

Survey No. K-102

Magi No. 1501025204

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hodge's Bar Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side Swan Creek Rd., .7 mile west of Rt. 445,
northwest of Rock Hall not for publication

city, town Rock Hall vicinity of congressional district Fifth

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Davy H. McCall

street & number RD , Hodge's Bar Farm, Swan Creek Road telephone no.: 639-2507

city, town Rock Hall state and zip code Maryland 21661

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Court House liber EHP 17

street & number Cross Street folio 652

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date February 24, 1970 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust
21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 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.

Hodge's Bar Farm is located on the high ground between the upper, marshy headwaters of Tavern Creek and the Chesapeake Bay, northwest of Rock Hall. The low marshy area must be crossed to reach the farm by land from the east. The axis of the house there is east-west, and the main facade faces south. The house at present is a three-bay wide frame, gambrel-roofed 1-1/2 storey structure with a recent 1-1/2 storey frame and brick, gable-roofed east wing with rear, perpendicular gable-roofed projection. The new wing replaces a frame east wing that burned during the 1960s. A new, glass-door-enclosed porch spans the rear of the main section from the new wing's projection to the west end of the main section. The plan of the main, older section is central hall with one room each side. There are three shed-roofed dormers on each side of the main section, placed opposite each other.

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The gambrel-roofed section of the house is now three bays wide on the first story of the south side and four bays wide on the rear, north side. One south window now lights the east room, a restoration from two windows to what is thought to have been the earlier fenestration. There are two openings in the rear of the east room, a window and a door. For many years the door led to several rooms, including a kitchen, under a long shed-roofed rear addition. That structure has been demolished, and in its place is a long, enclosed porch with one access through the east room door that was formerly used.

The exterior walls of the gambrel-roofed section are covered with horizontal, lapped weatherboard with an exposure of about 8" and a beaded lower edge. This material was applied in the late 1960s. The previous siding had been asbestos cement. A remnant of previous beaded-board material was found on the west end after the fire, although the exposure was probably not as great. The new section is covered with beaded board except for the east end, which is re-used old brick. At both ends of the main section, the west one still exposed, are tall firebacks, extending the full height of the first story.

Beneath the east part of the main section, beneath the room east of the hall, is a crawl space. Archeologists from the University of Delaware, under the supervision of Jay Custer, dug a tunnel from an opening in the brick cellar wall under the hall wall toward the front, south wall and along that wall to the east end wall and to the fireplace base. They found some old artifacts, such as china, bottles, and a thimble. Their excavations reveal that the east section foundation is entirely of brick and extends only a few feet downward below ground level. One unusual aspect of this crawl space is the chimney base that is centered on the east end, within the wall. Unlike usual bases found in crawl spaces, which are solid, this one is arched. The upper part of the arch can be seen above the crawl space ground. It evidently is a full-depth arch. Perhaps the builder of the house originally intended a cellar there and then had a change of mind. If indeed this eastern part of the main section is older than the western section (and this is not entirely clear), a cellar would have had to have been dug out next to the crawl space and a cellar wall installed between the two sections, replacing the original crawl space wall. This is not an impossible undertaking, but an arduous one and in this case would have required considerable rebuilding of the earlier section since the brick foundation wall dividing cellar from crawl space extends upwards to the level of the floor of the second story, above which the wall is of beaded boards. One is inclined to think that surely the entire main section must have been built at the same time, not one part earlier than the other, but there is a break in the brickwork that can be seen in the front foundation. The rear foundation at the location of a possible joint cannot be seen because of the porch.

The main entry, in the center bay, opens onto the center hall, but it is off-center and opens to the passage side. Its appearance from the exterior is also off-center to the west. The door is not original to the house; it is a replacement for the Victorian door in place when the present owner came. The stair in the central hall rises against the east brick wall, toward the north; it is half turn with two landings. The upper one rather oddly includes the normal location for the first tread of the last run to the second floor. Although its location is defined by the placement of the intermediate, where normally a step would be is simply an extension of the landing, on the same plane. The stair is

closed-string and appears to date from the Federal Period. The newel and intermediates are simple, with square bases and slender, tapered, turned main shaft. The balusters are rectangular and plain. The second-story balustrade ends at the wall adjacent to the door to the east bedroom. There is some evidence that there was a corner stair once in the east room's northeast corner, where there was also a ladder stair to the shallow attic between end-wall paneling and the outside, east wall. Under the main stair there is a door to the cellar stair. On the second story all walls around the stair are of vertical beaded board; these are original. On their back side, within the rooms, a second application of board wall has been made recently. The six-panel doors from the hall to the bedrooms appear original. There is a small room at the front of the stair hall, apparently an original division of space.

During the 1960s, there was a fire in the wing that also affected the east end of the main room, scorching paneling and burning floors. Part of the east wall paneling of the first-story room has been cleaned and reused and new material added. The handsome but quite plain Federal mantel on the east wall is the original. The shelf is broken-edge, with deep composite moldings. The frieze is plain, but there are quite narrow end frieze blocks above the pilasters. The fireplace has been rebuilt. Paneling is raised and beveled, and there is a six-panel door on each side leading to the wing. The smaller mantel in the room is also said to have survived the fire. It is smaller and simpler and off-center in the board end wall because of its flue location and the presence of the fireplace below. Mantels in the west rooms are replacements brought from outside the area. There was said to have been a Federal-style mantel with fluting on the first story, but it was stolen.

