

WI-395
Homestead Dairy Farm
Salisbury
Private

c. 1850, c. 1880 and later

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Homestead Dairy Farm

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-395

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Agriculture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Farm Complex
 - Farmhouse
 - Barns
 - Dairy
 - Wagon Sheds

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Homestead Dairy Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 27798 Nanticoke Road ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___X vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name E. S. Adkins & Company

street & number P. O. Box 1779 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21802

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1161

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 498

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

Survey No. WI-395

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

Homestead Dairy farm is located on the west side of Salisbury at 27798 Nanticoke Road, Wicomico County, Maryland. The farm borders Nanticoke Road on the south and Levin Dashiell Road on the east. The main farm complex is accessed by a tree-lined, paved driveway that intersects Nanticoke Road, and a secondary farm lane intersects Levin Dashiell Road. The farmhouse, located at the head of the paved drive, faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The farmhouse, built in two distinct stages, is a two-story, three-bay, center hall, frame dwelling supported on an infilled brick pier foundation and sheathed with wood shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The front section is estimated to date around 1880-90. Attached to the back of the center hall main block is a shorter two-story service wing erected during the mid nineteenth century, perhaps as early as 1850.

The south (main) facade of the three-bay house is defined by a two-story colossal columned, single bay portico, which is joined by an enclosed single story porch. A second floor door provides access to the upper porch, and two-over-two sash windows light the second floor rooms. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with open soffits. The rafter ends are decorated and sawn brackets are fixed to the outer corners.

The east and west gable ends are defined by two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and an interior end, corbelled cap brick stack rises through the gable end. The gable end, in contrast to the main body of the house, is covered with fishscale shingles.

The rear wall is largely covered by the two-story, two-room plan service wing that predates the main block. Rising through the center of the service wing is a large brick stack finished with a corbelled cap. The base of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice and the flush gable end has a molded bargeboard. A two-story corner infill in the corner joins a single-story, enclosed porch on the east side.

The interior spaces have been modified. A turned baluster staircase remains in the center hall.

Standing northeast of the house are two large late nineteenth-century board-and-batten frame barns, assembled with circular sawn lumber and cut nails. Supported on a combination of pier and continuous brick foundations, the timber frame barns are covered with steeply pitched wood shingle roofs. A pyramidal roofed cupola remains on the larger of the two barns, which is covered with a combination of board-and-batten and flush board siding. The east barn is distinguished by a jerkinhead roof, the center section of which has collapsed. The remaining section of the roof retains its wood shingle cover. The edge of the roof is finished with an

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

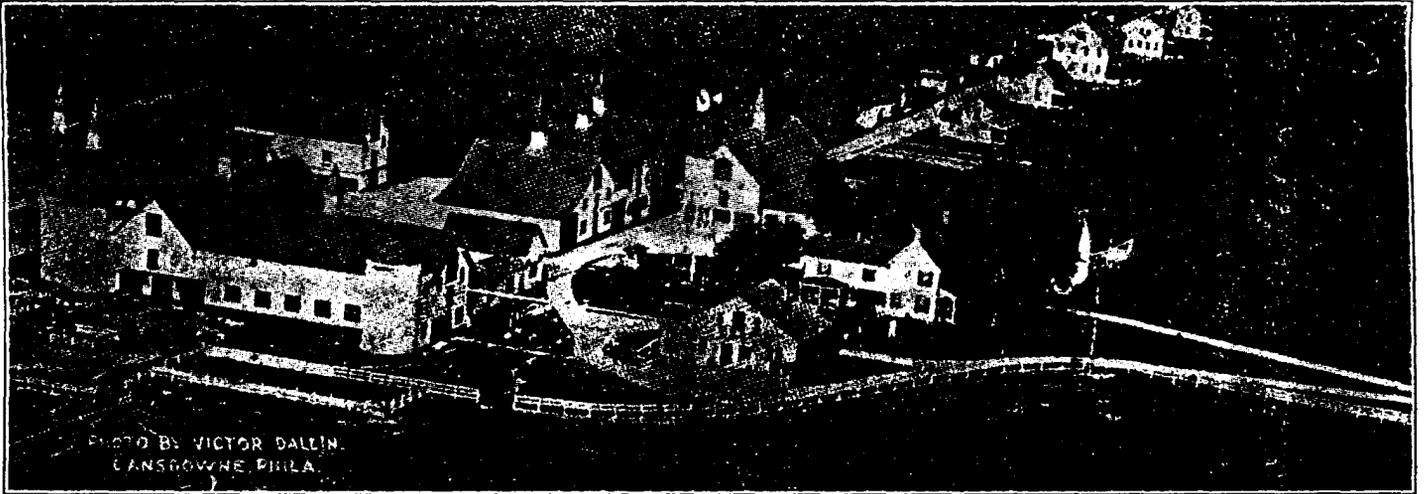
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extended eave and closed soffit. The barns are joined by a flat roofed wagon bay, although the roof of the wagon bay has deteriorated. Large double-door openings provide access to the barn interiors, which are lighted by six-over-six sash windows. Hay mow doors mark the gable end of each barn.

