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United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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7. Description

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Condition excellent deteriorated good ruins fair unexposed	Check one unaltered _X altered	Check one X original site moved date	N/A
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Contributing	Noncontributing	Number of previously listed
2	4 buildings	National Register properties
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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Hawkins Pharsalia is a l_2^1 story, three bay, single-pile gambrel-roofed dwelling constructed ca. 1820-1840, located near Ruthsburg in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The house is constructed of brick laid in five-course bond, with corbeled cornice. The principal facade faces north, with the entrance located in the center bay, flanked on either side by a nine-over-six window. Three shed-roofed dormers, with six-over-six sash are symmetrically arrayed across the facade, and a brick chimney is centered on each end. The rear facade is similar to the front, but the fenestration is not quite symmetrical. The interior is laid out in a center hall plan. The open string stair rises from the north end of the hall along the west wall, and features square ballusters and square newels with pyramidal caps. The rooms on both floors retain the majority of their original late Federal - influenced woodwork, including mantels, cupboard, architraves, chairrail, and baseboard; the second-floor rooms have batten doors. A two-story frame addition was constructed against the east gable ca. 1900. A brick smokehouse, contemporaneous with the original dwelling, lies to the rear; it has a corbeled cornice and retains its original batten door, with wrought iron hasp and strap hinges and a large wooden box lock. Also on the property are a swimming pool, and four recent outbuildings (two sheds, a stable, and a barn), which do not contribute to the significance of the resource.

8. Significance

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Applicable Exceptions: none Significance Evaluated: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Hawkins Pharsalia is significant for its architecture, as a well-preserved example of a type of dwelling which characterized rural Queen Anne's County in the second quarter of the 19th century. Its modest size and gambrel roof form are characteristic of the type. Hawkins Pharsalia is distinguished among perhaps fifty surviving examples by its center-hall plan, brick construction, and the quality of its workmanship; these uncommonly refined features reflect the uppermiddle-class status of its owner. The house is further distinguished by its near-pristine condition, retaining a wealth of finely-wrought Greek Revivalinfluenced decorative detailing intact. A brick smokehouse, contemporaneous with the dwelling remains in good repair and adds to the significance of the property.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records, Queen Anne's County, Courthouse, Centreville, MD Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory (QA-92), Orlando Ridout V, Surveyor

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Hawkins Pharsalia is located on the south side of Maryland Route 304 approximately two miles east of Ruthsburg. The house sits back from the road in an open grove of trees. There are several recent farm buildings and a barn to the rear of the house.

The house was built in two sections; the original house circa 1820-1840, and a later addition circa 1900. The original house is of brick construction, laid in five-course bond with a corbelled brick cornice but no watertable. It is three bays wide, one-and-one-half stories high with a gambrel roof. There is a single brick chimney centered on each gable, and three shed roof dormers symmetrically arranged on each facade.

The addition was made to the east gable of the earlier house. It is of frame construction, two bays wide and two stories high with a low-pitched gable roof.

The principal facade of the main house faces north, toward the road. The door is located in the center bay, flanked by a single nine-over-six window symmetrically placed on either side. A pair of cellar windows with restored wooden frames also flank the door.

On the west gable, a pair of nine-over-six windows flank the chimney on the first floor. The chimney is not flush, but projects about nine inches from the gable wall.

The rear facade is similar to the fornt, but the fenestration is not quite symmetrical, with the door slightly offset to the east. There is a bulkhead entrance to the cellar in the southeast corner of this facade. A ghost in the brickwork above indicates this once had a covered entrance with a vaulted ceiling.

The dormer windows on both facades are of six-over-six sash. Raised panel exterior shutters on the first floor windows and open wooden entrance porches for the two doors are recent additions by the present owner. The rakeboards are also recent, but are tapered and beaded, and flared slightly at the eave, consistent with early-19th century practice. The roof is covered with modern, rough split cedar shingles.

