

QA-89
Pearle Walls Farm
Ingleside vicinity
Private

early 19th century,
late 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Pearle Walls Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side Roe-Ingleside Road

CITY, TOWN

Ingleside

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Louise W. Skinner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 7-B

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 86

Folio #: 200

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

QA-89

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pearle Walls Farm is located on the east side of the Roe-Ingleside Road 1/4 mile south of Murphy Road and approximately 1 1/2 miles south of Ingleside.

The main house is of frame construction, five bays wide, 2 1/2 stories high and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys and a steeply pitched gable roof with clipped or jerkin head gables. A 1 1/2 story frame wing projects from the east gable wall.

The principal facade faces north toward Ingleside. The door is in the center bay framed with sidelights and transom and flanked by two 2/2 windows on each side. Five 2/2 windows are ranged across the second story; there are three pitched roof 2/2 windows on the third story. The house rests on a continuous brick foundation and is covered with asbestos shingles over earlier beveled horizontal weatherboards. The eaves are boxed in and trimmed with a bold Victorian crown mold; the roof is asphalt shingle. A one story Victorian porch with chamfered posts stretches across the first story on this facade.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

There are no openings in either gable wall. The cornice returns at the corners and is carried up the gable eaves.

On the rear or south facade, the door is offset to west of center, flanked by two 2/2 windows on each side. There are five 2/2 windows on the second story and three 2/2 pitched roof dormers on the third story. There is no porch on this facade, otherwise the details are identical to the front facade.

The east wing extends the full depth of the main house and is two rooms in length. On the front facade, there is a small 6/6 window in the west bay and a larger 6/6 in the east bay on the first story and a single pitched roof 6/6 dormer in the west bay of the second story. The wing rests on low brick piers and is covered with asbestos siding, a plain box cornice and an asphalt shingle roof.

On the east gable wall, a single 6/6 window is centered on the first floor and a pair of modern 6/6 windows are centered in the upper gable.

A one story enclosed porch stretches across the south facade of the wing. There are doors in the east bay and at the extreme west end of this facade, with a 6/6 window immediately to the right of the west door. A 6/6 pitched roof dormer on the second floor is

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

aligned above the first floor window.

The interior consists of a center passage plan with single rooms on each side of the stair passage. A Victorian stair with turned newels and grained woodwork rises against the east wall of the passage. The most significant detail on the first floor is a Federal mantel with paneled pilasters and reeded side-blocks in the west room. All other first floor trim is Victorian.

The center passage plan is repeated on the second floor. The mantel in the west room has been replaced, but a Greek Revival mantel survives in the east room. The rest of the second floor trim is Victorian. The four-panel interior doors and the trim in the passage are painted and grained.

The third floor is fully finished, with sleeping chambers on either side of the stair passage. The plaster walls and ceiling are applied to machine lath secured with machine nails. A simple Federal mantel with cove/astragal moldings survives in the west room. The stair balustrade also appears to be early. It has a square chamfered newel, square balusters, and a plain rail. The baseboard trim has an ovolo molded edge, typical of the Federal period. All other trim on this floor is Victorian.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

There are two rooms on each floor of the wing, which has been completely renovated.

Dairy

A small, late 19th century frame dairy, eight feet wide and ten feet deep, stands immediately to the south of the east end of the wing. This building has a pitched gable roof oriented on an east-west axis that overhangs approximately five feet at the west end, protecting a door centered on the west gable wall. The cooling pit inside has been filled in and replaced with a concrete trough in which the milk cans were cooled. Water for this trough was pumped from a water pump on the porch of the wing.

Meat House

Immediately to the south of the dairy is a frame meat house. This building is 13 1/2 feet wide and 17 feet long, with a pitched gable roof oriented on a north-south axis. The exterior is covered with vertical board siding and a metal roof; the box cornice has a beaded fascia. There are two batten doors at the north end of the west facade. The southerly door is constructed with beaded vertical boards and beaded battens and is hung on wrought strap hinges. This

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION

door is set in a beaded frame and opens into the south part of the building, which was used to store meat. The north door is smaller and simpler. It opens into a narrow rectangular room across the north end of the building. This room is approximately 5 feet 8 inches wide and 13 1/2 feet deep. The framing is exposed on the three exterior walls, while the interior partition is sheathed with riven clapboards secured with machine nails. The loft is floored in above this small room, but is left open into the meat house to the south. The roof is constructed of hewn and pit-sawn common rafters joined at the ridge with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The rafter pairs rest on flat false plates and are reinforced with collar beams half-lapped into the rafters and secured with pegs.

