

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Raymond Warfield Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 8131 Damascus Road  not for publicationcity, town Damascus  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Dorothy E. Warfield et al

street &amp; number 8251 Damascus Road telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20879

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5527

street &amp; number folio 464

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Raymond Warfield farm is a dairy farm with a collection of early 20th century buildings. The oldest barn on the property is actually a log barn which has been moved to a back field. The first 20th century farm building of note is the 1915 wood bank barn built to replace an 1890's barn which had burned. This large wood framed barn is sheathed with vertical boards and has a metal-covered gable roof. Atop the ridge at either end of the barn sit two very ornate, sheet metal ventilators. Extending from the northwest elevation of the barn is a shed roof corncrib with driveway, also sheathed with vertical boards. Built originally to house horses, the barn's box stalls were later removed to accommodate stanchions for milking cows. When a newer milking barn was built, this barn was used for storage.

Two small concrete block buildings dating from the 1920's stand to the southwest of the bank barn. These were used as a dairy and a storage building when the bank barn housed milking cows. The southernmost structure is built of rock-faced block and has corrugated metal covering its gable roof. The northeast elevation contains only a door, the southeast elevation has both a door and a six-over-six double-hung wood window. The gable ends are sheathed with German siding. The other dairy is similar except its concrete block is flush, smooth-faced, with a few darker brown blocks used among the grey ones. Near this building a concrete pad covers a well head. This used to support a windmill which was blown down during a tornado many years ago.

In 1930 a new dairy and barn were built to the southwest of the bank barn. This barn is nearly identical to the Merhle Warfield barn farther east on Damascus Road. Both the seven- by three-bay stanchion barn and the dairy standing to the northwest of it are built of tanish-gray rusticated concrete blocks with white blocks used as quoins at the corners and around window and door openings. The dairy has a metal covered gable roof topped by two small metal ventilators. A brick chimney rises through the roof at the west corner. The gable ends are sheathed with German siding. The barn has a gambrel roof covered with sheet metal (some of which is rusting and coming loose); its northeast gambrel end is covered with corrugated sheet metal (also rusting). The southern five bays are an addition built in 1951. Unlike the Merhle Warfield barn, however, this 1950's addition used rusticated concrete blocks similar to the 1930's ones and continued the use of white accent blocks at corners and window openings, thus providing the barn with a more unified appearance. The gambrel roof was continued; the section of newer sheet metal is apparent. The southwest gambrel end is sheathed with German siding and contains two windows with 12-light wood sash. The windows of the 1930 section are probably the original 12-light wood sash. They tilt inward to rest against triangular pieces attached to the inside jambs of the windows. The windows of the 1951 addition are two-over-two metal sash, with the bottom sash fixed and the upper sash hinged to tilt inward. Two tall, gabled dormers with German siding on their cheeks project from the northwest side of the roof to give access to the hayloft. Two silos stand to the northeast of this barn. One is of terra cotta block with a domed, sheet metal roof. The other is built of rusticated concrete block with internal reinforcing, and has a mansard sheet metal roof topped by a small spire. A brick shaft climbs the south side of this silo, and a small gabled dormer projects from its roof to the east.

Other outbuildings include several wood or concrete block sheds, and an L-shaped, German-sided, shed-roof hen house dating from the 1920's. This building has a terra cotta block privy attached at its western corner.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1916, 1930, 1951 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The buildings on the Raymond Warfield farm illustrate many of the changes which have taken place on Montgomery County farms in the last century. The small log barn is a reminder of the era when tobacco was the main cash crop of County farms, and the farm economy was anything but thriving. As the 19th century progressed, economic conditions improved, and a new barn was built around 1890. Always vulnerable to fire, this one was destroyed early in the century to be replaced in 1916 by the large bank barn on the site today. This is a general purpose, or utility barn, designed to house a variety of livestock, but used primarily to shelter the horses which pulled farm equipment and wagons. Steam and gasoline powered tractors, although available, were not widely used until well into the 20th century. By the 1920's, however, gasoline powered trucks rolling over newly improved roads were taking milk and produce to Baltimore and Washington, and this farm took advantage of the trend by increasing its milk production to a commercial level. Health regulations required a separate dairy in which to cool and store the milk, so a separate small building was constructed for this purpose.

