

S-172
William D. Howeth Farm
Near Manokin
Private

c. Mid 19th
Century

The William D. Howeth Farm, also known in the land records as the Obidiah Clippinger Farm, is located on the east and west side of River Road, on the north side of the Annemessex River. The farm is largely significant for the survival of an antebellum frame kitchen that stands southeast of the farmhouse. Exposed on the south kitchen wall is a brick firewall and a portion of brick nogging. Inside, the kitchen retains its period woodwork on both floors. The cross-gabled farmhouse appears to date from the third quarter of the 19th century, but unlike the ~~Kitchen~~, has been thoroughly remodeled outside.

The exact history of this farm has not been sorted out, but the land is part of "Armstrong's Purchase" which was purchased by William D. Howeth in December of 1862 (LW 7/576). Obidiah Clippinger bought the farm from Albert Sudler, executor of Thomas Sudler, on 4 April 1883 (B.F.L. 5/666).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-172

Magi No. 2001725438

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William D. Howeth Farm

and/or common CLIPPINGER Farm

2. Location

street & number East side of River Road not for publicationcity, town Manokin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber JMT 115

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 236

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input 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 checked="" 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 William D. Howeth Farm is located on the east and west side of River Road .4 of a mile north of the Annessex River. The c. 1870 farmhouse faces west with the gable running north/south. Also standing on the property is an ~~adobe~~ bellum frame kitchen which appears to **pre**date the farmhouse.

The two-story, three-bay farmhouse rests on a minimal brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with aluminum. The cross-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Corbelled brick chimneys pierce the roofline on either side of the center hall. The first floor door and window openings are covered with plywood. Three 2/2 sash windows pierce the second floor while a smaller 2/2 sash window pierces the front gable.

The south gable end of the main house has a two-story three-sided bay window. The eaves are extended and finished with short returns. To the rear is a two-story service wing with center brick stove stack. A two-story porch covers most of the south side. A sawn-balustrade survives on the second floor. The end bay on both floors is enclosed.

The other two sides of the house are simply treated with similar doors and window treatment.

Standing immediately southeast of the house is a two-story, two-bay c. 1840-1850 frame kitchen resting on brick piers, sheathed with narrow weatherboards and covered by a medium sloped asphalt tile roof. The structure faces west with the main gable running north/south. An interior end brick chimney rises out of the south gable end and has an exposed fire wall. Two 4/2 sash flank the stack and light the second floor. A small patch of exposed south wall framing reveals a portion of brick-nogged framing.

The west side has two openings; one door and one window. The cornice is simply treated with a board soffit.

The north end has a door opening on the first floor and a single window opening on the second floor.

The east side is similar to the west with a single door and window.

Inside, the first floor is lathed and plastered. Cut nails fasten riven oak lath. The fireplace wall retains its woodwork. A mid-19th century mantel consists of a paneled frieze, molded shelf, and molded surround. A small board and batten door to the right of the hearth opens into the closet under the stair. The winder stair has three steps within the room and the rest behind a board and batten door. The built-in cupboards to the left of the hearth and in the northeast corner are late 19th-century additions.

The second floor is divided into two rooms and separated by a beaded board partition. The larger room has a stretch of simple handrail with rectangular balusters and

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul Touart - Architectural Historian		
organization	Somerset County Historical Trust	date	2/7/84
street & number	424 North Somerset Avenue	telephone	651-1094 (home)
city or town	Princess Anne	state	Maryland 21853

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square newel post. In addition, the room is trimmed with simple/~~chair~~ rail and baseboard. The door opening into the other room is framed by a molded surround.

The smaller room is trimmed with chair rail and baseboard but was never plastered. The mortise and tenon framing system is a fully exposed. ~~wooden~~ ~~rafters~~ ~~beams~~ The collar beams have half-dovetail lap joints and are held in place by cut-nails.

CHAIN OF TITLE

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J.M.T. 115/236

Federal Farm Mortgage

to

9/23/1938

Federal Land Bank

9/9/1938

Edgar A. Jones

to

Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.
"William D. ^{Howeth} Farm" being same land
conveyed unto Obadiah Clippinger by
deed from Albert H. Sudler, executor
of Thomas Sudler, deceased (B.F.L. 5/666)
April 4, 1883--110 acres--
\$1,850.

William D. Howeth and Margaret

to

Thomas Sudler

"William D. Howeth Farm"
\$2,750. which is described in two deeds
to William D. Howeth

- 1) from Thomas Sudler, executor of Isaac
Parks 1/31/1860 LW 6/454.
- 2) from John W. Davis and wife bearing
date 12/31/1862 LW 7/576

LW 6/454

1/31/1860

Thomas Sudler executor of Isaac Parks -
12/13/1857 (last will and testament -
directed his real estate to be sold
2/24/1858 for \$1,005.

