

Schoolfield Farm House
Beaverdam Vicinity
Worcester County
Maryland

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

SCHOOLFIELD FARM HOUSE

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Location: 1 1/2 miles northwest of Beaverdam, Worcester
County, Maryland

Present Owner: Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia, West Point,
Virginia

Present Occupant: Vacant

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: The house was owned by members of the Schoolfield family. A gravestone of Sarah Schoolfield (1812-1895) is near the house. In recent years the house belonged to Charles Schoolfield and his mother, Mrs. Mollie Schoolfield.
2. Date of erection: A square brick set diagonally in the brick gable end is dated "1795."
3. Construction information: None known
4. Alterations and additions: A larger, two-story, nineteenth century addition was constructed to the south. The cellar stairway was blocked. At the east facade a later, one-story porch has been constructed and the cellar has a modern concrete floor.
5. Old views: None known

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure:
None known

C. Sources of Information: H. C. Forman, Old Buildings and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland (Cambridge, Maryland: 1967)

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural interest and merit: The house is a typical lower Eastern Shore cottage which reflects the hangover of transitional style at the end of the eighteenth century.
2. Condition of the fabric: Ruinous; slated for demolition

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 28'-2" x 20'-3"
2. Foundations: Brick
3. Wall construction: Brick gable end; timber frame with beaded clapboards, most of which have disappeared
4. Porches: Original stoops are gone.
5. Chimneys: Brick chimney with mouse-tooth cap
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Original doors and trim are missing.
 - b. Windows and shutters: Though the original sash has been replaced, there are fragments of original trim. The first floor sash were nine over six lights. There is no evidence of shutters.
7. Roof:
 - a. Shape and covering: Gabled roof with deteriorated wood shingles
 - b. Cornice and eaves: Dentiled cornice with end boards
 - c. Dormers: Gabled nineteenth century dormers

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plan: Transitional floor plan; two rooms with large front room
2. Stairways: Removed
3. Flooring: The first floor has modern floor boards. At the

second floor the pine boards are 5" to 7 1/2" wide and are supported on 3 3/4" x 6 1/2" exposed beaded joists.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: The walls are plastered except at the chimney breasts which were originally paneled. The paneling has been removed. The exposed joists and the underside of the flooring forms the first floor ceiling. At the second floor the ceiling is plastered.
 5. Doorways and doors: All the original doors are missing; some original trim remains.
 6. Trim: Sections of a 3" cyma cornice remain.
 7. Hardware: Removed
 8. Lighting: None
 9. Heating: Three fireplaces
- D. Site and Surroundings: The house is oriented east and west and is situated 3/5 of a mile back from roadway in a field. There are no original outbuildings or enclosures.

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