

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

Property/District Name: Shipley House Survey Number: HO-642

Project: Alpha Ridge Park Agency: S/DNR (POS)

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 Shipley House and its related outbuildings are located on the south side of Old Frederick road (MD Rt. 99), east of MD Rt. 32 in Howard County. The domestic and agricultural complex is composed of six structures: a frame house, stone and timber frame bank barn, corn crib, wellhouse, log and frame shed; and a concrete block garage. These buildings relate to the property's use throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the harvesting and production of tobacco, grain and livestock. The complex has undergone serious deterioration. The c.1835 frame and log dwelling was modified substantially during the 1950s and recent deterioration has resulted in the loss of such character-defining features as doors, windows, and interior finishes. The extensive deterioration also extends to the agricultural buildings. Though archival research indicates that the Shipley House property was a family farm that followed the 19th century regional agricultural development pattern, the complex of buildings no longer retain sufficient integrity to illustrate agricultural complexes or building practices from the 19th and early 20th centuries. MHT concurred that the property was not eligible for the MD Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Information taken from R. C. Goodwin & Associates report "Historic and Architectural Investigations of the Shipley House, Ho Co"

Prepared by: Deborah Cannan, Dod, and McAloon of Goodwin & Associates August 1992

Lauren Bowlin Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services September 1994 Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
R. Goodwin Reviewer, NR program 9, 30-94 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 Adaption

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 complex

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic and agricultural

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Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form / Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Shipley House

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number Old Frederick Road (MD Rte 99)  not for publication

city or town Alpha  vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Howard code 027 zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

entered in the National Register.

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
6		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
6		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling  
Agriculture/agricultural outbuildings

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use  
vacant/not in use

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century  
Other: I-house with rear ell

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone  
walls wood/weatherboard  
wood/log  
roof other/composition roll  
other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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10. Geographical Data

acreage of Property 55 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2			

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Deborah Cannan, Tom Dod, and Hugh McAloon

organization R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates date July 1992

street & number 337 East Third Street telephone (301) 694-0428

city or town Frederick state MD zip code 21701

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks

street & number 3300 North Ridge Road, Suite 170 telephone (301) 313-2770

city or town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1830 - 1942

**Significant Dates**

n/a

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

**Cultural Affiliation**

n/a

**Architect/Builder**

unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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Howard County, Maryland**

**Description Summary**

The Shipley House and its related outbuildings are located on the south side of Old Frederick Road (Maryland Rte 99), east of Maryland Route 32 in Howard County, Maryland. Resting on the watershed between the Patapsco and Patuxent Rivers, the project area is composed mostly of agricultural land which has been used for tobacco, grain, livestock, and dairy farming since the early nineteenth century. The Shipley property includes six structures related to the property's domestic and agricultural development during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Figure 5). The complex is composed of a frame house with log core; a stone and timber-frame bank barn; a frame corn crib; a frame wellhouse; a log and frame shed; and a concrete block garage. Archeological survey identified the ruins of three additional outbuildings (Goodwin et al. 1992:53). The house and associated outbuildings are oriented towards the north.

The Shipley complex dates from the mid-nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and represents several phases of construction. The log portion of the house and log shed appear to date from the early to mid-nineteenth century. The two-story frame addition to the dwelling and the bank barn date both from the late nineteenth century. The wellhouse may date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. The final construction phase during the mid-twentieth century resulted in the garage, corncrib, and a one-story addition to the dwelling. The farmstead structures represent common regional agricultural building types, and are in poor physical condition.

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### General Description

Gently rolling fields surround the farmstead. A long, unpaved, overgrown drive extends 850 ft to the northern edge of the complex, terminating in a roundabout. The fields and yards surrounding the buildings are overgrown. The wellhouse, the log-and-frame shed, and the garage extend in a line to the northeast from the southeast corner of the dwelling. The corn crib and bank barn are located approximately 150 ft southeast of the dwelling.

### House (ca. 1835)

The Shipley House is a five-bay, two-story wood frame and log dwelling supported by a stone rubble and cinderblock foundation. The main block of the house is a side-gabled rectangle with a rear ell forming a T-shaped plan (Figure 6). The building terminates in an intersecting gable roof clad in composition shingles; the overhanging eave is marked by a unadorned cornice. A one-story frame addition with gable and shed roofs adjoins the rear west corner of the ell; it extends beyond the west wall of the main block and is supported by the cinderblock foundations.

The two-story portion of the house is sheathed in horizontal German siding. The one-story rear addition is clad in asbestos shingles. Photographic evidence indicates that, until recently, the entire structure was clad in asbestos shingles. A brick interior chimney rises from the center of the rear ell. A straight-stack concrete block chimney rises from the west end elevation.

Plywood boards cover all openings, obscuring the characteristics of the doors and windows. The fenestration pattern is asymmetrical. The ground-floor, five-bay primary elevation (north) contains two

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doorways and three windows; the second floor north elevation contains four bays. A bay window extends from the east end elevation of the main block. Interior inspection revealed that the ground floor windows on the main block are tall, two-over-two sash windows, while the remaining windows are six-over-six sash windows. Small arched attic windows are found under the gable end eaves.

A three-bay, one-story porch spans the north elevation. The porch floor consists of sandstone slabs set into a concrete foundation. The porch terminates in a hip roof clad in standing-seam metal. Square wood posts support the porch ceiling, which is clad in beaded wood siding. An enclosed two-story porch extends across the east elevation of the rear ell, forming a flush wall plane with the east end elevation of the principal block. A secondary entrance is located in the center of the enclosed porch.

The two-bay by three-bay, one-story rear addition contains another secondary entrance on the south elevation. A set of wooden steps leads to the door.

The ground floor plan consists of three rooms in the T-shape section, and a hall, a bath, and two bedrooms in the one-story rear addition. Each of the two entrances of the north elevation leads into the two units of the principal block. The east unit is constructed of logs. Hewn timbers with cement chinking and V-notch joinery are visible under the later machine-sawn lath and plaster wall construction. The log core is two stories tall. Stairs lead from the log section to the second floor. A frame room, indicated as the dining room, joins the west wall of the log unit, and the kitchen lies in the rear ell. Boxed corner stairs lead from the kitchen to the second floor. The interior trim is minimal, and mantels have been removed. The second floor contains two bedrooms in the front section, a hallway and bath over the ell, and storage rooms

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in the enclosed porch. A stone-lined basement extends under the dining room only. Hewn joists support the floor above.

The house is in poor physical condition. Minimal interior finishes survive. Plaster has been removed from walls and ceiling, exposing the lath and joists. Fireplace mantles have been removed, and door and window frames have been removed or damaged. The floors are weak; in the kitchen, portions of the floor have collapsed. Fixtures and cabinets have been removed. Damage from weather and termites was recorded throughout the building. A portion of the northeast corner of the log structure is missing due to structural deterioration.

