

WO-288
Bunting Nursery House
Showell vicinity
private

c. 1880

Standing at the intersection of US Rte 113 and Jarvis Road north of Showell is this two-and-a-half story cross gabled farmhouse. The wood shingled dwelling was erected during the late nineteenth century on property owned at the time by Lemuel Showell, one of the richest farmers in Worcester at the time. This dwelling probably served as a tenant farmhouse. Typically plain, the house does boast a cross gable and eave trimmed with decorative brackets.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BUNTING NURSERY HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-288

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. FARMHOUSE

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common BUNTING NURSERY HOUSE

2. Location

street & number East side of US Route 113 not for publicationcity, town Showell vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bunting Nurseries, Inc.

street & number Duke Street and Railroad Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Selbyville state and zip code DE 19975

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-288

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bunting Nursery farmhouse stands on the east side of US Route 113 at the intersection of Jarvis Road north of Showell, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the cross-gabled frame dwelling is supported by a low pier foundation, and the house is sheathed with a layer of wood shingles. Corrugated tin covers the steeply pitched roof. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, three-bay frame service wing.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center sidelighted front entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by three-light sidelights and a four-light transom. A front porch shelters the entrance, and the low pitched gable roof is supported on chamfered posts with decorative corner brackets. The second floor is lighted by three window openings. A pair of single pane sash windows mark the center bay, while traditional two-over-two sash windows are located to each side. Piercing the center cross gable is a pointed arch two-over-two sash window. The eaves are trimmed with Victorian brackets.

The gable ends are largely alike with pairs of two-over-two sash windows on each floor. An interior end brick stack finished with a corbelled cap rises through the south end. Small two-over-two sash windows light the attic from the south, while a single two-over-two sash window pierces the north gable end. Brackets trim the gable end eaves as well.

The rear two-story service wing is plainly finished with two-over-two sash windows marking each floor. Sheltering the first floor of the south side is a hipped roof screened in porch. Two narrow brick chimneys protrude through the service wing roof.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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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
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<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
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<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

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Dating from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, c. 1880, the Bunting Nursery farmhouse is a typical two-and-a-half story cross gabled frame dwelling that marks US Route 113 north of Showell, Maryland. The house is a relatively plain example, although brackets trim the porch and the eaves to the main block. Attached to the back is a two-story service wing that forms an ell. Not much history has been assembled on this property. It appears the land was part of the extensive land holdings of Lemuel Showell at the time this house was erected.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Snow Hill	state	MD 21863
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BUNTING NURSERY HOUSE
Selbyville, MD.-DEL. Quadrangle
1967

210 000 FEET
(M.D.)

