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William T. Beeks House
Near Warwick
Private

C. 1800, 1860

The William T. Beeks House primarily dates from the third quarter of the 19th Century, however, a two story three bay side hall/parlor structure from the late 18th or early 19th Century constitutes half of the main block. Presumably a fire gutted the early house in the mid 19th Century ^{and} all the old walls were used in the expansion of the house. (Right half of house in photo) The early three bay (main) facade is laid in flemish bond to the height of the second story windows. When the mid 19th Century section was added the roof was raised and common bond used above the flemish bond rows. The then fashionable French mansard roof with bell curve was placed on top to unify the old walls and new three bay common bond brick southern addition. William T. Beeks was probably responsible for this alteration since he inherited the property from John L. Beeks in the mid 19th Century and owned the house until his death in the 1890's.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-144

1 NAME

HISTORIC

William T. Beeks House

AND/OR COMMON

Byerly Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cecilton-Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John O. Byerly

Telephone #: 755-6878

STREET & NUMBER

Cecilton-Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21912

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 300

Folio #: 348

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

~~Del~~ Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William T. Beeks House primarily dates from the third quarter of the 19th century, however, a 2nd story side hall parlor structure from the late 18th or early 19th century constitutes half of the main block. Presumably, a fire gutted the 18th century structure in the mid 19th century and the old walls were used in the expansion of the house. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The present structure is a three story six bay by one room mansard roof house with a two story three bay by one room brick kitchen wing to the north. The entire brick pile rests on a below grade fieldstone basement.

The 18th century eastern facade is ~~laid~~ in flemish bond which continues to the height of the top of the second floor windows. When the late 19th century common bond section was added the roof was raised and common bond used above the second floor sash. The additions were laid in seven course common bond. Entrances in the main facade are found in the third and sixth bays from the south, the sixth bay opening being the original entrance to the 18th century house. The brickwork remains correctly closed although a late 19th century double door with glazed upper panels is flanked by louvered shutters. The main entrance is in the addition with a double door ~~also~~ that is flanked by three light sidelights with panels below and a four light transom overhead. A granite sill is found underfoot. All the 18th century window sash have been replaced with 2/2 windows with extended wooden lintels, and three panel shutters on the first floor. Louvered shutters flank the second floor openings. A cornice stretches across and is supported by decorative brackets. The slate mansard roof is pierced by four 2/2 gabled dormers. A flat roofed front porch does stretch across the entire first floor with the roof supported by simple square piers.

The south end of the late 19th century section has a central three sided bay window with 2/2 sash and inset brick panels below and to the side of each opening. The roof to the house has two third floor gabled dormers.

The west side of the late 19th century hall/parlor section is deeper than the 18th century section and therefore is uneven on the back of the house (west).

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The corner space is filled with a two story screened porch and single bay enclosed section. The three bays of the late 19th century section consist of two 2/2 southern sash and a rear hall entrance. The second floor sash are identical except for the northern sash is lower since it lights the first stair landing. Two gabled 2/2 sash dormers pierce the roof. The 18th century section is totally covered with the two story porch and rear section. The third floor again has two 2/2 sash dormers.

Chimneys rise out of various spots in the main block with one northwestern corner stack, the original 18th century end wall stack (now central); and another late 19th century stack in the southern section.

The two story kitchen wing is laid in common bond with 2/2 sash windows with wooden lintels. The roof has a low pitch with plain cornice and eave. An interior end corbelled stack rises out of the north wall.

The interior of the 18th century section must have been extensively destroyed but some details remain such as a four door cupboard with flat panels and ovolo molded backbands. The cupboard may have been moved to its present location in the back room behind the 18th century main hall. A few six panel doors are all that remain in the rest of the house. The late 19th century woodwork is not unusual with a heavily turned newel that supports a continuous flat oval handrail that rises to the third floor with turned balusters. The door and window surrounds have a typical wide molding. There are no mantels on the first floor and a simple mantel with plain details on the second floor.

The kitchen has an enclosed stair to the second floor and to the basement. A closed up arch and door are located in the west basement wall and may be the entrance to an old vaulted root cellar. An arched support for the 18th century chimney pile is located on the south interior wall.

A brick meat house is located directly north and west of the kitchen wing. It is an approximately square common bond pyramidal roof structure. An entrance is located in the eastern wall and four pane windows seem to have been cut through. Two four hole ventilators are located in the southern wall and two nine hole ventilators in the northern wall. Typical 19th century frame barn buildings are found north of the house. Foundations of a slave house have been found along an eastern farm lane.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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

The Beeks-Byerly House is a unique mingling of a late 18th century structure and a late 19th century Victorian expansion. The extensions were obviously executed with much care and enough money to complete it successfully. The house is one of two with a mansard roof in the area, the other being its immediate eastern neighbor. William T. Beeks was probably responsible for the transformation. The Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas listed the farm under his name in 1877. The patron list designates him as a native Cecil Countian farmer with family residence dating back to 1827.

1858 MAP. MRS. M. A. BIGGS.

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

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

1/29/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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WAS 300/348	Chas. H. Byerly & Anna To John O. Byerly 162.40 acres
RRC 133/15	W. Harmon Money & Helen B. Money To Chas. H. & Anna Byerly
RRC 27/498 10/31/1947	Fred Alfree & Ehtel Alfree To W. Money & H. Money 162 acres
SRA 5/274 7/13/1928	Richard B. Merritt To Fred Alfree 162 acres
CSP 1/529 3/3/1917	Jesse L. Shepard To Richard B. Merritt 162 acres
CK 8/315 8/10/1914	Fletcher Caulk To Jesse L. Shepard
MD 8/455 4/16/1909	Jesse Shepard ^{land} Ex. of Mary E. Beeks To Marie W. Caulk Survey mentioned Oct. 3, 1867 by James McCauley
WILL § 17/78 1/4/1897	Wm. T. Beeks To Mary Beeks 187 ACRES
WILL ?	John L. Beeks To Wm. T. Beeks
JS 38/28 7/13/1836 John	Lambert Biddle To John L. Beeks

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QUAD

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N E C K

BIDDLE ROAD

CHURCH

BM

Gravel Pit

WARDS

HILL

ROAD

Ginns Corner

BUDD LANDING ROAD

Duffy

Creek

Sassafras

River

CECIL CO
KENT CO

(MILLINGTON)
5862 IV SE

47'30" 432

SCALE 1:24 000

428 50'

429

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WM T. BEECHS HOUSE
EASTERN ELEVATION

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VA

WARWICK, MD.

PBT

8/79



W.M. T. BECK'S HOUSE

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION

NR

WARWICK, MD.

PBT

8/79



WM T. BEECH'S HOUSE

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EA WESTERN ELEVATION

NA WARWICK, MD.

PBT

8/79



Wm T. BEEKS House
NORTH SIDE OF MEAT HOUSE

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NR

WARWICK, MA.

P137 8/75



Wm T. BEEKS HOUSE

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SOUTHERN ELEVATION OF BARN BLDGS.

NR

WARWICK, MD.

P13T

8/79



Wm T. BEEKS House

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SOUTH SIDE OF MEAT HOUSE

NR

WARWICK, MD.

P13T

8/79