

Memo to file

February 13, 2015

From: Casey Pecoraro  
Inventory Registrar

Re: **BA-227**  
**Forest Hall (Shanklin House)**

The property documented in the following MIHP form has been demolished, per Teri Rising, Baltimore County Department of Planning Preservation Services Division (see 1/26/15 e-mail and report on file in Registrar's office).

BCHS-HHS

Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Shanklin House

BA-227

AND/OR COMMON

Forest Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8906 Satyr Hill Road

ELECTION DISTRICT 9  
TOWSON QUADRANGLE  
4th Councilmanic District  
2nd Congressional District

CITY, TOWN

Parkville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY  
Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

c/o his nephew, Mr. Bruce Stuart

NAME

Mr. C.M. Shanklin

Telephone #: 668-0350

STREET & NUMBER

8906 Satyr Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21234

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: Will Records, Liber

Folio #: TP 7

126

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MARYLAND HISTORIC SITES SURVEY; BALTIMORE COUNTY

DATE ONGOING SINCE 1964

SHANKLIN HOUSE entered 3/20/68

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

# DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shanklin house was apparently built in three segments. The oldest part of the house is the south wing, a log structure with stone walls over the logs, and stucco over the stone. This is the section that was traditionally a roadside tavern and it is located but a few steps from the highway. The old wing is three bays wide, a story-and-a-half high, with two shed dormers set in a gambrel roof.

The main block, or north wing, of the house is three bays wide, two stories high, built of stone covered with stucco and equipped with end chimneys.

The two wings that face the road are joined by a one-story porch supported by five square posts. The posts are decorated with scrolls. Except for the dentiled cornice on both front and rear of the main block, the house is in an almost undecorated Federal style--little more than a sturdy rural dwelling house. The north wall of the main block is without windows. Most of the window blinds (louvered shutters) are kept closed at all times.

A stone, stucco-covered back building extends from the rear of the small tavern wing to render the house L-shaped. The rear wing is three bays long, one-and-a-half stories high, and has a one-story porch as a kitchen entrance on the north. There is also an unsheltered door in the center bay of the south facade of this wing. The roof is gabled and there are two dormers on each side.

The house was re-roofed in 1976, but chunks of plaster or rough-cast have dropped out of the north wall of the main block, exposing the laths; some chimney bricks have fallen on the roof.

The dimensions of the house were 24 x 16 and 20 x 35 in the Tax Ledger of District 9 in the year 1918. (1). That year the house was assessed at \$612 and all other buildings at \$200. E. Frances Offutt noted in her 1971 book that an extension of Perring Park Highway threatened to pass through the site, even though it was a building recorded by the WPA's HABS project in the 1930's. (2) That project has not been carried out.

South of the house is a frame meat house almost entirely decayed. North of the dwelling is a rugged log corn house now used for storage; that structure had been moved from a site on the opposite side of Saytr Hill Road when some of the farm was sold off.

The dwelling house and the two remnants of its former farm complex stand on a knoll that sharply drops away into a large vegetable garden and beyond that into the main Shanklin Farm. Across the road, to the east, the slopes have been developed into an apartment complex. Only about three minutes drive south from the old Shanklin homestead, the rural atmosphere is instantly replaced by the urban sprawl of Perring Plaza and the Korvette store, etc. on Joppa Road.

1. District 9 Tax Ledger, 1918, f. 425.
2. E. Frances Offutt, Baltimore County Landmarks (Towson, 1971), p. 56.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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"/> L.W.	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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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**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

8. The present Satyr Hill Road appears as "Old Harford Road" on J.C. Sidney's 1950 map of this county and it is reasonable to believe the tradition in the Shanklin family that part of the present house, a five-foot square room in the oldest portion was a bar room along a once important road. The Sidney map shows J.W. Shanklin's house at this point on the west side of the road, 0.4-mile NW of its intersection with Joppa Road.

