WI-326 Wharf
Pirates' ~~Farm~~ Farm
Green Hill vicinity
Private

c. 1930-40

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Pirates' Wharf Farm

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-326

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Modern Period 1930-

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

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Pirates' Wharf Farm

2. Location

street & number Whitehaven Road ___ not for publication

city, town Green Hill _x_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	_x_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_x_ building(s)	_x_ private	___ 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 W. Thomas and Elizabeth Hershey

street & number 8240 Robinhood Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 55 P. 128 liber 705

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 292

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The house on Pirates' Wharf farm stands at the end of a paved farm lane that intersects Whitehaven Road in the vicinity of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay, double-pile frame house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date around 1930-40, the two-story, gable-front main block is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the southeast side of the main block is a two-story gable front wing and to the southwest extends a two-story kitchen wing. The house is joined on the property by a gambrel roofed barn, and an open fronted wagon shed. Along the river-front is a manmade landing created with bulkheading and fill. Two family cemeteries are also located on the property.

The northeast, two-bay, gable-front facade is the principal elevation with the side entrance accented with Colonial Revival fluted pilasters that rise to an entablature. The entrance is filled with a partially glazed door. The adjacent bay is defined by a single-pane sash window. Sheltering the first floor is a square post porch that stretches across the front and northwest side of the house. The second floor is defined by a pair of single-pane sash windows. The gable end is finished with a boxed cornice that continues across the front wall to form a pediment. Rising through the center of the house is a large brick chimney that serves the front and back rooms of the main block. The adjacent two-story, one room plan wing projects forward from the main block, and it is finished with a gable end pediment as well. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows, and a single-story bay window marks the southeast wall facing the river.

The main block is extended to the rear by a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing that is extended on each side by single-story shed or flat roofed extensions. The first and second floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows, and an interior end brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

The interior spaces reflect Colonial Revival taste of the second quarter of the twentieth century. The main stair rises in the front hall, and it has a spiral end to the molded maple handrail. Slender turned newel posts and balusters support the handrail. Early twentieth century five-panel doors, framed by plain surrounds, open into various rooms. The main living room in the center of the house is finished with a Colonial Revival style mantel and built-in bookcases. A distinguishing feature of the kitchen is an enclosed winder stair.

Joining the house on the farm is a 1930-40 gambrel roofed frame barn covered with asphalt shingles. Adjacent to the barn is an open bay wagon shed.

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
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 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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The house deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings of medium architectural and historical interest.

FOOTNOTES

1 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 160/163, 9/21/1929, 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**	7/30/96
street & number	P. O. Box 5	**telephone**	410-651-1094
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Chain of title

