

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common George Butler Farm

2. Location

street & number 24222 White's Ferry Road not for publicationcity, town Dickerson, vicinity of congressional districtstate Maryland county Montgomery

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ann D. Camalier et al, Trustee, c/o Riggs National Bankstreet & number P. O. Box 1149 telephone no.:city, town Washington state and zip code DC 20006

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4406street & number folio 490city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county localdepository for survey records city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. M: 16-28

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 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 George Butler Farm contains two early 20th century farm buildings of interest. The first is a large, gable roofed, wood frame bank barn, built in 1917. The second is a wood frame corncrib probably built a few years later.

The barn is constructed of heavy, sawn timbers, mortise, tenon & pegged to support the hayloft and roof section. Some metal spikes and nails were used in the structure of the ground floor stabling area. The foundation is rubble masonry; the floor of the stabling area is dirt. The exterior of the barn is sheathed with vertical boards installed with spaces between them. Several boards are warped, indicating that this sawn lumber was probably installed green (used before it had time to dry). The gable roof is covered with sheet metal, some sections of which have been recently replaced. Five lightning arresters are mounted on the roof ridge, and a row of metal snow dogs (devices for preventing ice and snow from sliding off the roof) have been attached to the lower edges of the roof a couple feet above the gutters.

The hayloft level is accessible by a earth ramp with rubble stone retaining walls on the northeast elevation. Huge wooden, vertical board doors the height of the barn, slide horizontally on a track to cover the doorway at the top of the ramp. A pair of smaller doors have been inserted into the right-hand large door. Four small, six-light wooden sash windows light the hayloft level. A small door gives access to the lower level near the north corner of the building.

The stabling area on the ground level opens onto the southwest elevation of the barn. This elevation has the overhang typical of general purpose bank barns. The recessed wall of the ground floor has several dutch doors, between which the wall consists of horizontally applied boards on the lower half and widely spaced horizontal boards above. Three small windows in the southeast wall provide additional light to the stabling area, which is divided into two areas for free-ranging cattle, with a manger between. There are several small pens in the northwest end of the stabling area.

The exterior wall above the stabling area is simple vertical boards, with two doors suspended from tracks covering two separate doorways in the middle of the southwest elevation. In the center of the southeast elevation at the hayloft level is a small opening with a hinged door.

The corncrib is a wood frame, gable roof structure consisting of two cribs resting on poured concrete piers, and spanned by an attic containing a hayloft. On the southwest elevation, a door in the center of the gable opens into the hayloft. Two doors on either side of the drive-through give access to the interior of the corncribs. Within the drive-through area, small doors in the inside walls of the corncribs allow corn to be tossed into the cribs.

The farm also has an early 20th century house, a small wood garage building, and a windmill with moving blades but a broken shaft.



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Southwest elevation