Wellhouse (ca. 1900)

The outbuilding closest to the Shipley dwelling lies to the southeast. The wellhouse is a rectangular, one-story, one-bay, frame building resting on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad in vertical board siding with distinct circular saw marks. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt roll over asphalt shingles. The gable end extends beyond the north wall plane and is supported by plain wood brackets. A stone lined well, now filled with earth, directly abuts the north, or principal, elevation, and is sheltered under the overhanging roof. The vertical siding exhibits signs of deterioration.

Log and Frame Shed (ca. 1835)

The second outbuilding lies directly east of the Shipley dwelling. This outbuilding was constructed in two phases. The first phase consists of a rectangular, one-story, one-bay structure of hewn log

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construction. The logs rest on a concrete sill, and exhibit V-notch joinery. The exterior is clad in vertical boards. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt roll. The entrance is located on the east elevation; the structure has no windows. The building appears to have been used for storage.

The second phase of construction consists of a rectangular, one-story, one-bay wood frame addition adjoining the south elevation of the log structure. The walls rest on a concrete block foundation, and are sheathed with horizontal board and asbestos shingles. The east elevation is open. The shed roof is clad with asphalt roll. This structure appears to have been used as an animal pen. On the north elevation of the log structure stands a second frame addition that appears to have served as a henhouse. The entire structure is in poor condition; a hole has rotted a portion of the northeast elevation.

Garage (ca. 1950)

This outbuilding lies to the east of the log shed, in a glade of deciduous trees near the end of the drive. The garage is a rectangular, one-story, one-bay structure of concrete block masonry walls resting on a poured concrete pad. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with asphalt roll laid over asphalt shingles. The principal entrance is located in the west gable end and consists of a pair of vertical board doors. A six-over-six, double-hung sash window occupies the southeast wall. The west gable end is sheathed with scalloped asbestos shingles, and the east gable end is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

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### Bank Barn (1884)

The bank barn lies southeast of the dwelling complex. The two-story barn is built into a hillside, with its long axis running east-west parallel to the hill. The mow is level with the ground on the north elevation, while the south elevation features an overhanging forebay. A random rubble and ashlar stone foundation supports the timber-frame structure of the mow. The frame walls of the second level are clad with vertical boards. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed with standing seam metal panels. A rectangular frame cupola tops the gable roof. The cupola has louvered slat walls that terminate at a pressed-metal sheathed gable roof.

Stone piers stand in the center and in the middle of the south elevation of the ground floor. A circular-sawn summer beam supports the joists of the second level. The summer beam runs longitudinally through the building. The log joists support 12 x 1 in floor planking. Portions of the floor planks and exterior siding are missing.

### Corn Crib

The corn crib stands southeast of the house, on the north side of the bank barn. The one-and-one-half story, wood frame corn crib rests on concrete piers. Exterior walls are partially clad with wire mesh and terminate at a gable roof sheathed with corrugated metal. The lumber appears to be date from the mid to late twentieth century. All exterior cladding has been removed, leaving the frame structure exposed.

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### Significance Summary

The Shipley House property illustrates the development of the typical family farm in rural Howard County from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century. Carved from a larger tract, the property remained in Shipley ownership for over one hundred years. The farm reflected the trends of agricultural production. During the nineteenth century, cereal grains replaced tobacco, and a variety of livestock, including cows, horses, and pigs, were raised. The farm buildings reflects various phases of construction. The original log section of the house and a log outbuilding were constructed ca. 1830, while the frame additions to the house and the bank barn were constructed during the late nineteenth century. Further additions to the house and farmstead were made during the mid-twentieth century. Though archival research indicates that the Shipley House property was a family farm that followed the nineteenth-century regional agricultural development pattern, the complex of buildings no longer retain sufficient integrity to illustrate agricultural complexes or building practices from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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### Supporting Paragraphs

#### Land Tenure History Prior to the Shipley Ownership (1727 - ca. 1800)

The 55-acre Shipley property lies within the boundaries of a 3,440-acre, eighteenth-century land grant known as Woodford. John Tailor obtained the original grant from Benedict Leonard, son of Charles Calvert, third Lord Baltimore, in December of 1727 (Patent Records #3440).

Following Tailor's death, the executor of his estate, Margaret Higgenson, sold 2,907 acres of Woodford to Philip Hammond in 1744. Hammond, a wealthy merchant who traded in the Newtown section of Annapolis, lived at the head of the Severn River and owned extensive landholdings in what are now Anne Arundel and Howard Counties. Hammond held several positions in local and colonial government, including commissioner for the layout of the Port of Elkridge, member of the House of Delegates, Speaker of the House, and Treasurer of the Western Shore (Newman 1970:247). After Hammond's death in 1760, his property and business holdings were divided among his wife, daughter, and six sons. He specifically bequeathed the tracts of Howard's Adventure, Shepard's Grove, Shepard's Choice, and Green Spring to his wife, Rachel, and the Hanover and Iron Hill properties to his son, Charles; no direct mention was made of the disposition of Woodford. The remainder of Hammond's estate was divided among his six sons (Hobbs N.D.).

Colonel Charles Hammond of Curtis Creek, Philip Hammond's heir, had immense holdings that extended from Curtis Creek to Elkridge. At his death in 1777, Charles Hammond bequeathed 1,500 acres of Woodford, including improvements, slaves, livestock, L 100, and personal items to his son, Charles (Anne

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Arundel County Wills 1:25). Archival research does not indicate that any of the buildings included in the transfer of property were located within the project area.

Development of the Shiple Property (ca. 1800 to the Present)

Charles Hammond and his wife sold a large portion of their holdings during the early nineteenth century. At this point, a gap in the archival record of ownership exists; the transaction between Hammond and Shiple is not recorded in the Anne Arundel County deeds, and the early Shiple transactions cited in the county deed index are not recorded as cited in the index. In the early nineteenth century, Benjamin Shiple conveyed a portion of Woodford to his son, Nathan Shiple (Anne Arundel County Land Record Index). Nathan Shiple later sold a portion of Woodford to Charles G. Hipsley (Anne Arundel County Land Record Index); Hipsley was married to Nathan Shiple's niece, Elizabeth Shiple (Shiple 1938:190-191). In 1835, Charles Hipsley and his wife conveyed to Joshua H. Shiple a 77-acre portion of Woodford that includes the project area (Anne Arundel County Land Records 20:477). The deed indicates that the land was improved, but it does not indicate if the improvements included a house.

Joshua Shiple was a farmer, who raised a variety of crops on a medium-sized family farm. He and his wife had twelve children (Stein 1972:213-214). The Agricultural Census of 1850 indicates that he owned 70 acres of improved and 30 acres of unimproved land on which he raised livestock, including horses, milk cows, sheep, and pigs; he also grew such crops as hops, wheat, rye, Indian corn, potatoes, buckwheat, oats, and tobacco. His farm was valued at \$600 (United States Agricultural Production Census 1850).

