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Wilbur T. Fooks Farmhouse
Salem vicinity
c. 1900
Private

Perched atop a knoll on the southeast side of the village of Salem, this two-story, three-bay, center hall frame dwelling is a turn-of-the twentieth century farmhouse embellished with single story bay windows on each gable end, and pointed arch Gothic windows in the upper gables. A pair of brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled caps mark the steeply pitched gable roof of the main block, which is extended to the rear by a two-story service wing built at the same time. A fully excavated cellar was included in the construction of the rear wing for added storage, and the hilltop site provided ample elevation to keep it dry through wet seasons. Both interior and exterior access were included in the original construction. The interior finishes are standard for the period with bulls-eye block door surrounds framing the openings. While two rooms in the attic remain unfinished, they survive with beaded board and batten doors that have pressed metal latches.

For a large part of the twentieth century, this farm was owned and occupied by Wilbur T. and Nellie E. Fooks, who transferred ownership to Lawrence Maryanov in December 1959.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilbur T. Fooks Farmhouse

other _____

2. Location

street and number 4229 Middletown Branch Road not for publication _____

city, town Salem vicinity _____

county Dorchester

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

name John and Holly O'Reilly

street and number 4229 Middletown Branch Road telephone _____

city, town Vienna state MD zip code 21669

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 735 folio 250

city, town Cambridge tax map 55 tax parcel 79 tax ID number 002562

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<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.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Wilbur T. Fooks farmhouse stands on a distinct knoll on the southeast side of the village of Salem, at 4229 Middletown Branch Road in Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall plan dwelling, dating to the turn of the twentieth century, faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. Supported on a raised brick foundation, the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south (rear) side is a contemporaneous two-story service wing with a fully excavated cellar. The kitchen is extended on its southwest side by a single-story enclosed porch. The interior retains turn of the twentieth century woodwork including the original staircase anchored by a square proportioned newel post. Bulls-eye block surrounds frame the door openings.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Wilbur T. Fooks farmhouse is prominently sited on a distinct knoll on the southeast side of the village of Salem in Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall plan dwelling is located at 4229 Middleton Branch Road, and was formerly the centerpiece to a farm of several hundred acres. It is now located on a small parcel separate from the surrounding fields. The two-story, single-pile frame structure is supported on a brick foundation with the exterior clad with its original weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay service wing supported on a fully excavated brick cellar and covered by a steeply pitched gable roof.

The northeast (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance sheltered by a gable roofed portico supported on turned posts. The replacement door is framed by a three-light transom and three-light sidelights. To each side are one-over-one sash windows, and the window lintels have a crown molding. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced one-over-one sash windows. Trimming the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings. Piercing the roofline is a pair of interior brick stove chimneys that are finished with corbelled caps.

The southeast and northwest gable ends are essentially alike with five-sided bay windows defining the first floor. Single-pane sash windows pierce the front and each flanking side. The second floor is lighted by a single one-over-one sash window. Piercing the gable ends are Gothic arched windows fitted with arch muntin sash in the upper position. The edge of the roof on each end is finished with an extended eave and enclosed soffit that has a return at the base.

The southwest (rear) elevation is largely covered by the two-story, two-bay single-pile service wing, which is defined on its northwest side by two single-pane sash windows on each floor. Piercing the center of the service wing roof is a brick stove chimney finished with the same corbelled cap as the chimneys in the main block. The service wing is extended on the southeast side by a single story

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enclosed porch, which has been altered with the installation of a poured concrete foundation, and a rooftop deck and railing.

The interior is under renovation and restoration after having been damaged by its previous occupants who were under the care of the Maple Shade Youth & Family Services organization. The original staircase remains intact, and the balustered handrail is anchored by square proportioned newel post capped by square proportioned cap. Some of the bulls-eye block door surrounds remain in place. On the attic stair landing, there is a bulls-eye block surround that frames the access hole into the attic of the rear wing. The attic is unfinished, but it retains two partitioned that segregate the outer rooms. Each outer room is accessed through a narrow doorway retaining beaded board doors fitted with cast iron latches with pressed Victorian decoration. Circular saw marks are evident throughout the attic framing. The cellar under the service wing is divided into two rooms and is accessible by means of an internal staircase under a rear service stair. Remnants of whitewash remain on the floor joists. A second entrance in the south wall of the inner room retains original doors, however this access has been made obsolete with the poured concrete floor of the side porch.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Wilbur T. Fooks farmhouse follows the widely popular vernacular two-story, center hall/single pile plan that experienced widespread use in America during the mid to late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Dating around the turn of the twentieth century, the rectangular main block is extended on each gable end with single story bay windows. A stylistic reference to the Gothic Revival accents each gable end with a pointed arch attic sash window. The house is known in the neighborhood and in the Dorchester County land records as the long-time residence of Wilbur T. and Nellie E. Fooks, who owned the property around forty years, ending in 1959 with a transfer to Lawrence Maryanov.¹

¹ Dorchester County Land Records, PLC 117/226, 10 December 1959, Dorchester County Courthouse.

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Map 55, Parcel 79

MLB 735/250

Maple Shade Youth & Family Services

to

5.22.2006

John W. O'Reilly

4,498.2 square feet of land

367/904

William H. Pattison, Jr. and N. Sandra Pattison

to

12.16.1997

Maple Shade Youth & Family Services

PLC 307/15

John W. McGinnis and Mary June McGinnis

to

2.1.1991

William H. Pattison and N. Sandra Pattison

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PLC 187/791

Lawrence Maryanov

to

12.6.1974

John W. McGinnis and Mary J. McGinnis

Parcel No. 1

PLC 117/226

Wilbur T. Fooks

to

12.10.1959

Lawrence Maryanov

133 acres of arable, 37 acres of meadow

170 acres and having thereon the dwelling whereon the said Wilbur
T. Fooks and Nellie E. Fooks have resided for many years

WHM 6/208

Mary J. Mace, et al.

to

4.22.1919

Earl W. Fooks and Wilbur T. Fooks

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.20 acres
Acreage of historical setting 170 acres
Quadrangle name East New Market, MD Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	3.18.2011
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

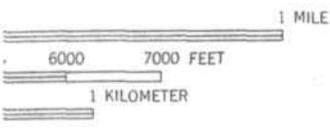
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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HIGH WATER



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

EAST NEW MARKET, MD.

N3830-W7552.5/7.5

1944

PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5861 III SW-SERIES V833

STANDARDS
GINIA 22092
AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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East New Market, MD Quadrangle



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WILSON T. DOOKS FARMHOUSE
SALOM VILL., DORCHESTER C., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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WILBUR T. FOUKS FARMHOUSE
SALEM VIL., DORCHESTER Co. MA.

WEST ELEVATION

3. 2011, PAUL B. TOWNE, ARCHT.

W. J. W. HISTORICAL TRUST

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