

ABSTRACT

WA-I-368

Early 19th Century

Part of the Resurvey on Salisbury

Williamsport Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Part of the Resurvey on Salisbury

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wright Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

W. Wallace Taylor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3, Box 51

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 294

Folio #: 569

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4080

DATE

Summer 1967

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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| <input checked="" 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 < 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located on the north side of Wright Road between Maryland Route 63 and Hopewell Road in Washington County. It is situated on level ground and faces south toward the road and toward Semple's Run which is located immediately south of the road.

The house is a three or more part structure two stories high totally sheathed with asbestos shingles. Presumably the entire building is of wood construction with sections possibly being of log. From the front, the building is nine bays in length. The western section is a four bay unit with a door located in the third bay from the west end. This portion of the building has an exterior chimney at the west end wall. It is divided from the middle section of the entire structure by another chimney. The center part is three bays in length with a door offset at its extreme east end. The third and easternmost section is two bays in length and is higher in elevation than the other parts. Its roof at the front or south is hipped with a gable at the north end. A chimney extends from inside the east wall. This appears to be the most recent of the three main parts. Two small shed roofed additions are also present at the rear of the house. Without a more through examination it is difficult to suggest which of the two western parts was built first.

The westernmost section appears to be of frame construction. The narrow walls as observed at the door and window openings would not tend to indicate a log or timber frame structure. The openings appear to be spaced an equal distance apart. Windows have narrow framing and hold six over six pane sashes. Hinge pins indicate that shutters were present at one time. The entrance is sheltered by a one bay gable roofed porch. Most of the exterior chimney at the west end has been coated with stucco. The lower part of the chimney or fire box is quite large, narrowing into a relatively small brick flue.

The center part of the house may be the oldest of the three sections. Having somewhat thicker walls, it could be a timber frame or log structure. Its two more western bays have openings aligned with each other. Oddly, the third or eastern bay of this section has the door offset against the addition. Window frames are quite wide with molded trim. At the first story, nine over six sashes are used and at the second level six over six sashes are present. The second story center window is wider than its companion. Its framing, however, appears to be the same. Shutters with movable louvers flank the windows at the second story. Paneled shutters are used at the first story. The door casing is very wide with mitered corners holding a raised panel door. The roof of the two more westerly sections is of the same level and sheathed with channel grooved sheet metal.

The east part of the house is relatively large in its proportions. At the first and second stories it has six over six pane sashes held within narrow frames. Some windows retain pairs of louvered shutters. This part of the house is roofed with modern asphalt shingles.

Just west of the house is a rough stone spring house with a deep overhang at its east gable end. Some distance east of the house are ruins of a barn where a cornerstone in the foundation is inscribed with the name Casper Shunk and the date 1887. Other sheds and outbuildings are located behind the house and some stone foundations remain along Semple's Run south of Wright Road opposite the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 Barn Dated 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex consists of a large shingle covered wooden house built in at least three parts, two stories high and nine bays in length. Also present are foundations of a bank barn dated 1887, a stone spring house and frame sheds and outbuildings. The house cannot be dated without further examination. Its central section however, display exterior window and door trim of a type which is associated with the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Apparently, this farm was owned by the Van Lear family from, possibly, the late 18th century ^{until} 1939. (210/117). This farm was part of a large land holding in the estate of Matthew Van Lear ^{Van} who came to the Williamsport area about the time of the American Revolution. At his death in the 1820's, the property was left to his wife. It eventually passed on to his children. In an equity case in 1862, this farm was awarded to John Van Lear, Matthew Van Lear and Mary Van Lear Shunk, each receiving a one third interest. (74/497). Eventually, Casper Shunk, son of Mary V. L. Shunk acquired the property and apparently it was he who built the barn inscribed with his name and the 1887 date. Upon Casper Shunk's death the farm passed to Mary Van Lear Wright. It was her son, Robert Van Lear Wright who sold the farm in 1939. It was purchased by the present owners in 1955. For further information on the Van Lear family see survey form WA-I-023 on Mt. Tammany, the Van Lear mansion.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 201.216 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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