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The 1860 Martenet map of Howard County depicts two structures on Joshua Shipley's property (Figure 3). The west structure is labelled "J. Shipley," while the structure on the eastern portion of the property is labelled "Joshua Shipley." Archival records do not indicate which structure served as the family's residence. The dwelling currently known as the Shipley House is in the approximate location of the structure labelled "J. Shipley," indicating that the building was constructed before the mid-nineteenth century. The original log portion of the structure may have been constructed during the early nineteenth century, either by Joshua Shipley, or by the preceding Shipley family owners. County assessment records indicate that the value of the property rose during Joshua Shipley's tenure (Howard County Assessment Ledger 1841-1851). The gradual increase in value reflects the continuing prosperity of small farmers in Howard County during the mid-nineteenth century.

In 1866, Joshua and Mary Ann Shipley transferred the portion of their property containing the Shipley House to their son Albert (Howard County Land Records 25:195). The 1878 Hopkins Map indicates a structure listed as "A.E. Shipley" in the location of the current Shipley House (Figure 4). The structure to the east of Albert Shipley's property is labelled "Benjamin Shipley." Benjamin Shipley was Albert's brother, and appears to have received this parcel of land from Joshua Shipley sometime between 1860 and 1875. No structures remain standing on the Benjamin Shipley property; however, the remains of the house has been redesignated as Site 18HO125.

Albert Shipley, like his father, operated a moderate-sized, diversified farm. He owned 100 acres of improved and 30 acres of unimproved land on which he raised horses, milk cows, cows, and pigs, and grew crops, including winter wheat, Indian corn, oats, and hay. His farm was valued at \$4,000 with its output

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valued at \$865 (Agricultural Production Census 1870). Like other farmers in Howard County, Shipley had stopped growing tobacco by this time. In 1884, Albert Shipley added a new barn, valued at \$500, to the farm complex (Howard County Assessment Records 1892-1896).

Albert Shipley died intestate in 1885, and the property was divided among his four children, Bessie, Grace, Mary Ellen, and Albert. Shipley's widow Mary Virginia Shipley Hale eventually received all of the land back from the four children in 1917 (Howard County Land Records 97:384). In 1927, the executor of Mary Hale's estate conveyed 72.4 acres to Robert Tabler (Howard County Land Records 132:440). During the early twentieth century, the farm primarily produced grains, such as wheat, barley, and rye. The house, barn, and assorted outbuildings were included in Robert Tabler's 1927 tax assessment (Howard County Assessment Record 1928-1939).

Robert Tabler and his wife Ella sold the 72.4-acre tract to William and Florence McDonald, who in turn sold it to John and Mary O'Mara. During this period, additional outbuildings, such as the garage, were constructed, producing the present configuration of the farm complex. The dwelling received an addition, assessed for \$1200, in 1953 (Howard County Assessment Records 1953-1955). General farming of the land continued during this period. In 1979, the O'Maras sold the parcel containing the Shipley House to Howard County for the Alpha Ridge Park.

**Agricultural Context**

Agriculture has been a key component of Howard County's economy from early settlement to the present. Wealthy aristocratic families dominated early land transactions within the Howard County region.

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Prominent and prosperous families such as the Hammonds generally owned extensive tracts in prime locations throughout the county. These tracts were utilized for the cultivation of tobacco, which provided the economic base of the region. However, the rise of the Ellicott Brothers and their milling establishments during the late eighteenth century prompted many landowners to change to grain farming.

Agriculture and industry were interdependent; farmers supplied raw materials to manufacturers, while industries produced goods for agricultural use. Methods of agriculture gradually changed to accommodate improvements in fertilization, machinery, and other agricultural innovations. Farmers began to experiment with a variety of crops and livestock. Dairying became increasingly common, and sheep farmers supplied raw materials for local woolen mills. Production of fruits and vegetables also became economically important as improved transportation methods facilitated the delivery of farm products to markets. Construction of the Frederick Turnpike during this period allowed access to the shipping center of Baltimore. The introduction of the railroad also expanded markets for both agricultural and manufactured products.

By the mid-nineteenth century, Howard County had made the transition from the tobacco cultivation to grain production. In 1850, Joshua Shipley produced some tobacco along with various grains, but by 1870, his son Albert Shipley had abandoned the cultivation of tobacco. Corn, wheat, and oats had become the primary crops of the Shipley farm. Newly-founded agricultural societies encouraged improved farming practices, such as crop rotation and fertilization, throughout the county.

Between 1850 and 1930, agriculture represented the primary economic focus of the county. Cereal grains were the major crops grown in the county; corn and wheat were the most widely produced. Dairy

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production rose to prominence during the early twentieth century; rising urban populations increased the demand for agricultural products, especially dairy goods.

The Shipley House property illustrates the development of the typical family farm in rural Howard County from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth century. Carved from a larger tract, the property remained in Shipley ownership for over one hundred years. The farm reflected the trends of agricultural production. During the nineteenth century, cereal grains replaced tobacco, and a variety of livestock, including cows, horses, and pigs, were raised. However, unlike some other Howard County farms, dairying never became a primary activity, and the property continued to produce grain crops.

### Architectural Context

The settlers of the Piedmont region received cultural influences primarily from two areas, the Mid-Atlantic and the Tidewater. Each of these regions had distinct vernacular architectural traditions: Mid-Atlantic German settlers brought log construction and a massed plan around a central chimney, while the Tidewater influences of the English were seen in timber-framed houses with linear plans and end chimneys. Most eighteenth-century Howard County houses were built of logs covered with clapboard, although examples of stone, brick, and frame construction also appeared (Getty 1987:42). By the mid-nineteenth century, log structures in the region were commonly one-and-a-half to two stories in height, and exhibited V-notch corner joinery (Getty 1987:43, 53). The log section of the Shipley House exhibits these basic characteristics. Throughout the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, differing building traditions continued while a regional house type evolved.

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The regional house type was developed fully by the nineteenth century. The typical farmhouse of the period in the Maryland Piedmont was a two-story structure with a symmetrical three- to five-bay front facade. The type was characterized by gable-end chimneys, a gable roof, a rear wing containing the kitchen, and a two-story porch in the inner corner of the wing (Getty 1987:93). These farmhouses were built in a variety of materials for over one hundred years. The late nineteenth-century frame additions to the Shipley House enlarged the original log section to conform closely to the Piedmont house type.

As prosperity enabled Piedmont area farmers to construct new residences and agricultural buildings during the mid-nineteenth century, growing numbers of builders' handbooks and catalogues transmitted popular styles and new technologies, while transportation improvements, particularly the railroad, made available prefabricated building elements and ornamentation. Greater uniformity in design and construction occurred as earlier vernacular buildings were replaced by the Piedmont house type. These farmhouses sometimes were influenced by high-style design. High-style design references frequently were incorporated in vernacular building forms through ornamentation. At the Shipley House, this facet of local building practices is reflected in the bay window located on the east end of the house.

