

WI-399
Phippin-Field House
Hebron vicinity
Private

c. 1890-1910

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Phipoin-Field House

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-399

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. **Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture
2. **Geographic Orientation:** Eastern Shore
3. **Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. **Resource Type(s):** Dwelling

Survey No. WI-399

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Phippin-Field House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 26850 Crooked Oak Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Hebron ___X vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes options like building(s), private, occupied, agriculture, museum, etc.

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

name Thomas and JoAnne Field

street & number 26850 Crooked Oak Lane telephone no.:

city, town Hebron state and zip code MD 21830

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 28 liber 840

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 106

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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 Phippin-Field house is located at 26850 Crooked Oak Lane southwest of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story frame dwelling faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating between 1880-1910, the two-story frame house was built in several stages beginning with a two-story, three-bay structure that was enlarged with a tee wing during the early twentieth century. In more recent times, the house was enlarged with a two-story cross wing and garage addition that transformed the main block into an H-shaped dwelling. Supported on a low masonry foundation, the exterior is clad with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade of the turn of the twentieth century house is an uneven elevation with the gable end of the west block juxtaposed against a recessed entrance wall of the tee wing. The entrance, which is defined by an oval, beveled glass front door, is sheltered by a turned post porch. The windows are single pane replacement sash. The edge of the roof is finished with extended eaves and exposed and decorated rafter ends.

Remodeled and enlarged during the mid 1970s, the interiors of the late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century rooms were gutted of plaster and much of their woodwork. A closed stringer, turned baluster staircase remains in the center of the house. A bold, turned finial newel post anchors a molded handrail. Throughout the first and second floors, four-panel doors with white porcelain knobs remain, although the trim framing the doors and windows has been replaced.

8. Significance

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

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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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 113/172, 7 July 1919.
² Wicomico County Land Record, 636/497, 27 September 1966.
³ Wicomico County Land Record, 840/106, 3 July 1975.

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Chain of title

Map 28

840/106 William E. Toadvine
 Virginia H. Toadvine
 Edna D. Harris

to

7/3/1975 Thomas B. Field
 JoAnne Field

AJS 831/729 Edna D. Harris

to

1/2/1975 William E. Toadvine
 Virginia H. Toadvine
 Item Second 30 acres Lot No. 3
 10/4/1915 EAT 98/196, JWTS 636/497

636//497 Bessie Pearl Phippin

to

9/27/1966 Edna D. Harris
 30 acres

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JCK 113/172

George T. Gordy, et al.
(Ida M. Gordy, David J. Gordy)

to

7/7/1919

John Clayton Phippin
Bessie Pearl Phippin
Item No. 1 30 acresbeing Lot No. 3 on a
plat made by P. S. Shockley, surveyor, October
4, 1915, for said Ward and Gordy, EAT 98/196,
(the said David J. Ward having conveyed his one-
half undivided interest to the said George T.
Gordy, 1/10/1916, EAT 98/448)

EAT 94/56

Allen F. Benjamin and Helen L. Benjamin
Samuel A. Graham and others

to

9/26/1914

David J. Ward
George T. Gordy
Assumption of mortgage unto Elihu J. Pusey
and secured by an indenture of mortgage made
by Alan F. Benjamin, et al., 10/31/1912,
EAT 82/448

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EAT 81/152

Elihu J. Pusey, et al.
(Mary R. B. Pusey)

to

10/31/1912

Alan F. Benjamin
Samuel A. Graham
\$9750.

