

S-276
Old Whittington Farm
Marion vicinity
private

c. 1825-1840
c. 1890-1900

The Old Whittington farmhouse is a highly unusual late Victorian structure. Erected during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the front block is an addition to a modest one-room rear wing that predates the Civil War and now serves as the kitchen. The exterior of the main house retains a large portion of its period finish including a two-story bay window, bracketed eaves, and paired window sash. The 1840^s kitchen survives with some beaded weatherboards as well as exposed floor joists inside. Surrounding the farmhouse is a group of mid to late nineteenth-century outbuildings that includes two barns, a corn crib, and a privy.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Whittington Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number S. side of Farm Market Rd. not for publication

city, town Marion 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name William Fulton

street & number R.F.D. 312 telephone no.: 623-8449

city, town Marion state and zip code Md. 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-276

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 checked="" 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 Old Whittington Farm is situated along Tull's Branch south of St. Paul's M.E. Church, near Marion, Somerset County, Maryland. A dirt farm lane intersects Farm Market Road approximately .25 of a mile south of the crossroads. The ell-shaped Victorian house faces west with the primary roof ridge running east/west. Attached to the back of the house is a two-part antebellum dining room and kitchen wing.

The three-part frame house rests on a brick pier foundation, and it is covered largely by narrow weatherboard siding. The single-story kitchen wing retains a portion of its beaded weatherboards. Each section is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a recessed entrance wall. The front twelve-panel door is framed by a colored-glass multi-pane transom and colored glass sidelights. Raised panels are found below each sidelight. The adjacent (north) bay is filled with a paired 2/2 sash window, and the first floor is covered by a hip roofed porch. Chamfered posts are embellished with corner brackets.

The second floor is lighted by a paired window over the first floor pair and a single 2/2 sash over the entrance bay. Both windows have a gable roof covering that interrupts the cornice. The gable fronts are covered with fishscale shingles. Brackets trim the eaves, and corner pilasters mark the principal corners of the house.

The projecting two-story front bay is distinguished by the same finish detail as well as a paired window on each floor. The attic windows have pointed arches, and a diamond vent is set between the valley of the two arches. Two internal brick chimneys rise from the middle of each front section and are finished by a corbelled cap.

The south two-bay elevation of the front section is dominated by a two-story five-sided bay on the southeast corner. Three 6/6 sash windows pierce each floor of the bay, while 2/2 sash windows fill the west bays on each floor. Eave brackets continue around the south side of the house.

The middle section, a two-story two-bay by one room structure, extends from the back of the main house. It is finished in a relatively plain manner with a simple boxed cornice, 6/6 sash windows and plain weatherboards.

An interior end brick chimney rises from the gable. Stretching across the first floor is a single-story shed roofed porch that extends across the kitchen wing as well. The kitchen is also finished in a plain manner with a board soffit under the eave, flush gable ends and 6/6 sash windows. A board and batten door opens from the porch into the one-room plan kitchen. A shed roofed addition extends from the east end of the kitchen, and a 6/6 sash fills the upper gable.

The north sides of the rear wings and the main house are finished in a similar manner without unusual details.

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/ 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 Old Whittington Farmhouse is a highly unusual late Victorian structure. Erected during the last decades of the 19th century as an addition to a more modest frame house, the one-room rear wing predates the Civil War and now serves as the kitchen. The exterior retains a large portion of its Victorian woodwork, and it is distinguished from other ell-shaped houses with a two-story bay window, bracketed eaves and paired window sash. The 1840s kitchen survives with some beaded weatherboards as well as exposed floor joists inside. The corn crib and gable-front barn are the oldest outbuildings, but both have been significantly compromised.

Description (cont.)

The interior of the house has been remodeled due to the poor condition the house had reached at the time the present owners moved in. The kitchen has exposed floor joists without any beading along with a corner winder stair in the southwest corner.

Outbuildings

Located north and east of the house is a small group of farm buildings. The oldest of the four structures are a mortise and tenon frame granary and a mortise and tenon frame corn crib. The gable front barn is sheathed with board and batten siding and covered by a medium pitched corrugated tin roof. The barn has a center drive-through with aisles to each side. A floor was formerly located in the center passage but has been removed. The mortise and tenon frame structure has cut-nails.

The corn crib is a single-pen mortise and tenon frame structure with some pit-sawn horizontal slats in place. The structure is covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof supported by a common rafter system. The pear joint is of mortise and tenon pinned construction.

Located immediately north of the corn crib is a single-story one-bay by one-bay privy sheathed with weatherboard siding and covered by a wood shingle roof with extended eaves. A four panel door is located in the west side, while the south side has a four-pane window.

A second barn, built around the third quarter of the 19th century, stands in the center of the yard, is sheathed with board and batten siding and is covered with a wood shingle roof. A small gable cupola is centered on the roof. The mortise and tenon frame bi-level structure has been heavily altered.



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 Whittington Farm
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface _____
- Secondary highway, hard surface _____
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface _____
- Unimproved road _____
- Trails _____
- Interstate Route (circle with red border)
- U. S. Route (circle with red border)
- State Route (circle with red border)

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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset Co.
Southwest Elevation
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset Co.
East Elevation
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South Elevation
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset Co
Farmyard from west
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Eave Detail
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset Co.
Entrance
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset County
Southwest Elevation of Barn
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset County
West Elevation of Barn
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Near St. Paul's Church, Somerset Co.
Corn Crib
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