The design of agricultural buildings similarly reflected developments in building technology. The Pennsylvania-German bank barn, a common type built during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, gradually was replaced by standardized agricultural structures. These standardized structures were constructed of prefabricated materials such as cinderblock, rather than stone. Lofty balloon-framed gambrel roofs replaced heavy, timber-framed roofs. The 1884 Shipley bank barn is an example of a late version of this building type.

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## Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

### GEOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION:

Piedmont

### CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:

Agricultural - Industrial Transition (1815 - 1870)  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870 - 1930)  
Modern Period (1930 - present)

### HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

Agriculture  
Architecture

### RESOURCE TYPE:

Category: small family farmstead

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Functions and Uses: domestic/single dwelling  
agricultural/agricultural outbuildings

Known Design Source: unknown

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**Verbal boundary description**

Boundary is indicated on attached USGS map.

**Verbal boundary justification**

The boundaries follow the legally recorded boundaries of the property.

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2. HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION
3. HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION
4. HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION, VIEW TOWARD NORTHWEST
5. HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION (REAR), VIEW TOWARD NORTH
6. REAR OF HOUSE, VIEW TOWARD NORTHEAST
7. FRONT PORCH, VIEW TOWARD WEST
8. DETAIL OF FOUNDATION OF HOUSE (SOUTH WALL)
9. CONCRETE BLOCK GARAGE, VIEW TOWARD SOUTHEAST
10. LOG AND FRAME SHED, VIEW TOWARD NORTHEAST
11. WELL HOUSE, VIEW TOWARD NORTHWEST
12. WELL HOUSE, VIEW TOWARD SOUTHEAST
13. BARN, VIEW TOWARD SOUTHEAST
14. BARN, VIEW TOWARD NORTHWEST
15. CORN CRIB, VIEW TOWARD SOUTHEAST
16. ENCLOSED PORCH
17. ENCLOSED PORCH
18. KITCHEN, LOG WALL
19. LIVING ROOM, MANTEL
20. LIVING ROOM, BAY WINDOW
21. NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOG PEN
22. DINING ROOM
23. DINING ROOM
24. DINING ROOM, KITCHEN DOOR
25. BEDROOM 1, DOWNSTAIRS
26. BEDROOM 2, DOWNSTAIRS
27. REAR ENTRYWAY
28. SECOND FLOOR, STAIRHALL

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- 30. SECOND FLOOR, BEDROOM 4
- 31. KITCHEN FLOOR

