

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-1066

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Adam Alexander Shipley Farm

other

### 2. Location

street and number 7549 Teague Road not for publication

city, town Hanover vicinity

county Anne Arundel

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

name Diane Ayers and Brian J. Peterson

street and number 7549 Teague Road telephone 410-850-8594

city, town Hanover state MD zip code 21076

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 5926 folio 669

city, town Hanover tax map 08 tax block 22 tax parcel 296 tax ID number 4000 9002 9383

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	previously listed in the Inventory
				<u>0</u>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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

### SUMMARY

In its present form the Adam Alexander Shipley Farm consists of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century frame farmhouse and a small frame well house of the same period. The dwelling belongs to a category of vernacular buildings known as a cross-gable I-house. While it retains its shape and form, it is extensively altered and has lost much of its original historic fabric. The well house remains relatively unaltered though the well is capped.

### DESCRIPTION

The Adam Alexander Shipley Farm is located in a rapidly developing section of northwest Anne Arundel County near the intersection of Rt. 100 and Rt. 713 (Ridge Road). The farm sits at the end of Teague Road, a gravel drive accessed via Ridge Chapel Rd. No longer actively cultivated, the farm consists of a late 19<sup>th</sup> century farm house and adjacent well house. The west-facing dwelling sits atop a small hill and is surrounded by a number of medium and large deciduous trees.

The main house consists of a frame, two-story, three-bay, cross-gable, center-passage, single-pile-plan front block. A two-story rear ell and several 20<sup>th</sup> century additions project from the rear (east) of the principal section. The rubble fieldstone foundation originally supporting the front block and rear ell is largely rebuilt with concrete block while the 20<sup>th</sup> century additions rest on poured concrete slabs. Exterior walls are sheathed with a combination of brick veneer and asbestos shingles applied over the original German siding. The full-width, hip roof porch that spans the front façade is a modern replacement. The low-pitch gable roof is covered with modern composition shingles and pierced at the ridgeline on the south end by small modern brick chimney. A metal ventilator sits directly in front (west) of the chimney. All exterior windows and doors are modern metal and glass replacements.

The building's interior has undergone extensive renovation. Reeded door surrounds and bulls-eye corner blocks survive in the front block, but other historic fabric, including doors has been removed.

Tradition holds that part of the house features log construction. Log floor joists do support the front block but the walls are definitely frame. The attic and crawlspace of the ell was inaccessible preventing an examination of construction techniques. The thickness of the walls in the ell averages only 8" and is not thick enough to suggest log construction. In addition, Diane Ayers, under whose ownership many of the renovations and additions were carried out, is unaware of log construction within the building.

A well house sits near the southwest corner of the main house. The small square building displays a pyramidal roof and walls sheathed in German siding. The interior is illuminated by a fixed-sash, two-light window. This remnant suggests the house originally displayed 2/2 sash windows.

**8. Significance**

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates      none      Architect/Builder      unknown

**Construction dates**

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

**Summary**

The Adam Alexander Shipley Farm is architecturally significant as an example of a late-19<sup>th</sup> century I-house and for its agricultural association with truck farming in northern Anne Arundel County in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**History and Significance**

This dwelling and well house associated with this property are both believed to have been constructed for Adam Alexander Shipley soon after he purchased the property in 1892. The property, historically containing 91 acres, had been in the Shipley family since 1862 when another Adam Alexander Shipley (likely the father or grandfather of the builder) purchased this and two smaller parcels from Owen Disney (1).

Adam Alexander Shipley, like his immediate ancestors and most of his neighbors in this part of the county, was a truck farmer, meaning he produced fresh fruit and vegetables for shipment to markets. A combination of factors, including soil, proximity to railroads and availability of cheap immigrant labor from Baltimore, made northern Anne Arundel County exceptionally well-suited to this type of agriculture. Truck farming dominated the region's economy from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century until the 1960s (2).

The Adam Alexander Shipley Farmhouse is a vernacular house type typically associated with relatively prosperous farmers of this period. Known as an I-house, the form typically features two rooms on either side of a center passage. An almost ubiquitous rear addition, known as an ell, extends from the back of the main building and traditionally houses the kitchen. The I-house is a typically rural building form that existed in pre-railroad America but achieved national popularity in the industrial age with the widespread availability of mill-sawn lumber (3). Though extensively altered, the Adam Alexander Shipley Farmhouse recalls the agricultural heritage of this rapidly industrializing portion of Anne Arundel County.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- 1) Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber SH 40, Folio 422 and Liber GW 147, Folio 175.
- 2) Willard R. Mumford, Strawberries, Peas and Beans: Truck Farming in Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundell County Historical Society (2000) p. 2.
- 3) Virginia and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, Alfred A. Knoph (1986) p.96.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre  
 Acreage of historical setting 91 acres  
 Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale: 1:24:00

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The proposed boundary is the legal boundary as shown on Anne arundel County tax map 8 bloc 22 parcel 296. The environmental setting of this property is somewhat protected by the adjacent county park and recreation area.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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