

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Coopersmith-Shipley House Survey Number: ^{CARR-}~~CR~~-1363

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Coopersmith-Shipley House is located on a five-acre parcel of land on the east side of Old Washington Road, south of its intersection with MD 32 (Sykesville Road) in the area called Fenby, in Carroll County, MD. The property, composed of a single-family dwelling, a garage, several turn-of-the-century agricultural buildings, and several domestic outbuildings, is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The primary residence is an early 20th-century two-story, four-bay frame dwelling covered with a gable roof and featuring a central projecting gable. A one-story shed-roof addition extends across the rear elevation of the dwelling, while a two-bay, half-hipped-roof porch with turned columns is located in the two central bays on the front elevation. The front porch originally sheltered two, side-by-side entries (one is now enclosed).

A complex of several agricultural buildings from the late-19th-early 20th century are located adjacent to and behind the dwellings, though none is particularly noteworthy. In addition, several early 20th-century buildings, including a barn, garage and chick (peeper house) are also found in the grouping. The house itself is representative of the rural domestic building forms of the period and lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. As a whole, the farm is not a particular good example of its type; further, the property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 2, 1993

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 13, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
RWC 4/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling, secondary structure; Subsistence/Agriculture/barns

Known Design Source: _____

Coppersmith - Shipley House
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1363

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Coppersmith-Shiple House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1733 Old Washington Road not for publication

city, town Westminster vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 George Nelson Barnes

street & number 2831 Old Washington Road telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse liber 1078

street & number folio 127

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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	House, ca. 1912	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or		
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

Coppersmith-Shipley House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This dwelling is located on a small, five acre parcel, located on the east side of Old Washington Road south of its intersection with MD 32 (Sykesville Road) in the area called Fenby. It was probably built in the early twentieth century by Ezra Coppersmith, who owned about one half of the triangular piece of land formed by the intersection of Old Washington Road, MD 32 and Short Lane in the early twentieth century. He probably utilized it as a tenant house as he lived in the larger residence further north at the acute angle formed by the intersection of Old Washington Road and MD 32. He disposed of the modest farmstead at 1733 Old Washington Road in a sale to Alice V. Shipley in 1915.

The farmstead is composed of a very modest frame dwelling, which the current owner, Mr. Barnes, reports was likely built in 1912, a garage and small barn just north of the dwelling which may pre-date the dwelling by a few years, with the area between them recently covered to provide a tractor shed, and a post 1924 barn north of these two structures. The small frame chicken (peeper) houses behind the house and behind the northernmost barn were also built around the second quarter of the twentieth century.

The dwelling is a simple frame structure, clad in vinyl siding, with two rooms up and two room down. The rectangular structure has been extended on the rear with a full width, one-story shed-roofed porch, and on the front by a one-story porch which is two bays wide. It originally sheltered two entrances centered in this principal west elevation, but the door on the south has been removed, although the seams in the asbestos shingles indicate where it had been previously located. The gable roof parallels this principal elevation, and is composed of standing seam metal. The window architraves are unmolded.

Although it was not possible for the author to view the interior of the dwelling, the current owner reports that it has been rented to tenants for a number of decades and has undergone considerable interior alteration. Mrs. Barnes reports that all plaster has been replaced with drywall, wood mouldings and finishing materials removed, and the kitchen fireplace enclosed.