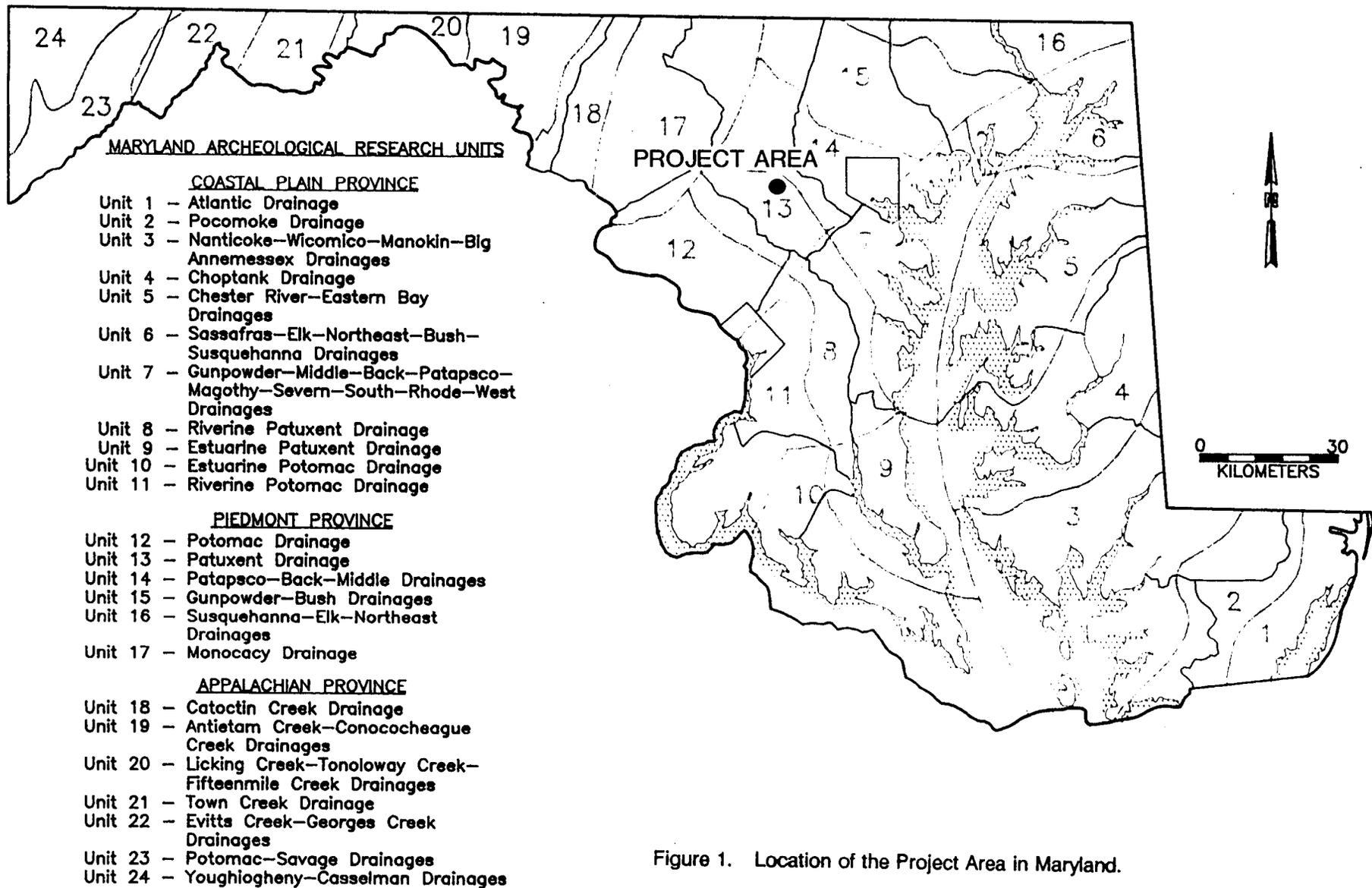


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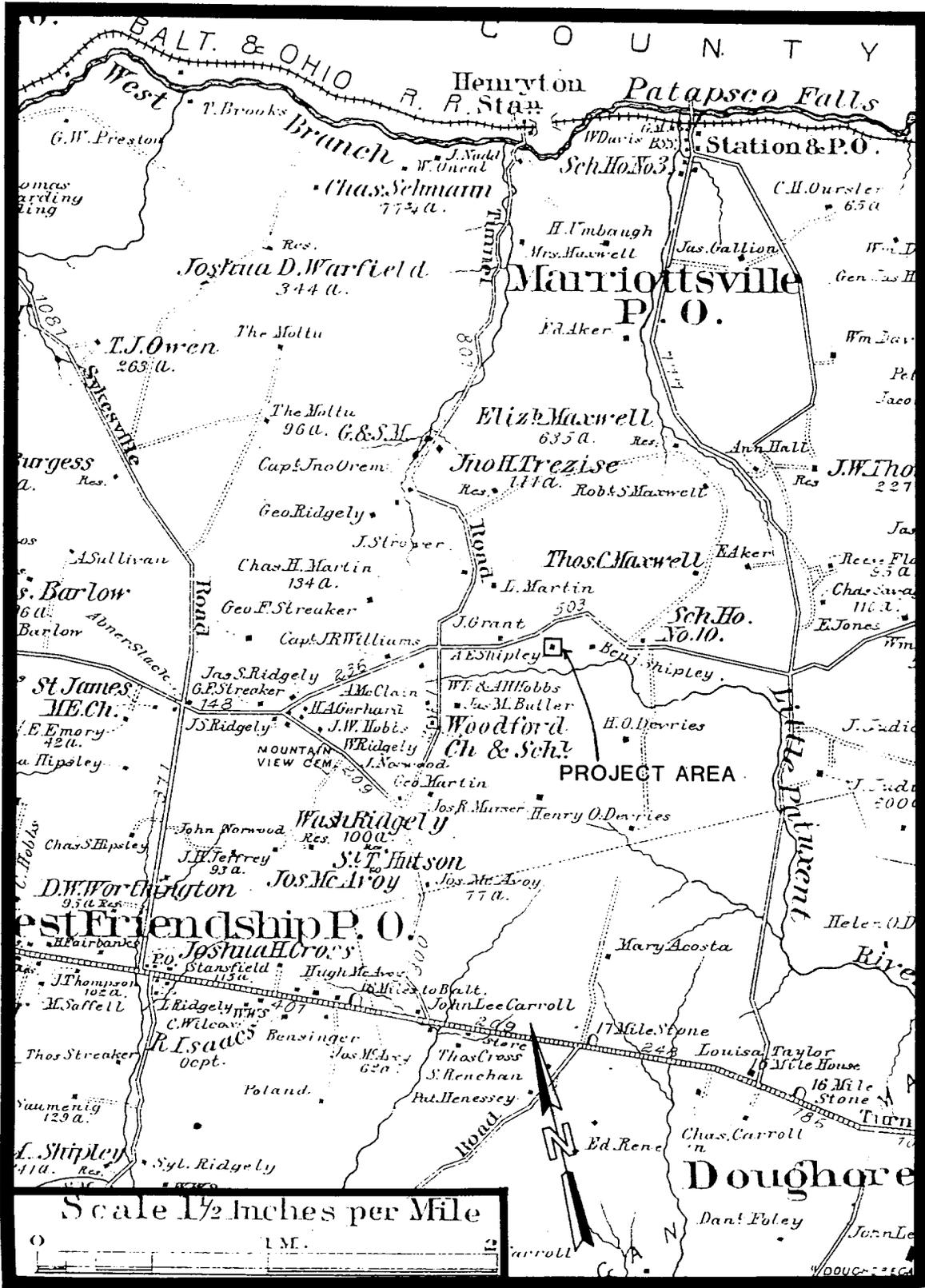


Figure 4. Excerpt from Hopkin's 1878 Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, Showing the Project Area.

