WO-291 c. 1825, c. 1880, 1917
Baker Farm
Snow Hill vicinity
private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BAKER Farm

MHT Inventory Number: WO-291

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 Agricultural - Industrial Transition

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structures
   a. Farmhouse
2. Outbuildings -
   a. Barn
   b. Smoke House
   c. Granary

Survey No. WO-291

Magi No. 2402915335

DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "TAYLOR'S LIVELIHOOD," or "ADDITION TO GOSHEN"

and/or common BAKER FARM, ALSO NAIRNE FARM, DALE FARM, ROCK FARM

2. Location

street & number Northwest side of Carmean Road ___ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill x vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

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

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Baker

street & number Rte 2 Box 20 telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber CWN 6

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 388

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
_x_ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Baker farm, also known as the Cherrix farm or the Nairne farm, is located on property surveyed during the eighteenth century as "Goshen" and "Taylor's Livelihood." The 325-acre farm is located on the northwest side of Carmean Road which intersects MD Route 12 (Snow Hill Road) approximately three miles west of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay farmhouse faces southeast with the principal gable oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Accompanying the house is a frame smokehouse, and large frame barn, and a few smaller farm buildings.

Built in three distinct stages, the earliest portion of the Baker farmhouse comprises the northern three bays of the main block. Dating to around 1825, the side hall/parlor house was two stories high and three bays across. During the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, perhaps around 1880, the main block was extended to the south by two bays maintaining the same roofline of the original house. During the early twentieth century, a cross gable was centered on the roof and in 1917 a two-story kitchen wing was extended to the rear. Around the same time that the kitchen wing was attached the old gable end service wing was removed from the northeast end.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the frame house is uniformly sheathed with asbestos shingles and it is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The southeast (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical five bay elevation with a center sidelighted entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The cross-muntin transom above the front door is especially noteworthy. A hip roofed screened-in porch shelters the center three bays. Louvered shutters flank the windows to each side of the porch as well as the windows that light the second floor. Stretching across the base of the roof is a modillioned cornice probably added during the early early twentieth century. The cross gable is pierced by a two-over-two sash window as well. Rising through the roof is a pair of narrow, corbelled cap brick chimneys that flank the center hall.

Each gable end of the single pile main block is treated in a similar manner with two-over-two sash windows on each floor including the attic. All three windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The eave to the roof is extended slightly beyond the wall surface.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	x agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B x C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state x local

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

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
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	Worcester County	**date**	2/15/89
street & number	Worcester County Courthouse	**telephone**	301-632-1194
city or town	Snow Hill	**state**	MD 21863

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The northwest (rear) side of the house is partially covered by the two-story 1917 service wing, two bays across by one room deep. A partially glazed door and a two-over-two sash window define the first floor on the north side while a single two-over-two sash window lights the second floor. A narrow brick stove stack with a corbelled cap rises through the gable end. Attached to the south side of the 1917 wing is a mid twentieth century shed roofed addition that contains the modern kitchen.

The interior of the center hall house retains much of its nineteenth and twentieth century woodwork. Fixed in hall is the original stair with a slender turned newel post, rectangular balusters and an oval profile handrail. A four-panel door opens into the stair closet. Narrow cavetto molded surrounds frame six-panel doors in the northern section, and remnants of period chair rail survive as well. Late Victorian style mantels have replaced the earlier Federal style ones.

Visible in the unfinished attic is a shift in roof construction between the third and fourth bays from the north, and the old weatherboarding has been removed from the former gable end. Also evident is the heavy timber, mortise-and-tenon construction of the early nineteenth century section.

Standing directly behind the house is a single story frame smokehouse sheathed in asbestos shingles and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Unusual to this structure are the molded joists reused in the construction of this outbuilding. Directly northeast of the house is a large gable roof frame barn built during the 1920s. Sheathed with vertical board siding the barn is covered by asphalt shingle roof. Shed additions extend the main structure to each side, and a variety of sliding board doors provide access to the various sections. Small six-pane windows light the upper level, and a hay door is fixed in the upper gable end. The loading apparatus is sheltered by a slightly extended roof.