On the north side of the two barns is a U-shaped frame wagon shed structure that formerly served as the base to a larger barn grouping. The wagon sheds are sheathed with board-and-batten siding, and the modified gable roofs are covered with tin.

Standing west of the farmhouse is an early twentieth-century brick dairy building of seven-course common bond walls and a medium pitched, asphalt shingle gable roof. The design of the dairy building appears to be a modified form of an early twentieth-century bungalow. The three-bay south elevation, sheltered by a shed roofed porch, is pierced by a side entrance and paired six-over-six sash windows. The east gable end of the dairy is defined by a center entrance and paired sixteen-over-one sash windows distinguished by segmental rowlock arches. The partially glazed side door has a twelve-light transom. Six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Finishing the edge of the roof is an extended eave. Rising off center through the roof is an interior brick stove chimney. The west end is defined by a concrete ramp that leads to freight door openings on the first floor. Another freight door provides access to the second floor as well. A cat head timber hoist protrudes from the gable end. The west end is pierced by paired sixteen-over-one sash windows. The north (rear) wall of the dairy has a gable roofed frame extension that includes a freight entrance.



REGISTERED
GUERNSEY
CATTLE

HOMESTEAD DAIRY FARM

REGISTERED
BERKSHIRE
HOGS

HERD FEDERAL ACCREDITED

SALISBURY, MARYLAND

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Homestead Dairy Farm
27798 Nanticoke Road
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1161/498 Confirmatory Deed by Homestead Dairy Farm, Inc.

to

10/25/1988 E. S. Adkins and Company

IDT 174/365 William P. Jackson
Katherine S. Jackson

to

6/21/1932 Homestead Dairy Farm, Inc.

Will Book
JWD 1/68 Last Will and Testament of
William H. Jackson

to, son

Written
11/27/1914 William P. Jackson
Proved "The Rider Farm"
4/20/1915

FMS 1/69 Elihu E. Jackson and wife

to

1/2/1886 William H. Jackson
Items First and Second
First: Rider Farm 159 acres
Second: 38 acres

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FMS 1/98

Clayton Phippin

to

1/2/1886

William H. Jackson
"High Suffolk"

FMS 1/97

Jay Williams, trustee

to

1/8/1886

William H. Jackson
\$900 64 1/4 acres
"Addition to Whittington's Chance"
"Maddux's Discovery"

FMS 1/467

Thomas C. Morris

to

10/2/1886

William H. Jackson
2 acres, 3 roods, 3 4/10 perches
sold for the purpose of straightening the road

FMS 1/487

Milton A. Parsons

to

10/10/1886

William H. Jackson
28 perches

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FMS 7/149	E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee
	to
2/28/1891	William H. Jackson Decree of Circuit Court \$1550
JTT 29/38	Algernon Taylor, et al.
	to
1/23/1901	William H. Jackson 20.3 acres
JTT 29/39	George H. Taylor Annie V. Taylor
	to
1/23/1901	William H. Jackson \$120 8 acres
JTT 29/77	Elihu J. Pusey Mary B. Pusey
	to
2/11/1901	William H. Jackson 1/8 acre....being a portion of the land formerly owned by Icabod Taylor, deceased

Salisbury Advertiser, April 8, 1893

Heavy Loss By Fire

Barn, Live Stock, Grain, Hay, and Wheat, Straw Burned

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Mr. Culver, who had not risen when the fire started, was startled from his slumbers by the noise of the fire and the doomed animals, and hurried from his bed to the scene. His presence could not avail to save the property.

All stock lost belonged to Mr. Culver and consisted of the five young horses, five colts, three mules and five calves. Mr. Jackson had \$2,500 insurance on the barn and \$2,000 on the wheat, oats and hay and other provender. The risks were placed by Messrs. Rider & Gordy, and are divided equally in the Pennsylvania Fire of Phila., and the Firemen's Association of Phila.

