

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

State of Maryland (13-2)

1. Name: Harvey White House  
 2. Planning Area/Site Number: 17/28  
 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 12  
 C-4  
 4. Address: 20900 Westerly Road

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u>    </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u>    </u>
Present use <u>private residence</u>	

6. Date: c. 1899  
 7. Original Owner: Harvey White

8. Apparent Condition

a. good                      b. altered                      c. original site

9. Description: This L-shaped, two-and-a-half story, five bay by one bay, farmhouse sits back from the road at the end of a stand of maple trees facing north. This wooden framed house has white asbestos siding on the north, south and east elevations and asbestos siding on the west elevation. The north porch has a flat roof supported by six wooden columns. On the east elevation there is a two story porch. There are one-over-one double-hung windows. On the west elevation there is a two story bay window and a one story bay window. The cross gable roof has diamond asbestos tiles.

10. Significance: The Harvey White house is the turn-of-the-century home of a prosperous Montgomery County farmer. It is associated with the Whites, a prominent up-county family.

In the early 18th century, much land in what was to become the northwest corner of Montgomery County was granted to Robert Peter. Part of Peter's land became farmland centered around Poolesville. In 1897 Harvey White bought 150 acres of this tract and built this large Colonial Revival farmhouse by 1900.

White was part of a new class of prosperous farmers whose good fortune was due to improved farming technology and better marketing transportation facilities.

The 1870 Census shows Harvey White's father Benjamin owning \$20,000 in real estate, a very significant amount. Thus when Harvey White began farming on his own he could afford to build a handsome new house for his family.

The Whites lived in their house for 50 years. In 1950, at the death of Harvey White, the property was sold to real estate dealer Charles Jamison. Today the Jamisons still live in their well-maintained farmhouse.

11. Researcher and date researched: Donald Leavitt  
 Candy Reed  
 Arch. Description  
 12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman  
 13. Date Compiled: 10/79  
 14. Designation Approval       
 15. Acreage: 153.04 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Harvey White House

AND/OR COMMON Jamison Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 20900 Westerly Road

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

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 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 checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Charles H. Jamison Telephone #: 349-3262

STREET & NUMBER 20900 Westerly Road

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20837

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1390  
 Folio #: 26

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

# 7 DESCRIPTION

M:17-28

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

This L-shaped, two-and-a-half story, five bay by one bay farm house is in good condition. It sits back from the road behind a stand of maple trees facing north.

Built on Seneca sandstone foundations, this wooden frame house has white novelty siding on the north, south, and east elevations and asbestos siding on the west elevation. There is a porch on the north elevation. This has wooden flooring and six wooden columns supporting a flat roof. Four wooden steps, centered on the north elevation lead onto the porch and to the north (front) door. This is a five paneled wooden door flanked by diamond-paned sidelights and surmounted by a three light transom. On the east elevation there is a two story porch. At the first level there are four turned posts and half the porch is enclosed by novelty siding. At the second level half the porch is enclosed and half is open. The open section has one free standing turned post and is enclosed by a railing with square balusters. There are one-over-one double-hung windows throughout the house except on the west elevation where there are two-over-two windows. Also on the west elevation there is a two story bay window with a pedimented gable roof and a one story bay window with a shed roof. There is one small louvered window on the west gable end, and two small windows on the east gable end. The cross gable roof has diamond-shaped asbestos tiles. There is a semi-circular window in the north cross gable. One exterior stove chimney on the west elevation abuts an interior end chimney. There is an interior end stove chimney on the south elevation. There is a two story south addition with a gable roof lower than that of the main house. At the south end of this addition there is an enclosed screen porch with a shed roof.

South of the house is a bank barn. This is a large red frame structure built on fieldstone foundations and facing both north and south. Four rows of round-headed simulated windows have been painted on to the east and west gable ends. The gable roof has corrugated metal covering. At the ridge line there are three decorative metal ventilators.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:17-28

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1899                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Harvey White

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Harvey White house is the turn-of-the-century home of a prosperous Montgomery County farmer. It is associated with the Whites, a prominent up-county family.

In the early 18th century, much land in what was to become the north-west corner of Montgomery County was granted to Robert Peter. One such 2,000 acre tract was called "Resurvey on Part of the Forest" and over succeeding decades it became a farming area centered around the town of Poolesville. The Whites became a prominent family in the area, and White's Ferry was named after one of their members. They became prosperous farmers by the late 19th century, with extensive land holdings. In 1897, 28 year old Harvey White bought 150 acres of the old Forest tract from his father Benjamin.<sup>1</sup>

According to the Montgomery County tax assessments for 1898 the property contained no improvements. In 1900 White was assessed over \$1,200 for improvements, a substantial figure. The large Colonial Revival farm house had been built, a testimony to White's affluence.

The fortunes of up-county farmers had not always been so good. In the 1830's and 40's the county suffered a severe depression as a result of the land being destroyed by constant tobacco farming and farmers were forced to leave the county by the scores.

From those low times conditions gradually improved. The introduction of guano from Peru as a fertilizer helped improve the soil, and later chemical fertilizers were used. The railroad and better roads in the county helped open new markets for previously isolated farms, and Washington's large population growth created a huge demand for farm products. Emphasis shifted from tobacco to wheat, produce, and cattle and dairy products. Farm organizations were formed to promote better methods and push for legislation favorable to farmers. All this led to a period of time from the 1890's to World War One which has been called "the Golden Age of Farming".

A new class of prosperous farmers such as the Whites was created. The 1870 census shows Harvey White's father Benjamin owning \$20,000 in real estate, a very significant amount. Thus when Harvey White began farming on his own he could afford to build a handsome new house for his family.

The Whites lived in their house for 50 years. In 1950, at the death of Harvey White, the property was sold to real estate dealer Charles Jamison. Today the Jamisons still live in their well-maintained farm house.

### FOOTNOTE:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., TD 2/26 (11/5/1897).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Census Records of the United States, 1870.  
 Land and Assessment Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 MacMaster, Richard K., and Ray Eldon Hiebert. A Grateful Remembrance.  
 Rockville, Md., Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County  
 Historical Society, 1976.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 153.04 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south of Westerly Road near the town of  
 Poolesville.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed  
 Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

9/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 ment of individual property rights.

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

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HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jamison Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Westerly Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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
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Telephone #:

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CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

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STATE, zip code

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This is probably a turn-of-the-century farm that reflects the life of a prosperous farmer at that time. The main block of the house is a two-story, frame, Colonial Revival building that faces north. There are several additional sections of varying heights that extend to the south.

Farm buildings include a fine example of a frame hay barn, on a raised stone foundation.

(Details of the house are unknown, since it was not seen close-up at the time of the survey.)

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME CHARLEY JAMISON FARM

LOCATION WESTERLY Rd POOLSVILLE, Md.

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