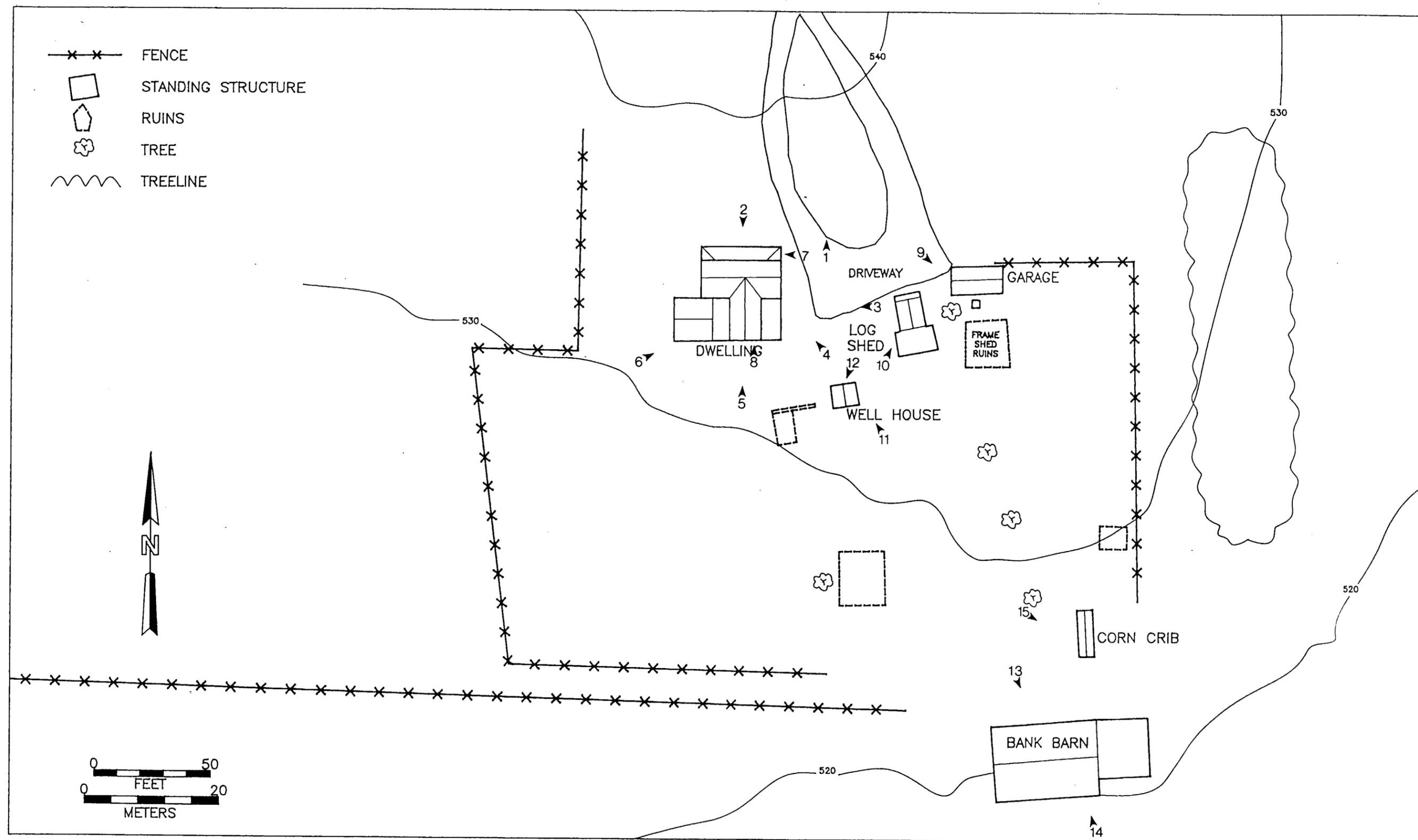


Figure 5. Site plan of the Shipley agricultural complex

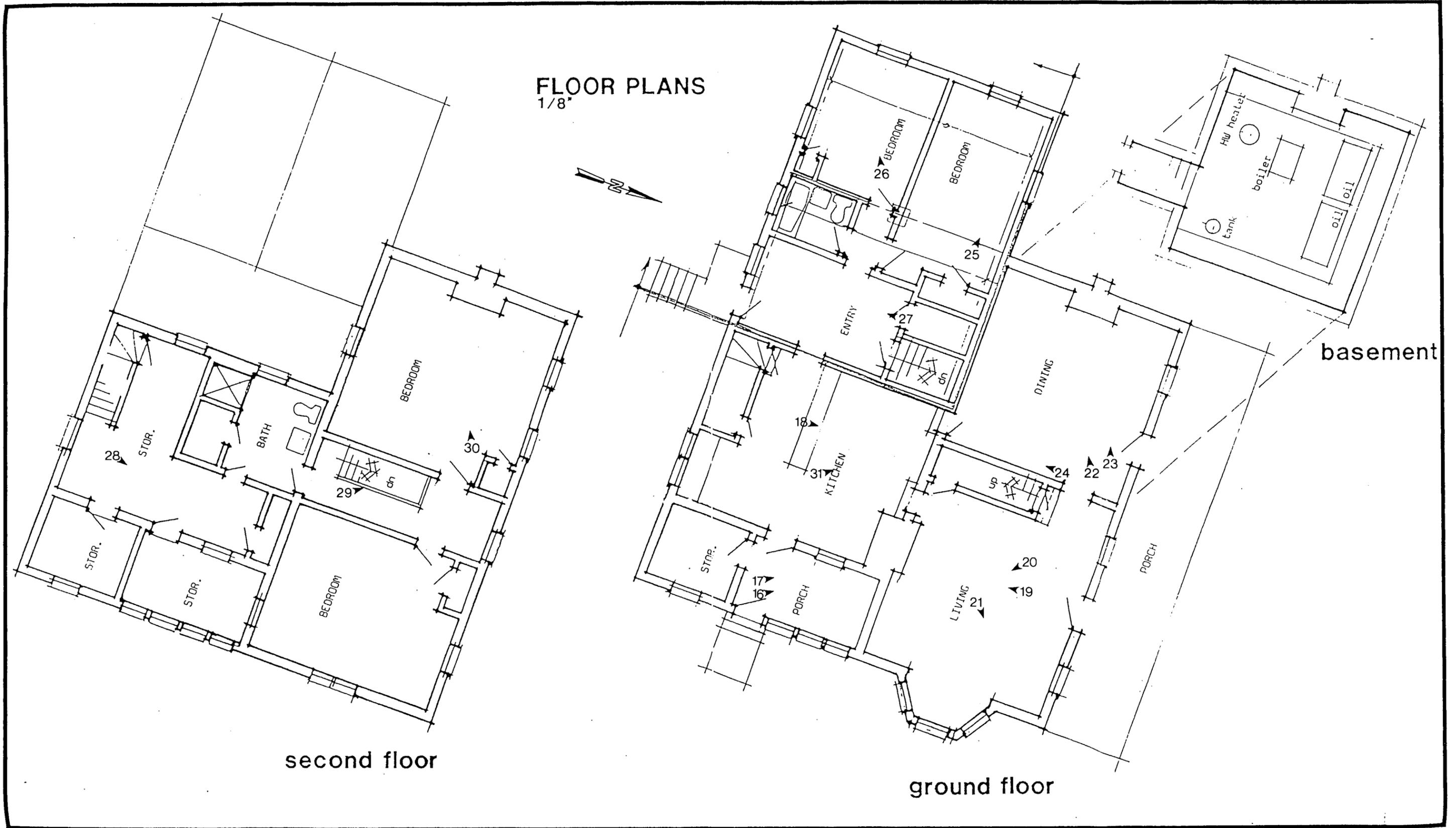
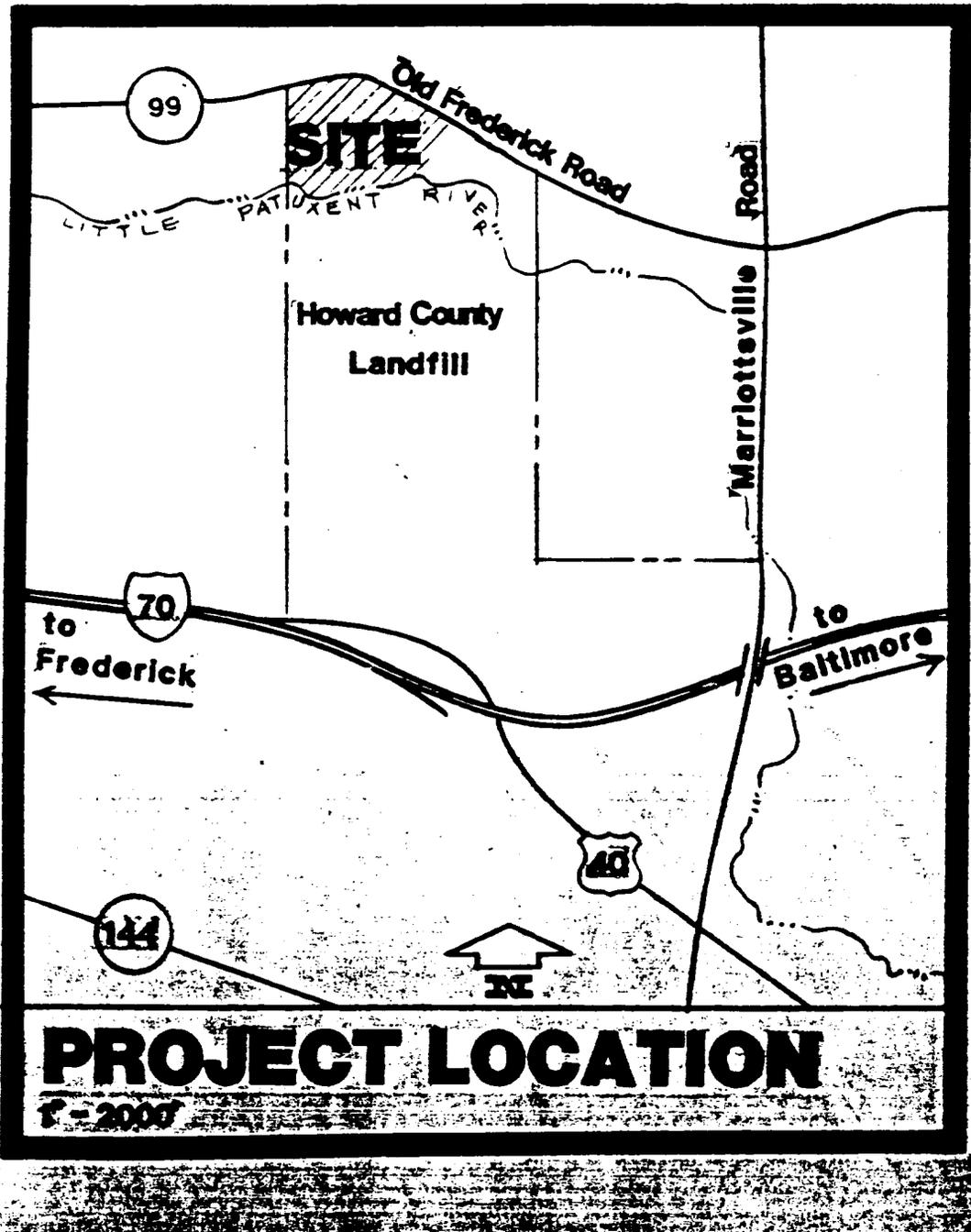


