

WO-243
Langmaid Farm
Newark vicinity
Private

Mid eighteenth century, c. 1817

Located on a ridge of land overlooking Newport Bay is this two-story, three-bay brick farmhouse. At first glance the side hall/parlor, common bond brick structure with its single-story wing appears to date to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. However, remnants of a Flemish bond brick foundation and mid eighteenth century interior woodwork indicate that major architectural changes have occurred on this site. The most significant early features include a turned baluster, closed stringer stair, foliated H-shaped hinges, and part of a raised-panel end wall in the parlor. From the surviving evidence it appears the these significant features were reused in a major rebuilding of a eighteenth century house around 1817.

A chain of title for this property suggests the early brick dwelling was the residence of Isaac Marshall, a prominent Worcester County planter who patented or purchased several hundred acres along what is still known as Marshalls Creek. Through several transactions Isaac Marshall assembled a relatively large plantation comprising more that five-hundred acres during the second quarter of the eighteenth century. Including parts of "St. Lawrence's Neck," "Deel," and "Marshall's Addition" the property was divided between Isaac Marshall's two sons, John and Isaac, in 1751. He left to his wife, Sarah one-third of the lands and the use of the new apartment in the dwelling house. He divided his lands between his two sons, but the eldest John evidently received the principal plantation along with the tobacco screw, however he was required to permit his mother access to the tobacco screw for prising her own crop. The plantation remained in Marshall family hands until John P. Marshall, Jr. of Somerset County transferred the title to

George W. Purnell in May 1817. It is estimated that the major changes to the house occurred during George W. Purnell's ownership which continued until the late 1840s. Local Newark vicinity residents identify this property as the Langmaid farm, named for the family who held title to the land for much of the twentieth century.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Langmaid Farm

MHT Inventory Number: W0-243

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1680-1815 Rural Agrarian Transition

4) Resource Type(s):

i. Standing Structure

q. Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common LANGMAID FARM

2. Location

street & number End of farm lane off Langmaid Road not for publicationcity, town Newark vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: lodge for hunting |

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

name Hale Harrison, et al.

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Ocean City state and zip code MD 21842

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <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 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 Langmaid farm is located on the north side of Langmaid Road one mile southeast of Newark, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story brick house faces east and Massey Creek which empties into Newport Bay. The gable roof is oriented on a north/south axis. Long ago abandoned as a regular residence the building is now used seasonally as a hunting lodge.

The contrasting architectural features surviving in this two-story, side hall/parlor brick house suggest that an early eighteenth-century dwelling was extensively rebuilt during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. Remnants of a Flemish bond brick foundation, raised-panel woodwork, and an early closed stringer stair suggest that parts of the eighteenth-century house were incorporated in the rebuilt structure. Aside from the remnants of the Flemish bond foundation and a stepped watertable, the walls of the two-story main block and the single-story kitchen wing are laid in six-course common bond, however much of the house also retains a layer of stucco. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The asymmetrical three-bay east (main) elevation is marked by two door openings to each side of a broken out window opening. The partially glazed doors and the window are topped by jack arches. A two-course beltcourse that is partially obscured with stucco defines the second floor level. Marking the second floor is another door opening and an adjacent single-pane sash window. The boxed cornice above has deteriorated with the loss of the fascia and soffit so the ends of the tie beams are exposed.

The north gable end of the side hall/parlor house is partially covered by a single-story common bond brick kitchen with two-over-two sash windows pierce the east and west side. Rising against the north gable end is an exterior corbelled base chimney with a corbelled shoulder as well. The chimney top is finished with a stepped two-course cap, and the gable end of the kitchen is flush.

The west side of the main block is an asymmetrical elevation as well with a side glazed rear door entrance and adjacent two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is lighted by a pair of six-over-six sash windows that are aligned with the first floor sash.

The south gable end is a plain common bond brick wall with serious fissures jeopardizing the stability of the gable end. Piercing the roofline is an interior end brick chimney and the eave is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The interior has been roughly treated during the past few years but fragments of mid eighteenth-century woodwork mixed with early nineteenth century doors and trim characterize the various rooms. The side hall contains a closed stringer, turned baluster winder stair. Removed from its first floor location is the turned balsuter handrail. The stair closet door has been removed, but foliated H-shaped hinges remain on the door surround.

