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S-161
Daniel Ballard Farm
Near Manokin
Private

1909

The extant two-story frame farmhouse was built in 1909 for Herschel V. Maddox on the 18th-century site of the Daniel Ballard's old house, which was described in 1798 as,

1 dwelling house built of brick 42 feet
by 20 feet one storey high 2 windows
3½ feet by 3 feet 2 dormant windows

Also mentioned in the tax assessment were several old buildings as well as an unusual array of brick outbuildings which included a 20 foot square brick kitchen, a 12 foot square brick cyder house and a 12 foot by 12 foot smoke house. Not included in the assessment was the extant gable-front frame tobacco barn, evidently erected a few years after the assessment. Today, this barn is the most significant architectural aspect of this farm since it is one of three tobacco houses standing on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore. The relatively few number of tobacco houses from this period is tied to the substantial decline in tobacco growing during the first quarter of the 19th century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel Ballard Farm

and/or common Baner Layfield Farm

2. Location

street & number West Side of Hood Road and North of Md. 361 not for publication

city, town Manokin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Fred Willard

street & number 1656 Homewood Landing telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds liber 233

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 243

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-161

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <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 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.

The Daniel Ballard Farm (also known as the Baner Layfield Farm) is situated on the north side of Maryland 361 between Manokin and Upper Fairmount, Maryland. The dirt lane to the farm complex intersects Hood Road immediately south of "Sudler's Conclusion" (S-56). The earlier lane, however, entered directly from MD 361 as indicated on the 1877 Atlas Map.

The farmhouse is a 1909 two-story, four-bay by two-room weatherboarded frame structure with steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof and stretcher bond brick foundation. According to Fred Willard, the present owner, the house was built on the site of the 18th-century dwelling.

The south (main) facade is divided into four bays with a door and window to either side of a centrally located chimney.

The most significant building on the property is a wrought-nail gable-front frame tobacco house, built c. 1800-1815. A steeply pitched corrugated tin roof covers the main barn as well as contemporary side sheds. The principal posts and braces are of mortise and tenon frame construction, but some interior siding and intermediate studs are fastened with wrought-nails. The eave construction is also significant since the tie beams support a

SLIGHTLY CANTED FALSE STAPLE PLING PINS DROP THROUGH THE PLATE. THREE TIERS OF COLLARS R
plate. ~~They~~ have half-dovetailed lap joints into each rafter pair. Corresponding to each
A. THE PLATE AND
APROU level of collar beam are the remnants of riven strips applied to the wall surface for

hanging tobacco. Portions of these strips are also found within the main body of the barn. The barn exterior is sided with a combination of beaded and plain weatherboards. The west elevation has a center door opening, as well as a wagon bay opening to the left (north). A small window opening is located to the right (south). Patches in the exterior weatherboarding, in addition to interior structural evidence, indicates there were single door openings on the floors above.

An adjacent outbuilding is a mid 19th-century frame corn crib/wagon house. This bi-level frame structure is covered by a medium pitched tin roof and is sheathed with vertical board siding.

A single pen frame corn crib also stands on the farm and closer to the Ballard family cemetery. The cemetery includes close to one-dozen grave markers.

Standing in the woods behind the house is a single-story frame dairy, which was moved from the area around the barn. This badly deteriorated structure has a beaded internal frame and is sheathed with wide beaded weatherboarding. The eaves are wider than normal and the indication of louvered wall openings suggest the building function^{ed} as a dairy. Wrought nails were used originally, but the interior has been covered with narrow beaded boards.

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 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 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or | |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Daniel Ballard Farm is architecturally significant for the survival of a c. 1800-1815 wrought-nail frame tobacco house, one of three known to survive in Somerset County at this time. These three wrought-nail barns all date to the turn-of-the-19th century and represent the last generation of tobacco houses built on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The three barns share construction features, which include tilted-false-plates, as well as an identical system for hanging tobacco. However, this system differs from that which is found on the Western Shore of Maryland.

History and Support

In 1798 Daniel Ballard (1763-1847) was assessed for his farm on Back Creek, which contained,

- 1 dwelling house built of brick 42 feet by 20 feet one storey high 2 windows 3½ feet by 3 feet 2 dormant windows 1 kitchen 20 feet square of brick 1 cyder house 12 feet by 12 feet of brick 1 smoake house 12 feet square of brick 1 milk house 12 feet square.....

The lands assessment recorded the 136½-acre tract of "Security" as well as,

- 1 old barn 20 feet square 1 old corn house 20 feet by 6'8" 1 old negro house 16 feet square

From this decription it is evident that the extant buildings, except possibly the milk house, post-date the 1798 federal assessment. The barn was apparenty built within the next decade for Daniel Ballard's tobacco crop. In 1847 Daniel Ballard died and the fifth item in his will states,

*I bequeath unto my son Daniel James Ballard my farm on Back Creek whereon I now reside.