Located next to the barn on perpendicular axis is a single story mortise-and-tenon frame structure with shed additions to each side. This building, now used for storage and a garage, has been partially rebuilt with reused materials as well.

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BAKER FARM STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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BAKER FARM
Chain-of-title

Edward G. and Alice Baker
Route 2 Box 20
Snow Hill, MD 21863

CWN 6/388

William T. Cherrix, Ethelyne R. Cherrix, and Zadok H. Cherrix, Jr. surviving Executor of Zadok H. Cherrix, Sr. late of Worcester County

to

12/29/1945

Edward G. and Alice Baker
"Dale or Nairne Farm," and sometimes previously called "Addition to Goshen," "Taylor's Livelihood," or by whatever names

325 acres

B.B. 17/263

Wiliam F. Johnson, Trustee

to

3/20/1933

William T. Cherrix
Ethelyne T. Cherrix

...and also the same property which was devised unto Paul Cherrix by the 7th item of the last will and testament of Zadok H. Cherrix, Sr. late of Worcester County, dated 1/16/1925, P.J. 1/326
...and being the same property unto Zadok H. Cherrix, Sr. under the name of Zadok H. Cherricks, form Isaac H. Hearne and Mary H. Hearne, 12/9/1904, F.H.P. 21/564

F.H.P. 21/564

Isaac N. Hearne
Mary H. Hearne

to

12/9/1904

Zadok H. Cherrix
"Addition to Goshen"
"Taylor's Addition"

~~F.H.P. 21/562~~ ~~William F. Johnson, Trustee~~

F.H.P. 21/563	William F. Johnson, Trustee
	to
12/8/1904	Isaac N. Hearne $4,500
Mortgage F.H.P. 17/120	Thomas R. Vandyke and wife
	to
6/9/1902	Isaac N. Hearne Mary H. Hearne $5,500 "Additon to Goshen" "Taylor's Addition" "Nairne Farm"
F.H.P. 12/534	Ellen A. Robins
	to
10/9/1899	Isaac N. Hearne $2,700
F.H.P. 9/528	George W. Purnell, Trustee
	to
7/2/1897	Ellen A. Robins $2,500
Mortgage J.W.S. 2/1887	Alfred B. Nairne Mary E. D. Nairne
	to
10/3/1887	George W. Purnell "Addition to Goshen" "Taylor's Livelihood" $2,272.00

I.T.M. 2/541

George T. Bratten, DeWitt C. Fooks, Francis J. Hayman, Solomon F. Shockley Commissioners to divide real estate of John Dale, deceased

to

5/20/1873

Mary E.D. Bowland (Mary E. D. Nairne at the time of transfer Mary E. D. Milbourne but now the wife of Alfred B. Nairne) "Addition to Goshen"
$7,800. "Taylor's Livelihood"

Lot No. 3-Return of the Commissioners petition of William Dale for the valuation and division of the real estate of said John Dale, being No. 6 on the petition of the Commissioners Docket, May term 1873

J.C.H. 3/29

William Rock and wife, Eleanor

to

2/27/1836

John Dale
$1,800
-same land conveyed to said William Rock by Josiah Rock

G.M.H. 3/462

Isaac K. Victor

to

9/1/1840

John Dale

$38.00 "Taylor's Livelihood"
"...that Isaac K. Victor purchased of John Dickerson" 10/26/1839

6 1/4 acres

A.S./10

Josiah Rock, Worcester County

to

4/27/1826

William Rock, Worcester County
$4,000 313 acres long boundary des.

