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## Skipton Farm (Robert Hallett House)

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Skipton Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt. 662, .1 mile south of Skipton Landing Rd. (west)

CITY, TOWN

Skipton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

**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☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. R. L. Hallett, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8 Old Shawnee Road

CITY, TOWN

Milford

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Delaware 19963

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 394

Folio #: 567

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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

Skipton Farm is located southwest of the center of the village of the same name. The building is composed of two sections, both constructed of frame upon a brick foundation. What appears to be earliest is the one and one-half story structure on the south of the composition with facades being similar on both East and West. Both facades have two doors and three windows, although the west fenestration is an alteration. Its south gable has a chimney without corbels or slopes; it stands the same width and depth from ground to cap. Flanking it on both storys are boarded windows. Two dormers light the second floor on each side of the 'A' roof.

The north side of the building is two bays long and two storys tall. Its west facade has a jettied second floor, suggesting that the wing was originally one story. From the apex of the roof, adjoining the one and one-half story part rises a wide chimney covered with stucco. A small leanto addition is built onto the west side of the kitchen wing, repeating the shed roof of the porches on both facades of the principal dwelling.

Inside the floor plan consists of a south room on the south side of the house; an east and west room in the center of the house; and a kitchen in the wing. The same plan exists on the second floor.

Each of the four rooms of the first story have fireplaces, some of which are blocked. On examination of the plan, the woodwork and materials as well as the stylistic differences it is evident that the one and one-half story portion consists of two stages of building, the south room having been added in the third quarter of the 19th century.

Originally, the dwelling consisted of three rooms on each floor, including the kitchen and kitchen chamber. In the east room is the original enclosed stair (S.E. corner) with replacement door. Beneath the stair is an original closet with batten doors having original wood lock. A simple original mantel exists on the bricked fireplace. Between the east and west rooms, most of the wall has been removed.

In both rooms narrow pine flooring covers the original boards. West room fireplace is also bricked up and is lacking its mantel. Since the fireplaces of both rooms protrude into the kitchen and there is a space between them, the builder made use of the space by constructing the kitchen fireplace in the same chimney side-by-side, like the Smith Creek House, St. Mary's County.

On the second story, the rooms are divided by vertical beaded boards with board and batten doors.

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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	
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<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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Skipton Farm is a good example of a vernacular plan of the 18th and early 19th century. It is unusual in its treatment of the chimney/fireplace position as well as the mid-19th century addition. It was a simple farmhouse of the period of which few remain in unaltered condition in Talbot County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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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

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Jan., 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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