

D-155  
Wright's Meadows  
Reliance vicinity  
c. 1825-1850  
Private

The Wright farm northwest of Reliance is a historically significant property in northeastern Dorchester County due to its large collection of nineteenth century structures. Central to the complex is a multi-sectioned two-story farmhouse that incorporates a two-story stuccoed brick side hall/parlor plan dwelling. Standing west of the house is a single-story, two-room plan slave quarter, one room of which remains largely intact. The timber frame quarter is datable to around 1850 due to the circular sawn kerf marks on the framing members and mature cut nails used throughout the building. The complex also includes two timber frame barns, one of which dates to the mid nineteenth century, as well as a frame privy, ice house, and several other structures.

The Wright family have occupied this northeastern Dorchester farm since the middle years of the eighteenth century. Located on a tract known as "Addition to Wright's Reserve," patented in 1764 by Edward Wright for 491 acres, the farm has been known as "Wright's Meadows" for many generations. The farm was enlarged with another purchase of adjacent land known as "Wilson's Range," bought by Edward Wright from planter James Wilson in November 1768. The early Wright family settlers members of the Nicolite Friends meeting that formed during the Revolutionary War era in the vicinity of Federalsburg.

Edward Wright's son, Isaac (1761-1850) inherited the family plantation and added further to his large agricultural estate with the acquisition of 491 acres of Warwick Fort Manor in October 1818. During the second quarter of the nineteenth

century Isaac Wright managed an extensive agricultural estate and the 1840 U.S. Census documents 12 white male and female residents in his household in addition to 27 slaves. After Isaac Wright's death on January 23, 1850, the household included his wife Anne, aged 59, son John Newton Wright, aged 21, grandson, William W. Douglas (son of daughter Celia Wright Douglas) and 69-year old Margaret Wilson. Twenty years later, John Newton Wright and his wife Rebecca were residing on the farm with six children, John, aged 11; Harriet, aged 9; Francis, 8; Henry, 5; Anna May, 3; and one-year old Eliza. John Newton Wright lived on until 1920, reaching a remarkable 90<sup>th</sup> year in age. At the time of his passing, he left the farm, spread over three counties in two states, to his daughter May. During the twentieth and twenty-first centuries the farm has been owned and operated by Victor Wright, and after him, Francis E. Wright.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wright Farm  
other "Wright's Meadows" "Maples"

## 2. Location

street and number 6520 Reliance Road  not for publication  
city, town Reliance  vicinity  
county Dorchester

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

name Francis E. and Barbara F. Wright  
street and number 6435 Federalsburg Road telephone 410-754-9281  
city, town Seaford state Delaware zip code 19973

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber PLC 273 folio 48  
city, town Cambridge tax map 16 tax parcel 17 tax ID number 01-009621

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>10</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wright farm, also known as "Wright's Meadows" or the "Maples" is located in northeastern Dorchester County and the farm exceeds its jurisdictional boundaries by extending into Caroline County and adjacent Sussex County, Delaware. The principal farm complex, however, is located in Dorchester with an address of 6520 Reliance Road, northwest of the crossroads community of Reliance. A secondary farm entrance intersects MD Route 392. The house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Centered in a complex of mid to late nineteenth century structures is a two-story, part brick, part frame dwelling. The earliest section, a two-story, three-bay, side hall plan structure is covered by a layer of stucco, whereas a west gable end addition as well as two wings to the south are of timber frame walls covered with plain weatherboards. The front entrance, fitted with sidelights, is sheltered by a Victorian shed roofed porch with chamfered posts rising from later brick plinths and featuring decorative sawn corner brackets. The first and second floors are lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The east gable end of the house is defined by an exterior brick chimney stack that is flanked by six-over-six sash windows. The gable end is flush and trimmed with a beaded edge bargeboard. The west gable end of the brick house is completely covered by a two-story, two-bay frame wing lighted by six-over-six sash windows and served by an interior end brick chimney stack. Extending to the rear are two service wings.