JTT 28/281

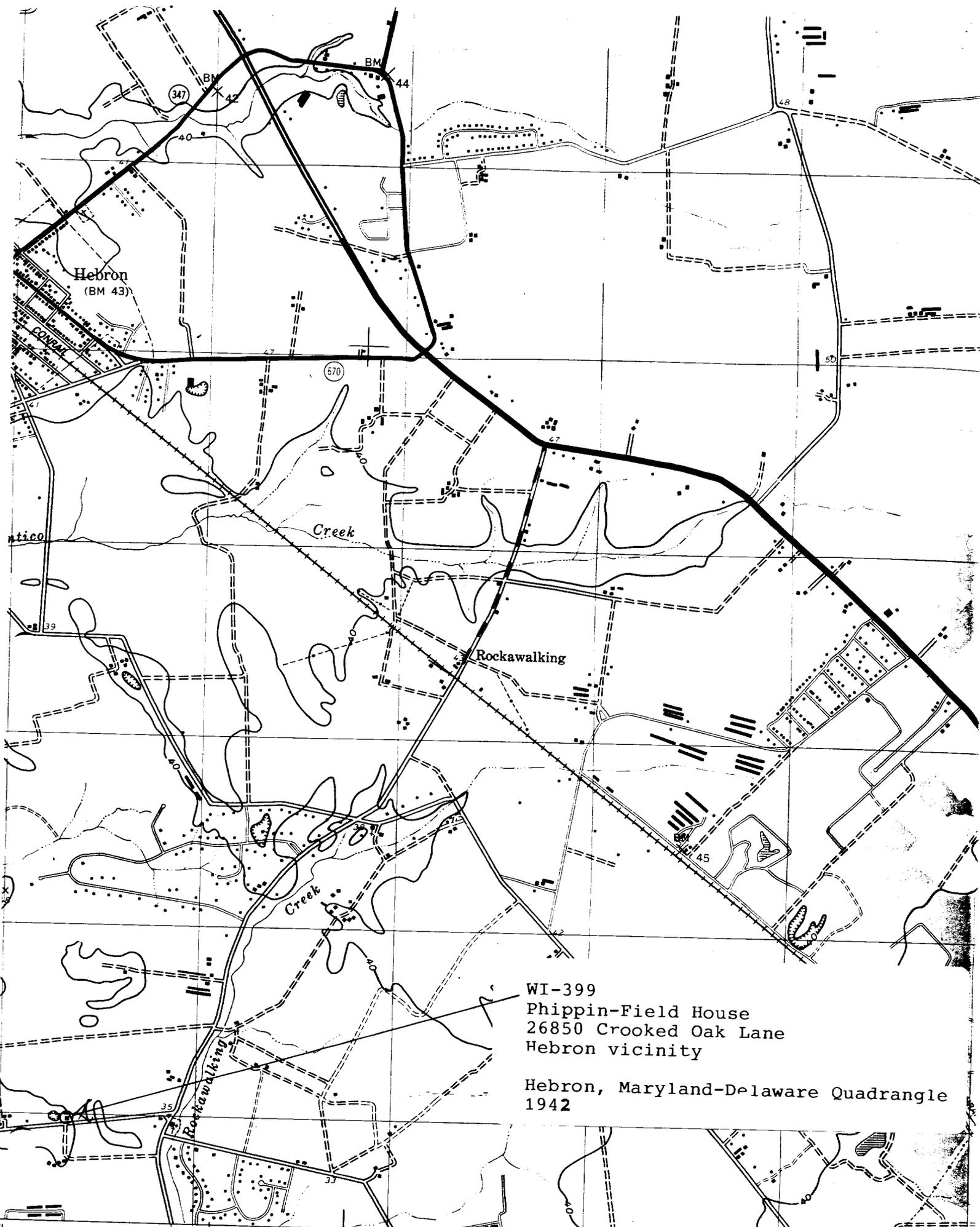
Benjamin S. Pusey and Letitia J. Pusey,
Wicomico County
Lida H. Johnson and William J. Johnson,
Wicomico County
Sarah E. Scott and John R. Scott, City of
Philadelphia

to

9/5/1900

Elihu J. Pusey

Whereas Benjamin S. Pusey, Lida H. Johnson,
(nee Lida H. Pusey), Sarah E. Scott (nee Sarah
E. Pusey) and Elihu Pusey acquired from their
mother Margaret J. Pusey (late of Wicomico
County, deceased) each obtaining an undivided
1/4 interest



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Hebron, Maryland-Delaware Quadrangle
 1942

24 000

0.5 MI. TO MD. 349

40' 42

430 000 FEET (DEL.) 43





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PHIPPS Field House

RECREATION AREA, WILSON CO., N.C.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

2/18/68 P.M. 10:00 - 11:00 P.M.

WILSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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