

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Virgil and Sarah Webb House Survey Number: WO-477

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Virgil and Sarah Webb House stands on the east side of US Route 113 one-half mile north of Showell in Worcester County, MD. The property, which consists of a single dwelling, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places nor is it located within a National Register-eligible historic district.

The Webb House is a 2-1/2-story, three-bay frame house with a 2-1/2-story rear ell. T-shaped in plan, the dwelling is covered with a cross gable roof featuring three interior brick chimneys with corbelled caps. The front elevation is divided into three bays with a central entry flanked by windows; the characteristic front porch is a missing feature of this house. Probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century, the house is a typical example of the residential architecture of the region and from the period does not qualify for listing under criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

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

Prepared by: Stuart Paul Dixon/Historian, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 17, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Charles Adair March 27, 1997
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

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:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- 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 Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

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: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870 - 1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Functions:	Single-family dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Virgil & Sarah Webb House

2. Location

street & number 11750 Worcester Highway not for publicationcity, town Showell vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Virgil James & Sarah Webb

street & number P.O. Box 35 telephone no.:

city, town Showell state and zip code MD 21862

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

Survey No. WO-477

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
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<input checked="" 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 Unknown **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Virgil and Sarah Webb House stands on the east side of US 113 approximately one-half mile north of Showell. The dwelling sits directly along the highway, just south of the highway's intersection with Shingle Landing Road to the east and Peerless Road to the west.

The two-story, frame tee-plan dwelling, clad in wood shingles painted white, rests on a brick foundation covered with metal. An asphalt shingle gable roof with wide eaves and box cornice covers the building. Two corbelled brick interior chimneys rise through the center ridge of the main block; a similar chimney extends through the ell's ridge near its junction with the main block. A one-story shed roof enclosed porch is located in the southeast elbow. Windows throughout the dwelling consist of six-over-six double-hung wood sash.

The west, or main, elevation contains three bays on both the first and second stories. The first story includes a central panelled door flanked on either side by a window; the second story contains three symmetrically spaced windows. The placement of the walkway and height of the door indicate that a porch probably covered at least a portion of this elevation.

The south elevation contains a centered window in each story and in the gable of the main block. The ell contains a single window in the second story. The shed-roof porch is enclosed with a four-light and two-panel door and three windows.

The east elevation contains a single six-over-two window in the first story of the ell and a four-light casement in the gable. A single window lights the second story of the main block in this elevation. A four-light and two-panel door allows access to the east elevation of the shed-roof porch.

The north elevation of the ell contains a single window in the second story. The main block includes a centered window in both the first and second stories and in the gable end.

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The Virgil and Sarah Webb House stands as a good example of early-twentieth-century rural domestic architecture which retains its integrity of design, feeling, location, materials, and workmanship. The dwelling retains much of its original fabric, including six-over-six double-hung wood sash and corbelled brick chimneys. Many of the county's two-story tee-plan dwellings similar to the Webb House have been altered with new wall cladding, modern additions, and the replacement of original sash. The Webb House, however, has received very few changes to its exterior fabric and remains a representative example of its type.

Recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion C, the Virgil and Sarah Webb House illustrates an intact and little-modified example of the simple two-story tee-plan dwelling with good integrity of design, feeling, location, materials, and workmanship.

