

S-212  
Ross Farm  
Near Princess Anne  
Private

c. 1850-1870

The Ross Farmhouse is a significant mid 19th-century dwelling in deteriorated, but intact condition. The hip roof and twin chimneys combined with the untouched mid 19th-century interior woodwork distinguishes this farmhouse from many others located in this general area. The surrounding outbuildings post-date the house. Perhaps the most significant object in the farmyard in the early 20th-century gas pump.

Layfayette Ross, the probable builder, is located on this site in 1877 and designated in the patron list as owning a 900-acre farm.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-212

Magi No. 2002125535

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ross Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number East side of Dublin Road  not for publication

city, town Wellington  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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, Maryland state 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 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 Ross Farm is situated along the east side of Dublin Road approximately two miles east of the Old Princess Anne-Westover Road. Centered among a few outbuildings is an abandoned two-story frame house of c. 1860-1870 date. The structure faces west with the roof ridge running north/south.

The two-story three-bay center hall house is supported by a brick pier foundation and sheathed with narrow weatherboards. A hip roof covers the house and retains its wood shingles. Twin corbelled brick chimneys with dentils rise from the center of the house. Extending to the rear is a shorter two-story six-bay by one-room service wing which was built in two stages. Surrounding the house are a few outbuildings which date from the late 19th and 20th-centuries. An iron gas pump with glass globe survives next to one corn crib.

The west elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows which have been boarded up. The front six-panel door is framed by sidelights and a transom as well as a molded surround. The header molding has a slight temple arch and very small crossetts. The boxed cornice stretches around the perimeter of the roof and is without brackets.

Both ends of the front block are treated in a similar manner with a 6/6 sash window on each floor. Remnants of louvered shutters survive on a few windows.

Extending from the east (back) side of the house is the service wing which consists of two principal sections. The <sup>first</sup> three bays appear to be of one period while the second three comprise a later addition. Four-panel side doors open into the first section and are flanked by 6/6 sash windows. Smaller 6/3 sash windows light the second floor. The gable end is flush, and a narrow brick stove stack rises from it.

The second section repeats the essential form of the first three bays, but was built slightly shorter so there is a shift in the roofline between sections.

The house is well boarded up, but the interiors appear to be intact with Greek Revival post and lintel mantels and four-panel door. Shallow pediments top the major interior door openings. In addition, an early paint scheme survives in at least one room. The walls are lathed and plastered with sawn lath attached with cut nails.

Standing behind the house is a pair of frame corn cribs that rest on concrete block staddle stones. The framing is held together with wire nails. Immediately north of one crib is an iron gas pump of the same early 20th-century vintage. Standing farther from the house are several insignificant wagon sheds and storage buildings of 20th-century date.

# 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
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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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1 MILE  
7000 FEET  
1 KILOMETER



INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA  
445000m E 75°37'30"

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**  
 Primary highway, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary highway, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Light-duty road, hard or improved surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unimproved road \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trails \_\_\_\_\_  
 Interstate Route (circle with red border)  
 U. S. Route (circle with red border)  
 State Route (circle with red border)

**PRINCESS ANNE, MD.**  
N3807.5—W7537.5/7.5

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5860 II SE)



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West Elevation  
5/84 Paul Touart  
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North Elevation  
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Southeast Elevation

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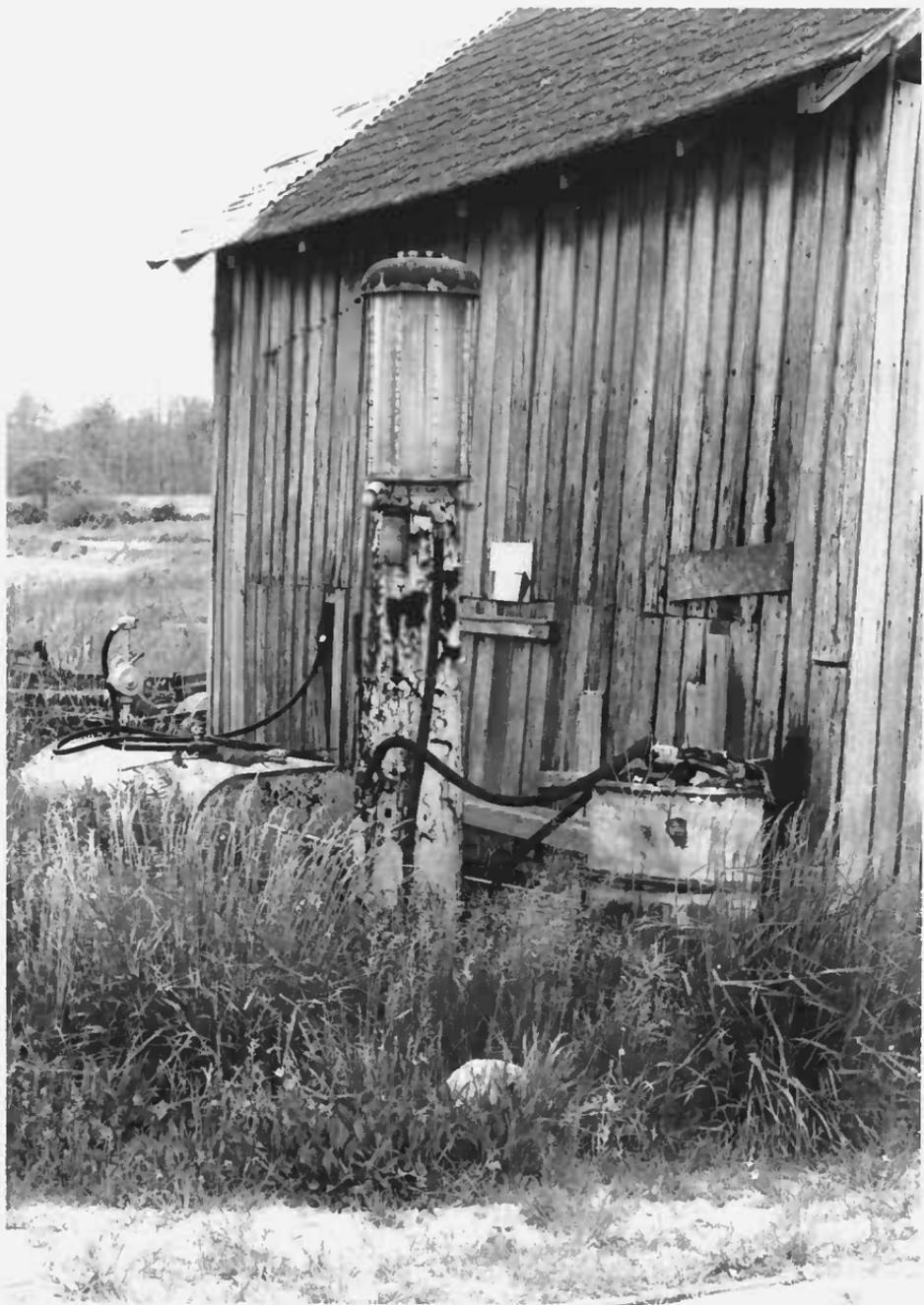
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Northeast Elevation

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Gas Pump and Corn Crib  
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Center Entrance  
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Ross Farm  
Southwest Elevation  
Corn Cribs  
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5/84 Paul Touart  
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