Joining the house on the site is a large collection of mid to late nineteenth century outbuildings, the most significant of which is a single story two-room plan slave quarter that stands on the west side of the house. The quarter is a single-story, rectangular frame structure supported on a brick pier foundation and covered with plain weatherboard siding. The north half of the quarter was converted into a garage around the turn of the twentieth century that included the construction of a shed roofed extension off the back of the north half of the quarter. The building is covered by a metal roof. The interior of the south half remains largely unaltered since the mid nineteenth century, and circular sawn kerf marks are evident on exposed framing and siding. The original board-and-batten door, hung on hand-carved wooden strap hinges retains its original box lock and key. Piercing the medium pitched corrugated tin roof is a brick chimney stack. The edges of the roof of the quarter are finished with a boxed cornice front and back and flush gable ends typical of the early to mid nineteenth century. The south gable end is marked by a single six-over-six sash windows covered by a board shutter. Shuttered window openings mark the west (rear) wall as well. Standing next to the quarter is a single-story frame privy.

Located on the east side of the house and standing along the entrance lane is a former brick ice house, which has common bond brick walls and a replaced roof with exposed rafter ends and wood sheathed gable ends. The subterranean cavity has been infilled, although remains the dirt floor has a distinct sunken aspect. Located next to the ice house on its south side is an early twentieth century cast iron gas pump mounted on a concrete base. Located along the entrance lane are two gable front frame barns of mid to late nineteenth century date. The older of the two barns, located closer to the house,

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has a center section flanked by incorporated sheds. The structure is accessed by board doors hung on long strap hinges. The roof is of corrugated metal. The second barn, located farther out on the south side of the entrance lane is a gable roofed frame structure sheathed with vertical board siding and covered with a medium sloped roof with extended eaves and a metal sheathing.

The entire complex requires additional inspection and more detailed descriptions due to its significance as one of the best preserved and most complete agricultural complexes in northeastern Dorchester County.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wright farm northwest of Reliance is a very significant property in northeastern Dorchester County due to its large collection of nineteenth century buildings. The most significant of these is the farmhouse that incorporates a second quarter of the nineteenth century side hall/parlor plan brick dwelling and a single-story two-room plan slave quarter that stands west of the house. The quarter is datable to c. 1850 due to its circular sawn framing timbers and mature cut nails used throughout. One half of the quarter was converted into a garage during the early twentieth century. The unaltered half of the quarter retains an intact interior with a board-and-batten entrance door hung on hand-carved strap hinges. The door retains its original iron bound lock and working key. The complex also includes two timber frame barns, one of which dates to the mid nineteenth century as well as a frame privy, ice house, and other structures.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Wright family have occupied this northeastern Dorchester farm since the mid eighteenth century. However, the oldest structures that now define the property were erected during the second quarter of the nineteenth century when Isaac Wright (1761-1850) held title to the farm. Located on a tract known as Addition to Wright's Reserve, patented in 1764 by Edward Wright for 491 acres,<sup>1</sup> the farm has been known as "Wright's Meadows" for many generations. The farm was enlarged with another purchase of adjacent land known as Wilson's Range, bought from planter James Wilson in November 1768.<sup>2</sup> The early Wright family settlers were members of the Nicolite Friends meeting that formed during the Revolutionary War period in the vicinity of Federalsburg.<sup>3</sup>

Edward Wright's son, Isaac, inherited the family plantation and added further to his holdings during the early nineteenth century with the acquisition of 491-acre Warwick Fort Manor in October

<sup>1</sup> Correspondence with Bill Collison, e-mail communication, 2.4.12009.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, Old 23/55, 1 November 1768, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>3</sup> Charles W. Wright, *The Wright Ancestry of Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties*, 1907.

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1818.<sup>4</sup> During the second quarter of the nineteenth century, Isaac Wright managed a large agricultural estate and the 1840 U.S. Census documents 12 white male and female residents in his household in addition to 27 slaves.<sup>5</sup> After Isaac Wright's death on January 23, 1850, the household included his wife Anne, aged 59, son John Newton Wright, aged 21, grandson, William W. Douglas (son of daughter Celia Wright Douglas) and 69-year old Margaret Wilson.<sup>6</sup> Twenty years later, John Newton Wright and his wife Rebecca were residing on the farm with six children, John, aged 11; Harriet, 9; Francis, 8; Henry, 5; Anna May, 3; and one year old Eliza.<sup>7</sup> John Newton Wright lived on until 1920, reaching 90 years old. At the time of his passing he left the farm which spread over three counties in two states to his daughter May.<sup>8</sup> During the twentieth and twenty-first centuries the farm has been operated by Victor Wright and after him Francis E. Wright.