The interior of the original house is laid out in a center hall plan, with a single parlour on either side of the stair hall. The stair rises from the north end of the hall along the west wall. It is an open string stair with square newels with pyramidal caps. The space below the carriage is finished with a single large raised panel. The stair ends are not decorated.



GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The west room is the more formal, with more woodwork and a very nice mantel. The mantel has flat pilasters embellished with recessed, molded panels, a plain frieze and a delicate shelf that breaks forward above the pilasters and at the center. Both the shelf and the moldings below the shelf are dominated by Greek ovolos, while the fascia is set off by a molded cove-astragal band. A chairrail and baseboard surround the room. Both the shelf of the chairrail and the baseboard have an ovolo-astragal, not unusual for the chairrail, but very odd for the baseboard, as the molding is run along the top face of the board rather than the upper edge. The east room is rather plain, at least partially due to later alterations. The original mantel is gone, replaced by a modern brick mantel shelf. In the alcove to the left of the fireplace is a four-door cupboard. The two lower doors are reproductions, but the upper doors are original, and in very good condition. A door to the right of the fireplace leads to the wing.

The second floor plan is identical to the first floor, with a single chamber on either side of the stair hall. The original mantels remain in both rooms. These are simpler than the first floor mantel, but are of similar design. A plain beaded surround set off by a cove-astragal molding surrounds the opening. This is surmounted by plain blocks with ovolo caps supporting a wide molded shelf. Plain beaded baseboards and molded door architraves comprise the only other decorative woodwork on the second floor. The doors are batten, constructed of random beaded boards secured to three beaded battens with very large screws.

The cellar can be reached by way of the bulkhead entrance on the south facade or by an original interior stair descending from the south end of the first floor hall. The cellar is divided into two rooms by a brick partition wall directly below the west wall of the first floor hall. The east room is thus the larger of the two, and evidently was used as a kitchen, as there is a large fireplace on the east gable with an elliptical brick arch supported by an iron bar.

There is a brick smokehouse with a gable roof directly behind the east addition to the house. The overall dimensions are ten feet ten inches square. The brick is laid in five course bond with a corbelled brick cornice. Many of the bricks are soft and stucco has been applied to much of the exterior of the building to halt further deterioration. The original pegged wooden door frame remains in the north gable. The wide batten door is also original, constructed of random width beaded boards secured to three plain battens with large wrought nails driven through the wrought iron strap hinges and clinched against the battens. Machine made nails have been driven through the face of the door in a tight diamond pattern for decoration. The door retains a large wooden box lock and a wrought iron hasp.



HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

Hawkins Pharsalia is one of the most carefully preserved small houses in Queen Anne's County. Constructed circa 1820-1840, the house has undergone only minor alterations, and remains basically intact both inside and out. Recent restoration work was confined to a new roof covering, new shutters, and two entrance porches. The interior is almost completely untouched, with a rebuilt chimney in one parlour the only modern intrusion. Virtually all of the original trim survives, including three Greek Revival mantels, chairrails, baseboard, interior and exterior doors, as well as a graceful open-string stair.

To the rear of the house is a small brick meat house with a beaded batten door embellished with clinched nails set in diamond patterns.

The house stands on part of a 2500-acre tract of the same name patented to John Hawkins in 1696. The original ownership of the house has not been established, but it is likely that the house was built for a member of the Baynard family, who had acquired part of the property before 1798. Little is known about the Baynards, apart from the fact that they owned land in Tuckahoe Hundred during the 18th and 19th centuries. It is possible that the house was built for Robert C. Baynard, who purchased part of the Hawkins Pharsalia tract in 1828, within the range of probable construction dates; Baynard served as town clerk of the Queen Anne's County seat of Centreville between 1855 and 1858.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description:

Boundaries are depicted on the attached map.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property, approximately 15 acres, comprises the area immediately surrounding the resource and its entrance drive, preserving its historic orientation to Maryland Route 304. The property which surrounds the nominated parcel on the north and south consists of open space which does not contribute to the significance of the resource; the east boundary is determined by the edge of a forested area.