Cemetery

There is a small cemetery on the south side of the driveway, with stones dating to circa 1850-80.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 checked="" 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/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 checked="" 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/19/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

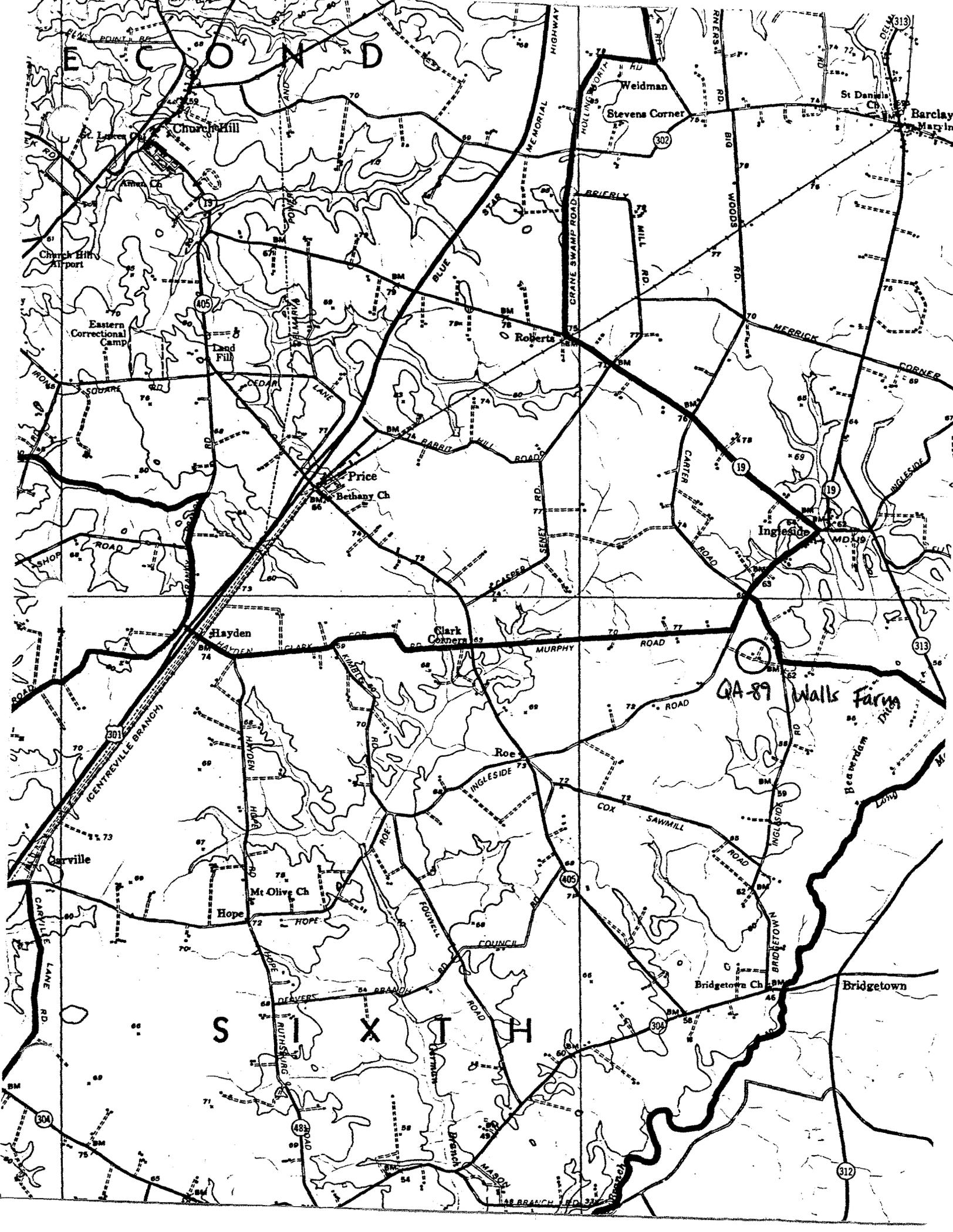
Maryland

Field Notebook QA-25; Recorded June 23, 1981.

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SIXTH

QA-89 Walls Farm

Church Hill

Stevens Corner

Price

Hayden

Clark Corners

Roe

Hope

Mc Olive Ch

Bridgetown Ch

Bridgetown

Eastern Correctional Camp

Church Hill Airport

Weidman

St Dennis Ch

Barclay Mary In

Bethany Ch

Ingleside

Garville

Hope

Bridgetown Ch

Bridgetown

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Pearle Walls Farm

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Pearl Walls Farm
Ingleside vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1981
Front facade from south