The oldest section of the house looks like a colonial cottage, but when interviewed in 1970, owner C.M. "Dick" Shanklin believed that his great-grandmother, Elizabeth Bosley Shanklin, wife of Robert Shanklin, had left the house to John W. Shanklin.

Land Records show that John W. Shanklin purchased 67 acres, formerly known as Lot No. 5 in Grand Division A of Obediah Towson's property in 1845 (Deeds TK 349:164). This tract was on the "main road." The tract name was "Small Valley." The Towson family deed of partition contains (f. 544) an early reference to "the road from the Lime Kilns." Turning back to the 1798 Tax List, we find Francis Towson with parts of Small Valley and of Cay's Inspection, four frame dwellings, but no stone buildings. The Shanklins are not found at all in the 1798 assessment.

John W. Shanklin appears as owner in both the 1850 Sidney map and the 1877 Hopkins atlas. His will, made in 1871 bequeathed:

to son Wm. J. Shanklin all the rest of my land that is to say this place where we now live, the old Hilton place, the John E. Howard place (1)

John W. Shanklin was involved in the business of manufacturing lime, and the fourth item in his will left:

to son Andrew W. Shanklin the lime Kill Bottom place by his letting John and Jeff have Agrecultural lime stone to burn for the land they to get them their selves at their own expense. (2)

The 1860 manufacturers' census of the 9th District showed John W. Shanklin listed under "limeburning" with \$1000 capital investment and one employee. Annual output was 10,000 bu of lime worth \$2800; raw material was 1000 bu of stone (costing \$200) and 300 cords of wood (\$900).

The Shanklins carried on the actual burning of the limestone in Lime Kiln Hollow (or Bottom or Valley) along Cromwell Bridge Ridge Road and were at one time in partnership with Thomas R. Jenifer; that firm was a successor to the business founded by Dr. Thomas Risteanu. The finished lime was stored on the east side of Satzer Hill Road, not far from the Shanklin house in a structure called a "lime house," which is now extinct.

The firm of Shanklin and Jenifer ran an ad in the county paper early in 1893 under the headline, "Lime! Lime!"

Having increased facilities for Burning Lime, we take this method of informing the people of Baltimore and Harford Counties that we are now prepared to furnish BUILDING, WHITEWASH and AGRICULTURAL Lime, which we offer at reasonable rates. Our stone being of a superior quality we guarantee satisfaction. Kilns at Loch Raven.

SHANKLIN & JENIFER

Loch Raven, P.O., Baltimore County, Maryland

But by 1929, the Maryland Geological Survey reported but one kiln operating in the entire county, that one at Texas.

John W. Shanklin also served as clerk of the Baltimore County Court in Baltimore County, holding office from 1885 to 1891 and leaving behind a row of ledgers bearing the initials JWS.

This property is still held under a will recorded in 1871, copied into the seventh will book of the present Orphans Court. The 1918 tax ledger continued to carry W. Jefferson Shanklin as owner. He was succeeded by present owner, Mr. C.M. Shanklin, locally called "Dick" Shanklin, and he is the last of his immediate family. Mr. Shanklin is in poor health and depends on a nephew who lives nextdoor for upkeep of the house. "It's falling down," said Mr. Shanklin to John McGrain in early July of 1977. The house was re-roofed in 1976, but other signs of decay are evident. Yet the owner is much attached to the house and intends to remain there as long as he lives.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Wills, TP 7, f. 126.
2. B.C. Wills, TP 7, f. 126.
3. Baltimore County Democrat, February 18, 1893.
4. Maryland Geological Survey, Physical Features of Baltimore County (Baltimore, 1929), p. 235.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Shown in family data collected for Baltimore County Historical Society by Mrs. L. C. Lacey and Claire A. Richardson, 1970.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 60.58 A total, but only about 0.5 on high ground near house.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John McGrain, *EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION*

ORGANIZATION *BALTIMORE COUNTY*  
Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE  
July 1977

STREET & NUMBER  
401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE  
494-3495

CITY OR TOWN  
Towson

STATE  
Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438