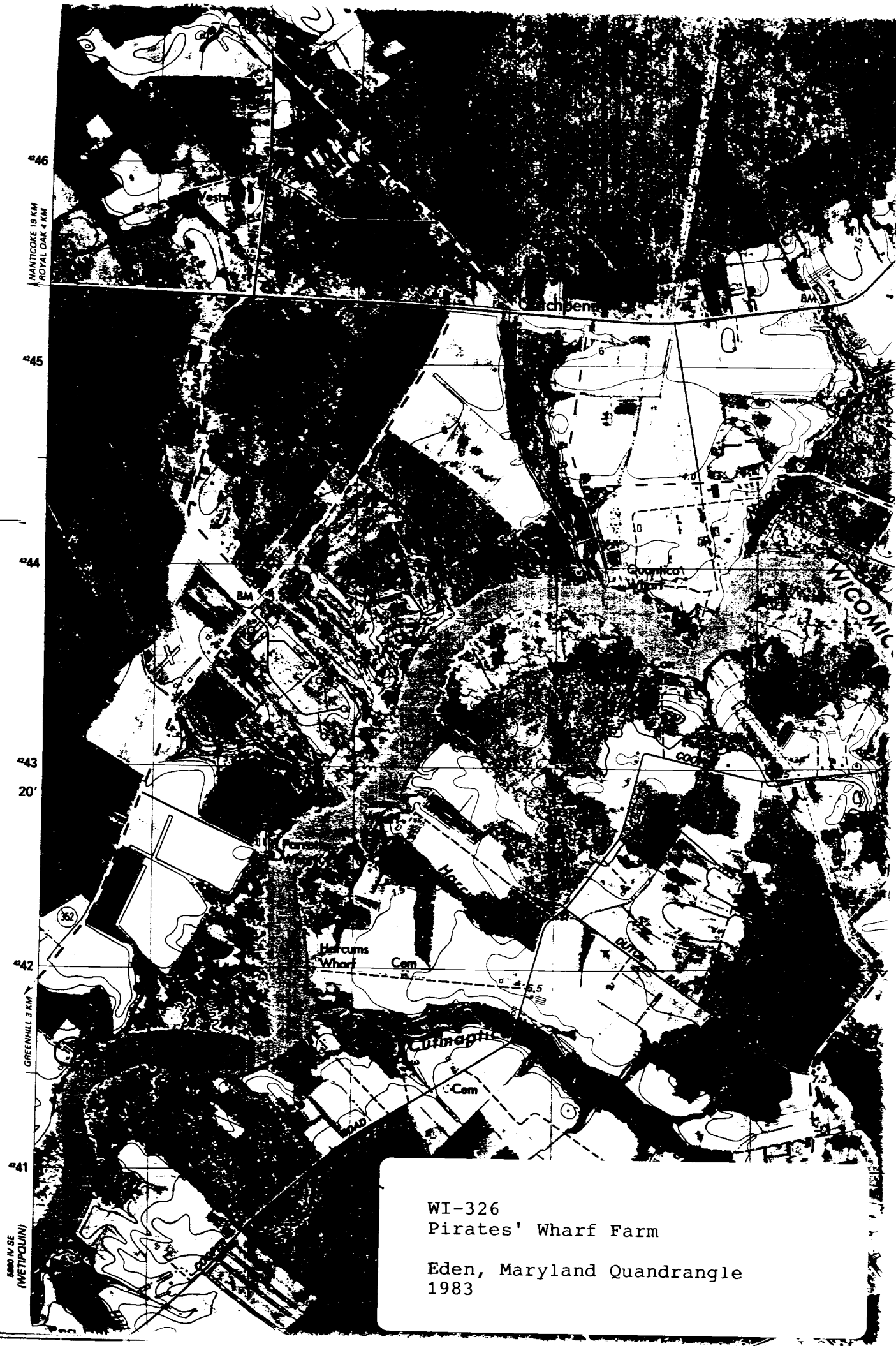
Map 55, Parcel 128

705/292	Helen M. Malchow, widow
	to
2/28/1970	W. Thomas Hershey Elizabeth W. Hershey 350 acres and being known as the William F. Leatherbury farm
JWTS 314/400	Seth P. Taylor Charlotte Collins Taylor
	to
4/30/1945	William Max Malchow Helen M. Malchow
JWTS 314/399	William Max Malchow Helen M. Malchow
	to
4/30/1945	Seth P. Taylor

IDT 160/163	William S. Gordy, Jr., Paul E. Watson, and Nelson Schuster, Executors under the Last Will and Testament of William K. Leatherbury
	to
9/21/1929	William Max Malchow
	Predeceased wife, Will Book MNN 1/154
	$10,000 350 acres
JCK 133/138	William T. Truitt Josephine E. Truitt
	to
11/14/1923	William K. Leatherbury
JCK 123/430	William K. Leatherbury
	to
7/1/1921	William T. Truitt Josephine E. Truitt
	1.) 186 acres to William K. Leatherbury and Daniel J. Elliott by Alonzo L. Miles, 12/28/1908, EAT 61/518

2.) 164 acres conveyed to William K. Leatherbury and Daniel J. Elliott by L. Ernest Williams, et al., 1/4/1909, EAT 61/519

The two tracts of land above described are the same in and to which the said Daniel J. Elliott conveyed their undivided ½ interest to the said William K. Leatherbury, 3/14/1919, JCK 112/295



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Eden, Maryland Quandrangle
1983