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Hepburn Farm, Hedgewood Farm

1854-1856

Chestertown

Private

Hepburn Farm house was constructed in 1854-56 for a cost of \$1,688.02. A surviving ledger shows that a considerable amount of building material was brought in: millwork from Port Deposit, flooring, lumber, and shingles from Baltimore; bricks may have been burned locally for the account says "Burning 80,000 brick, \$400.00." The newel post and handrail cost \$5.50. The building is in many ways a typical one of its period with a three bay main house and two bay kitchen, both of brick and both two stories tall.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hepburn Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Hedgewood Farm, Hepburn Farm

Hedgewood Farm Preferred Name

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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

Mrs. George B. Weidenmeyer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

HEDGEWOOD FARM

CITY, TOWN

CHESTERTOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EHD 50

Folio #: 315

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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 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

Hepburn Farm House is a simple three bay, two story building with a lower two story, two bay wing. The building is brick, but there are no elaborate brick details; a three course corbelled cornice, stretcher flat arches above window openings and corbelled chimney caps are primary ornaments. The brick is laid in common bond on all facades.

Roofs are gabled and finished against simple verge boards and cornices. There are no dormers. The chimneys are enclosed within the gable walls.

6/6 sash windows in narrow frames are used throughout. There is a central entrance/stair hall in the main house and hipped roof entrance porch with chamfered posts. Black louvered shutters are used throughout. The main entrance has a five pane transom light and side lights.

The interior stair has a tall, turned newel post. An original mantle, with a diamond-shaped recess on both frieze and pilasters and a shelf "supported" by enormous dentils, remains in the dining room.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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
<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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1854-56

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hepburn Farm is a simple, prototypical Kent brick farm house which is important because an account of the cost of its construction has been found. It has also been dated and can serve as a guide to dating other similar buildings in this area. Details such as the corbelled brick cornice, seen in other house, (Stanley's Hope, K-220), may assist in their dating. The account shows that, contrary to commonly held ideas, the main house, not the smaller simpler wing, was the first constructed.

Considerable building material was imported, millwork from Port Deposit and "flooring, lumber, and shingles" from Baltimore.

The house is a substantial, but modest one of its period; presumably the price was modest as well, \$1668.02.

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

September, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE <u>Mainland</u> COUNTY <u>Kant</u> TOWN <u>Stillpond</u> VICINITY <u>Hepbron</u> STREET NO. <u>Rt 292 - 1/2 mi W of Rt 213</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwellin</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>George Wiedenmayer</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwellin</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-226</u> 2. NAME <u>Hedgewood Farm</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>early 19th century</u> STYLE <u>Federal</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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(Plan.)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

Hedgewood Farm is an early 19th century building which is 3 bays long and one room deep. There are ~~flat~~ flat brick arches above the windows and a transom + side lights ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~entrance~~ ~~door~~. The house has a ~~stepped~~ ~~front~~ ~~corner~~ ~~of~~ 3 bays deep. There is a lower 2 bay long wing on the east side of the house probably built at the same time as the main portion. There is a porch over the ^{north} ~~entrance~~ ~~door~~ ~~on~~ the south side of the ^{Kitchen} wing. Some large light colored bricks stand on the north side of the house.

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This tract of land formerly belong to the Hepbron family of which Shepherd's Delight is the most noted Edward part of Hepbron estate

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior good Exterior good

The interior has been completely modernized in recent years by former owners. There is a central ~~hall~~ hall with stair flanked by a room on each side. The general part of the stair is ~~is~~ typical of the 1830-1840 period.



There ~~is~~ is an early brick meat house ~~on~~ east of the house.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD Sept 23, 1968

Hedgewood Farm is an early nineteenth century building which is three bays long and one room deep. There are flat brick arches above the windows and a transom and sidelights around the center door. The house has a stepped brick cornice, three bricks deep. There is a lower two bay long wing on the east side of the house probably built at the same time as the main portion. There is a porch over the north center entrance and on the south side of the kitchen wing. Some large English boxwood bushes stand on the north side of the house.

This tract of land formerly belonged to the Hepbron family of which Shephard's Delight is the most noted part of Edward Hepbron estate.

The interior has been completely modernized in recent years by former owners. There is a central hall with stairs flanked by a room on each side. The newest part of the stair is typical of the 1830-1840 period.

There is an early brick meat house east of the house.

