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Horace Littleton Farm
Whaleyville vicinity
private

c. 1850

The Horace Littleton house is a story-and-a-half hall/parlor frame dwelling that stands in northern Worcester County in the vicinity of the Great Cypress swamp that extends northward into Delaware. The farms in this part of Worcester County were never large plantations, and the modest size of the surviving nineteenth-century houses tends to reflect the subsistence agriculture that dominated this region during the past centuries. The two-room plan, plastered interior carries little in the way of decorative finish aside from a plain post-and-lintel style mantel. Formerly attached to the back of the house was a single-story kitchen that was joined to the main building by a shorter single-story colonnade.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HORACE LITTLETON FARM

MHT Inventory Number: W0-231

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, AGRICULTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURE-INDUSTRIAL
TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

i. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. W0-231

Magi No. 2402315404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common HORACE LITTLETON FARM

2. Location

street & number North side of Shavox Church Road not for publication

city, town Whaleyville vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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 checked="" 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.

The Horace Littleton farm is located on the north side of Shavox Church Road in the vicinity of Whaleysville, Worcester County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame dwelling faces south with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1850, the hall/parlor mortise-and-tenon frame house is supported by a minimal brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The deteriorated roof retains a fragmented layer of wood shingles. Formerly attached to the back of the house was a single-story hyphen that joined the one-room kitchen.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center four-panel door and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The half story above is unlighted from the south.

The west gable end is defined by an exposed six-course common bond brick firewall, and four-over-two windows light the second loft. The attic windows flank an interior end brick stack. The east end is pierced by a small second floor window.

The interior is divided into two rooms with the hearth in the hall framed by a plain mid nineteenth-century mantel. Fixed in the northwest corner of the hall is a partially enclosed winder stair fitted with a board-and-batten door. The second first floor room, divided from the main room by a plastered partition, was never heated.

Behind the house is the tumbled down remnants of the one-room kitchen.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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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1877 LAKE GRITTING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS



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HORACE LITTLETON FARM
Whaleysville, MD Quadrangle, 1942