Mr. Jackson's actual loss will be light, but the fire proved a disaster to Mr. Culver. He had just purchased the young horses and mules from his brother, who brought them recently from the West. Only one of the farm animals, a mule, was burned. Mr. Culver's loss on the stock amounts to about \$1400. Only a green coat of paint saved the other barn from burning. It seemed to be on fire once. Had it burned the dwelling would surely have gone.

8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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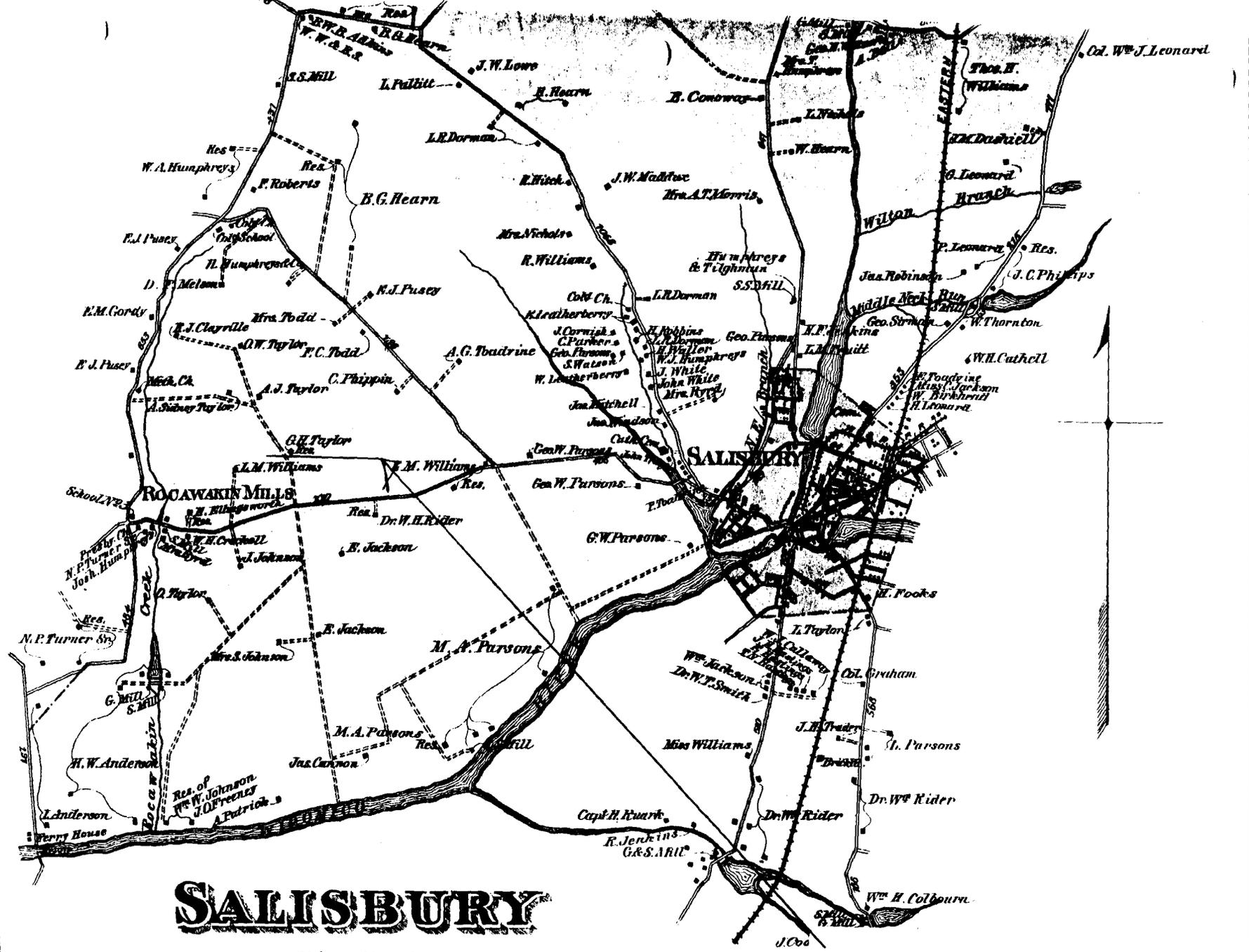
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Dist. No 9
WICOMICO CO.

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