

The Wirt-Gosnay farmhouse provides a rare mingling of two architectural traditions. The internal three room central chimney plan is derived from a continental European origin while the three bay symmetrically oriented main elevation descends from an English tradition of building. It seems that the builders of this house were influenced enough by English predominance in Cower Cecil County to orient the main elevation like other houses in the area that have an English background. The central chimney and radiating three room plan is definitely a continental plan and not from the English vocabulary of house construction.

razed
early 1800s

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-124

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wirt House

AND/OR COMMON

Gosnay Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Middletown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Delaware 19709

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 56
Folio #: 46

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gosnay House c. 1850 is a 2½ story three bay by two room house on Bohemia Church Road and west of Warwick, Md. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The main block has a two story three bay by one room ell kitchen wing that extends northward. The kitchen wing is supported by a full fieldstone foundation with a crawl space under the front block. The house is totally covered by asbestos over weatherboard. A steeply pitched composition tile roof covers both sections.

The south facade is three bays across with an entrance in the western most bay. A heavily molded four panel door has a two light transom and plain pilasters with a simple ½ inch round capital and molded lintel. 6/6 sash windows occupy the two eastern bays with two panel shutters and plain surrounds. The western opening on the second floor has been enlarged to a double 4/4 sash with louvered shutters. The original 6/6 sash occupy the two eastern openings. A small boxed cornice with bed molding stretches across at the base of the roof. A shed roof front porch covers the first floor and is supported by chamfered posts. A saw-toothed end board decorates the ends. The east gable end has an entrance gabled stoop and balustrade between support posts. The eave is closed by a simple bargeboard.

The western end has some later first and second floor sash and two four pane attic sash. There is a central stretcher bond stove stack.

The north side of the main block is primarily covered with the kitchen ell but a 6/6 sash lights the first and second floor hall (see floor plan).

The kitchen wing is basically detailed with 2/2 sash windows and a shed porch that extends across the eastern side. A single flue stove stack rises out of the center of the ell. The gable end has a single 2/2 sash on each floor with extended eaves.

The interior of this house does not conform to any floorplans typically used in Cecil County. A central stack provides heat for two main rooms on the first floor. A small entrance hall provides access to both rooms but not to the second floor. The main stair is located in a back hall behind the front parlor.

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The stair has a square newel with slightly beveled cap which supports a simple handrail. The rectangular balusters are set into a straight stringer with a beaded board fill under the stringer. The door surrounds have an ovolo backband with beaded corner which frame six panel doors with interior locks. The mantels have been removed from the main rooms. A elaborate ~~A~~Adamesque Revival mantel is found in the main parlor.

The ovolo molded surrounds are also found on the second floor but ~~frame~~ beaded board doors instead of paneled ones. The open stair rises to the full attic. The rafters have mortise and tenon joists.

The kitchen wing consists of two rooms on each floor. the south room being a dining room. A simple mid 19th century mantel is found in this room. The kitchen is typically plain with beaded board doors and plain trim. A small winder stair provides access to the second floor. A small meat house is located directly north of the kitchen wing. Typical farm structures are found farther north of the main house.

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 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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wirt-Gosnary House seems to be a mid to late 19th century variation of the ^{CONTINENTAL} German plan house with central chimney and three rooms. The once asymmetrical ^{GERMAN} facade has been given ^{SYMMETRICAL THREE-BAY} the ~~usual~~ side hall parlor main facade. The only difference is the central chimney. Third quarter of the 19th century exterior detailing contrasts to the somewhat earlier ovolo moldings and six panel doors. It is unfortunate the mantels have been removed. The three room plan is extremely rare in the southern reaches of Cecil County. This being one of two known examples.

(CE-964), GIBSON'S GREEN FARM IS THE ONLY OTHER.

1877 ATLAS - RESIDENCE OF M. MANLOVE

1858 - HEIRS OF DR. WIRT.

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	PAUL TOURANT HISTORIC SITES SURVEYOR	DATE	1/30/80
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STREET & NUMBER	CECIL COUNTY COURTHOUSE	CITY OR TOWN	ELKTON
CITY OR TOWN	ELKTON	STATE	MD. 21921

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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1877
MRS.

MANLINE - RESIDENCE
CITCHELL

LAURA L. P. GOSNAY
RRC 56/46
378.3 A

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ALFRED N. AND MARY S. PHILLIPS DEC. 18, 1950

TO

LAURA LOUISE PHILLIPS GOSNAY

"ALL THAT CERTAIN FARM OR TRACT OF
LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE "FOARD
FARM," COMPOSED OF FOUR ADJACENT TRACTS
CONTAINING 384.4 ACRES

RESERVED OF
6 ACRES
QUARTER FRONT

① 101.4 ACRES DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED
9/9/1943 FROM SUSAN J. FOARD TO
ALFRED N. PHILLIPS JR. RRC 1/441

② 99.1 ACRES DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED
OCT. 24, 1944 FROM MABEL C. WILKER
TO ALFRED N. PHILLIPS JR. RRC 7/319

③ 141.3 ACRES DESCRIBED IN TWO DEEDS
FROM ELEANOR HOISE TO ALFRED N.
PHILLIPS MAY 16, 1946 IN RRC 17/269 AND
APRIL 3/1947 RRC 23/342

④ 42.5 ACRES KNOLLWOOD INC. TO
ALFRED N. PHILLIPS DATED AUG. 14, 1941
RRC. 27/409. \$652.00

① SAMUEL FOARD DIED INTESTATE LEAVING
PROPERTY TO ONLY HEIRS JULIAN AND
SUSAN FOARD - JULIAN CONVEYED ALL
RIGHT AND TITLE TO SUSAN HWL 10/539
CLARENCE S. HURLOCK

