

Reed-Hornberger House
CE-775
Near St. Augustine
Private

C. 1855

The "Georgian" formula of symmetrical facades and central passage houses ^{were} ~~are~~ predominant factors ^{for} ~~of~~ house construction till the mid 19th century. The Reed-Hornberger House conveys that very formula with utmost clarity and precision and the classical symmetry has been heightened with the addition of a three bay colonial revival hip roof porch with Tuscan Order.

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reed-Hornberger House c. 1855 is a two story five bay by one room center hall frame house at the intersection of Old Telegraph Road and south St. Augustine Road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The front block has a rear T - Addition, four bays by one room. The entire structure rests on a fieldstone foundation with a full basement under the front block. The house is covered with asbestos over weatherboard and capped with a medium sloped wood shingle roof. The rear section is a shorter two story elevation.

The west elevation consists of a symmetrical arrangement of 6/6 sash windows that flank a central entrance. The four panel front door has a heavy ogee molding. Three light side-lights with a panel below and a four light transom border the entrance to light the hall. The backband molding consists of a thumb and astragal profile. Each window header has a slight pediment that reflects a mid 19th century Egyptian influence. Two panel shutters flank the first floor windows and louvered flank the second. A boxed cornice stretches across above the second floor windows with a slight bed molding. All the hardware on the shutters is cast iron and rose motifs are found on the shutter dogs. A star motif is found on the second floor shutter dogs. A three bay hip roofed front porch protects the entrance and is supported by a tuscan order of columns.

The north and south gable ends are traditional in appearance. The south end is also symmetrical with two 6/6 sash on each floor and 2/2 attic lights that flank the interior end brick stack. Shutters are found on these windows as well as the north end. A single 6/6 lights each north room with two 2/2 attic lights the flank the brick stove stack along with a molded bargeboard.

The east side is primarily covered with the rear wing but a single bay is exposed on each end of the main block. The north end once had a side porch and a fieldstone foundation still remains. A back entrance to the north parlor from the porch is located in the northern bay with a 6/6 second floor window directly above. The south corner has a single story shed kitchen fill, one bay by one room. A brick stove stack rises out of the kitchen along the south wall of the rear wing.

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The kitchen wing consists of two rooms, the present dining room and old back kitchen.

The 6/6 sash windows have a narrow plain surround and cast shutter pintels remain. A simple boxed cornice stretches across directly above the second floor windows.

The east gable end has not been covered with asbestos shingle and the narrow weatherboard are exposed. A 6/6 first floor sash and two six pane attic lights are the only openings. A plain bargeboard close the eave.

The north side has a much more asymmetrical placement of 6/6 sash with three openings on each floor. A central stove stack rises out of the center of the wing to heat both rooms.

The interior has remained in as good shape as the exterior. The center hall stair rises against the north interior wall with a heavily turned newel post with a continuous flat oval handrail that rises to the second floor, turned balusters support it. An enclosed winder stair rises to the attic. The basement stair door consists of four panels directly below the second floor stair landing.

The basement is divided into two rooms separated by a brick partition with a large board door and strap hinges with a spade shaped end. Circular sawn lumber and 19th century wails are found throughout.

The north parlor has a small mantel with simple pilasters and a plain frieze, and a thick shelf. Four panel doors are found throughout the house. The door and window surrounds are widely molded.

The south parlor is similar in detail as is the second floor. There are no mantels in either bedroom.

The rear wing detailing is reduced to a bare minimum, which is typical of most houses of this period. The beaded board doors have 19th century thumb latches and a simple beaded corner surround. The mantel is also very plain.

The earlier kitchen is the final room back with a horizontal board waincoting with some sectioned having its original whitewash. An enclosed stair rises to the second floor along the back wall while a ladder lends access to the finished attic. The flooring runs the full length of the rear wing. Two bedrooms are found below in the second floor.

The attic framing is a common rafter system.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reed-Hornberger House appears to have been well maintained for most of its life due to its fine state of preservation today. The house is not without others of its type but most do not approach the kind of originality that this house displays.

With the aid of both Cecil County Maps it was easily to establish a mid 19th century date that supports the woodwork and construction details found in the house. Mrs. Reed owned the house from at least 1858 to 1877 since she appears on both the Martenet Map and the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas.

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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
Cecil County Committee

DATE
9/24/80

STREET & NUMBER
Cecil County Courthouse

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398-0200 ext. 150

CITY OR TOWN
Elkton

STATE
Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hornberger
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Junction of St. Augustine Road and Bunker Hill Road
CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City
STATE
Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
VICINITY OF
COUNTY
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Willard Hornberger

Telephone #: 755-6891

STREET & NUMBER
Bunker Hill Road

CITY, TOWN
Chesapeake City
VICINITY OF
Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 17
Folio #: 531

STREET & NUMBER
Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Elkton
STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN
STATE

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The Hornberger Farmhouse is a large frame building five bays long by two deep. It has a gable roof with wood shingles and box cornice. In each gable wall is an inside end chimney built of bricks. The wooden siding has been covered by stone bond, siding shingles. The facade has a three-bay entrance porch with wooden columns. The central bay entrance has sidelights and a transom. The window sash is 6/6 with capped frames. The house is two storeys in height with a stone foundation. All of the windows had louvered shutters.

Attached to the back of the house is a two storey rear wing built of the same materials. It has an interior brick chimney. The interior was not open for investigation.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hornberger Farm is a well kept farm typical of the early 19th century. It has the lines of an earlier house so typical of many 19th century farmhouses.

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CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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WEST ELEVATION

NR

ST. AUGUSTINE, MD.

9/79

P13T

NEG.

MHT

CECIL

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REED - HORNBERGER House

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION

NR ST. AUGUSTINE, MD. CELL CO.

9/79 PBT NEG. MHT.



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REED - HORNBERGER HOUSE

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

NR

ST. AUGUSTINE, MD.

9/29 P13T NEG. - MHT

CELL



REED - HORNBERGER HOUSE

CE-775

SOUTH ELEVATION

HWY ST. AUGUSTINE, MD. CECIL CO.

9/79 PBT NEG. -MHT