

WI-66  
George W. Moore Farmhouse  
Cox's Corner vicinity  
Private

c. 1850

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-66

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic George W. Moore Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number South side of Capitola Road  not for publication

city, town Cox's Corner  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name C. Bounds Phillips

street & number 24880 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code Maryland 21856

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 64, P. 39  
liber 725

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 376

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland 21032

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 George W. Moore farm is located on the south side of Capitola Road southeast of Cox's Corner, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-part stepped frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century (c. 1850), the three-part frame house is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of asbestos shingles, wood shingles, and plain weatherboards. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Accompanying the house on the farm is a large turn of the twentieth century gable front frame barn.

The three-part stepped house includes a two-story, three-bay, one-room plan main block that is extended to the west by a story-and-a-half center section which joins a single story kitchen. An enclosed shed roof addition stretches across the south (rear) wall of the center and kitchen sections.

The north (front) elevation of the main two-story house is three bays across with a center four-panel door flanked by nine-over-six sash windows. The second floor is defined by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

Nine-over-six and six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors respectively. A flush gable end and plain bargeboard finishes the edge of the roof. The west gable end is distinguished by an interior end brick chimney stack finished with a corbeled cap. The chimney rises through the gable end of the main block, but a separate flue serves a fireplace in the center section.

The story-and-a-half center section is one bay wide with a six-over-six sash window on the first floor and a six-over-three sash window on the second. Extending from the west gable end of the center section is a single story gable roofed kitchen which has a steeply pitched roof. The north wall is pierced by a single door opening, and an interior end brick stove chimney pierces the gable end. The west gable end wall is sheathed with wood shingles with a single six-over-six sash window on the first floor.

The interior has been reworked during the last thirty years with the installation of modern sheet paneling in several rooms. The staircase rises in the southwest corner of the main house with access through to the center section. Underneath the stair is small closet accessed through a two-panel door. At the head of the staircase there is a square profile newel post and slender rectangular balusters that support a circular profile handrail. Access to the attic is gained through a two-panel door. The attic is unfinished with a common rafter roof system. Principal members of the framing are circular sawn.

The first floor of the center section is a second quarter of the nineteenth century mantel that frames the firebox. A plain board chair rail stretches around the perimeter of the room. Inside the kitchen there is an enclosed winder stair in the northwest corner that retains a beaded board and batten door.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 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	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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Due to its distinctive stepped form, this house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical merit. However, the house is abandoned and it is deteriorating.

1 Dryden, Ruth T. *Land Records of Wicomico County, 1666-1810*. Westminster, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1992, p. 145.

2 Somerset County Register of Wills, JP 4/212, 8/3/1827, Somerset County Courthouse.

3 Somerset County Land Record, WP 1/92, 9/11/1845, Somerset County Courthouse.

4 Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 3/325, 4/20/1888, Wicomico County Courthouse.

5 Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 554/479, 6/29/1962, Wicomico County Courthouse.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-66

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege 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

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organization Private Consultant

date 6/4/96

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city or town Westover

state Maryland 21871

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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 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
 514-7600

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George W. Moore Farm  
Cox's Corner vicinity  
Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 64, Parcel 39

725/376

C. Bounds Phillips

to

12/29/1970

Bounds Phillips, Inc.

"George w. Moore Homeplace"

75 acres-reserved access to the White and Moore family  
cemeteries

Parcel No. 1

JWTS 615/321

Richard E. Cullen  
Charles W. Nelson, Jr., Trustees

to

4/6/1965

C. Bounds Phillips

George W. Moore Homeplace

Parcel 1 75 acres

Parcel 2 25 acres

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JWTS 554/479                      Audrey M. Moore, widow

to

6/29/1962

Elmer Binswanger  
Alice Ruth Binswanger

JWTS 532/482

Evelyn E. Dennis, single

to

2/26/1962

George H. Moore  
Audrey M. Moore

Item 1

JWTS 532/478

George H. Moore  
Audrey M. Moore

to

2/26/1962

Evelyn E. Dennis

A. 75 acres  
B. 25 acres

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IDT 160/33

Mary S. Hearn, et al, Ernest F. Hearn, Cecie B. Moore,  
Eunice M. Shockley, Samuel E. Shockley,  
Harold Moore

to

8/27/1929

George H. Moore

A. 75 acres  
B. 25 acres

FMS 3/325

Samuel E. White

to

4/20/1888

George W. Moore

\$1,600

SPT 7/270

Robert F. Bratton, Trustee

to

5/9/1885

Samuel E. White

11/22/1875      110 3/8 acres      \$1,450.00

Decree of Circuit Court-lands of which John T.  
White died seized and possessed, the sum being all  
the real estate which was conveyed unto John T.

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White by Henry J. White, 1/27/1865, LW 8/597  
No. 203 in Wicomico County Chancery Court

Somerset County  
Land Record

LW 8/597

Henry J. White

to

1/27/1865

John T. White

Three lots of land reported to the Commissioners  
report as Lots No. 3, No. 11, and No. 12

Lot No. 3, 81 acres

Lot No. 11, 21 acres

Lot No. 12, 8 acres

Held by a bond from John Robertson to Samuel  
White

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WP 1/92

John Robertson  
Maliala Robertson

to

9/11/1845

Samuel White

\$900 "Fleuellins Settlement"

which said lands the said Samuel White and I  
the said John Robertson bought of the heirs of  
Priscilla Atkinson, late of said county, which  
was devised to the said Priscilla by her husband  
Isaac Atkinson

WP 1/93

Jacob Ayres

to

2/21/1845

Samuel White

\$400 "Fleuellins Settlement"

JP 4/212

Last Will and Testament of Isaac Atkinson

Written  
8/3/1827  
Proved  
4/9/1833

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Priscilla Atkinson in use for and during her  
natural life all my lands except what is herein  
after mentioned

# TYASKIN

Dist. No. 3  
WICOMICO CO.



