

SUMMARY

HA-1070

Walter Sheridan House
2800 Creswell Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

The 9/6 and 6/9 window sash belie the third quarter of the 19th century date suggested by land records and historical maps. At least part of the Walter Sheridan House was probably built by William and Frances Patterson and John Patterson after they purchased the 88-acre farm in 1849. Except for the anachronistic window sash, the house is a typical mid-19th century Harford County farmhouse with stylistic peers throughout the area. The Old Churchville Presbyterian Manse (HA-994) and the Shuck-Tharpe House (HA-1264) are contemporaries and slightly simpler versions of the same pattern. The ca. 1841 "Greenwood" (HA-1279) and the ca. 1850 Blackburn House (HA-1280) are its forebears.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
The Arnold Farm

AND/OR COMMON
Walter Sheridan House (O'Neil-Dickson House)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
2800 Creswell Road (west side of Md. Rte. 543, at intersection)

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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
Walter & Jan Sheridan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
2800 Creswell Road

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE, zip code
MD 21014

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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

Located on the west side of Creswell Road (Md. Rte. 543) opposite Cullem Road, this two-story frame house covered in clapboard is five bays wide and three bays deep. It has a gable roof with a center cross gable and wide overhanging eaves; brick chimneys are located inside each end. The house is set on a raised stone foundation, and windows have louvered shutters and, variously, 6/6 sash, 6/9 sash and 9/6 sash. On the rear (or west side) is a one-story, two-bay-wide addition.

On the principal (east) facade, the entrance is in the center bay, flanked by two windows on each side. Those on the north have 9/6 sash; those on the south have 6/9 sash. A shed-roofed porch with a center gable spans the center three bays. The entrance has a transom and sidelights and a door with round-arched panels with mitered bottom corners over rectangular panels. Windows in the second story correspond with those in the first, with the exception of a pair of windows in the center bay. These latter have an upper sash with a multi-paned border; others in the second story have regular 6/6 sash. The gable contains a round-arched 6/6 sash window.

The north end has three windows (9/6 sash) in the first story, two in the second, and one in the gable.

The west side has a two-bay wide addition covering the northern two bays. The southern bay--originally a two-story open porch--has been enclosed in the first story. The second story has three windows and a door onto the inset porch, and there is a tripartite window at the stair landing level. The gable contains a replaced window.

The south end has paired 6/9 sash windows in the first story, two windows in the second, and one in the gable.

The interior has a center hall plan with two rooms on the north and one on the south; there are two additional rooms in the northwest and southwest corners (as noted in the exterior description). The trim in the room north of the hall has the pattern: cyma recta--fillet--bead; that on the south consists of two double-beaded bands separated by an ovolo.

The basement is only under the north room and hall and has full log joists with bark on them and hand-hewn posts. In the north wall is a brick fireplace.

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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 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 9/6 and 6/9 window sash belie the third quarter of the 19th century date suggested by land records and historical maps. In 1834, Wm. P. Patterson (of Baltimore City) sold three parcels of "Wilson's Range" and "Nova Scotia" to Sarah E. Patterson (spinster of Baltimore City) for \$2500.¹ Fifteen years later, she sold off an 88-acre farm to William and Frances Patterson and John H. Patterson for \$1000.² In 1881, Bernard Fitzpatrick paid \$3000 for those 88 acres.³ The 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map shows no structures in this location; the 1878 Martenet's Map shows three belonging to A. Patterson. The farm was sold in 1886,⁴ (after Bernard Fitzpatrick died on March 18, 1855) and William H. & Laura J. Arnold owned it until 1898. The 1886 mortgage refers to this property "on which... Arnold now resides."⁵

In 1902, the executors of the estate of James Walsh, who had owned a huge amount of real estate (the settlement of his estate took up an entire volume of equity records), purchased the farm for \$2000.⁶ The Trustees' report mentions that the buildings were in bad condition and that, at the time of purchase, they were assessed at \$1005.⁷ \$2348.94 was spent to improve them and in 1906 the buildings and 14 1/2 acres were sold to Josephine Dochez for \$3500.⁸ She owned the property until 1935, when it was sold to James B. Hall.⁹

The house itself--except for the anachronistic window sash--is a typical Harford County farmhouse, whose peers are seen throughout the region. The Old Churchville Presbyterian Manse (HA-974) and the Shuck-Tharpe house are contemporaries and slightly simpler versions of the same pattern. The ca. 1841 "Greenwood" (HA-127) and the ca. 1850 Blackburn house (HA-128C) are earlier forms of this substantial five-bay-wide, gable-roofed variety.

1. Liber HD 17, Folio 57
2. Liber HDG 35, Folio 113
3. Liber ALJ 43, Folio 125
4. Liber ALJ 57, Folio 82
5. Liber ALJ 57, Folio 222
Liber ALJ 57, Folio 219
6. Liber WSF 104, Folio 219
7. Liber Equity Records WSF 58, Folio 580
8. Liber SWC 237, Folio 39
9. Liber SWC 237, Folio 40

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, and equity records of Harford County
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
 1878 Martenet's Map

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

10/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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
 (301) 267-1438

