The House

It's conjectured that the first part of the three-story white frame house (the kitchen area) was built by a tenant farmer between 1703 and 1709 when Rachel and George Yates owned the land.

The first frame addition was made around 1709 when John Warfield and his wife, Rachel owned it, and as second addition was made in 1845 when Thomas Chew Worthington acquired the property. During Dr. Worthington's lifetime, he acquired an additional four pieces of land that consisted of eleven acres. In 1900, the property was conveyed from the Worthington family to James Baxley and his wife Ella for \$2,600.

In 1920, the property was assigned to the Citizens National Bank of Laurel. In June, 1937 George Daniel became the new property owner.

The property totaled 260 acres when Chester Gilbert and his wife Janet bought it in 1939. In 1947, the Gilbert's sold 100 acres of land next to their home at \$40 per acre. That land today is the site of the Columbia Horse Farm. Chester Gilbert died in 1958 assigning the property to his wife. Janet remarried five years later to Charles Phelps, who died in 1974.

In 1983, Janet Phelps signed an agreement with the Newburn Development Corporation to transform the farm into what has now become known as "Warfield's Range."

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