

Henry Wehland Farmhouse
HO-864
5550 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City
Howard County
ca. 1880
Private

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The ca. 1880 farmhouse is the main structure that remains on the property. The farmhouse is a 2-story, 3-bay, end-gable, wood-frame farmhouse. The house has a stone foundation, wood shingle siding (over wood German siding), wood windows, and a metal roof. Window openings on the main house are vertically aligned and graduated. The building has a plain boxed cornice. A two-part early 20th c. ell projects from the north (rear) elevation. The house has two chimneys: one chimney is a brick interior chimney located at the north end of the main section of the house and one chimney is a CMU exterior chimney located on the north elevation of the rear ell. The vernacular house, which is in fair condition, retains most of its original exterior features, but is suffering from deferred maintenance. The owner did not make the interior accessible.

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-864

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Wehland Farmhouse

other n/a

2. Location

street and number 5550 Montgomery Road __ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City __ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Stephen R. Fultz

street and number 5550 Montgomery Road telephone 301-580-6431

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 5228 folio 452

city, town Columbia tax map 31 tax parcel 755 tax ID number 01-189042

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	1 Total
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		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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The 3-bay primary facade of the house faces east. The front facade is symmetrical about its entry bay. A 1-story wood porch with a metal hipped roof extends across the primary elevation. The front door is a 20th c. wood door with twelve lights over one horizontal panel. The porch has square wood posts and a wood deck.

The north facade of the main section of the house has only one opening, which is an attic-story window opening. The attic-story window opening is located east of the ridgeline and holds a wood four-light window. The north facade of the rear ell is three bays wide. Window openings are vertically aligned and graduated. Windows are primarily two-over-two wood sashes. A 1-story shed-roofed addition projects from the west end of the rear ell. The addition has two window openings in its north elevation, which hold four-over-four wood windows.

The west (rear) elevation of the main section of the house is largely concealed by the rear ell. The visible (south) portion of the rear elevation of the main house has a 1st story door opening and a 2nd story window opening that are vertically aligned. The window opening holds a two-over-two wood window.

The west elevation of the rear ell is composed of the main section of the rear ell and the 1-story north addition and a 1-story south porch that has a wind break at the west end. The 1st story of the west elevation has three openings. The northern window opening is located in the north 1-story addition and holds a four-over-four wood window. The center window opening is located in the rear ell and holds a small two-over-two wood window. The southern opening is located in the wind break of the south porch and holds a small 20th c. jalousie window. The 2nd story of the west elevation has one opening, which is vertically aligned with the center 1st story opening, that holds a wood eight-over-eight window. A louvered vent is centered in the attic gable.

The south elevation of the rear ell is three bays wide. The ell appears to have been built in two sections, which each have an entry door. The two sections are divided at the 1st story on the exterior by a projecting square bay. The two sections are very similar: each are two stories in height with an entry door flanked by a window with one window on the 2nd floor that is vertically centered between the 1st story openings. The section of the ell closest to the house has a second 2nd story window opening that is vertically aligned with 1st story projecting bay. A 1-story shed-roofed porch extends across the rear ell's south facade. The porch has square wood posts, a wood deck and a brick foundation. The yard is paved with brick along the porch.

Log structure

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A log-built structure, in ruinous condition is located alongside the large new metal garage. This small structure is now roofless and rotting. Constructed of hand-hewn and notched timbers, the structure retains some stone and plaster nogging. The structure has a single door opening, located in its south facade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates ca. 1880 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1880, ca. 1910

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The external appearance of 5500 Montgomery Road is that of a late 19th or early 20th c. Howard County farmhouse of the type typically constructed by small landholders or for tenant farmers on larger estates. In the 19th c., the land where 5500 Montgomery Road is located was part of the extensive holdings of Mrs. Elizabeth Nabb, a wealthy local property owner. A house appears at the location of 5550 Montgomery Avenue on both the 1860 Martenet's Map and the 1878 Hopkins Atlas. In 1860, the property belonged to Mrs. Nabb and in 1878 to her daughter Mrs. V. Nabb. Mrs. Elizabeth Nabb's name also appears on the both maps at the location of a house north of Montgomery Road, probably Clover Hill (HO-149), seemingly a house more appropriate to her level of wealth. Therefore, it is currently not known if the existing house has some early section that is no longer legible, if this house was a secondary house on a property that once included a larger house, or if this house replaced an earlier house.

