

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Weston

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Elliot Island Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Vienna

STATE:
Maryland

COUNTY:
Dorchester

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"/> Object	<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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Royer

STREET AND NUMBER:
Weston Farms

CITY OR TOWN:
Vienna

STATE:
Maryland

21869

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cambridge

STATE:
Maryland

21613

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:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Weston Farm is one of the finest of the brick dwellings in Dorchester County. In style it is late Georgian or Federal. Its principal facade (east) looks over the wide expanse of the Nanticoke River toward Wicomico County. The building is three bays long and two bays deep, with hyphens and wings built by the present owners.

In the center of the east facade is a shallow-projecting pedimented pavillion with a handsome entrance, having a pedimented architrave. Like most of the Federal buildings it lacks a belt course and the Flemish bond brickwork has a uniformity not found on the other walls. Flanking the pavillion are two windows with wide jack arches of gauged brick and 9/9 sash. The second story windows have a shallower jack arch and 6/6 sash. In the pediment is a lunette window. The box cornice is devoid of any decoration except modillions in the pediment. Two tall chimneys rise within the gables at the apex of the roof.

All other windows have segmental arches, but the same proportions as the facade. The west entrance, like the east, has a fanlight, but lacks the architrave and the pavillion. Due to its location on a knoll, it is able to have a basement. There are also windows flanking the chimney at attic level.

The interior floor plan consists of a stair hall in the south east corner of the building, which opens into a corridor on the west and another room on the north. Opening onto the corridor in the south west corner of the house, the living room or parlor originally included the corridor. In each of the other corners of the building were small rooms with diagonal fireplaces, however, the wall between them was removed, creating one room with the two diagonal fireplaces. Most of the original trim is intact, including a finely reeded mantel and paneled dado. A mid-Georgian style overmantel was installed on the northeast fireplace during the renovation.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

Weston is architecturally very stylish and in a good state of preservation. It has more pretention than Ham brooks, which is its closest rival in the county. It would appear, because of the detail of the woodwork, that it would have been built around 1800 and probably by John Henry, its owner at that time.

"Col. Charles Hutchins, gentleman, purchased the first tract of over 1,000 acres from Ann Coppens, widow, in 1668. Through the years he and his grandson, John Rider, added additional acres to Weston.

Col. Hutchins, then a governor's councilman, died in 1699, leaving Weston to John Rider. John Rider's great grandson, John Henry, was born on Weston and died there. He was Maryland's first U.S. Senator and its second Governor."

Francis Royer

Addenda:

There seems to be some controversy about the owner of the farm in the period of c.1800. More research should be accomplished prior to nominating Weston to the National Register.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State, Oxford University Press, New York, 1941, p. 377.
Forman, H. Chandler, Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, 1934.

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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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **June, 1972**
April, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** ZIP: **21401**

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

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature



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Weston Farm

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M. Bourne 6/72