward and Charles King, 5-2-94.  
Unpublished Source

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM  
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: 25/9  
PROPERTY NAME: Harrison Ward Farm/  
W.H. Poole Farm  
TOWN: Gaithersburg, MD  
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY  
QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA



HARRISON & ADA WARD FARM  
M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (L) (MAIN)

West (R)

NE6: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

Northwest Corner

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON'S AOWARD FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (West City)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (L) (MAIN)

West (R)

NEG: MO SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont Co)

L Snyderman

11/93

West

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darrestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

West (L)

South (R)

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD (OUTBLDG - BANK BARN)  
FARM

M-25/9

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

EAST (Main)

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD (Outbuilding) (Barn)<sup>BANK</sup>

M-25/9

FARM

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (L)

West (R) (Rear)

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD (Outbuilding) (Barn)  
M-25/9 FARM

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East (Main) (L)

North (R)

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA (Outbuildings) (Rear of Corn Crib;  
WARD FARM ~~Wick Room~~; Part of  
M 2519 (Barn))

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON ADA WARD (Outbuilding) (Cosa crib)

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FARM

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East (R)

South (L)

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD (outbuilding) (Carnegie  
M-2519 FARM Shed)

13501 Travilah Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

North (Left)

West (Right)

NEG: MD SHPO

120714

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HARRISON & ADA WARD (outbuilding) (Barn <sup>millery</sup> outside  
Fence line)  
M-25/9 FARM

13501 Travilah Rd

Darachtown, MD 20874 (West. City)

L Snyderman

11/93

North

NEG: MD SHPO

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HARRISON & ADA WARD

(View of ADJACENT  
SUBDIVISION)

M-25/9

FARM

13501 Travilah Rd

Darmanston, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 25-9  
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: W. H. Poole Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 25/9 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 14  
13501 D-14
4. Address: 13150 Travilah Road, Gaithersburg
5. Classification Summary
- |                    |                                       |                           |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category           | <u>building</u>                       | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u>  |
| Ownership          | <u>private</u>                        | Title and Date:           | <u>1976 - Inventory of</u>  |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u>                            |                           | <u>Historical Sites</u>   |
| Status             | <u>occupied</u>                       |                           |   |
| Accessible         | <u>no</u>                             | Federal                   | <u>State</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>County</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>educational; private residence</u> |                           |   |
6. Date: 1885 7. Original Owner: Harrison G. Ward
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This frame (now covered with stucco) L-shaped house is 2½ stories, 4 bays by one bay. The southwestern bay is an octagonal tower with fishscale shingles. There is a center gable, returned cornice in the gable ends, a wide frieze, and a flat-roof wrapped porch. There is an interior and an exterior brick chimney.
- There are two 2 bay by 1 bay, 2 story additions to the southeast and a 1 story addition on the northeast. Front windows are 2-over-2 double-hung, while most others are 6-over-6. The roof is of seamed metal. The yard has mature trees, and is backed by slightly rolling pasture and cropland.
- There is a large frame bankbarn with center gable and vents, a three bay corncrib, board and batten carriage and tiny shed.
10. Significance: This fanciful farmhouse has been owned by only three families since its construction in 1885.
- The tract on which it is situated, part of a tract named "Mount Prospect", was a portion of the land holdings of John L. DuFief; DuFief at the time of his death in 1877 owned almost 700 acres, with four dwellings and a mill. To satisfy his considerable debts, DuFief's personal and real estate were sold, and Harrison G. Ward in 1881 purchased 100½ acres (known as Lot #3) for \$2,336.62. Four years later, Ward constructed the farmhouse.
- Harrison and his wife Ara farmed the land, purchasing acreage which tripled their land holdings. They sold the farm to a member of the family, William H. Ward, in 1929; William sold the house and 85 acres to Ralph and Louise Counselman in 1946. The Counselmans sold the farm two years later to the present owner.
- Today the farm is used mainly for pasture, and space is leased to an equestrian center.
11. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckian - 8/79
12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 9/79 14. Designation Approval \_\_\_\_\_
15. Acreage: 79.965 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **W. H. Poole Farm**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **13150 Travilah Road**