Owners and occupants

In 1859, Elizabeth Dickens Nabb, wife of George Nabb, acquired 90 acres, including the land where 5550 Montgomery Avenue is located (part of the tract called Adam the First and Good for Little) from William and Amelia Cecil. In 1860, Elizabeth D. Nabb (aged 56) - a farmeress, lived with her children: Henry W. (aged 37) - a farmer, Ellen F. (aged 33), and Victoria E. (aged 23), and servant Fanny Bates (aged 14). Her real estate was valued at \$20,000 and her personal estate at \$16,100.¹ In 1870, the family consisted of George Nabb (aged 64) - who was designated "idiotic", Elizabeth (aged 68), who was keeping house, children: Henry W. (aged 36), Ellen (aged 33), and Victoria (aged 25), and African-American servants and farm laborers: Augusta Barrie (aged 62), Jane Hunter (aged 18), Ross Ford (aged 30), William Green (aged 21), and Eliza Weeks (aged 11).²

Mrs. Nabb died intestate and in 1880 her children sold the property to neighbors Dedrick and Dorothea Wehland. In 1860, the Wheland family consisted of Hanover-born farmer -Dedrick (aged 36), wife Elizabeth (aged 40) children Mary (aged 10), Henry (aged

¹ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Eighth Census of United States: 1860, Population Schedule**, Howard County, Election District 1, page 37.

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1870, Population Schedule**, Howard County, First Election District, page 27.

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7), Herman (aged 6), Lizzie (aged 3), and Dedrick's parents Henry (aged 71) and Charlotte (aged 72).³ At that time their real estate was valued at \$2000 and their personal estate at \$800. In 1883, Dedrick and Dorothea gave the property to Henry as his share of the family farm. In 1886, Henry Wheland married a German woman, Frederike. Henry probably built the house between 1880, when his parents bought the property, and 1886, when he married. In 1900, their family consisted of Henry (aged 48) - a farmer, wife Frederike (aged 32), children Rudolph (aged 7), and Dorothea (aged 1), and a boarder Edward Belling (aged 19) - a farmhand.⁴ By 1910, they had an additional son, Fredrich (aged 5).⁵ Henry Wheland died in 1915 and left the property to his widow and children. In 1920, all three children remained in house, son Rudolph (aged 26) - a farmer - was the census enumerator for their area, and they had an African-American lodger, Milverne Camper (aged 14) - a farm laborer.⁶ In 1927, Frederike transferred the property to son Rudolph and his wife, Shirley. In 1930, the Rudolph Wheland family consisted of Rudolph Wheland (aged 36), Shirley (aged 34), son Henry (aged 3), and daughter Shirley (aged 1).⁷

In 1940, the Wehlands sold the property to the Kraft brothers, Ellicott City butchers who owned a lot of real estate. The Krafts sold the property less than six months later to Charles and Alice MacCartee. The property has had five owners since the MacCartees and was subdivided over the decades. It is now located on a 2.7-acre lot.

³ Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Eighth Census of United States: 1860, Population Schedule**, Howard County, Election District 1, page 37.

⁴ Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 78, Sheet 12B.

⁵ Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 49, Sheet 4A.

⁶ Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 56, Sheet 2A.

⁷ Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-1, Sheet 11A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**

Hopkins, G.M. **Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878.** Ellicott City, MD: Howard County Bicentennial Commission, Inc., 1975.

Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

Martenet, Simon J. **Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland.** Baltimore, 1860.

Sanborn Map Company, **Ellicott City**, 1899 and 1959

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.7088 acres

Acreage of historical setting 89 acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Henry Wehland Farmhouse corresponds to Howard County Map 31, Grid 21, Parcel 755, which is the building's current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 10, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Howard County

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS.	PRICE	ACREAGE	COMMENTS
Leo Eugene Otterbein, Personal Representative of the Estate of Miriam Gertrude Otterbein	Stephen R. Fultz	09-29- 2000	5228	452	Deed	250,000	2.7088	
Thomas H. Evans, III	Miriam G. Otterbein	03-04- 1997	3927	435	Deed	112,500	2.7088	
Thomas H. Evans, III and Miriam G. Otterbein	Thomas H. Evans, III	04-08- 1981	1048	717	Deed	10.00	2.7	
Charles W. Miles, Sr.	Thomas H. Evans, III and Miriam G. Otterbein	12-22- 1978	920	150	Deed	55,000	2.7	
Charles J. MacCartee and Alice W. MacCartee (Howard County)	Charles W. Miles, Sr. and Velma V. Miles (Baltimore City)	06-16- 1952	233	274	Deed	5.00	30.735	
Andrew H. Kraft and John H. Kraft, co-partners trading as Kraft Brothers, et al	Charles J. MacCartee and Alice W. MacCartee	08-03- 1940	167	584	Deed	5.00	89	
Rudolph H. Wehland and Shirley T. Wehland	Andrew H. Kraft and John H. Kraft, co- partners trading as Kraft Brothers	02-21- 1940	166	30	Deed	5.00	89	
C. Ferdinand Sybert	Rudolph H. Wehland and Shirley T. Wehland	01-01- 1927	129	180	Deed	1.00	89	
Friedrike E. Wehland (widow), Friedrich D R. Wehland, Dorothea E. Wehland, both unmarried, Rudolph H. Wehland and Shirley T. Wehland, his wife	C. Ferdinand Sybert	01-01- 1927	129	179	Deed	5.00	89	Henry R. Wehland, late of Howard County, deceased, died intestate in 1915 and left the property to his widow and children (two lots)