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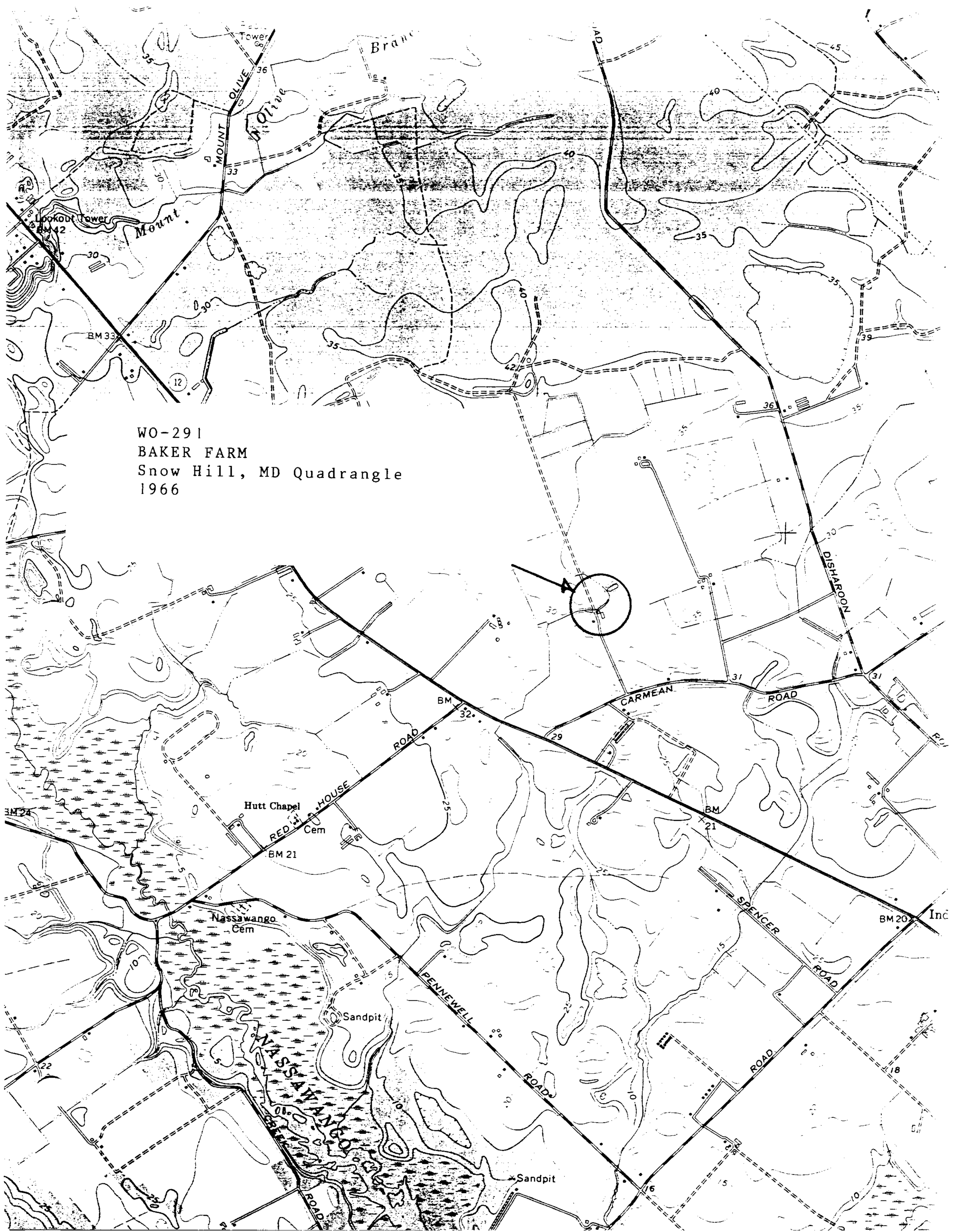
BAKER FARM
Chain-of-title

A.S./8	William Rock
	to
4/27/1826	Josiah Rock $4,000
Will Book MH/18	Will of John Rock, late of Worcester County
	to
5/9/1823	William and Josiah Rock, ~~sons~~ brothers
S/111	Col. Peter Chaille, Worcester County, Md
	to
12/8/1797	John Rock of Snow Hill £4,264..10..0 710 3/4 acres long description of property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BAKER FARM
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle
1966
Mount Olive
MOUNT OLIVE
Lookout Tower
BM 42
BM 33
Hutt Chapel
Cem
RED HOUSE ROAD
BM 21
Nassawango Cem
Sandpit
NASSAWANGO CREEK
PENNEWELL ROAD
CARMEAN ROAD
DISHAROON
SPENCER ROAD
BM 20
BM 32
BM 24
Sandpit

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BAKER FARM

SNOW HILL VICINITY, WORCESTER COUNTY, MD.

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