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Norfolk Plantation
Pocomoke vicinity
private

1836-1837

Standing prominently on its slightly elevated site, the Norfolk plantation house is a significant three-part frame dwelling supported by a raised foundation and covered by a steeply pitched gable roof. Despite proportions that suggest an eighteenth-century date, this large two-story, four-room plan dwelling was raised during the late 1830s by William T. Hargis. Large sized nine-over-six sash windows and delicate Federal style bed moldings under the the box cornice are exterior features which support the nineteenth-century date. The first floor is divided into four-room plan with the stair rising in the southeast corner. The plan and general appearance of the Hargis house is similar to "Caldicott," Littleton Dennis's impressive plantation house on the Pocomoke River.(S-72) In contrast to the late eighteenth century woodwork of "Caldicott," the "Norfolk" plantation house is fitted with a mixture of Federal and Greek Revival style finishes. The front two-panel Greek Revival style door is topped by a four-light transom and framed by a molded surround with plain corner blocks. Family tradition relates the two-story kitchen formerly stood a distance away from the house and was joined to the dwelling by a colonnade around 1876.

William T. Hargis inherited title to the "Norfolk" plantation through the will of Levin Pollitt, probated in 1836 (JP 5/10). Also cited within Pollitt's will was an item that left to his niece, Mary D. Stevens, "the place whereon I now live, it being part of land called Good Success and Dennis's Addition." William T. Hargis married Sarah Costen, daughter of William Costen, who lived only a few miles away (S-78). Nine children were raised in the large house. Carrie Hargis married Samuel A. Evans. The property remains in the Evans family.

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1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Cokesbury VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. Evans PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2½ w/a sm. 2½ kitchen	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
	2. NAME Evans House	S-75 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1780-1790 STYLE Late Country Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE		

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC No
<p>This is a large frame late country Georgian house which is 5 bays wide, 2 bays deep and 2½ stories in height with an A-roof which slopes from front to back. There is an enclosed chimney at each end of the house. The one on the left side is much larger and older than the one on the right. (The one on right is probably a later replacement.) The first floor windows are 9/6, the 2nd are 6/6. The central door has an overlight and is covered by a small classic wooden portico with a peaked roof. The cornice along the roof line is unusual and has a band of very low relief dentils.</p> <p>To the left of the main house is a 1½ storey colonnade which leads to a 2½ storey 2 bay side kitchen wing which has an exterior chimney on its left end. The kitchen is probably of the same date as the rest of the house.</p> <p>There is an interesting brick and frame out building on the property.</p> <p>This house is now deserted and prey to vandals. It is an attractive structure and should be preserved.</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered Interior Exterior

Deserted and deteriorating.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD 5/8/67

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Southwest Elevation of Kitchen
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