

WI-298  
Turnstile Farm  
Tyaskin vicinity  
Private

c. 1880, c. 1925

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-298

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**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Turnstile Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 21970 Nanticoke Road  not for publication

city, town Cox's Corner  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Priscilla Walters

street & number 21970 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town Tyaskin state and zip code MD 21865

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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.

Turnstile farm is located on the north side of Nanticoke Road (MD 349) a quarter mile west of Cox's Corner, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, tee-shaped frame house faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Dating from the late nineteenth century (c. 1880) and the early twentieth century (c. 1925), the main house was built in two distinct stages, beginning with a two-story, three-bay, center hall, single-pile farmhouse. Around 1925, the house was enlarged with a two-story addition that extended forward from the front of the late nineteenth century structure, yielding a tee-shape to the main block. The entire house is sheathed with a combination of aluminum and plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Joining the house on the lot is a gable roofed wash house and a gable roofed smokehouse, which stand in the back yard. Across the road is a large two-story gable roofed potato house erected around 1910.

The tee-shaped farmhouse has its principal entrance in the northwest side, which is sheltered on the first floor by a tapered post porch. The sidelighted front entrance is flanked by six-over-six sash windows retaining louvered shutters. The gable end of the early twentieth century addition is marked by a paired six-over-six sash windows, and the eave is extended with the soffit enclosed. Cornice returns finish the base of the roof. Rising through the center of the addition is an interior brick chimney stack.

The northwest gable end of the late nineteenth century house features a rebuilt exterior brick chimney stack flanked by six-over-six sash windows on each floor. Small two-over-two sash windows light the attic. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The interior woodwork reflects the two distinct periods of construction. The front addition is divided into a entrance hall and parlor, whereas the late nineteenth century house follows a traditional center hall plan. The stair rises in the center hall, and a single room is located to each side. When the early twentieth century addition was built, the old front door was removed and a wide, square columned opening was installed. The original turned baluster stair survives intact with a boldly turned newel post and a molded handrail. The stringer is embellished with a scrolled decoration. The living room retains a late nineteenth century machine-made mantel with factory turned decorative moldings. The window and door openings are framed by plain surrounds. The second floor was not seen.

Standing in the backyard are two outbuildings, a single-story, gable-front frame wash house and a single-story, gable-front smokehouse. Both buildings rest on brick pier foundations and are sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. The wash house has an off-center board door on the front wall, and six-over-six sash windows on each side. Rising on the rear wall is an

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# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The farm complex is eligible for listing in *Category B*.

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1 Personal interview with Priscilla Walters, 7/11/96.

## 10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 7/11/96

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

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exterior brick chimney stack with a corbeled base. The gable-front smoke house has a six-over-six sash window that pierces the southeast side and a board door that marks the gable front wall. The eaves are extended and the soffits are open.

Standing on the south side of Nanticoke Road is a two-story frame sweet potato house that rests on a brick and concrete foundation, and the building is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding over horizontal planking. The steeply pitched roof is covered with wood shingles. The northeast side that faces the road is three bays across with small window openings defining the first and second floors. Board shutters cover the window openings. The northwest gable end is marked by a pair of window openings on the second floor, and a single louvered opening that pierces the upper gable. The eaves of the building are extended with the soffits open. The southeast gable end is treated in a similar fashion with the additional feature of an interior end brick chimney. The southwest side is defined by a mixture of shuttered window and door openings that pierce the first and second floors.

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Chain of title

JTT 13/234

Esau S. D. Insley, Annie Insley  
B. R. Dashiell, Lambertina Dashiell

to

9/12/1894

Irving C. Jones

Part of the John Wainwright farm 60 acres

\$800.00

# TYASKIN

Dist. No. 3  
WICOMICO CO.



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