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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 |
| <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 checked="" 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.

The Langmaid farmhouse is an interesting combination of a Federal style common bond brick, side hall/parlor house that was evidently the result of a heavy rebuilding of an earlier house on this prominent site overlooking Massey Creek and Newport Bay. Remnants of a Flemish bond brick foundation and raised-panel interior woodwork as well as a turned baluster, closed stringer stair suggest that the former dwelling was a well finished mid eighteenth-century structure. From the amount of late Federal style woodwork the rebuilding probably took place around 1825.

Not much is known about the former occupants of the property aside from the long-time association with the Langmaid family.

A short section of raised-panel wainscoting also remains in the hall. The parlor to the south has been reworked as well, but surviving against the end wall is a raised-panel overmantel that tops a six-foot wide hearth opening. The firebox has been bricked in and a hole was inserted for a stove pipe. Rough, broken edges to the mid eighteenth-century paneled wall indicate there was more paneling to each side of the chimney breast. An early nineteenth-century six-panel door opens into closet east of the fireplace. The room north of the hall is fitted with early nineteenth-century woodwork, and a Greek Revival style mantel frames the firebox.

The winder stair rises to a narrow second floor hall where the turned baluster first floor railing remains stored. Opening into the room above the kitchen is an early four-panel door framed by a mortise-and-tenon surround.

JEREMIAH FORSTER

9 Feb. 1745/6

7 March 1745

Late of Great Britian at present at Snow Hill in County of Worcester, Trader. To Nathaniel French late of the Island of Antiqua but at present I believe in Great Britian, gentleman. My coffin and funeral not to exceed five pounds North Carolina paper money. Isaac Morris and Alex Buncle EX. to receive ten pounds each North Carolina paper money. Wit. George Blair, John Yeats, Hampton Hopkins. Liber JW2 page 66.

PHILIP QUINTON

23 Feb. 1750

24 March 1750

Wife Anslé, plantation I now live and Carters Lodge. To my wife's Granddaughter Uphan Nelson? Son Dixon Quinton, after wife's decease. Daughter Sarah Adams. Daughter Abigail Hall. Wit. James Burnett, Moses Mills. Liber JW2 Page 67.

THOMAS HARGIS

22 Feb. 1750/1

10 March 1750

Bricklayer. My two sons George Hargis and Thpmas Hargis (under 21), my part of Lanes Adventure 200 acres. My Daughter in Law Sarah Watson. Son William Hargis. Wife Margaret. My wife and her daughters Thamar, Polley and Leah. Wife Margaret EX. Wit. Charles Mooney, Uriah Watson, Mary Watson. Liber JW2 page 68.

ISAAC MARSHALL

30 Jan 1751

8 March 1751

Wife Sarah 1/3 lands and use of the new apartment of my dwelling house. Son John, Plantation I now live being part of three tracts of land Deel, St. Lawrence and Marshall Addition. Son Isaac. Elizabeth Bishop and Charles Marchment mention in land division of Isaac and John. To John my tobacco screw, but his mother to have use of it for her own occassion in prising? her own tobacco. Daughter Sarah Marshall, 25 pistols. Daughter Rachael. Daughter Elizabeth. My Son Levin, deceased. Daughter Leah. My loving wife and eight children, Sophia Evans, Sarah Marshall, John Marshall, Rabitha Nottingham, Rachael, Elizabeth, Isaac and Leah Marshall. Wife Sarah EX. and Son John EX. Wit. Ephaaum Heather, Richard Blizard, Majer Hudson. Liber JW2 page 69.

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LANGMAID FARM
CHAIN-OF-TITLE

1266/514 Golden Eagle Farms, Inc. and Personal
Representative of Harold C. Riley

to

12/31/1986 John H. Harrison, Hale Harrison
762 acres \$650,000.00
"Shirley," "St. Lawrence's Neck,"
"Deal," "Marshall's Addition," "Lea
Brant," "Shirley's Venture," and
"Hudson's Ruin," but commonly called
"Shirley."

