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Fairlee Manor is composed of a two-story, three-bay-1

Fairlee Manor is composed of a two-story, three-bay-long brick structure with a one-and-a-half story brick wing and a one-and-a-half story, three-bay-long plank wing on each side in decreasing height and width, creating in effect, a telescopic house from each end.

The three center parts are of brick laid in common bond, the central part has a molded cove water table, fanlight above the central double door, and flat arches above each of the other apertures. All windows have six over six sash and louvered shutters. A brick chimney is located within each outer gable of each of the five parts. One flat headed dormer extends from the ridge of the "A" roof on both sides of each wing.

An unusual method was employed in the construction of the plank wings. Instead of fitting end into, or over, end of log in the corners, the builders used a large corner post into which the individual planks were mortised and tenoned. Along the long walls are interior posts pegged into the planks approximately four feet apart. The end-into-end method of construction is to be seen in a building on Carter's Paper Mill property, begun about 1820 along the little Elk Creek, Cecil County. The interior post feature can be seen on the log cabin at Sotterley in St. Mary's County, though the posts are placed on the outside of the walls.

Some original woodwork remains in the house, although the interior has been altered by recent owners. In the central portion, windows and doors have bold molded trim, with corner blocks; and mantels with colonettes in vogue in the late 1820's and 1830's.

Raised paneling in the west, brick wing, of a style used in the eighteenth century was probably installed by a recent owner.

The interiors of the plank wings have exposed hewn beams and posts. Recent brick floors are used in each of the four wings. The East log wing was brought onto the site within the last fifty years according to local tradition.

Flanking the dwelling and set forward from the north facade are a pair of late nineteenth-century dependencies, used in 1971 as a pumphouse and a garage. They are square, board and batten structures with tall pyramidal roofs with cupolas. Beneath the edge of the main roof is a series of "ginger bread" scollops held by the ends of the rafters. The cupola has a square louvered portion with a pyramidal roof and pinnacle. Within the cornice is a series of holes for all bird house.

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The old house on Fairlee Manor Camp is an early nineteenth, century dwelling composed of five symmetrical parts. It is unusual for its use of equally placed flanking dependencies, which are of late nineteenth-century period.

Fairlee Manor Camp is a part of a 1900 acre tract of land called "Fare Lee" laid out in 1674 for "James Brown, merchant formerly of New England."

The present house stands on a 263 acre farm which is used as a summer camp for the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Delaware. It was donated to the Society by Mrs. Louisa d'A. Carpenter, its previous occupant in 1953.

The major part of the house appears to have been constructed during the period 1825-40. The owners of the land at that time were William Blakistone Wilmer and his wife Mary Anne (nee Taylor). Mrs. Wilmer received the land from her father, Philip Taylor. It then passed along the female line to Sarah and George D. S. Handy. Since 1880, the farm has seen ten owners, until 1953 when it was deeded to the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Delaware, Inc. The house is preserved through an adaptive use that makes an important contribution to helping the handicapped.



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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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