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DR. JOHN WIRT 350/138 10500 DWELLING - 1200

1868 DR JOHN WIRT 350 P & FRAME DWELLING -

1869 1 ACRE MARK MANLOVE FRAME DWELLING \$250

1867 MARK MANLOVE 1 FRAME DWELLING \$250
DR. J. W. WIRT 350 A. FRAME DWELLING 4000.00

1866
1865 ~~HOUSE~~ ~~PROPERTY~~ 

1864 LYNCH JOHN W + A.W 351 A. OF WIRT'S HEIRS 4,500

1863 LYNCH JOHN W + A.W 351 A " " 4,500

1862 NO MENTION OF WIRT IN ASSESSMENT.

1861 " " " " " "

1860 " " " " " "

1859 WIRT'S HEIRS - LYNCH W. + A.W

1858 " " " 351 A. 4,500

1857 " " " 351 A. "

1856 " " " 351 A. "

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1852

350/138
10500
1850

CECILTON, MD.
QUAP.

MIDDLE

NECK

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Creek

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Manlove

St Francis Xavier
Ch

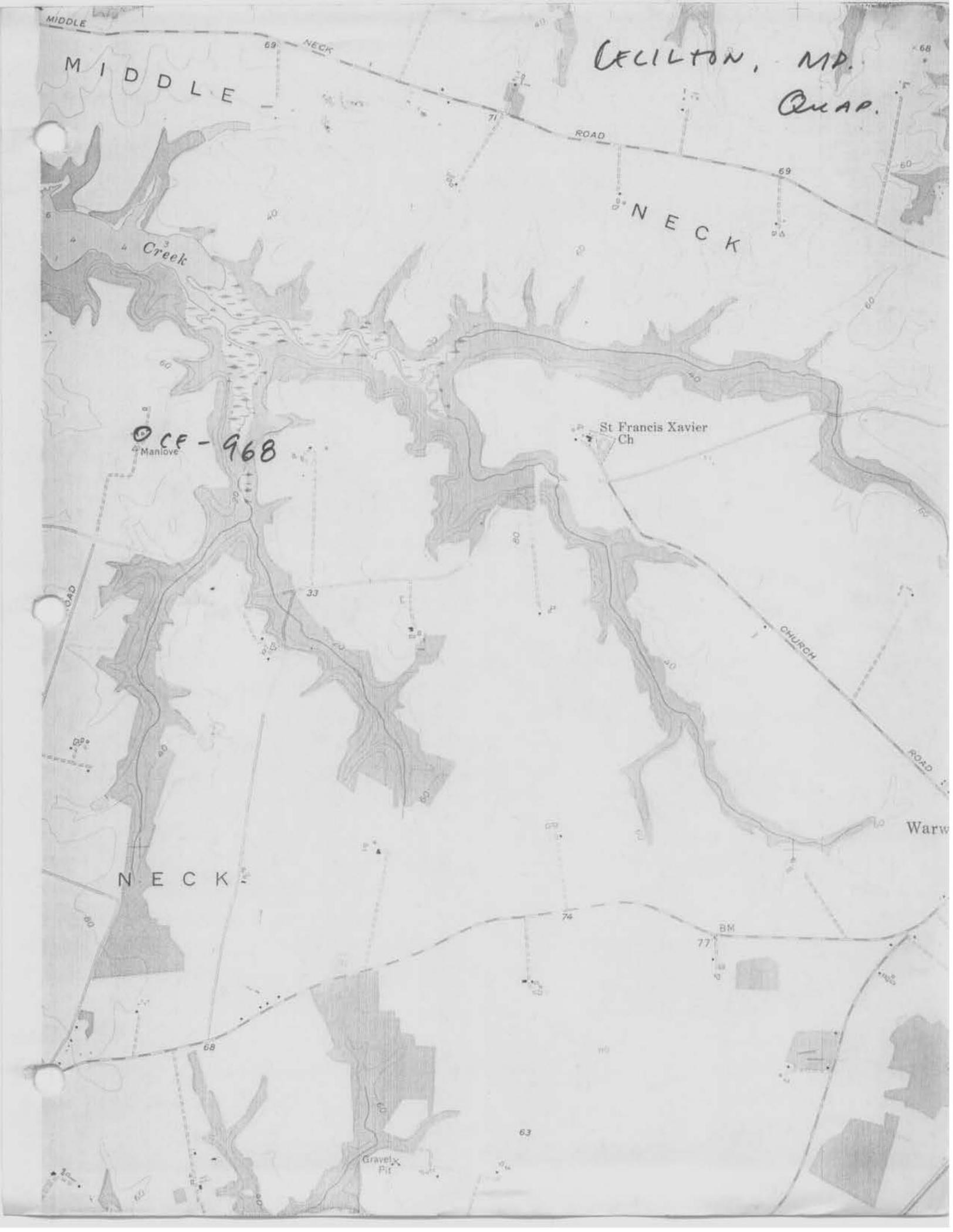
CHURCH

NECK

Warw

BM

Gravel
Pit





WIRT - Goswami, Fithem

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NORTH ELEVATION OF KITCHEN WINGS
HX

WARWICK, MA.

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PBT



WIKI - GOSNAY FROM

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STAR NEWEL

NR

WARWICK, MD.

6/79

PBT



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UNIT - GOSNAY FROM
DETAIL ON STATE
NR

WARWICK, MO.

6/79

PBI



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WPRF - Gosney, fixer
DOOR Surround
NR

WARWICK, MA.

6/79

PBT



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WIRT - Gosway Piton
SOUTH ELEVATION

NR

WARREN, MD.

6/79

PBT



WIRT -
~~WARWICK~~ - Gosney House

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EAST ELEVATION

NA
WARWICK, MD.

6/79

PBT