

S M -107
WESTFIELD

Laurel Grove

Private

2nd quarter 19th century

This two-story frame house with a pair of common bond chimneys and pent closet at one end was built in the late 1830's or 40's on the site of an earlier dwelling. With a double parlor/side passage plan on the main floors, Westfield also has two rooms in the attic. A one-story kitchen wing with shed dormers, probably original to the house, was replaced in 1952 with a modern addition. The original details and paint on the interior of the 19th century house are unusually well preserved.

Also on the property is the site of a log tobacco house and a twelve-foot square frame meat house with riven clapboards remaining on two sides. The latter may have been one of a complex of out-buildings surrounding the earlier house.

Also see archeological listing.

ARCHEOLOGICAL LISTING

S' M -107

WESTFIELD

~~Laurel Grove~~ Oakville

Private

The second quarter of the 19th century house presently on this site succeeded an earlier dwelling. One outbuilding from this earlier period may remain (see S' M -107); sites of other early outbuildings are probably located on the property.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME

COMMON: Westfield (Laurel Grove) AND/OR HISTORIC: Westfield

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Morganza Laurel Grove Road CITY OR TOWN: Laurel Grove, Morganza vicinity STATE: Maryland COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One): District, Building, Site, Structure, Object OWNERSHIP: Public, Private, Both, Public Acquisition: In Process, Being Considered STATUS: Occupied, Unoccupied, Preservation work in progress ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: Yes: Restricted, Unrestricted, No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Agricultural, Commercial, Educational, Entertainment, Government, Industrial, Military, Museum, Park, Private Residence, Religious, Scientific, Transportation, Other (Specify)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Vernon M. Dorsey STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: St. Mary's County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: DATE OF SURVEY: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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"/> Uncited		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Westfield is a two or two and one-half story frame house, three bays long, with ^{the} wing. It has two tall brick chimneys on one gable.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transpartation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA **MECHANICVILLE, MD**

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	
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SW	0 . "	0 . "		0 . "	0 . "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

(Large empty space for justification)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Bourne

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE _____

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

WESTFIELD
Laurel Grove (SM-107A)

Second quarter 19th century;
kitchen rebuilt c.1952.

Frame, two stories, double parlor and side passage plan on both floors, two chambers in attic. Pair of seven- and nine-course, common bond chimneys provide hearths in four principal rooms and chambers. One story brick pent, not bonded to chimney stacks, may be a rebuilding of a frame pent or maybe merely an afterthought, but in any case a pent closet was part of the original scheme, for the moldings around the closet door are identical to those used elsewhere in the ground floor rooms. A one story kitchen wing with shed dormers was replaced about 1952 with a modern sitting room and kitchen. Considering the moldings on both sides of the doorway leading from the back parlor (or was it a dining room?) into the old kitchen, it probably was part of the original building.

Interior fittings and paintwork unusually complete and well preserved. Most doors still fitted with original spring latches and brass knobs. Six-panel doors to ground floor rooms painted with deep Cordovan reds and browns to resemble figured heartwood mahogany and outlined to suggest hollow cornered string inlay. Second floor doors and jambs painted a uniform reddish brown. Mantelpiece in front parlor is a monument to folk inventiveness.

Quirk ovolo moldings, used to trim architraves, parlor door panels, mantels, and handrail, indicate construction in the first half of the 19th century, a date that is narrowed down to the late 1830s or 'forties by the presence of clenched machine-made nails in the attic batten doors. Knee walls reuse scantling studded with wrought nails, which suggests the replacement of an earlier dwelling.

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The second part of the report deals with the financial situation. It is found that the government is unable to meet its obligations and that the country is in a state of financial crisis. The report also discusses the role of the central bank and the need for a new financial system. It is concluded that the country is in a state of financial crisis and that urgent measures are needed to stabilize the situation.

The third part of the report deals with the social situation. It is found that the population is suffering from poverty and that the government is unable to provide basic services. The report also discusses the role of the social services and the need for a new social system. It is concluded that the country is in a state of social crisis and that urgent measures are needed to stabilize the situation.

MEAT HOUSE (SM-107B)

A twelve foot square, framed meat house sheathed front and back with riven clapboards. Those protected by the [] are beaded (cf. Bryside Farm []) and attached with wrought nails. The rest, unbeaded and secured with machine-made nails, are apparently replacements. All scantling hewn or split. Roof frame (with flat false plates) appears reconstructed, probably when recovered with tin. Floorless building stands on "puddin' stone" footings.

May survive from a complex of earlier buildings that accompanied the previous dwelling.

TOBACCO HOUSE (SM-107C)

Destroyed. Photographs¹ show it to have been a small, hewn log barn; V-notched at the corners and shedded on all four sides. No reinforcing posts. Wide doorway in middle of one long side.

¹ Charles Fenwick Photo Collection, Leonardtown, Maryland.

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The fifth part of the report deals with the political situation.

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The sixth part of the report deals with the cultural situation.

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The seventh part of the report deals with the international situation.

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The eighth part of the report deals with the future prospects.