Daniel J. Ballard (1808-1891) remained on his father's farm throughout the next fifty years. In 1877 he was listed on the county's Atlas Patron list as a farmer with 180 acres.

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Significance

In Daniel J. Ballard's 1891 Will he devised the "Homeplace where I now reside and the residue of my land go to my son Daniel J. Ballard after the death of his mother." The old Ballard Farm remained in relatives hands until it was sold to Phillip O. Layfield in 1917. The present owners acquired the property in 1966.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Daniel Ballard Farm

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233/243

S. Banes Layfield and Virginia

to

6/28/1966

Fred Willard - (Augustine)

475.00 A and being the two farms commonly referred to as the P. O. Layfield Farm and the Harry E. Fontaine Farm

A, Harry E. Fontaine Farm conveyed unto P. Oscar Layfield by Federal Land Bank of Baltimore by deed 10/4/1939 B.L.B 116/292 Part of "Sudlers Conclusion"

B. P.O. Layfield Farm to S. Banes Layfield and P. Oscar Layfield by Edgar A Jones, trustee et al. by deed dated 8/22/1949 B.L.B. 148/343

B.L.B.
148/343

B. 4th item: parcel of ground known as the Herschel Maddox land which was conveyed unto the said Philip O. Layfield by Robert F. Duer, Herschel Maddox, et al. by deed dated 12/29/1917 W.L.S. 73/571.

8/22/1949

WJS. 73/571

Robert F. Duer
Herschel V. Maddox and May Maddox

to

12/29/1917

Philip O. Layfield

46 acres being the same land conveyed to Herschel V. Maddox by Daniel J. Ballard 12/31/1908 S.F.D. 50/84

S.F.D 50/84

Daniel J. Ballard

to

12/31/1908

Herschel V. Maddox
\$1,200.00 46 acres

S.F.D 48/527

Oden B. Ballard, Jersey City, N.S.

to

5/15/1908

Daniel J. Ballard

46 acres - adjoining lands of John S. Sudler,
Charles Curtis, and Adien de Beaumont and others.

Will

H.H.D

Daniel James Ballard

to

6/50

Oden B. Ballard

Will of Daniel James Ballard 9/11/1891
Mentions land of William R. Ballard -

to wife Lizzie A. Ballard residue of estate
46 acres

The homeplace where I now reside and residue
of my land to go to my son Daniel J. Ballard
after the death of his Mother

J P 5/136

Will of Daniel Ballard (Father of Daniel J.)

4/10/1847

Item 1st to daughter Eliz. Anne Thompson -
o he Negro boy Littleton, and in her possession -
one other Negro boy Sam now in the possession of
my son Thomas

Item 3 - to Thomas Emory Ballard "all my farm
lying on the eastward and southward side of the
county road leading down Potato Neck and which
formerly belonged to Henry Miles

Item 5 - I give bequeath unto my son Daniel James
Ballard my farm on Back Creek whereon I now reside
to him-

1798 Particular List of Dwelling Houses

Daniel Ballard - 1 dwelling house built of brick
42 feet by 20 feet one storey high 2 windows 3½
feet by 3 feet 2 dormant windows 1 kitchen 20
feet square of brick 1 cyder house 12 feet by 12
feet of brick 1 smoake house 12 feet square of
brick 1 milk house 12 feet square ½ acre of land
with the same - Value \$200

1798 Particular List of Lands - Daniel Ballard

1 tract of land called Security 136½ acres on which is 1 old
barn 20 feet square 1 old corn house 20 feet by 6'8" 1 old
Negro house 16 feet square

Value 470.00

1798 Particular List of Slaves -

Total - (3) -
12 - 50-(1)

Will of William Ballard E B 1/43

January 29, 1777

Son James (eldest)? Ballard - one Negro man named Adoam

Second Son Daniel Ballard - one Negro boy called Ned and 20 circulating cash

Third Son - John Ballard

Fourth Son - William Hyland Ballard

Daughter - Ann Ballard

Daughter - Elinor

Daughter - Margaret

Wife - Sarah Ballard - executrix -

MARION, MD. QUADRANGLE, 1972
S-161, BALLARD FARM

MARION QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-SOMERSET CO.

7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOMAP (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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(PRINCESS ANNE)

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
South Elevation of House
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
East Elevation
5/84 Paul Touart
Neg/MD. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
Tobacco House - Tilted Plate
10/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
Tobacco House Framing
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm (Banes Layfield Farm)
Near Manokin, Somerset County
South Elevation
Photographer - Paul Touart - 2/84
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
North Elevation of Barn
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
South Elevation of Barn
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
Wrought-nail Dairy
Photographer, Paul Touart, 10/84
Neg./MD Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
West Elevation of Wagon House
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
West Elevation of Barn
11/83 Paul Touart
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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Ballard Farm
Near Manokin, Somerset County
Beaded weatherboards - Dairy
Photographer, Paul Touart, 10/84
Neg./MD Historical Trust

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