CITY, TOWN **Gaithersburg**  VICINITY OF **Travilah** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT **8**

STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Montgomery**

**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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **W. H. Poole, Jr.** Telephone #: **424-8980**

STREET & NUMBER **13150 Travilah Road**

CITY, TOWN **Gaithersburg**  VICINITY OF **Travilah** STATE, zip code **Maryland 20760**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Montgomery County Courthouse**

Liber #: **2425**  
Folio #: **341**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN **Rockville** STATE **Maryland 20850**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE **M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites**

DATE **1976**  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **Park Historian's Office**

CITY, TOWN **Rockville** STATE **Maryland 20855**

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This frame, now covered with stucco, L-shaped house faces west. The main block of the house is two and one-half stories in height, and is four bays by one bay. The southwestern bay is an octagonal tower sheathed with fishscale shingles on the third level and topped with seamed metal. The west (front) facade has a center gable over the wood and glass paneled entrance. The cornice returns in the gable ends, and the frieze of the main block is wide. There is a flat-roofed porch which extends across three bays of the front of the house, then wraps around to the north side. There is an interior brick chimney and an exterior chimney on the south gable end.

There are two, two bay by one bay, two story additions to the southeast of the main block which almost square off the house. The northeast corner has a two bay by one bay, one story addition. Each addition has an outside entrance.

Windows on the front of the house are two-over-two double-hung sash, while on the other facades most are six-over-six. The roof is of seamed metal. The yard is landscaped with mature trees and enclosed with chain link fencing. Outside the yard is slightly rolling pasture and cropland.

The large frame bankbarn is painted red and has white louvered windows. Like the house, it has a central gable on the facade. There are two lanterns or vents along the ridge of the roof. Adjacent to the barn are a round cinderblock silo and a frame tackroom. Other outbuildings include a three bay corn crib with open center, board and batten carriage shed, modern hipped roof barn, and small board and batten shed in ruinous condition.

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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<b>Local History</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES      1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This fanciful farmhouse has been owned by only three families since its construction in 1885.

The tract on which it is situated, part of a tract named "Mount Prospect", was a portion of the land holdings of John L. DuFief; DuFief at the time of his death in 1877 owned almost 700 acres, with four dwellings and a mill. To satisfy his considerable debts, DuFief's personal and real estate were sold, and Harrison G. Ward in 1881 purchased 100½ acres (known as Lot #2) for \$2,336.62.<sup>1</sup> Four years later, Ward constructed the farmhouse.<sup>2</sup>

Harrison and his wife Ara farmed the land, purchasing acreage which rippled their land holdings. They sold the farm to a member of the family, William H. Ward, in 1929;<sup>3</sup> William sold the house and 85 acres to Ralph and Louise Counselman in 1946.<sup>4</sup> The Counselmans sold the farm two years later to the present owner.

Today the farm is used mainly for pasture, and space is leased to an equestrian center.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md., Judgment Record EBP14/138 (filed October 26, 1877); Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 23/408 (February 28, 1881).
2. Montgomery County Assessment Records, 1885.
3. Land Records, op. cit., 484/307 (July 1, 1929).
4. Ibid., 1150/421 (April 28, 1948).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land, Equity, and Assessment Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 79.965 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

8/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
W. H. POOLE FARM				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
13501 Travilah Road				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Potomac		13501 Travilah Road		
CITY OR TOWN:				
Maryland		Potomac		
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Montgomery	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
W. H. Poole, Jr.				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
13501 Travilah Road				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Potomac			Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Rockville			Maryland	
STATE				
Maryland				
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE:				

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure now covered with stucco. The facade is four bays. The south bay being a bay window terminating in an octagonal tower sheathed with shingles. There is a gable above the second bay from the north; this is the entrance bay. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The cornice returns in the gable ends.</p> <p>The bankbarn is frame. Like the house, it has a central gable on the facade. There are lanterns or vents along the ridge of the roof.</p>						

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 28 Feb. 75

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



NAME W.H. POOLE FARM

#25-9

LOCATION TRAVILAH RD, TRAVILAH, MD.

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 2/28/75

M. RUYER



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NAME W.H. POOLE FARM

LOCATION TRAVILAH RD TRAVILAH, Md

FACADE SW

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