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<sup>4</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, ER 5/271, 22 October 1818, Dorchester County Courthouse.

<sup>5</sup> Sixth Census of the United States, 1840 Population Schedule for Dorchester County, transcribed by Jody Powell.

<sup>6</sup> Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Population Schedule for Dorchester County, transcribed by Debra Smith Moxey, 1981.

<sup>7</sup> Eighth Census of the United States, 1870 Population Schedule for Dorchester County, transcribed by Debra Smith Moxey, 1991, p. 10.

<sup>8</sup> Dorchester County Will Book, RPS 2/486, Written 22 November 1899, Proved 9 July 1920, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Wright's Meadows  
6520 Reliance Road  
Reliance vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 16, Parcel 17 319.20 acres

PLC 273/48

Francis E. Wright

to

4.8.1992

Francis E. Wright, Trustee

Home Farm of the late John N. Wright 300 acres

241/828

Myra H. Wright and Glen R. Eikenberry-co-executors of the  
the estate of Victor Wright

to

9.25.1986

Francis E. Wright

(Victor Wright died, 7.31.1985, Last Will and Testament dated  
12.4.1981, Liber 11/726)

JFD 18/74

Anna May Wright

to

3.31.1926

Victor Wright

Home farm of John N. Wright

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Will Book  
RPS 2/486

Last Will and Testament of John Newton Wright

to

Written  
11.22.1899  
Proved  
7.9.1920

First Item of Third Codicil

to daughter, May Wright, all that part of my home farm whereon I now reside, 300 acres, more or less

to daughter May Wright, all the part of my farm upon which I now reside which lies in the county of Caroline, and in the County of Sussex, State of Delaware, containing in part 200 acres

May Wright, sole executrix

Will Book  
THH 1/259

Last Will and Testament of Isaac Wright of Dorchester County

Written  
4.3.1848  
Proved  
2.6.1850

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Arcada Cannon, wife of Stephen Cannon, a daughter of my deceased son Jesse Wright, the sum of \$1,000

...rest and residue of my real estate to be equally divided among my children; and grandchildren, First my sons William Washington Wright, Isaac Henry Wright, John Newton Wright and my daughters, Amelia Reed, widow of Ezekial Reed, Ann Mara Vickers, wife of William Q. Vickers, Celia Shipley, wife of Joseph Shipley, Harriet Priscilla Wright and the children of my deceased daughter Celia Douglas (wife of Joseph Douglas & namely my grandson William. W. Douglas and my granddaughter Amelia A. Davis, wife of Isaac Davis)

Sons, W. W. Wright, I. H. Wright, and J. N. Wright, joint executors

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WJ 5/583

Division of Isaac Wright's Real Estate

1.14.1851

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, May 20, 1850, By request of Messrs. Minos Adams, Jacob Wilson, Cannon Charles, Commissioners named in the Last Will and Testament of Isaac Wright, late of the County and State aforesaid, And to value and divide the said d'csd real Estate I hereby certify that I have by the directions of the aforesaid Commissioners surveyed and laid out the following parts;

Tombstone Records  
of Dorchester County

Isaac Wright, died 1.23.1850, 89 year old (b. 1761)  
Peggy Wright, wife of Isaac Wright, died 1.2.1818, 54 years old

Edward Wright b. 1.29.1782, d. 1.11.1863  
Priscilla Wright, d. 4.24.1839 (Consort of Edward Wright, aged 58 years 9 mos.)

Dorchester County  
U.S. Census-1870  
Debra S. Moxey  
1991 p. 8

John N. Wright, 40 M Farmer  
Rebecca C. " , 30 F Keeping House  
John " , 11 M  
Harriet " , 9 F  
Francis " , 8 M  
Henry " , 5 M  
Anna M. " , 3 F  
Eliza , 1 F

Dorchester County  
U.S. Census-1840  
Jody Powell

Isaac Wright  
Free White Males 10-15 (2)  
Free White Males 15-20 (2)  
Free White Males 30-40 (1)  
Free White Males 70-80 (1)  
  
Free White Females 5-10 (2)

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Free White Females 10-15 (1)  
Free White Females 20-30 (1)  
Free White Females 50-60 (2)

Total Free Negroes -----  
Total Slaves 27

## 1783 Federal Tax Assessment-Upper District Hundred

Edward Wright 474 acres  
Edward Wright of Sussex County Addition to Wright's Reserve, 374 acres  
Edward Wright of Sussex County Wilson's ? 60 acres  
Edward Wright of Sussex County Wilson's Range

Jacob Wright 297 ¼ acres  
Jacob Wright, Jr. 120 acres  
Jacob Wright, Jr. Wright's Conclusion 120 acres

Captain Jacob Wright, North Division 264 ¼ acres  
Captain Jacob Wright Good Luck by Friendship 33 acres

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

Dorchester County Census Records, various volumes.

