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William Weer Telescopic House
Greensboro
Private

Early and Mid-19th Century

In the southwest field at Union Corner, north of Greensboro stands a handsome telescopic frame ruin which appears to date from the early 19th century and was later enlarged, creating the telescopic form which is more typical of 19th century building than any other period in Maryland's architecture.

The building began life as a "hall and parlor" structure which is the central section and part of the two story section. Its dormers have shed roofs which slope from the roof ridge, with small sash having 4/2 panes.

An unusually late piece of workmanship exists in the riven clapboard on the walls of the mid-19th century tall part of the house. Southwest of the house is a graveyard surrounded by a cast iron fence. Within the enclosure, the stones bear the names of Jarman, Seward, and Tucker.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William Weer Telescopic House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Union Road, approximately .2 mile south of Bridgetown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Goldsboro

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William Weer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 72

CITY, TOWN

Goldsboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21636

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 156

Folio #: 614

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Weer telescopic house is located on Union Road, approximately .2 mile south of the intersection of Bridgetown and Union Roads in the vicinity of Goldsboro, Caroline County. The three part frame dwelling is currently being used as a cow shelter.

The telescopic appearance of the house derives from the height and width variations that occurred in the additions built on the house. The east section is one and one-half stories, three bays long of riven clapboard. The south side has a one bay out shut adjoining the middle section of the house. There are two 4/2 pane dormers designed so that their flat roof extends to the ridge of the main gable roof. This section has a through passage created by the central doorways on the north and south facades. These doorways are flanked by windows with replaced sash; one of the windows is not located in the outshut instead of on the original wall. A stuccoed interior chimney is in the east end and has 4/2 pane flanking windows in the gable. A double window was inserted on this east gable end.

The middle section is one bay, one and one-half stories with a higher ridge than the east section. It has riven clapboards on the north facade and rests on a brick foundation which continues under the hall of the west section. It has a dormer similar in design to those in the east section, and there is a brick chimney in the east gable end.

The west section is two stories with a side entrance plan. The north facade is three bays long and the south facade is two bays. The windows are 6/6 sash with louvered shutters. The west gable end has an interior brick chimney flanked by four pane casements. The east gable has a 4/4 pane sash window in the center. The molded cornice slightly returns at the corners of the gable.

Little remains of the interior of the house. In the east section there is no surviving woodwork. The central section has a mantelpiece of a plain country design with late eighteenth or early nineteenth century paneling continuing around a closet and staircase doorway. There is also evidence of a two piece chair rail. The passageway in the west section has a staircase with early Victorian balusters and newel post.

The second floor has an interesting room arrangement. The east section has a narrow corridor and two rooms. The framing appears to be hewn, and the fireplace back of the central section is exposed. The central section has one room and the west section is partitioned into three small rooms. Two doors on the second floor appear to have been early exterior doors.

The earliest portion of the dwelling appears to be the central portion plus the stair hall. Beneath these two rooms there exists a single continuous foundation.

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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 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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Weer's house is one of the few telescopic houses in Caroline County. Typical of the early days of Caroline County is the fact that the original dwelling was a one and one-half story frame hall and parlor plan house. It is also of interest in that some exterior walls are covered with riven clapboards which date from mid-19th century, truly a vernacular practice.

South of the dwelling is a graveyard surrounded by a cast iron fence. Within the confines, stones bear the family names of Jarman, Seward and Tucker.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

January, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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