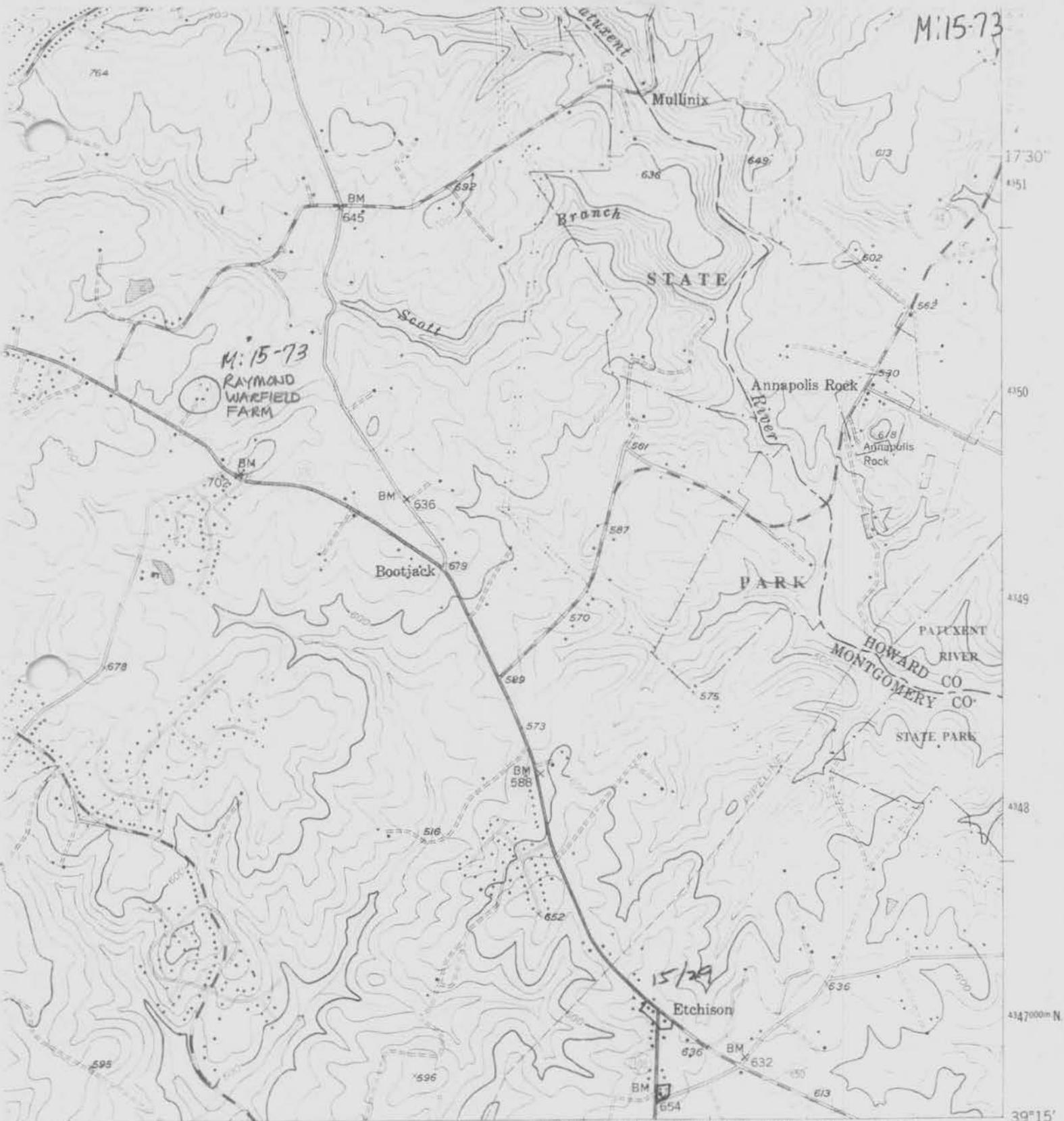
Business was so good that in 1930 a major investment was made in a new, sanitary, thoroughly modern milking barn and its accompanying larger dairy. This barn, with its concrete floor, plastered walls, metal stanchions, and finished ceiling was of the latest design, right up to its huge open hayloft beneath the self-supporting gambrel roof. So successful were both the dairy operation and the barn design that in 1951 the barn was enlarged, the same design being used. Dairy farming suffered in the 1950's. A drop in price supports, diseased herds, and difficulty in obtaining farm labor slowed the growth of small operations like this one, and the farm has few improvements built after that time.

The smaller structures give insight into other aspects of daily life. The large hen house shows the importance of poultry farming in the first half of the century. The outdoor privy, of course, symbolizes the crude level of creature comforts once common on farms. A few details on these structures make them significant, too. The 1916 barn still has the older, ornate, sheet-metal ventilators. The concrete block silo is unusual. Most silos in the County were wood or poured concrete in the very early years (from 1880 to 1910). Terra cotta or hollow clay block silos were introduced about 1910, roughly the same time that concrete stave silos were being patented. There are numerous examples of these two types throughout the County. Although reinforced concrete block silos were also available, there are far fewer examples of them here, and this silo, with rusticated block matching that used in the barn, is extremely rare.

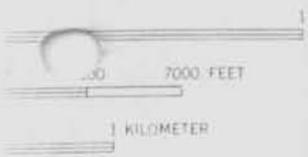
Thus the buildings on this farm are significant individually for their unique details, and as a group for the story they tell about early 20th century farming in Montgomery County.



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
U. S. Route		State Route	

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Raymond Warfield Farm

8131 Damascus Road

Damascus, MD

Andrea Rebeck                      1987

1930-51 barn

Looking east



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Looking north



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Interior detail