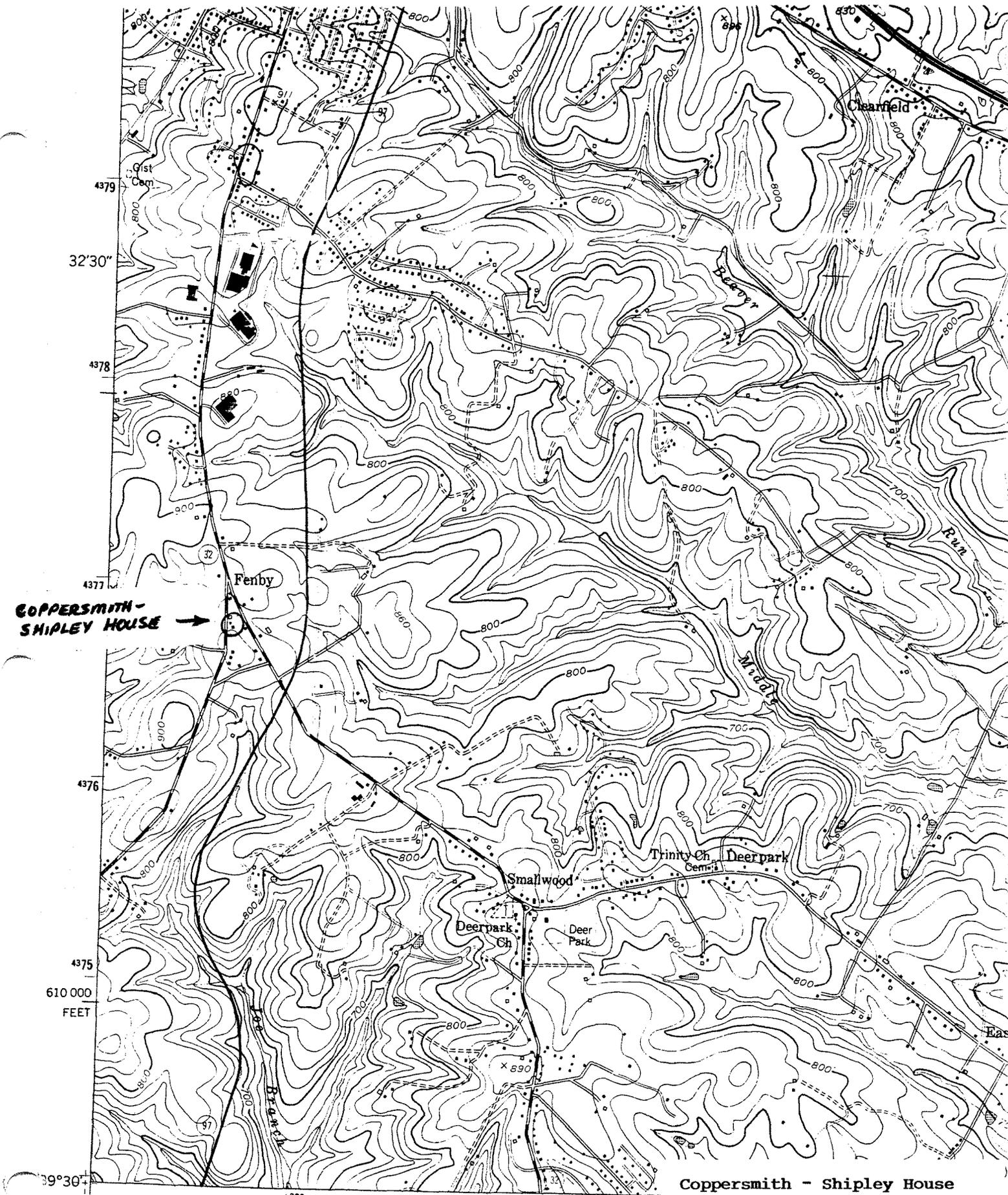
The garage is a small frame structure with the gable end parallel to Old Washington Road. It is roofed with metal, and has a small outshut on the east gable end at window height. The south longitudinal side of the structure and the east cable end has been clad with aluminum siding. Two sliding-sash windows have been added. The other two sides, including the west elevation containing a large railroad door, are clad with brick pattern asphalt. The barn located just north of the garage is composed of a single level aisle on the west accessing two levels on the east end: a hay mow area on the second level over an animal pen, used for cattle or horses.

Coppersmith-Shipley House
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This modest, small farmstead, composed of seven frame structures dating to the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century, is attributed to Ezra Coppersmith, who, in the early twentieth century, acquired land in the triangularly shaped area formed by the intersections of Old Washington Road, MD 32 and Short Lane in the area now thought of as Fenby. Fenby was founded in the early twentieth century about three quarters of a mile further north near the intersection of MD 32 and Kate Wagner Road, possibly receiving its name from a farm owned by Fenby L. Hering. This area has been obliterated by the construction of townhouses and nursing home on the west side of MD 32, the construction of MD 97, and construction or re-location of large institutional facilities to the area between MD 32 and MD 97.

The dwelling has been altered, most visibly with the enclosure of one of the principal entrances on the west elevation. The dwelling was probably constructed to replace an earlier structure, possibly attributable to John Zellers in 1877. Mr. Barnes, whose family has resided in the area for many decades, and whose parents resided in the dwelling in the second quarter of the twentieth century, reports that the dwelling was constructed in 1912.



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Coppersmith - Shipley House
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County
Westminster Quadrangle
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(WINFIELD)
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