WALTER SHERIDAN HOUSE

Title Search

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1. 935/565-A August 27, 1973 Grantor: Dr. James & Margaret Dunn
Grantee: Walter & Jan Sheridan
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
2. HDC 881/94 August 27, 1973 Grantor: Emma Zienhart, widow
Grantee: Dr. James & Margaret Dunn
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
3. 586/581 September 3, 1971 Grantor: Margaret Pieper, (widow)
Grantee: Julian F. & Emma Zienhart
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
4. GCB 269/158 October 17, 1941 Grantor: James B. & May V. Hall
Grantee: Walter & Margaret Pieper
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
5. SWC 237/46 April 22, 1935 Grantor: Thomas Gontrum, Att.
Grantee: James B. & May V. Hall
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
6. SWC 237/44 April 22, 1935 Grantor: James B. & May V. Hall
Grantee: Thomas Gontrum, Att.
Acreage: 14 Acres, 3 Roods
7. SWC 237/40 February 26, 1935 Grantor: Louis Dochez, et al (heirs of
Josephine Dochez)
Grantee: James B. Hall
Sum: \$1750
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
8. SWC 237/39 January 23, 1906 Grantor: Mary Walsh, Exec. of James Walsh
Estate
Grantee: Josephine Dochez
Sum: \$3500
Acreage: 14 Acres, 2 Roods
9. WSF 104/219 April 3, 1902 Grantor: Benjamin M. Dever & wife, Susie
2nd Part: Benjamin M. Dever & Mary S.
Dever, Exec. of George V. Dever
3rd Part: Mary Walsh, et al, exec. of
James Walsh
Sum: \$2000
Acreage: 87 Acres, 2 Roods, 21 Perches
10. WSF 94/372 September 12, 1898 Grantor: Wm. H. & Laura J. Arnold
Grantee: Benjamin M. Dever
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 87 Acres, 2 Roods, 21 Square
Perches

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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| 11. | ALJ 57/222 | October 18, 1886 | Grantor: George V. & Mary S. Dever
Grantee: Wm. H. Arnold
Sum: \$3000
Acreage: 88 Acres, 3 Roods, 21 Square Perches |
| 12. | ALJ 57/82 | October 4, 1886 | Grantor: John S. Young, Trustee
Grantee: George V. Dever
Sum: \$3000 |
| 13. | Equity Records
ALJ 34/373 | June, 1885 | Timothy Callahan vs. Catherine Fitzpatrick, et al |
| 14. | ALJ 43/125 | May 5, 1881 | Grantor: John H. & Anna G. Patterson of Baltimore City
Grantee: Bernard Fitzpatrick
Sum: \$3000
Acreage: 'Nova Scotia', 'Wilson's Range'
88 Acres, 3 Roods, 21 Square Perches |
| 15. | HDG 35/113 | March 22, 1849 | Grantor: Sarah E. Patterson of City & County of Baltimore
Grantee: Wm. T. & Frances Patterson
John H. Patterson of City & Co.
Sum: \$1000
Acreage: part of 'Nova Scotia', 'Wilson's Range', 'Friendship'
88 Acres, 3 Roods, 21 Perches |
| 16. | HD 17/57 | March 12, 1834 | Grantor: Wm. P. Patterson of Baltimore City
2nd Part: Sarah E. Patterson, spinster, of Baltimore City
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 1.) 'Wilson's Range', 'Nova Scotia' = 144 Acres
2.) 75 Acres
3.) 149 Acres on east side of James Run: 'Nova Scotia' |
| 17. | HD 13/82 | February 5, 1830 | Grantor: John Hawkins
Grantee: Wm. P. Patterson of Baltimore City
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 'Wilson's Range', 'Nova Scotia' = 144 Acres
2.) 75 Acres
3.) 149 Acres - east side of James Run |

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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| 18. | HD 11/344 | July 8, 1828 | Grantor: Wm. P. Patterson of Baltimore City
Grantee: John Hawkins of Queen Anne's Co.
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 1.) 'Wilson's Range', 'Nova Scotia' = 144 Acres
2.) 75 Acres
3.) 149 Acres on east side of James Run |
| 18A. | HD 11/129 (Mort.) | November 19, 1827 | Grantor: Wm. P. Patterson
Grantee: Elias Glenn
Sum: \$1500
Acreage: 144 Acres; 75 Acres; 149 Acres |
| 19. | HD v/92 | September 1, 1809 | Grantor: Wm. Smith
Grantee: Wm. Presbury Patterson
Sum: 1200 pounds
Acreage: 'Wilson's Range', 'Novascotia' = 144 Acres |
| 20. | JLG N/1 | June 6, 1796 | Grantor: Isaac Webster
Grantee: Wm. Smith
Sum: 526 pounds
Acreage: 'Wilson's Range' = 100 Acres
'Nova Scotia' = 44 Acres |

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: O'Neil - Dickson house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: West Side of Crosswell Road opposite Cullum Road

CITY OR TOWN: Crosswell

STATE: Md COUNTY: Harford

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

Rental housing

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: W. W. Sheridan

STREET AND NUMBER: RD 2 Box 164

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Md 21014

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

M57 SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pleasant Victorian farmhouse follows the traditional center-hall plan, 5 bays by 2, with an ell that is just a one-story lean-to. Frame clapboard, with a front porch sheltering the door and a window on each side, there is a peak in the roof over the center front with an arched window, 6 lights on 6. Windows downstairs have 6 lights on 9, elsewhere 6 on 6 (except at the center, second floor, where two small double hung windows in one opening have 13 small panes on 1).

The house faces east, the roof/ridgepole running north-south, with chimneys rising inside end walls, ~~between~~ 2 at the ~~west~~^{south} side, one at the ~~west~~^{south}, off center of the house.

There is a most unusual second floor balcony at the ~~south~~^{southeast} corner of the house.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A pleasant farm house, now ~~used~~
 used as a ~~farm~~ commuter's residence
 for a Baltimore-based family.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **2113 RIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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Walter Sheridan House HA-1070
Bel Air, MD 21014
Natalie Shivers 8/79
Southeast



Walter Sheridan House HA-1070
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Southwest