WI-66 c. 1850
George W. Moore Farmhouse
Cox's Corner vicinity
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: George W. Moore Farm

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-66

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling -farmhouse

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-66

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: George W. Moore Farm

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: South side of Capitola Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Cox's Corner __x vicinity of congressional district: First

state: Maryland county: Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	x unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name: C. Bounds Phillips

street & number: 24880 Nanticoke Road telephone no.:

city, town: Quantico state and zip code: Maryland 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 64, P. 39 liber 725

street & number: Wicomico County Courthouse folio 376

city, town: Salisbury state: MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date: 1970 ___ federal x state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: Maryland Historical Trust

city, town: Crownsville state: Maryland 21032

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	_X_ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
_X_ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The George W. Moore farm is located on the south side of Capitola Road southeast of Cox's Corner, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-part stepped frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the second quarter of the nineteenth century (c. 1850), the three-part frame house is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of asbestos shingles, wood shingles, and plain weatherboards. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Accompanying the house on the farm is a large turn of the twentieth century gable front frame barn.

The three-part stepped house includes a two-story, three-bay, one-room plan main block that is extended to the west by a story-and-a-half center section which joins a single story kitchen. An enclosed shed roof addition stretches across the south (rear) wall of the center and kitchen sections.

The north (front) elevation of the main two-story house is three bays across with a center four-panel door flanked by nine-over-six sash windows. The second floor is defined by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

Nine-over-six and six-over-six sash windows light the first and second floors respectively. A flush gable end and plain bargeboard finishes the edge of the roof. The west gable end is distinguished by an interior end brick chimney stack finished with a corbeled cap. The chimney rises through the gable end of the main block, but a separate flue serves a fireplace in the center section.

The story-and-a-half center section is one bay wide with a six-over-six sash window on the first floor and a six-over-three sash window on the second. Extending from the west gable end of the center section is a single story gable roofed kitchen which has a steeply pitched roof. The north wall is pierced by a single door opening, and an interior end brick stove chimney pierces the gable end. The west gable end wall is sheathed with wood shingles with a single six-over-six sash window on the first floor.

The interior has been reworked during the last thirty years with the installation of modern sheet paneling in several rooms. The staircase rises in the southwest corner of the main house with access through to the center section. Underneath the stair is small closet accessed through a two-panel door. At the head of the staircase there is a square profile newel post and slender rectangular balusters that support a circular profile handrail. Access to the attic is gained through a two-panel door. The attic is unfinished with a common rafter roof system. Principal members of the framing are circular sawn.

The first floor of the center section is a second quarter of the nineteenth century mantel that frames the firebox. A plain board chair rail stretches around the perimeter of the room. Inside the kitchen there is an enclosed winder stair in the northwest corner that retains a beaded board and batten door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

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

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Due to its distinctive stepped form, this house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical merit. However, the house is abandoned and it is deteriorating.

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1 Dryden, Ruth T. *Land Records of Wicomico County, 1666-1810.* Westminister, Maryland: Family Line Publications, 1992, p. 145.

2 Somerset County Register of Wills, JP 4/212, 8/3/1827, Somerset County Courthouse.

3 Somerset County Land Record, WP 1/92, 9/11/1845, Somerset County Courthouse.

4 Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 3/325, 4/20/1888, Wicomico County Courthouse.

5 Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 554/479, 6/29/1962, Wicomico County Courthouse.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	6/4/96
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 64, Parcel 39

725/376	C. Bounds Phillips
	to
12/29/1970	Bounds Phillips, Inc.
	"George w. Moore Homeplace"
	75 acres-reserved access to the White and Moore family cemeteries
	Parcel No. 1
JWTS 615/321	Richard E. Cullen Charles W. Nelson, Jr., Trustees
	to
4/6/1965	C. Bounds Phillips
	George W. Moore Homeplace
	Parcel 1 75 acres
	Parcel 2 25 acres

JWTS 554/479	Audrey M. Moore, widow
	to
6/29/1962	Elmer Binswanger Alice Ruth Binswanger
JWTS 532/482	Evelyn E. Dennis, single
	to
2/26/1962	George H. Moore Audrey M. Moore Item 1
JWTS 532/478	George H. Moore Audrey M. Moore
	to
2/26/1962	Evelyn E. Dennis A. 75 acres B. 25 acres

IDT 160/33

Mary S. Hearn, et al, Ernest F. Hearn, Cecie B. Moore, Eunice M. Shockley, Samuel E. Shockley, Harold Moore

to

8/27/1929

George H. Moore

A. 75 acres
B. 25 acres

FMS 3/325

Samuel E. White

to

4/20/1888

George W. Moore

$1,600

SPT 7/270

Robert F. Bratton, Trustee

to

5/9/1885

Samuel E. White

11/22/1875 110 3/8 acres $1,450.00

Decree of Circuit Court-lands of which John T. White died seized and possessed, the sum being all the real estate which was conveyed unto John T.

White by Henry J. White, 1/27/1865, LW 8/597

No. 203 in Wicomico County Chancery Court

Somerset County
Land Record

LW 8/597

Henry J. White

to

1/27/1865

John T. White

Three lots of land reported to the Commissioners report as Lots No. 3, No. 11, and No. 12

Lot No. 3, 81 acres

Lot No. 11, 21 acres

Lot No. 12, 8 acres

Held by a bond from John Robertson to Samuel White

WP 1/92

John Robertson
Maliala Robertson

to

9/11/1845

Samuel White

$900 "Fleuellins Settlement"

which said lands the said Samuel White and I the said John Robertson bought of the heirs of Priscilla Atkinson, late of said county, which was devised to the said Priscilla by her husband Isaac Atkinson

WP 1/93

Jacob Ayres

to

2/21/1845

Samuel White

$400 "Fleuellins Settlement"

JP 4/212

Last Will and Testament of Isaac Atkinson

Written
8/3/1827
Proved
4/9/1833

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Priscilla Atkinson in use for and during her natural life all my lands except what is herein after mentioned

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877

TYASKIN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

W. J. CATLIN, M. D., Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Res. and Office at Belgrade Farm. P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

W. D. HEATH, Dealer in Groceries, Hardware, Tobacco, Liquors, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

NOAH J. TILGHMAN, Proprietor of "Tyaskin Mills," Manufacturer of Corn-meal, Hominy, and all kinds of Lumber. Custom work done in sawing and grinding.

