

WO-238
Davidson Farm
Bishopville vicinity
private

c. 1870

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DAVIDSON FARM

MHT Inventory Number: NO-238

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, AGRICULTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURE - INDUSTRIAL
TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. FARMHOUSE

7. Description

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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.

The Davidson farm is located on the west side of MD 367 just north of Bishopville, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1870, the center hall frame house is supported by a stretcher bond brick foundation, and it is sheathed with wood shingles. The medium sloped hip roof is covered with red asphalt shingles. Extending westward is a service ell, and standing behind the house is large gambrel roofed barn. To the north are chicken houses.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The glazed front door is framed by three-light sidelights, and it is topped by a four-light transom. The windows are framed by louvered shutters. Stretching across at the base of the roof is a bracketed cornice, and centered on the east slope of the roof is a cross gable also trimmed with brackets. The tympanum is pierced by a small two-over-two arched window.

The north gable end is marked by pairs of single-pane sash windows on each floor with louvered shutters to each side. Brackets continue around to highlight the cornice. The south wall is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a centralized side entrance sheltered by a hip roof. Turned posts, a turned baluster handrail, and spindle brackets distinguish the porch. Between the first and second bay from the east a block stove stack rises against the exterior wall. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows which retain louvered shutters, and brackets detail the cornice.

The west inside corner of the ell-shaped house is partially filled by a shed roofed section that is lighted by a combination of single-pane and modern single-pane sash windows.

The interior was not seen.

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
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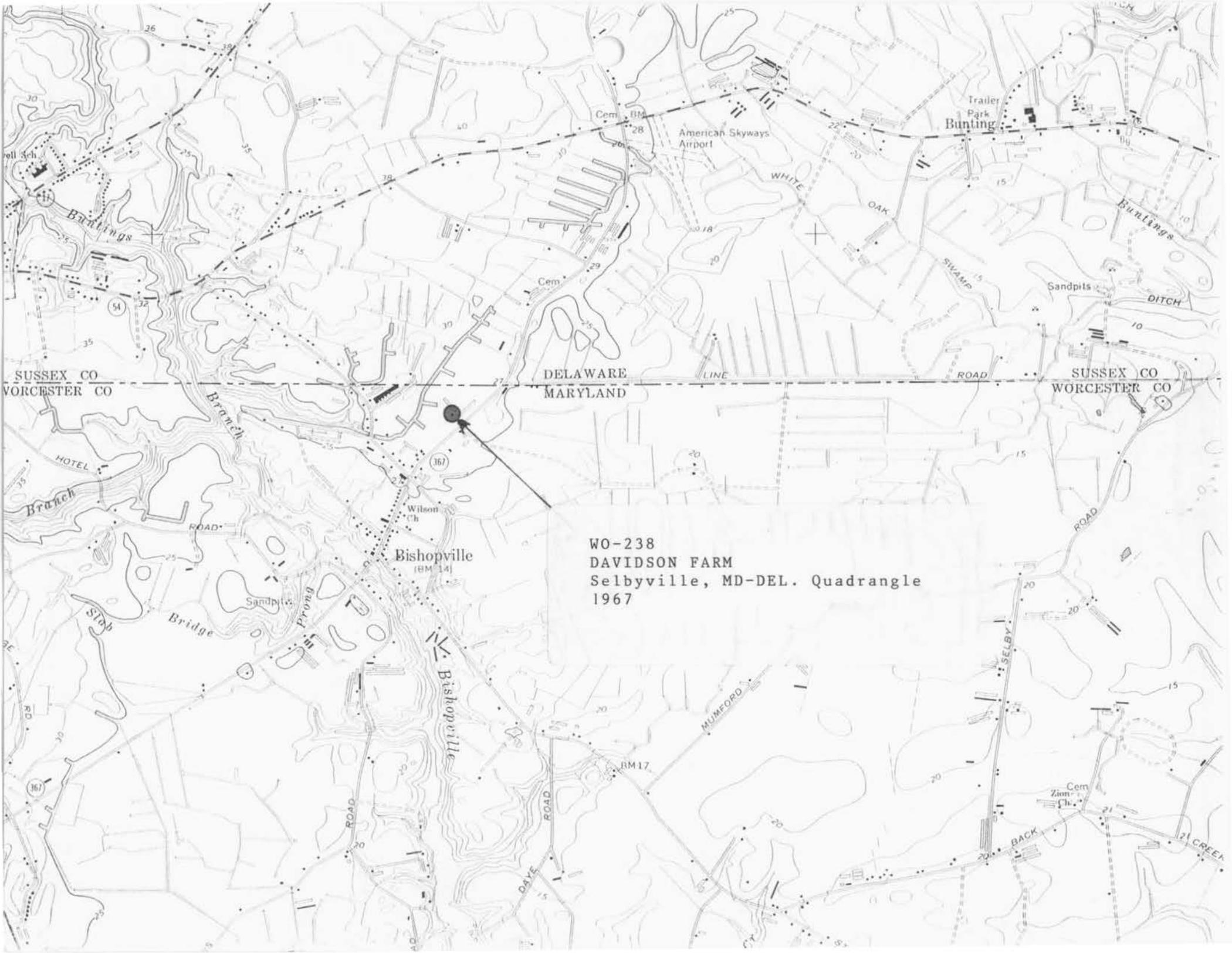
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Davidson farm, located on the north side of Bishopville, is a distinctive two-and-a-half story bracketed frame farmhouse with a broad five-bay elevation. The center hall dwelling is an ell-shaped structure that despite the removal of the period front porch retains much of its period character. The side porch with its turned posts and spindle brackets has survived undisturbed.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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DAVIDSON FARM
Selbyville, MD-DEL. Quadrangle
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