F.W.H. 627/498 Elsie M. Langmaid, William Langmaid, and
Bertha L. Langmaid, his wife

to

6/19/1978 Golden Eagle Farms, Inc.
762 acres

B.B. 17/384 William A. Langmaid

to

4/17/1933 Frank H. Langmaid
the said Frank H. Langmaid having since
departed this life, and by his last will
and testament being estate No. 5304 in the
Orphan's Court of Worcester County--devised
all right and title to Elsie M. Langmaid,
his wife

O.D.C. 40/167 John W. Staton, trustee

to

1/18/1921 William A. Langmaid

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Whereas by a decree of Circuit Court
passed in the case of John Madison Taylor
et. ux. vs. William J. Taylor et. ux. et.
al. being No. 3086 on the Chancery Docket
dated 12/9/1920

G.H.R. 1/44

Lemuel P. Collins and wife, Sarah E. Collins

to

1/8/1864

William J. Taylor

\$8,000. "Saint Lawrence's Neck," "Deal,"
"Marshall's Addison," "Lea Brant," "Shirley's
Venture" and "Hudson's Ruin." being the same
lands which descended to a certain John P.
Marshall of Somerset County in said State from
his Grandfather John Marshall and which the
said John P. Marshall conveyed to a certain
George W. Purnell by deed dated the 30 May 1817
G.M.H. 5/363 and which was conveyed to the
aforesaid Stephen B. Collins by Elisha Purnell
and James R. Purnell, trustees appointed by
the last will of George W. Purnell to convey
the same in pursuance of a contract of sale
made with the said Stephen by the said George
16 December 1844

G.M.H. 5/363

John P. Marshall, Jr. of Somerset County

to

5/30/1817

George W. Purnell

\$7,500. "Saint Lawrence's Neck," part of
a tract called Deal," "Marshalls Addition,"
"Lea Brant," "Shirley's Venture," "Hudson's
Ruin."

JW 315

Will of John Marshall

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to

Will written
3/23/1797

John P. Marshall, Jr.

Will filed
8/15/1797

Administrator, Elizabeth and J. P. Marshall
to wife, Elizabeth 1/3 plantation

Inventory
8/15/1798

to grandson, John Marshall son of Isaac,
lands I live on. Plantation part tract
Lawrence's Neck, part tract Deal, Marshall's
Addition, Sea Brant, Shirley's Venture, part
Hudson's Ruin

Will Book JW/31

Will of Isaac Marshall

Will written
3/29/1761
Will filed
7/10/1761

Executor, brother John Marshall

Inventory
3/1/1762

to nephew, Isaac, son of John Marshall
plantation comprised of land called Deal
and St. Lawrence

Will Book JW/69

Will of Isaac Marshall

Will written
3/8/1750

to wife, Sarah

Will filed
1/30/1751

to son, John

plantation called Deel, Saint Lawrence's,
Marshall's Addition (will outlines division
of land between sons John and Isaac

Ruth T. Dryden, Land Records of Worcester County 1666-1810

St. Lawrence Neck--Patented 16 October 1677 by John Emmett who
assigned to Thomas Poynter for 1100 acres

--in 1745 Dennis Hudson quitclaimed 250 acres
to Isaac Marshall

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Ruth T. Dryden continued

Deall--Patented 17 October 1677 by John Emmett who assigned
to William Ennis Jr. for 600 acres on west side of
Mobjack Bay.

--13 April 1737 John Bishop with wife Elizabeth Bishop
sold to Isaac Marshall 200 acres part laid out for 400
acres

Marshall's Addition--Patented in 1748 by Isaac Marshall

Shirley's Venture--Patented 21 October 1736 by John Dennis
for 110 acres

--1 April 1738 William Bowen with wife
Martha Bowen sold 100 acres to Isaac
Marshall with tract Dale or Deall

Hudson's Ruin--Patented in 1775 by John Marshall for 60 acres

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