J. E. B. HORNER, Owner of the fine Sloop "James Wesley." All kinds of freighting done to and from any point on the "Chesapeake Bay," or its tributaries. Especial Attention to the purchase and freighting of Oysters. Res. and P. O., Tyaskin, Md.

J. W. WINGATE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Confectionery, Wines, Whiskies, Brandies and Rum, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store, at Whitehaven.

WARE WINRIGHT, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions, &c., and all goods usually kept in a country store. Whitehaven P. O.

W. G. & J. Q. TILGHMAN, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Cutlery, Tobacco, Cigars, Notions, &c. Tyaskin, Md.

JOHN WILLING AND CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Notions and all articles usually kept in a country store. Nanticoke P. O.

B. A. LANGRALL, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, and all articles usually kept in a first class country store. Store near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

JNO. TURNER AND SON, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Boots, Shoes, &c. Nanticoke, Md.

J. A. CONNAWAY, Physician and Surgeon. Office and Res. near M. E. Church, Nanticoke Point.

J. H. ELLIOTT, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made clothing, Extracts, Patent Medicines, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a first class country store. Store at Green Hill.

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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
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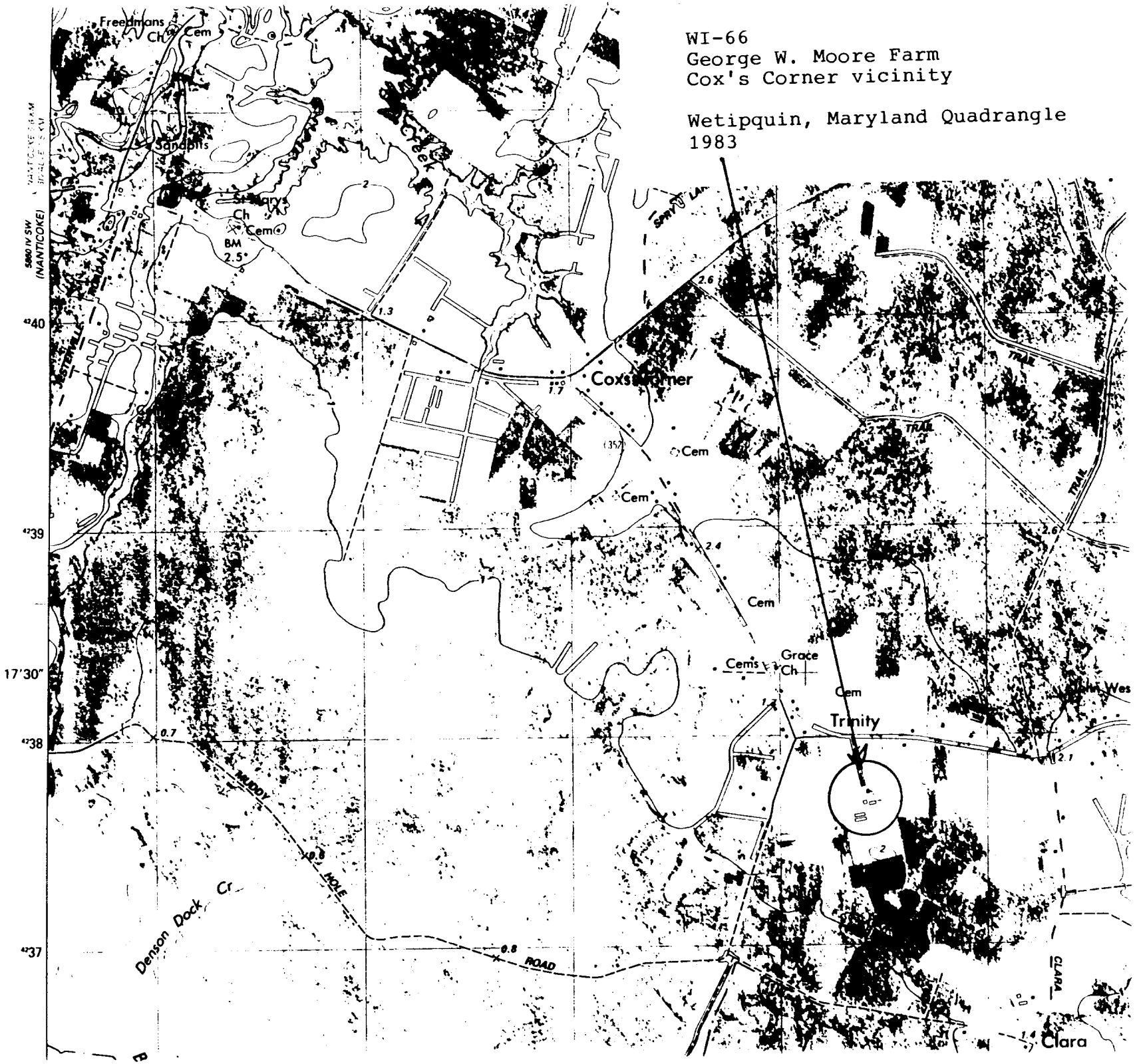

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION
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WI-66 George Moore House near Capitola 1977

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