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WAREHIME FARM  
Westminster  
Private

Circa 1825

The problem with a growing community and its insistence on "spread" is that the little man is eventually stomped on. Carroll County is full of one-family farms which are threatened with extinction, and they are all wonderful examples of America 50 years ago. The Shipley Farm, or the historic "George Warehime" Farm was built in 1826. It is typically "farm" with rambling rooms, open space, and well-preserved random width floors. It sits in a valley overlooking its own pond and pastures, which are still in working order, and run by one family.

Renovation has been attended to a couple of walls have been knocked out to enlarge rooms, and modern conveniences have been added; but other than that, the house is in tact. Sand-blasting has been agreed against. Instead, every inch of old mortar between the bricks has been chiseled out and replaced with new mortar.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George E. Warehime Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Shipley Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

609 Old Bachmans Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Shipley

Telephone #: 848-9507

STREET & NUMBER

609 Old Bachmans Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21157

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 694

Folio #: 750

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Shipley Farm retains the continuity of a working farm with a mid-19th century flavor. It is situated fortunately in an area where there is no threat to its existence. The home is of running bond brick, supported by a low stone foundation. The wooden gable roof of the main block is protected with an asphalt shingle cover, as are the gable roofs of the end block and side porch. Stories number two, with a working cellar and storage attic. Windows are 9/6 on the front block, 4/4 on the back block, and 4/2 in the attic. One window on the main floor at the front of the house has been recently converted into a picture window, nevertheless, it has plain brick trim and louvered blinds as do the rest of the windows.

Chimneys number three, two single inside end on the main block and one inside end on the back section which attends to the kitchen fireplace.

Besides the four bay entrance porch, which crosses the entire front of the house on the main floor, there is a one-bay side porch with its own gable roof. The lower area under the front porch has been enclosed with cement block, originally it had been open. There are also two interior side porches attached to the end block. One on the first floor (screen enclosed) and one on the second floor which is open and entered only through the upstairs, master bedroom.

INTERIOR - The interior has been dealt with over the years. The major renovation was the destruction of the dividing wall between two side rooms of the main block to create a spacious room overlooking a large pond in the front of the house. Basically, the plan is now irregular, with an unobtrusive recent staircase in the large room.

The upstairs has a hallway, three bedrooms, sewing room, and bath. The walls are plaster, with the exception of a few exposed, painted wood walls. Hardwood floors are well preserved, and most are five to seven inches wide, upstairs and downstairs. For the most part, the door and window trim is plain with the exception of a few modified architrave trimmings. All doors have cross and bible panel decor. Original box locks and latch hardware remain.

Outbuildings include a recent garage, springhouse and working barns. The main barn has a low stone foundation--the same as the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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      1826                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Geiman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Farms such as this are very typical of Carroll County. Most, in fact, are worthy of note. It is a single-family working farm, as it has been in the past, and in turn the very essence of Carroll County's past. Mr. Shipley is conscious of preservation. He has removed all old mortar without damage to the original surface of the brick. This is essential in preventing decay. Sandblasting would have been easier perhaps, but more harmful to the building.

The building is built into the side of a hill, as were most farm-houses for protection. Overlooking the pond, it produces a sense of height and dominance over the surrounding land.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that tract or parcel of land heretofore known as the "George E. Warehime Farm," situate in Bachman's Valley, Carroll County, Maryland, and containing 106 3/4 acres and 36 square rods of land.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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Westminster

STATE

Md. 21157

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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