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S-220
Old Mason Property
Near Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1890-1900

The Mason farmhouse is a well-preserved Victorian period dwelling with simple late 19th-century detailing. An irregular main elevation includes a two-story three-sided bay pavilion covered by a gabled roof. The rear single-story wing is thought to be a few decades older than the main house. This farmhouse is typical of Somerset County late 19th-century domestic architecture with its T-plan and minimal exterior elaboration.

Property belonging to a William F. Stevens is designated on this site in 1877.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-220

Magi No. 2002205635

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William F. Stevens Farm

and/or common Old Mason Property

2. Location

street & number NE side of Courthouse Hill Road not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 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 Marian Lee Holland

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 state MD

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 checked="" 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 Old Mason Property is located on the northeast side of Courthouse Hill Road .4 of a mile north of Dividing Creek Road, near Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland.

The two-story T-plan Victorian period farmhouse faces southwest with the primary gable running on a northwest/southeast axis. Accompanying the farmhouse are two chicken houses and a gable-front frame barn.

The c. 1890-1900 two-story weatherboard frame structure is supported by a brick pier foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt tile roof. The eaves are extended and trimmed with pierced sawnwork. Two narrow brick stove stacks rise from the center portion of the dwelling.

The southwest (main) elevation is an irregular three-bay facade with a projecting two-story bay window pavilion. A gable roof covers the two-story bay and is pierced by a 2/2 sash window.

The recessed two-bay entrance wall is covered by a hip-roofed screened-in porch; a partially glazed front door opens into the center passage. The adjacent bay along with the second floor are filled with 2/2 sash windows with plain surrounds.

The northwest gable end has a 2/2 sash window of each floor including the attic story. The eave is trimmed with sawnwork.

The northeast (rear) elevation is the same irregular shape and is lighted by 2/2 sash windows. A single-story two-bay kitchen, reported to be older than the main house, has a low pitched roof and a flush gable end. The kitchen is lighted by 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds. A narrow brick stack rises from the gable end and is flanked by four-pane attic windows. An enclosed shed-roofed addition extends from the northwest side of the kitchen.

The southeast side of the main house has two windows and one door opening on the first floor and two windows on the second.

The interior was not fully viewed, but the front portion is trimmed with standard late 19th-century woodwork.

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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Southwest Elevation
Near Pocomoke City
6/84 Paul Touart
Neg./Maryland Historic Trust



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Old Mason Property
Near Pocomoke City
Northeast Elevation
6/84 Paul Touart
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Old Mason Property
Near Pocomoke City
Southeast Elevation of Barn
6/84 Paul Touart
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