United States Census Records, 1840, 1850, 1879 Population Schedules.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of surveyed property 319.20 acres

Acreeage of historical setting 500 +/- acres

Quadrangle name Seaford, DEL.-MD Quad

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10.15.08
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

# FORK

Dist. N<sup>o</sup> 1  
DORCHESTER C<sup>o</sup>

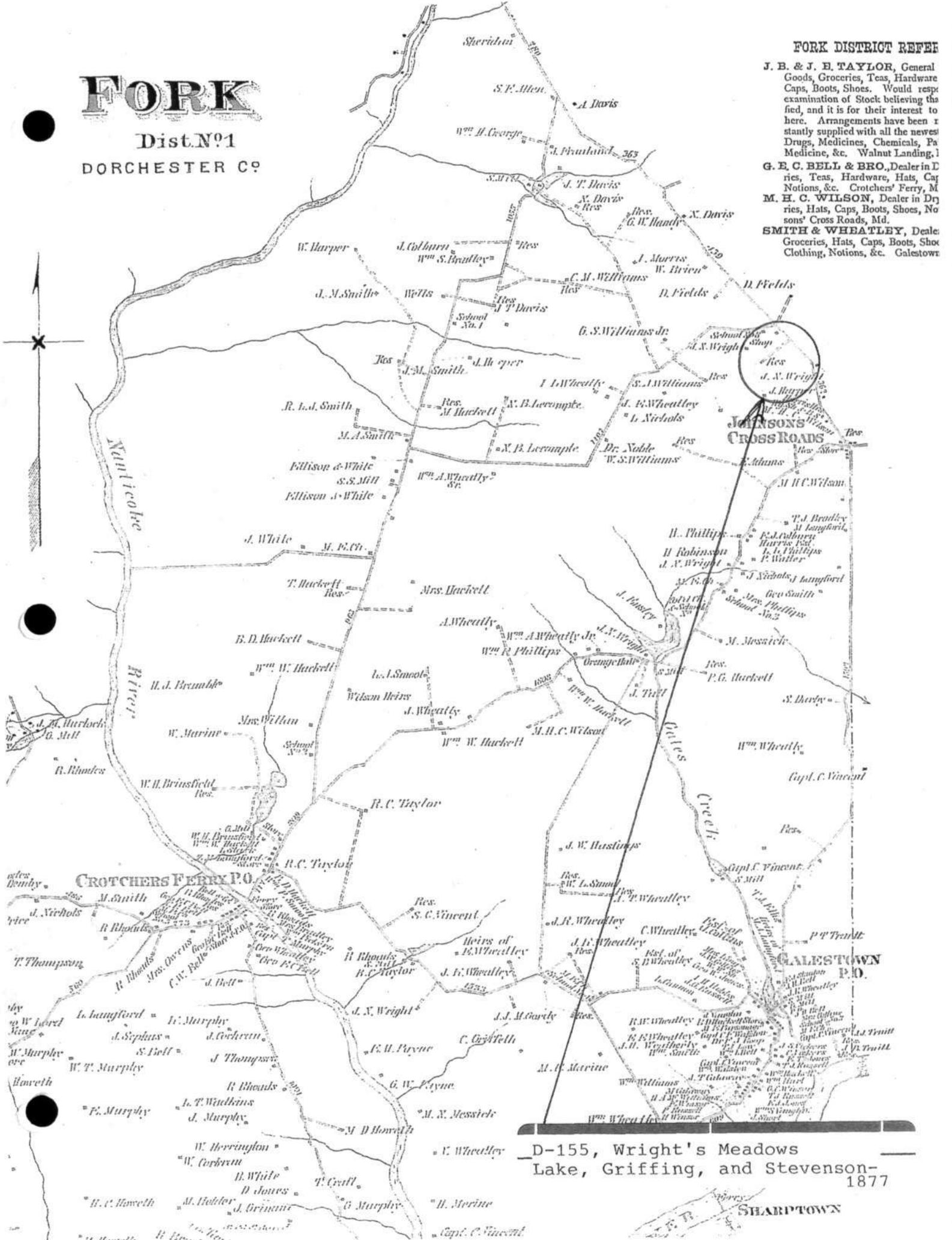
## FORK DISTRICT REFER

J. B. & J. H. TAYLOR, General Goods, Groceries, Teas, Hardware Caps, Boots, Shoes. Would resp examination of Stock believing the fid, and it is for their interest to here. Arrangements have been r stantly supplied with all the newest Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Pa Medicine, &c. Walnut Landing, l

G. E. C. BELL & BRO., Dealer in D rics, Teas, Hardware, Hats, Cap Notions, &c. Crotchers' Ferry, M

M. H. C. WILSON, Dealer in Drj rics, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, No sons' Cross Roads, Md.

SMITH & WHEATLEY, Deale Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Sho Clothing, Notions, &c. Galestown



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson-  
1877

SHARPTOWN



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1954. Topography by planetable surveys 1955

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grids based on Delaware and Maryland  
coordinate systems

D-155, Wright's Meadows  
Seaford West, DEL.-MD Quadrangle  
1955

TRUE NORTH  
MAGNETIC NORTH

APPROXIMATE MEAN  
DECLINATION, 1955

(RHODESDALE)



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WRIGHT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC., DOCKMISTAKE C., MD.

WORTH ELEVATION

10708, Paul Touart, PITUITZ KAPITEL

NEZ./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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WALKER'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC., DORCHESTER CITY, MD.  
NORTH ELEV. OF PEARL

18700, PAUL TOWERS PITTSBURGH  
NEE/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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WRIGHT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE CO., DORCHESTER CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEV. OF QUARTER

10/08, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHED

NEG/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

3/7



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WALKITT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

EAST ELEVATION OF QUARTER

10708, PAUL TOWNART, PITTSBOROUGH

NEC/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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WRIGHT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC., DOXCHESTER G. MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION OF QUARTER  
10708, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER  
NEB./MD. HISTORICAL TRAILS,

5/7



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WRIGHT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC, DORCHESTER Q., MD.  
SOUTH ELEVATION OF QUARTER

10/08, PAUL TOWNHART, PHOTOGRAPHER  