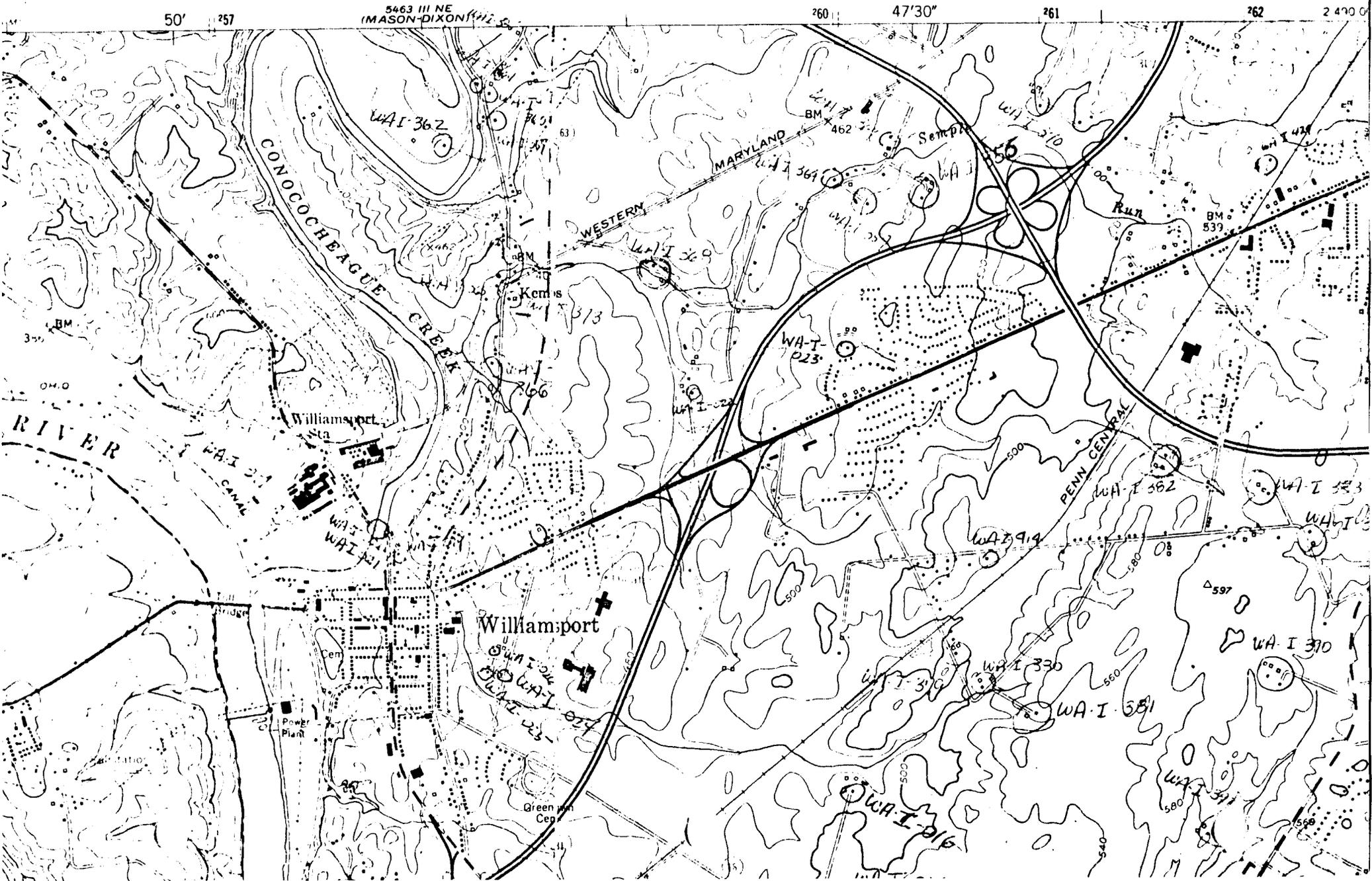
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