Figure 6. Floor plans of the Shipley House



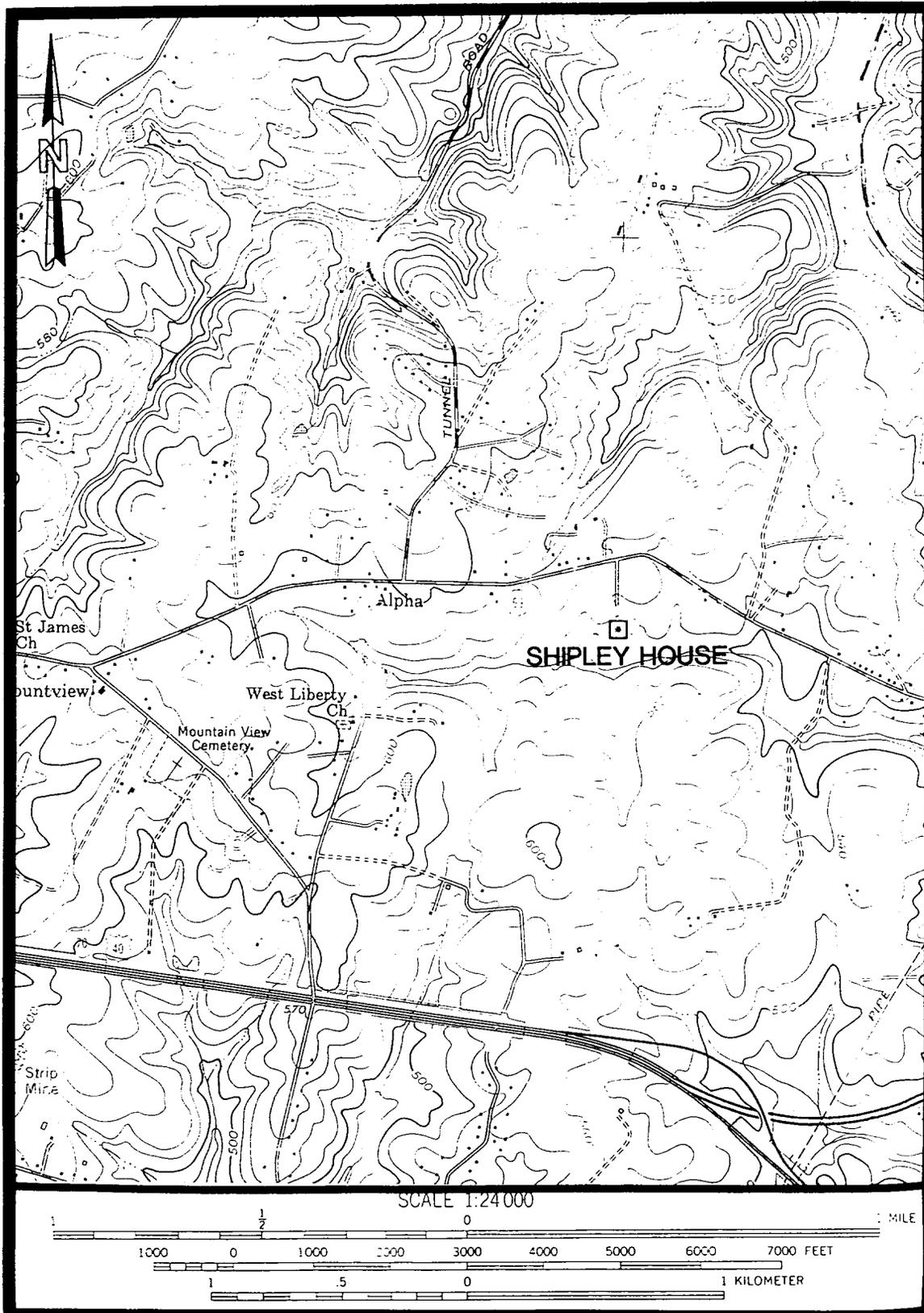


Figure 2. Excerpt from the 1979 USGS Sykesville, Maryland Quadrangle, showing the location of the Shipley House



