

Some mid 19th century subdivision of larger older farms undoubtedly allowed people like the builder of the Hessey House to operate a farm in the area. George W. Hessey was the owner of this farm in 1877 and may have been responsible for its construction. The farmhouse is a typical mid 19th century two story center hall single pile frame house type.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 181

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hessey House

AND/OR COMMON

Davis House Chestnut Lane Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Grove Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Earlsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Carroll E. Davis

Telephone #: 275-2957

STREET & NUMBER

Chestnut Lane Farm

CITY, TOWN

Earlsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21919

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: NDS 13

Folio #: 461

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hessey House is a 2 story 5 bay by 1 room frame house c. 1850 on Grove Neck Road and west of Earleville, Md. The main facade has an eastern exposure and the main gable runs north/south.

The 5 bay main block has a slightly lower 2 story 2 bay kitchen wing of similar appearance on its north end. The entire structure rests on a fieldstone foundation and is covered with aluminum siding over weatherboard. The lowly pitched roof is covered with tin and two stuccoed stacks rise out of the main block. One is centrally located, the other in the north end.

The east facade is symmetrically oriented with a central entrance. The door is flanked by three light sidelights with panel below and a three light transom is found overhead. The 2/2 sash windows have plain surrounds and louvered aluminum shutters. A heavy boxed cornice stretches across and extends slightly beyond the end walls.

The south end wall is plain and the west (back) wall typically asymmetrical. The detailing remains the same.

The north end of the main block is covered with the two story kitchen wing. It too has been similarly covered with aluminum. A few 6/6 sash remain along with a weatherboard single story shed off the north end. It has a board door and 6/6 sash in the east side.

The interior has survived with most of its mid 19th century woodwork and room partitions. The heavily turned newel post to the central stair supports a oval handrail and turned balusters. The 4 panel doors have heavy ogee molded insets. The south parlor mantel is not unusual with its simple pilasters, plain frieze, and thick shelf. Paneled cupboard doors are found to the west side of the projecting chimney breast.

The south parlor mantel has been removed but the narrow cupboards in the sides of the projecting breast are in place.

Mid 19th century farm buildings that survive include a medium sized cow barn, typical double pen granary, and meat house. All have typical frame construction with vertical board siding.

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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 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 _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the Hessey House has lost some of its architectural significance due to the coating of aluminum the mid 19th century farm complex remains for the most part intact. The structures are all typical of mid 19th century construction. George W. Hessey owned the farm according to the 1877 Lake Atlas..

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

1/29/80

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21021

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Wroth Pt

Constable

West View Shores

EARLEVILLE Quad.

POND

NECK

Gravel Pit

Pond

Creek

Creek

ROAD

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GROVE NECK

GROVE

Cox Creek

Foreman Creek

SASSAFRAS RIVER

SASSAFRAS

RIVER

Knight Island

1:000,000 FEET

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57°30'

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Hessey House
EASTERN ELEVATION

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EARLEVILLE, MD

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SOUTH ELEVATION
NA

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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FARLEVILLE, MD

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