The first story rooms were stripped to the frame on the interior for insulation and application of sheetrock. Within the log walls, nogging was found. Also, the studs, posts, and ceiling joists of the west room revealed whitewash, an indication that the room was in use before it was finished.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input 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.

The section east of the stair hall in the main section of the house at Hodge's Bar may be an early small house dating from the middle eighteenth century that was raised from 1-1/2 storey height under a gable roof and extended to the west during the Federal period, circa 1790. If so, it is an example of one method of expansion to increase dwelling size that is rarely seen in the county, though there are a few other examples. The house at White House Farm near Massey is another early one-room-with-loft structure with the same type of addition during the same period: stair hall and room on the other side, with the entire structure than enclosed under a gambrel roof. An archeological dig was conducted in the 1970s under the presumed older section of the house and various old articles found documenting life during an earlier period. The property takes its name from an early owner's family name and the fact that to the west in the Chesapeake Bay is an oyster bar that is part of the well-known Swan Point-Swan Creek area oystering grounds. These bars were part of the nineteenth century dispute between oystermen over the rights to harvest there, known as the Oyster Wars. During the late nineteenth century the rights to bars seem to have been leased. The owner has researched the history of the house.

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Account Identifier: District - 05 **Account Number -** 010098

Owner Information

Owner Name:	HODGES BAR FARM, LLC	Use:	AGRICULTURAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	20450 GLANVILLE LN ROCK HALL MD 21661-1105	Deed Reference:	1) MLM/ 188/ 406 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Legal Description
20450 GLANVILLE LANE ROCK HALL 21661	29.00 AC 20450 GLANVILLE LANE DAVY H. MCCALL SUBDIV.
WATERFRONT	

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
45	1D	44					4	80	P2 305	EHP2/ 305

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
Primary Structure Built		3,317 SF	29.00 AC	
1880				
Stories	Basement	Type		Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT		FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments		
		01/01/2004	07/01/2003	07/01/2004	
Land:	78,940	289,690			PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Improvements:	318,220	337,270			
Total:	397,160	626,960	397,160	473,760	
Preferential Land:	8,940	8,940	8,940	8,940	

Transfer Information

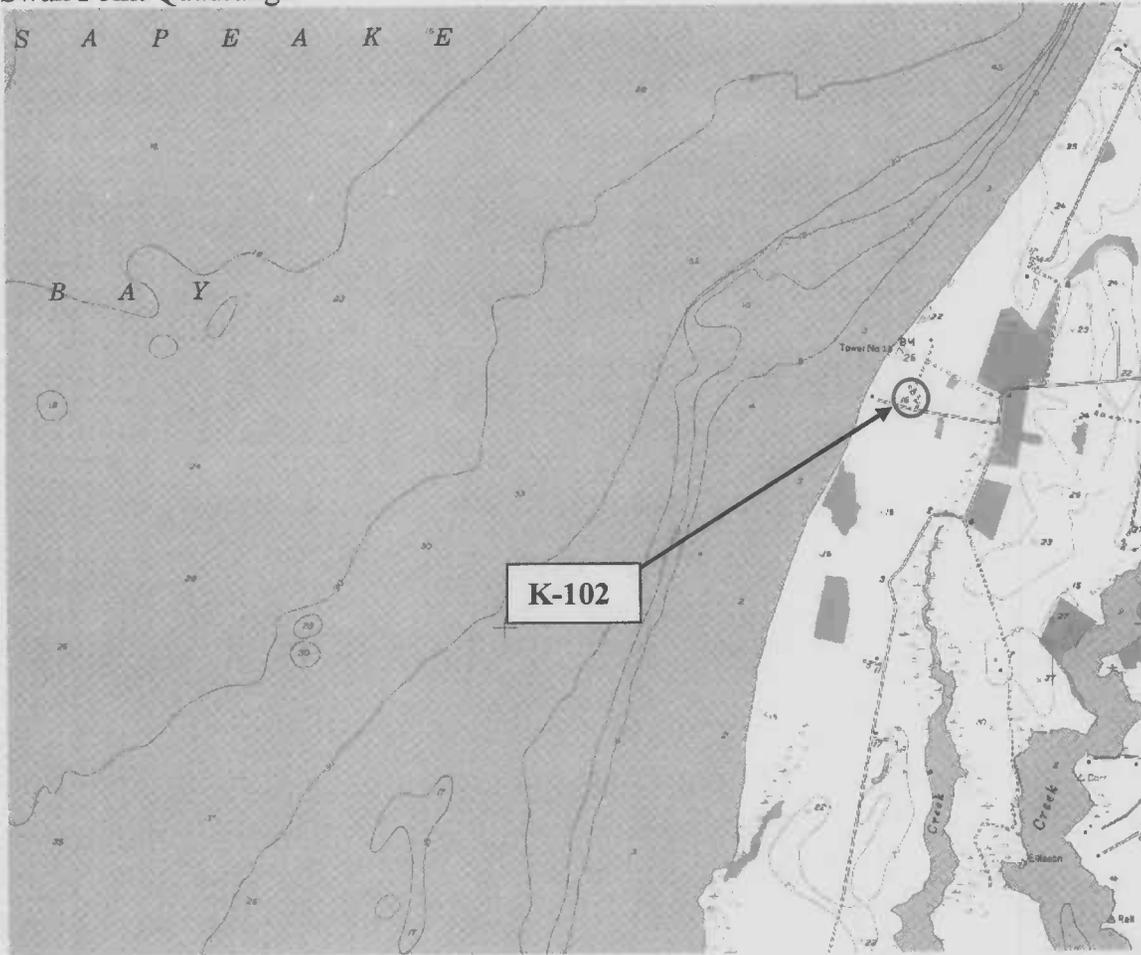
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Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO	Special Tax Recapture:
Exempt Class:	AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX