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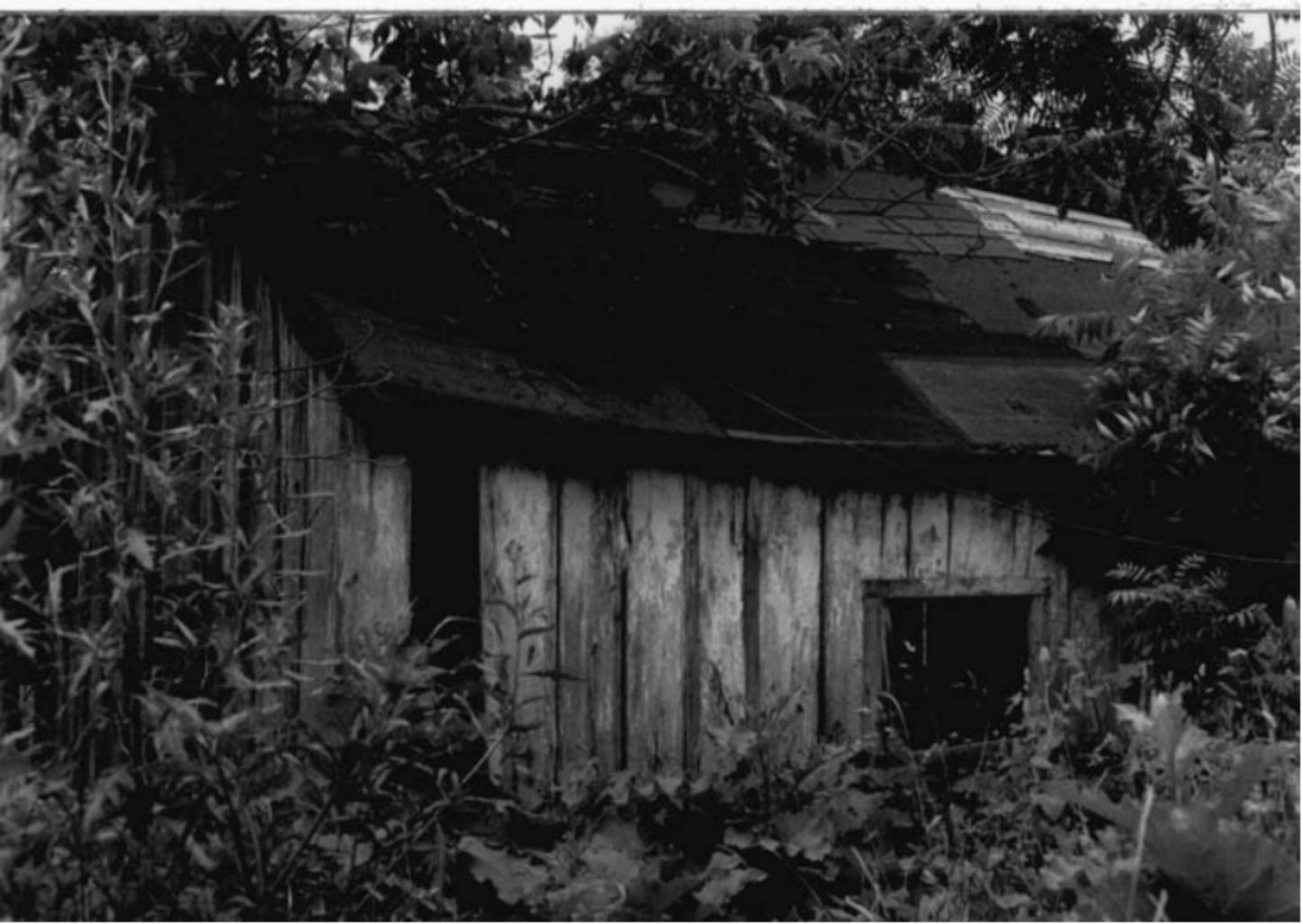
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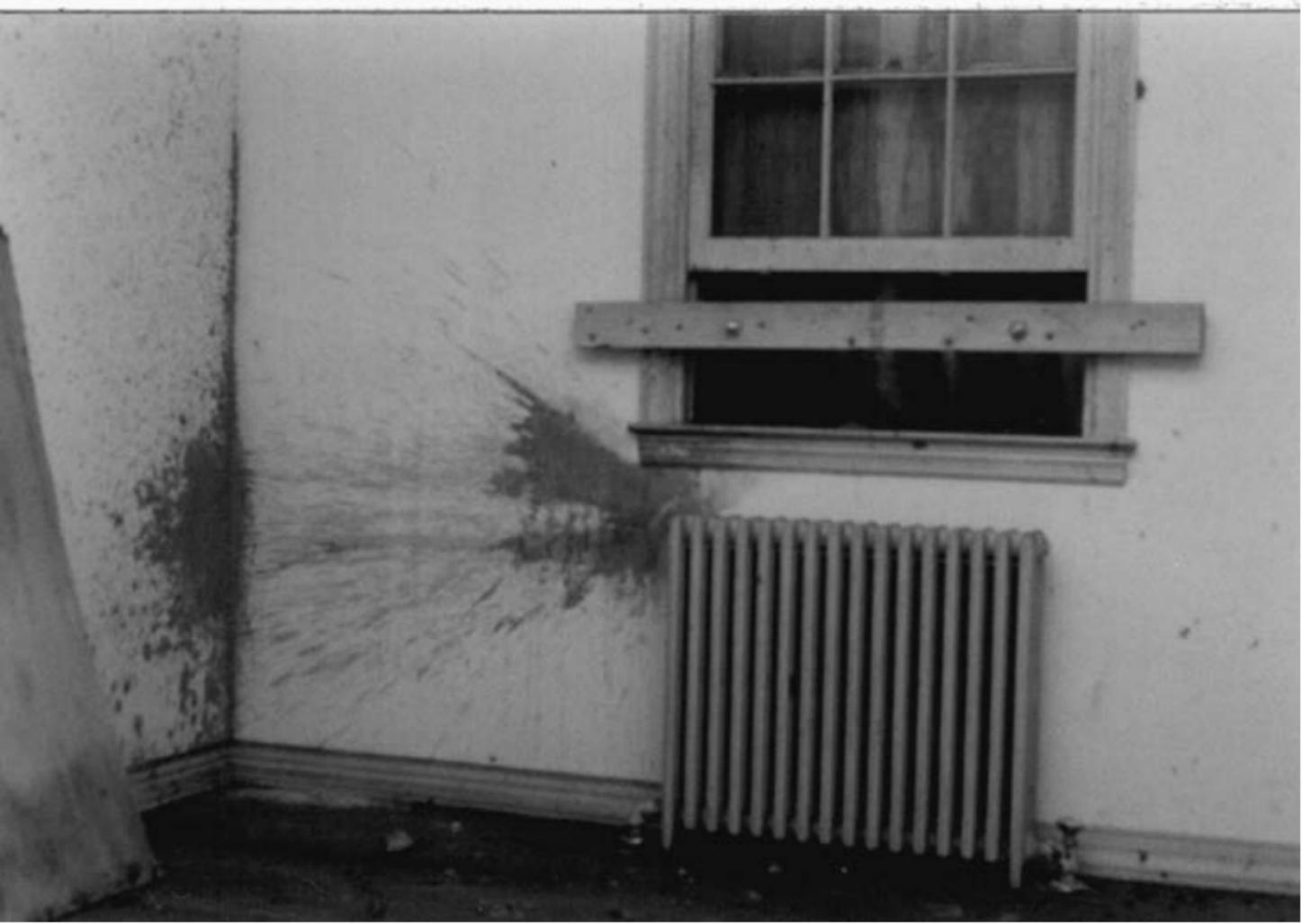
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