LW7/576

John W. Davis and Charlotte

to

12/31/1862

William D. Howeth
(son of William Howeth - also spelled
Howarth)
\$600.00 North side of Annamessex River -
called "Armstrong's Purchase"

LW 5/614-615

William J. Byrd, Trustee

to

John W. Davis

Decree of Circuit Court \$405.
October 24, 1857 in the case of
Isaac H. Parks and Henry Tull vs.
Hezekiah L. Parks, William C. Parks,
Tubman L. Parks.

LW 3/346-347

Isaac Parks, Sr.

to

1/12/1855

Isaac Parks, Jr.
\$300.00

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(MONIE)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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437

42'30"

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FAIRMOUNT 4.4 MI

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ROAD

Kingston

St Marks Ch
Cem

PENN CENTRAL

RIVER

CLYDE FORD ROAD

Anneseek Creek

Annessex

Big River

Westover

St James Ch

St Elizabeths Ch

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(361)

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Kitchen - Southwest Elevation
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Kitchen - East Elevation
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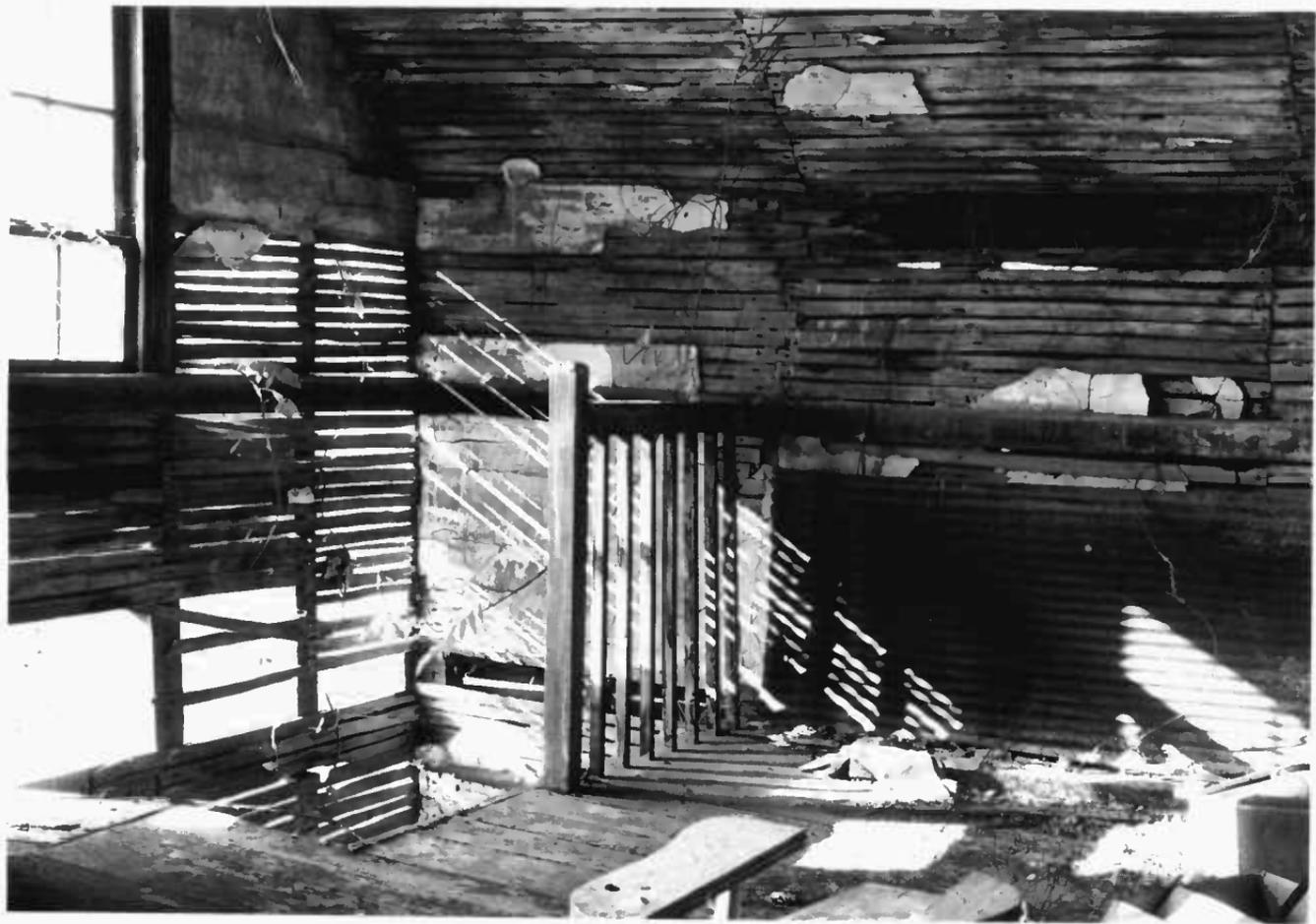
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William D. Howeth Farm
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Brick Nogging
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2nd Floor of Kitchen
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2nd Floor Partition
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2nd Floor Interior
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Kitchen - 1st floor
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