NESH./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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WRIGHT'S MEADOWS

RELIANCE VIC, DORCHESTER Co., MD

~~#~~ SOUTHWEST ELEVATION OF ICE  
HOUSE

# 10/08, PAUL TOWNERT, PHOTO.

NEB./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Wright's Meadows				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Maples				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Rt. 577, 1 mile north of Reliance				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Reliance				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Victor Wright				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
RFD 1				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Seaford			Delaware	
			19973	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 18/74				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Wright's Meadows, or the Maples, is an interesting large farmhouse which has grown and been remodeled as the family needs changed.</p> <p>It is a 'T' plan building with a small extension and porch on the east side. The north portion of the house is five bays long, two-thirds of which is brick. About in the center of the north facade is the entrance with sidelights and a small porch made over from the larger porch which extended across the facade in the late 19th century until recently. East of the door is one window with 9/6 sash and west of the door are two similar windows. The five windows of the second story have 6/6 sash. In each gable are brick chimneys. To the rear of the building is an extension nearly as long as the front portion of the house.</p> <p>The floor plan consists of a central stair hall flanked by a single room on each side. Behind the hall and living room is a large dining room and a large kitchen. Off the dining room is the farm office, and off the kitchen is a porch on each side.</p> <p>Originally, the brick part appears to have been a typical "hall and parlor" dwelling of the first quarter of the 19th century which was remodeled in the third quarter of the 19th century, similar to Inspection Farm near Hurlock. Little of the original fabric remains except the stuccoed brick walls and a couple of doors.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian                       16th Century                       18th Century                       20th Century
- 15th Century                       17th Century                       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

658 acres of Wright's Meadows was patented to Edward Wright, June 4, 1760. Five generations of Wrights lived here until it was purchased by other members of the family. The house is a very good example of the development of a farm structure by a single family over two hundred and fifteen years. Of interest, also, is the existence of the Quarter and other early outbuildings on the property.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: Nov, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

21401

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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