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David Whiting Brick House  
Greensboro  
Private

Circa 1785

The David Whiting house is one of the few 18th Century dwellings remaining in Greensboro. It has an interesting form with an otherwise simple "hall and parlor" plan. The wide gable faces the street and has two doors on the first story with windows above on the second story and attic. On the rear of the building is a large brick chimney rising above the apex of the roof.

Its plan is not typical, for the fireplaces are placed on a common wall and the original stair appears to have been in one corner of the room, although an attic stair rises from the other rear corner from the second story. The latter room has very good paneling across its fireplace wall. It is a very good survival of an 18th Century structure with period woodwork. It is in very poor condition, however, and will need structural stabilization before it can be habitable again.

David Whiting leased this lot of land in 1785 for 99 years. He was a tanner and operated a tannery nearby. He also owned (or leased) a lot across the street.

In Eleanor Horsey's Origins of Caroline County, page 57, there is a chain of title.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

David Whiting House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Park Avenue, north

CITY, TOWN

Greensboro

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Merrill B. Walker, Jr.

Telephone #: 267-6579

STREET & NUMBER

Thomas Pt. Rd., Rt. 7, Box 61

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 194

Folio #: 467

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

David Whiting House is a two story stuccoed brick building located between Park Avenue and the Choptank River in the town of Greensboro.

The building is situated upon a hill so that on the lower side (northeast) of the house the basement forms a complete story. It's broad gable faces the street and possesses a one story screened porch with two windows above on both second and attic stories. A Broad chimney rises from the back gable. On the first story of the facade are two doors, both with glass in the upper portions.

On the southeast side are two windows on the first and second storys, and like the facade, they have replacement 2/2 sash. At ground level is an entrance door and small window.

Three windows with 6/6 sash light the first story of the northwest side while there are only two 8/8 sash on the second story. Some of these windows appear to retain original frames and possibly sash.

A leanto addition was built onto the northeast gable of the house covering the first and basement storys.

Inside, the old portion of the house is divided into two rooms of nearly equal size on all floors. In the east room a stair ascends adjacent the former chimney, which has recently collapsed into the basement. The west room stair ascends against the southwest facade opposite the former fireplace (bricked up). No original woodwork remains on the first story, although blackened beams are visible where the fireplace has fallen from the ceiling of the east room.

On the second story, the west room retains the original recessed paneling across its fireplace wall. It consists of a stair to the attic with small door beneath, a large panel above the mantel and a cabinet with keystone trim. The cabinet lacks its doors, but their markings are easily visible.

The east room also retains original paneling with trim around the fireplace and a mantel shelf above with a large panel above the shelf. On each side of the fireplace are vertical beaded boards, part of which are more recent than the original work. Chair rails have been removed from both rooms.

From the evidence of the original paneling, this house appears to have been constructed during the lifetime of David Whiting who leased the property between 1785-1814. The quality of the woodwork is superior and resembles the work in Codd's Head Manor a few miles northeast of Greensboro.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The David Whiting House is important as the home of an 18th century tanner who held an important position in the community since hide was widely used for many items of daily use.

Architecturally, the house is important as one of three brick dwellings existing in Greensboro from the time of its founding. It is also of interest because its stucco gable is actually the principal entrance to the building and the floor plan is unusual. There are only two rooms on each of the four storys. The interior woodwork is superior on the second story and an indication of the position the tanner held in the community.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July, 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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