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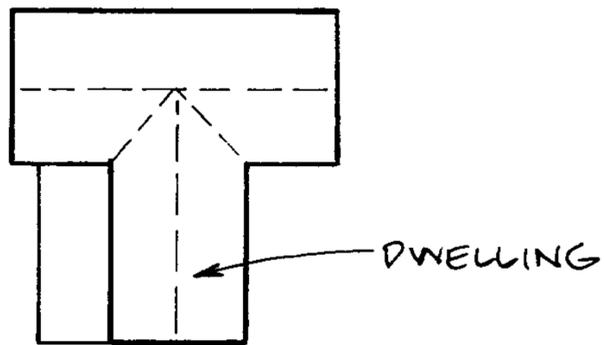
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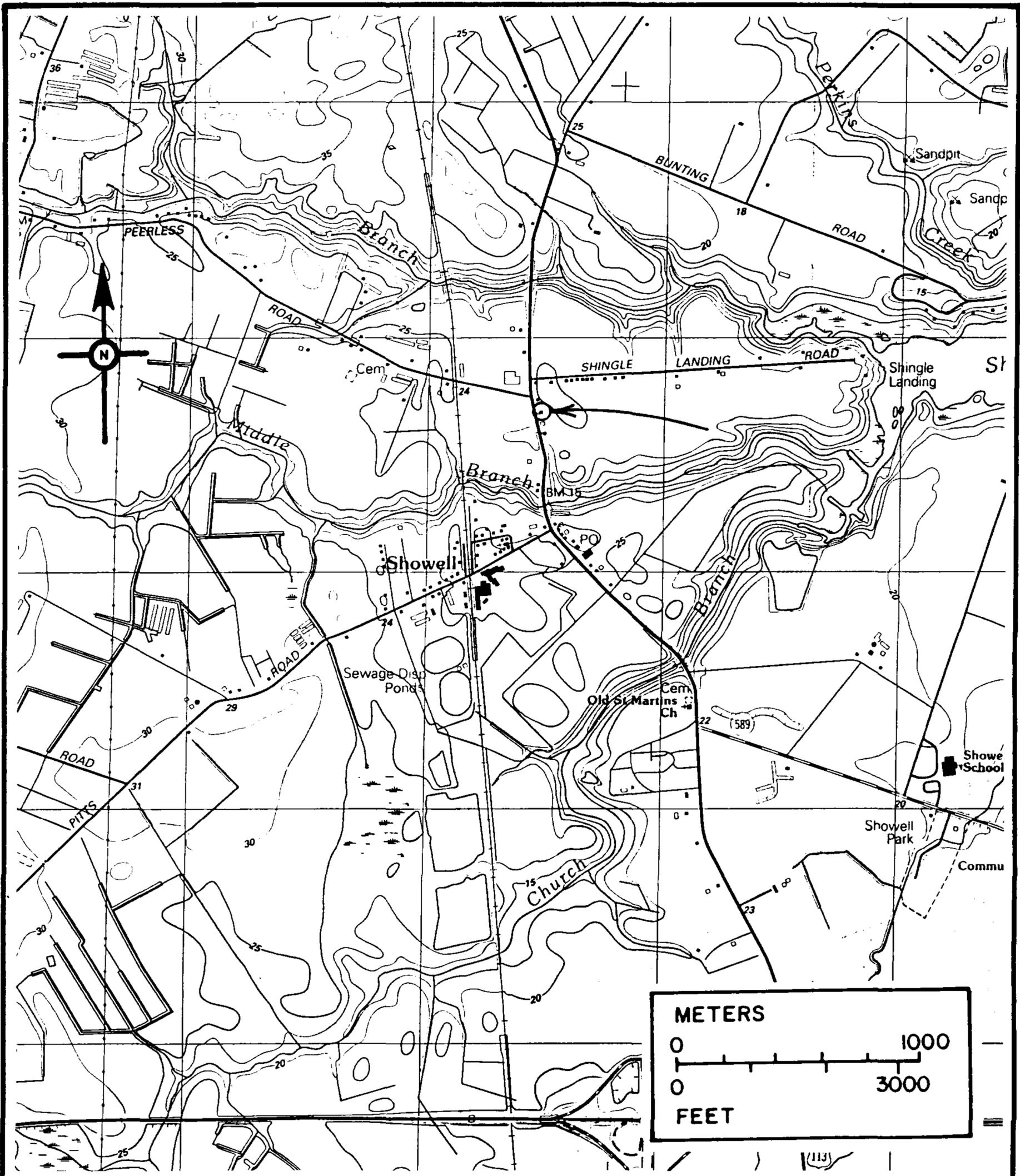


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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Virgil and Sarah Webb House (KCI-17)
Showell, Worcester County, MD
Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)
 Showing the Virgil and Sarah Webb House (KCI-17),
 Showell, Worcester County, MD.

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