WORTHMORE

1854 Cost of Building Dwelling House Kitchen Carriage house Shop
Barn and Hen house digging well &c

Burning 80,000 Brick	400.00
Bill at Port deposit for frames Shutters frames doors Sash &c freight	129.14 7.00
Hard ware nails &c	40.00
Lime and hair	73.76
5000 feet plank. Port deposit at 15 dollars	75.00
8000 Shingles - 12 - freight	96.00 11.00
for flooring lumber and Shingles in Baltimore	132.81
for glass putty paint	15.38
for newel post hand rail	5.50
additional freight	15.00
Stone work	9.50
Brick work	126.87
Reynor Stavely	116.25
digging seller	8.00
Jim Turner	8.00
James Crew	5.50
for Laboures	31.00
digging walling well	10.25
well bucket chains	5.00
Bill in Chestertown for Lathes timber &c	11.00
4 keggs Nails	20.00
Plasterers Bill	31.50
	<u>\$ 1382.46</u>
for Sawing	56.56
additional Labour	7.00
1856 Sawering paleing and other Lumber	62.00
Bill lumber for kitchen &c	70.00
Work	10.00
Additional plastering & Brick work	50.00
Nails lime laths	<u>30.00</u>

\$ 1668.02

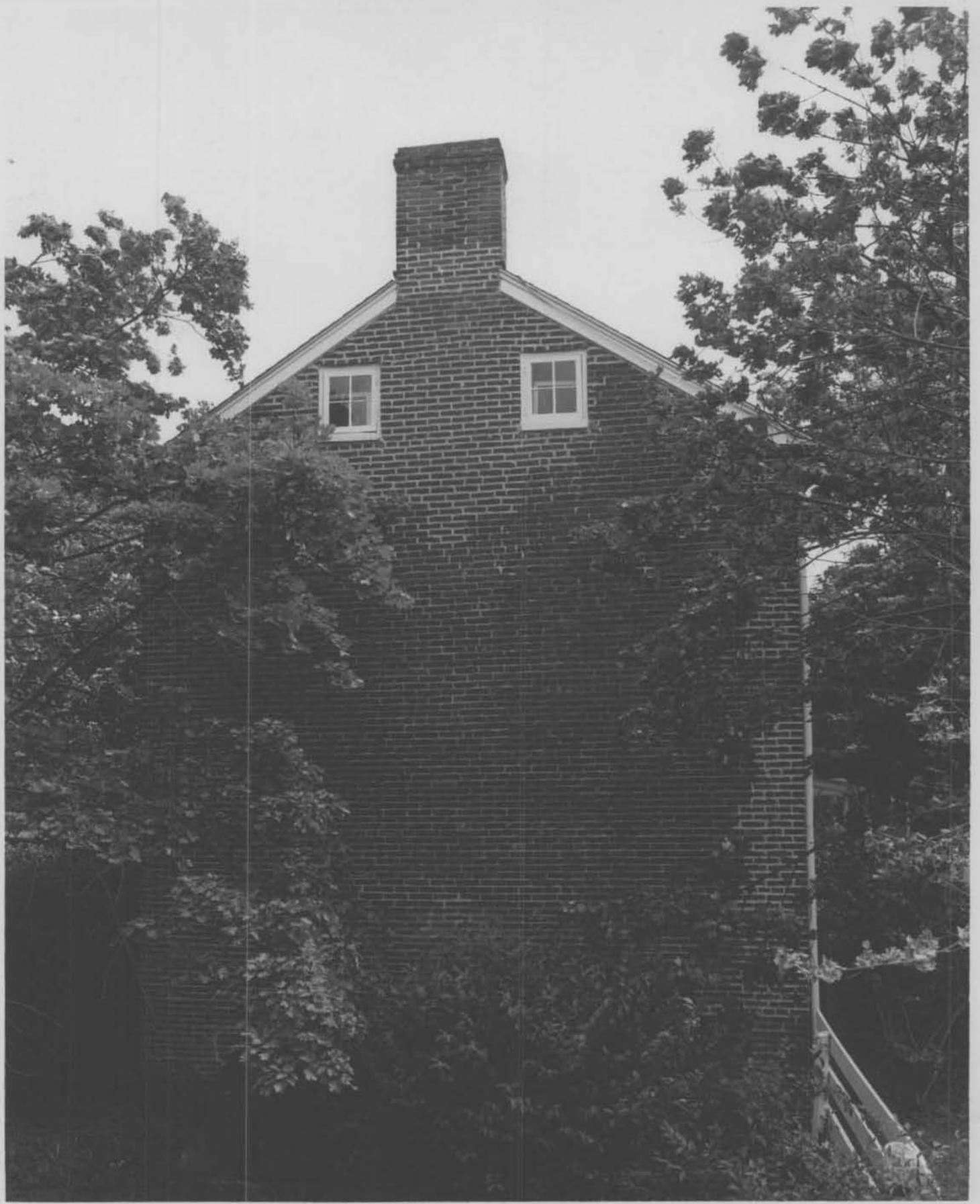
(Copied from old Account Book kept by Sewell Hepbron, owner
of above house)



Hephara Farm - main facade K 226

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C. Engstrom



Hephurn Farm K-226

Mantle

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