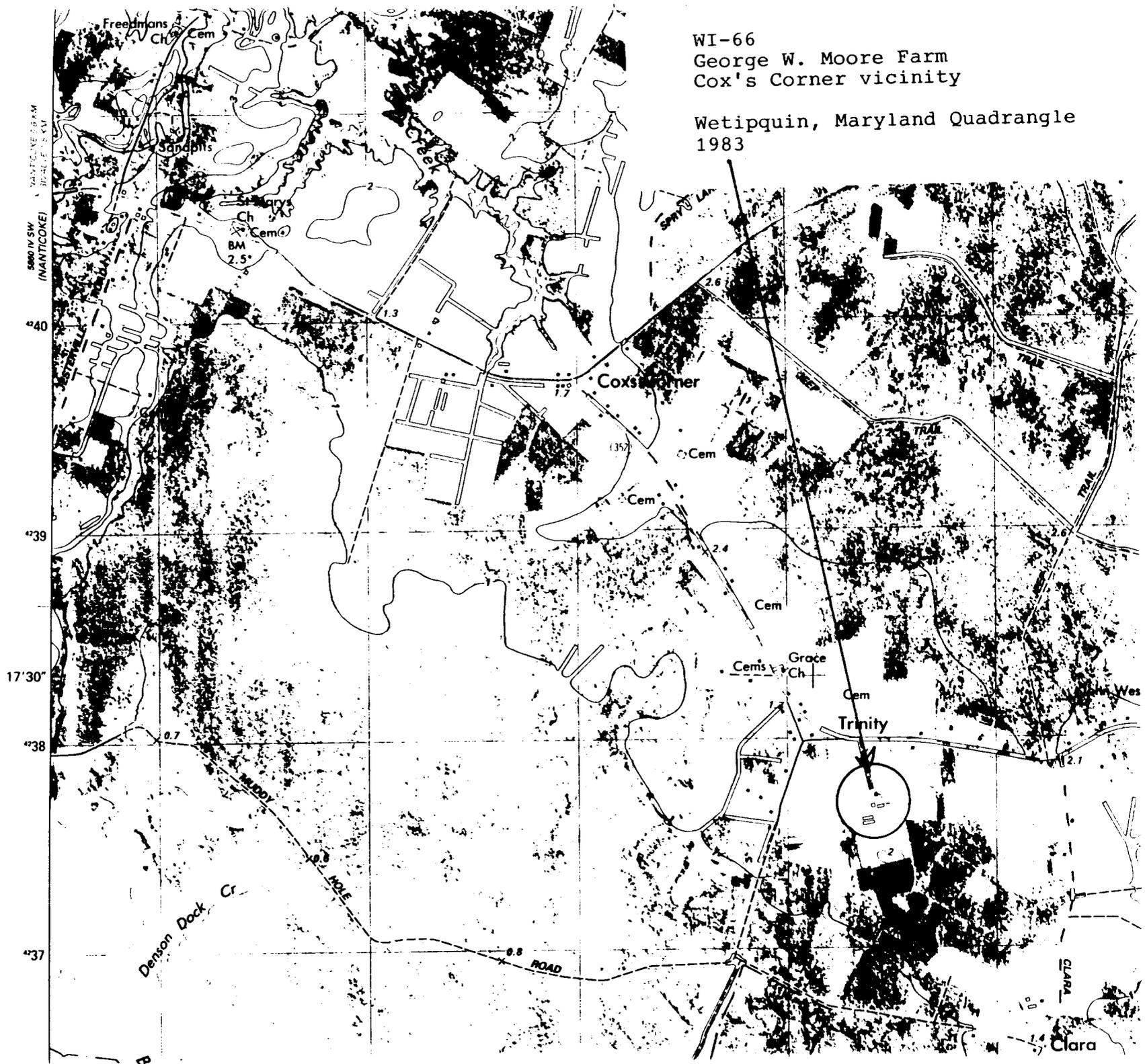
### TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- W. J. CATLIN, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm, P. O., Tyaskin, Md.
- W. D. BEATE**, Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Tobacco, Liquors, &c. Tyaskin, Md.
- NOAH J. TILGEMAN**, Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills," Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Flour, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.
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- J. W. WINGATE**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Collectors, Wines, Whiskies, Brandy and Rum, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store, at Whitehaven.

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George W. Moore Farm  
Cox's Corner vicinity

Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983





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GEORGE MOORE FARM

COY'S CORNER VICINITY, WICOMICO CO. MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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GEORGE MOIRE FARM

COX'S CORNER VICINITY, WICOMICO CO. MD.

BARN - NORTH ELEVATION

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W1-66

George Moore Farm

Cox's Corner vicinity, Wicomico Co., MD.

First known interior

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GEORGE MOORE FARM

COT'S CORNER VICINITY,  
WICOMICO COUNTY, MD.

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WI-66 George Moore House near Capitola

1977

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George Moore

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