

WI-326<sup>wharf</sup>  
Pirates' ~~Farm~~ Farm  
Green Hill vicinity  
Private

c. 1930-40

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Pirates' Wharf Farm

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-326

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture
  
2. Geographic Orientation:        Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):     Modern Period     1930-
  
4. Resource Type(s):                Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic

and/or common Pirates' Wharf Farm

**2. Location**

street & number Whitehaven Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Green Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**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	<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 W. Thomas and Elizabeth Hershey

street & number 8240 Robinhood Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 55 P. 128  
liber 705

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 292

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-326

<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.

The house on Pirates' Wharf farm stands at the end of a paved farm lane that intersects Whitehaven Road in the vicinity of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay, double-pile frame house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date around 1930-40, the two-story, gable-front main block is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the southeast side of the main block is a two-story gable front wing and to the southwest extends a two-story kitchen wing. The house is joined on the property by a gambrel roofed barn, and an open fronted wagon shed. Along the river-front is a manmade landing created with bulkheading and fill. Two family cemeteries are also located on the property.

The northeast, two-bay, gable-front facade is the principal elevation with the side entrance accented with Colonial Revival fluted pilasters that rise to an entablature. The entrance is filled with a partially glazed door. The adjacent bay is defined by a single-pane sash window. Sheltering the first floor is a square post porch that stretches across the front and northwest side of the house. The second floor is defined by a pair of single-pane sash windows. The gable end is finished with a boxed cornice that continues across the front wall to form a pediment. Rising through the center of the house is a large brick chimney that serves the front and back rooms of the main block. The adjacent two-story, one room plan wing projects forward from the main block, and it is finished with a gable end pediment as well. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows, and a single-story bay window marks the southeast wall facing the river.

The main block is extended to the rear by a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing that is extended on each side by single-story shed or flat roofed extensions. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows, and an interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

The interior spaces reflect Colonial Revival taste of the second quarter of the twentieth century. The main stair rises in the front hall, and it has a spiral end to the molded maple handrail. Slender turned newel posts and balusters support the handrail. Early twentieth century five-panel doors, framed by plain surrounds, open into various rooms. The main living room in the center of the house is finished with a Colonial Revival style mantel and built-in bookcases. A distinguishing feature of the kitchen is an enclosed winder stair.

Joining the house on the farm is a 1930-40 gambrel roofed frame barn covered with asphalt shingles. Adjacent to the barn is an open bay wagon shed.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 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 house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies building of medium architectural and historical interest.

### FOOTNOTES

1 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 160/163, 9/21/1929, Wicomico County Courthouse.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-326

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization	Private Consultant	date	7/30/96
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street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland	21871
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Pirates' Wharf Farm  
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Chain of title

Map 55, Parcel 128

705/292

Helen M. Malchow, widow

to

2/28/1970

W. Thomas Hershey  
Elizabeth W. Hershey

350 acres and being known as the William F.  
Leatherbury farm

JWTS 314/400

Seth P. Taylor  
Charlotte Collins Taylor

to

4/30/1945

William Max Malchow  
Helen M. Malchow

JWTS 314/399

William Max Malchow  
Helen M. Malchow

to

4/30/1945

Seth P. Taylor

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IDT 160/163

William S. Gordy, Jr., Paul E. Watson, and  
Nelson Schuster, Executors under the Last  
Will and Testament of William K. Leatherbury

to

9/21/1929

William Max Malchow

Predeceased wife, Will Book MNN 1/154

\$10,000      350 acres

JCK 133/138

William T. Truitt  
Josephine E. Truitt

to

11/14/1923

William K. Leatherbury

JCK 123/430

William K. Leatherbury

to

7/1/1921

William T. Truitt  
Josephine E. Truitt

1.) 186 acres to William K. Leatherbury and  
Daniel J. Elliott by Alonzo L. Miles,  
12/28/1908, EAT 61/518

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Chain of title continued

- 2.) 164 acres conveyed to William K. Leatherbury and Daniel J. Elliott by L. Ernest Williams, et al., 1/4/1909, EAT 61/519

The two tracts of land above described are the same in and to which the said Daniel J. Elliott conveyed their undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest to the said William K. Leatherbury, 3/14/1919, JCK 112/295

446  
MANTICONE 19 KM  
ROYAL OAK 4 KM

445

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443

20'

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GREENHILL 3 KM

441

6880 IV SE  
(METIQUIN)



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Pirates' Wharf Farm  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983







