

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Gilead Broadwater Farm Inventory Number: G-II-C-325

Address: 292 Route 495, Grantsville, Garrett County, Maryland

Owner: Dave and Maxine Broadwater, 292 Route 495, Grantsville, MD 21536

Tax Parcel Number: 83 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 945: Intersection Reconstruct from MD 495 to End of Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff:  no  yes Name: Kelly Steele Date: 09/20/1999

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?:  no  yes

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

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property at the junction of MD 495 and MD 948 in Grantsville contains three structures and two fields. An uncultivated field runs along the southern portion of the property with a small cultivated field to the west. The structures, a 1930s bank barn that replaced the original frame bank barn that burned, an 1897 farmhouse, and a modern garage/dwelling, group along the eastern edge. This farmstead was built by Gilead Broadwater in 1897 on a section of his father's (William C. Broadwater) farm, and still remains among farms and fields. However, these adjacent farms are fairly small and are separated by modern local roads, highways, and industrial development. In addition, the Gilead Broadway farm now stands separated, both physically and visually, from Grantsville by MD 948 and MD 40/219.

The main (west) façade of the two-story farmhouse measures three bays wide, with a two-bay rear ell. An enclosed porch with a second-story addition runs across the front of the structure, and an enclosed rounded porch exists at the rear. Single-story, rectangular bay windows project from the south and north gable ends. Most of the original windows have been replaced with modern 1/1 units. This ell-plan vernacular structures has a central cross-gable on

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<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>2/4/2000</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>2/9/00</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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the main façade and exhibits various Italianate elements, including arched windows, simple hooded windows, and grouped windows, bracketed cornices, front-facing central gable, and projected bay windows.

The development and significance of Grantsville is linked to the construction of the National Road, which ran between Cumberland, Maryland and Wheeling, West Virginia. In fact, the original town of Grantsville, located a few miles south of the proposed highway, was moved so it stood adjacent to the National Road in order to serve the needs of travelers. Prior to the National Road, Grantsville serviced travelers passing through on "Nemacolin's Path," an Indian trail cutting through Grantsville that was opened for passage by pack mules in 1753. Later, in 1755, General Braddock's army constructed "Braddock's Road" near Grantsville, along which several inns located. Braddock Road provided the general route for the forthcoming National Road and, in 1816, when the National Road followed a path approximately two-mile north of Grantsville, the town became destitute and moved to a position flanking the new road.

Between the late 1820s and 1852, towns along the National Road flourished. In 1853, the B&O Railroad entered the Grantsville area and dramatically decreased the traffic along the National Road. While many of the businesses in Grantsville ended due to the reduced traffic, the town continued to support local traffic. In addition, the community shifted its focus to agriculture and managed to remain an important population center.

The Gilead Broadwater farm does represent the shift in Grantsville economics from services to agriculture (Criterion A). However, the mere association with this historic trend is not enough to qualify the property for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A; and the Gilead Broadwater farm is not known to possess significance in this association. Similarly, the property is not associated with persons important in the past (Criterion B), nor does it hold significance in architecture (Criterion C). An archeological field investigation and research revealed that the structure will not likely provide any intact, significant, archeological resources (Criteria D). Given these considerations, the structure does not meet any of the four Criteria for Evaluation, and since the structure is not a type of property that is not usually considered for listing in the National Register, the Criteria Considerations do not apply or warrant review.

Aside from not meeting any of the four Criteria for Evaluation, the structure does not possess integrity. While the structure does retain location, it lacks setting, design, material, workmanship, feeling, and association aspects.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**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:**

- 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 Prehistoric
- Unknown Historic

**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: Domestic

Historic environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agriculture, Private Residence

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Known Design Source: None



1. G.T. C-323
2. Great Communicator Trainer
3. Garrett County, Maryland
4. U.S. State S.P. Architectural Commission
5. September 20, 1971
6. No. 5476
7. Reservoir - member garage, Fortin Ranch

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Gilead Broadwater Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

1897

This farm includes a two-story Victorian farmhouse and a bank barn, both of frame construction. The west-facing dwelling measures three bays wide with a two-bay rear ell. Enclosed porches cover the front and rear. A one-story rectangular bay window with bracketed eaves extends from the south gable end, and a similar two-story bay appears on the north end.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gilead Broadwater Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 495

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**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 COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dave and Maxine Broadwater

Telephone #: 301-895-5124

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 495

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21536

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

This farm includes a two-story Victorian farmhouse and a bank barn, both of frame construction. The west-facing dwelling measures three bays wide with a two-bay rear ell. Enclosed porches cover the front and rear. A one-story rectangular bay window with bracketed eaves extends from the south gable end, and a similar two-story bay appears on the north end. Decorative Victorian features include jigsawn, drop-spindle brackets and pedimented window heads. A central cross-gable embellishes the facade.

Two by two windows light the house. An interior brick chimney appears at the intersection of the main block and the ell.

The house is roofed in slate and sheathed in aluminum siding.

The main section is divided into two large rooms. The south room contains the original staircase.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

December 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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





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Gilead Broadwater Farm

Garrett County, MD

M. Stinson 1981

N & W elevation



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Gilead Broadwater Farm

Garrett County, MD

Merry Stinson 1981

S & E elevation