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Swan Point Quadrangle





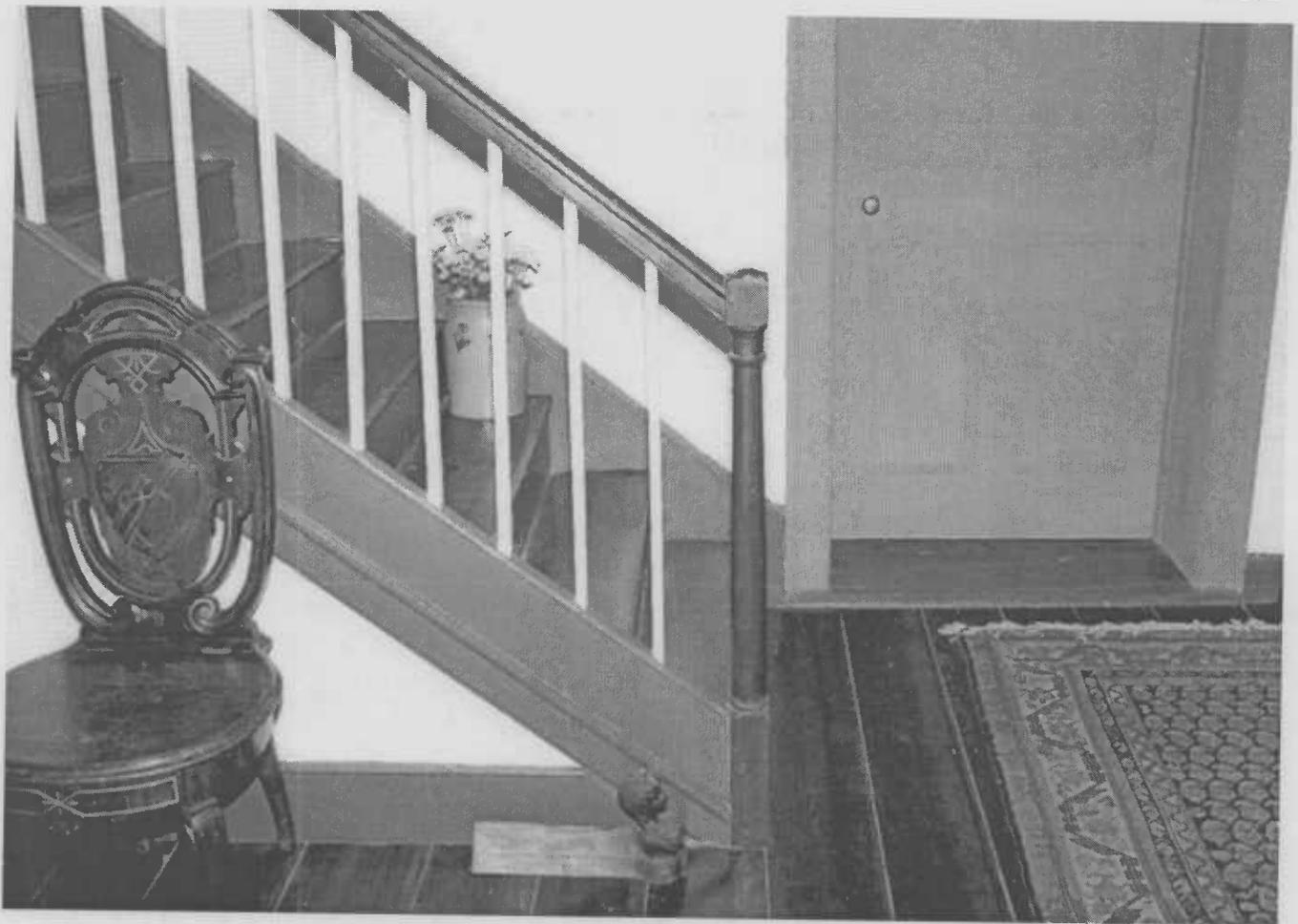
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