WILLIAMSPORT
M.A.
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Part of Recovery on Salisbury

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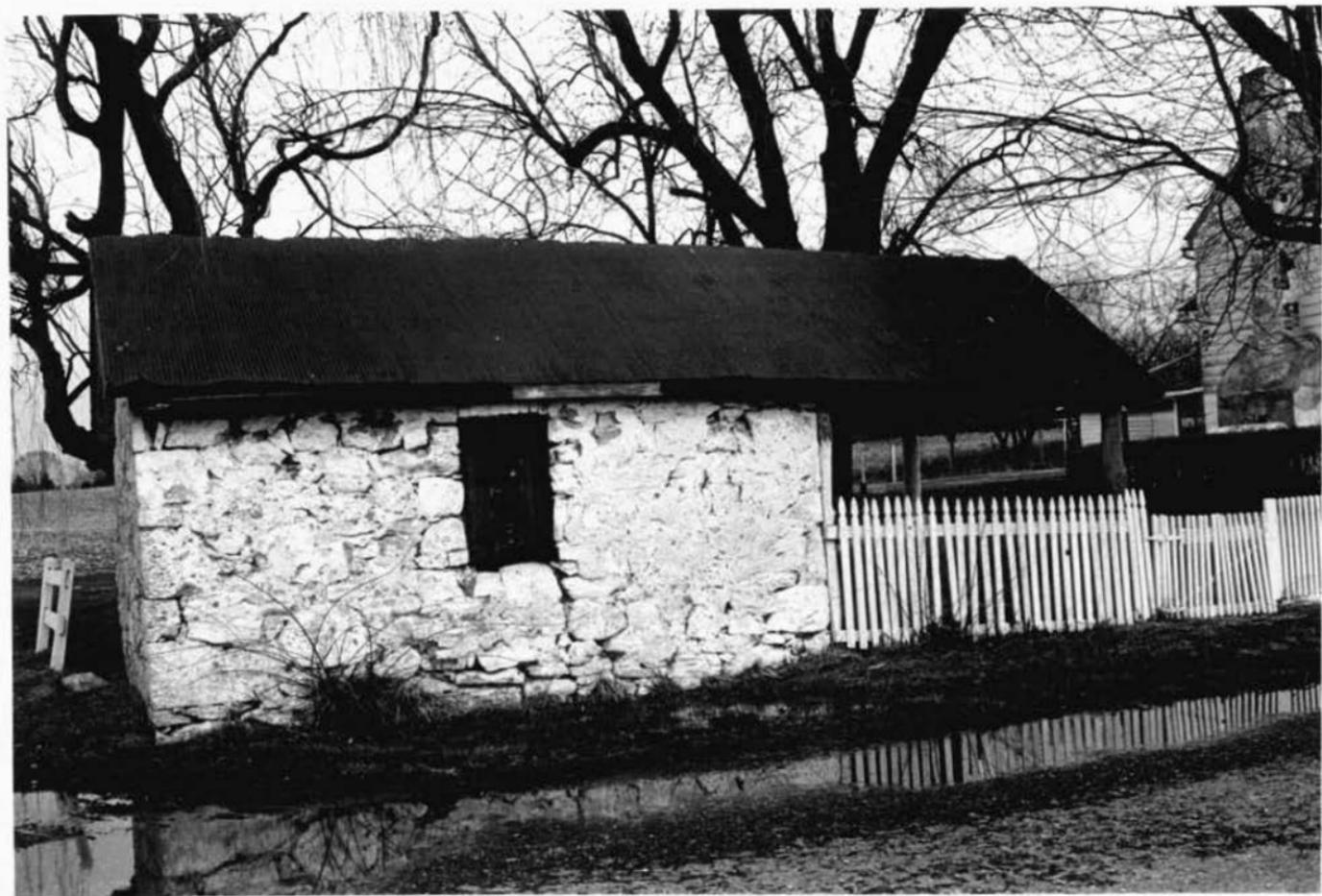


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E. View

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On Salisbury

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