

S-39  
Homewood  
Oriole vicinity  
private

c. 1825-1840

Popularly built in Somerset County until the mid nineteenth century, gable front houses such as Homewood were usually planned with a symmetrical, three-bay elevation topped by a Greek-inspired pediment. A centrally located front door is framed by fluted pilasters, a four-light transom, and a simple entablature. Lighting the first floor are nine-over-six sash windows, and centered within the pediment is a delicately crafted round window with radiating muntins. In many cases, these transverse hall houses appear to have more than one principal elevation. With Homewood, the south hall door opens onto a two-story porch which covers the entire elevation. The first floor plan follows the same general scheme as other houses with a transverse stair hall and two large rooms behind. Homewood, in fact, repeats the floor plan of Elmwood (S-41), and a large collection of contemporary examples. Attached to the north side of the main house is a two-story service wing evidently erected at the same time as the main house.

Construction of this finely appointed frame house is attributed to William G. and Elizabeth A. W. Waters around 1825-1840. After William Jones's death, the "Almodington" estate was divided into three principal parcels. Elizabeth A. W. Jones Waters received the section on which the frame house was assembled shortly afterwards.

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1. STATE		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
COUNTY Somerset TOWN Manokin River VICINITY Criole STREET NO.		2. NAME Homewood Farm <i>S-39</i> DATE OR PERIOD c. 1820 STYLE Federal ARCHITECT BUILDER	
ORIGINAL OWNER Mr. Waters ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Mr. H. C. VanGinhoven PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Beaded Clapboard NO. OF STORIES $2\frac{1}{2}$		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC No</span>			
<p>This house was <i>built</i> as a wedding present for the daughter of the owner of Almodington which lies just across the fields. The house is 3 bays wide and 3 deep with a pedimented gable on the front. The central door has an overlight and a simple frame with Doric pilasters. The first storey windows are 9/6, the second are 6/6. There is a round window with radiating muntins in the pediment. The twin enclosed chimneys rise from the rear of the house.</p> <p>A two storey porch runs along the right side of the main house while on the left a <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math> storey colonnade connects to a kitchen wing also of <math>2\frac{1}{2}</math> stories.</p> <p>Homewood Farm has good interior Federal panelling and a delicate hanging staircase with scrolled step-ends.</p> <p>The grounds are very well taken care of with much boxwood and many magnolias and crepe myrtles. This house is a fine restrained example of a large Federal manor house.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered Interior Exterior</span>			
Excellent			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD <i>2/8/67</i>	

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