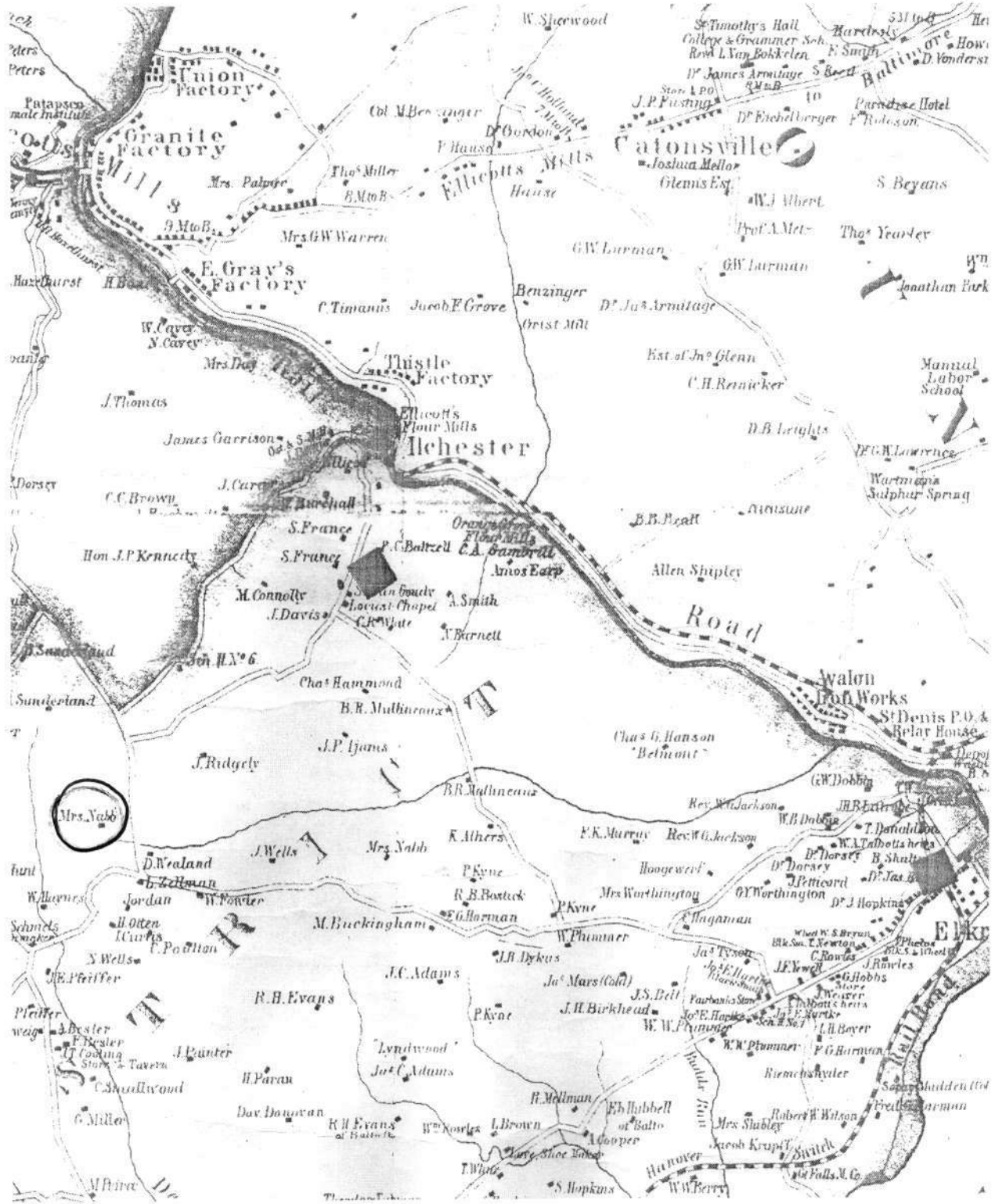
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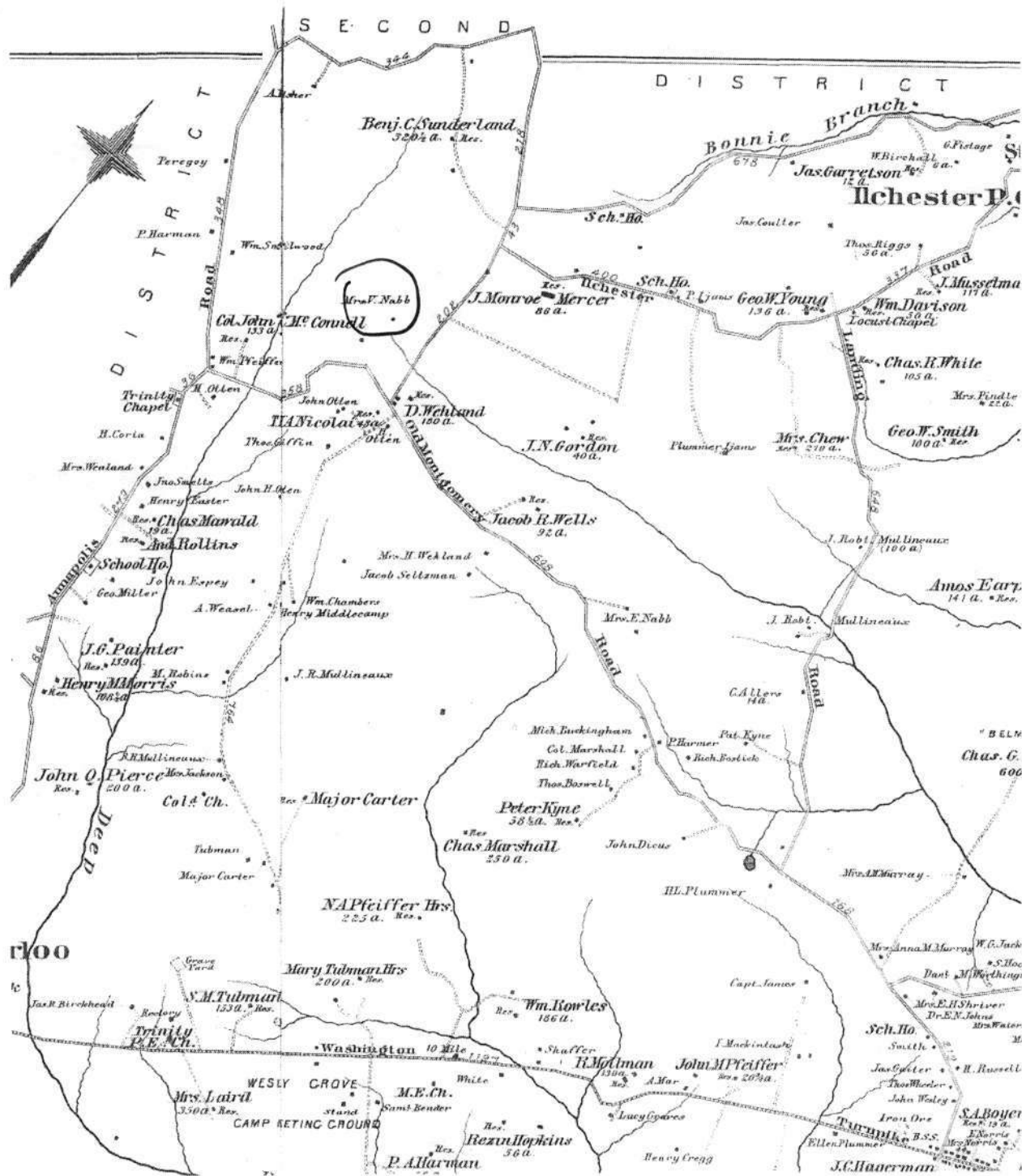
Dorothea Wehland	Henry R. Wehland	02-15-1893	59	396	Deed	5.00	(Lot 2) 2 7/8	Dorothea Wehland was the widow and heir of Dedrick Wehland.
Dedrick Wehland and Dorothea Wehland (Howard County)	Henry R. Wehland	06-23-1883	46	499	Deed	5.00	89	Henry Wehland took the property as his share of his parents property.
Henry W. Nabb, Victoria E. Nabb (Howard County) and John G. Rogers, as attorney for Caleb Dorsey, Esther M. Dorsey, his wife (California)	Diedrick Wehland (Howard County)	10-20-1880	42	434	Deed	3400.00	89	Mrs. Elizabeth Nabb died intestate and the grantors were the heirs.
William Cecil and Amelia Cecil	Elizabeth Dickens Nabb, wife of George Nabb	12-31-1859	16	391	Deed	2500.00	90	Parts of the tracts called Adam the First and Good for Little.



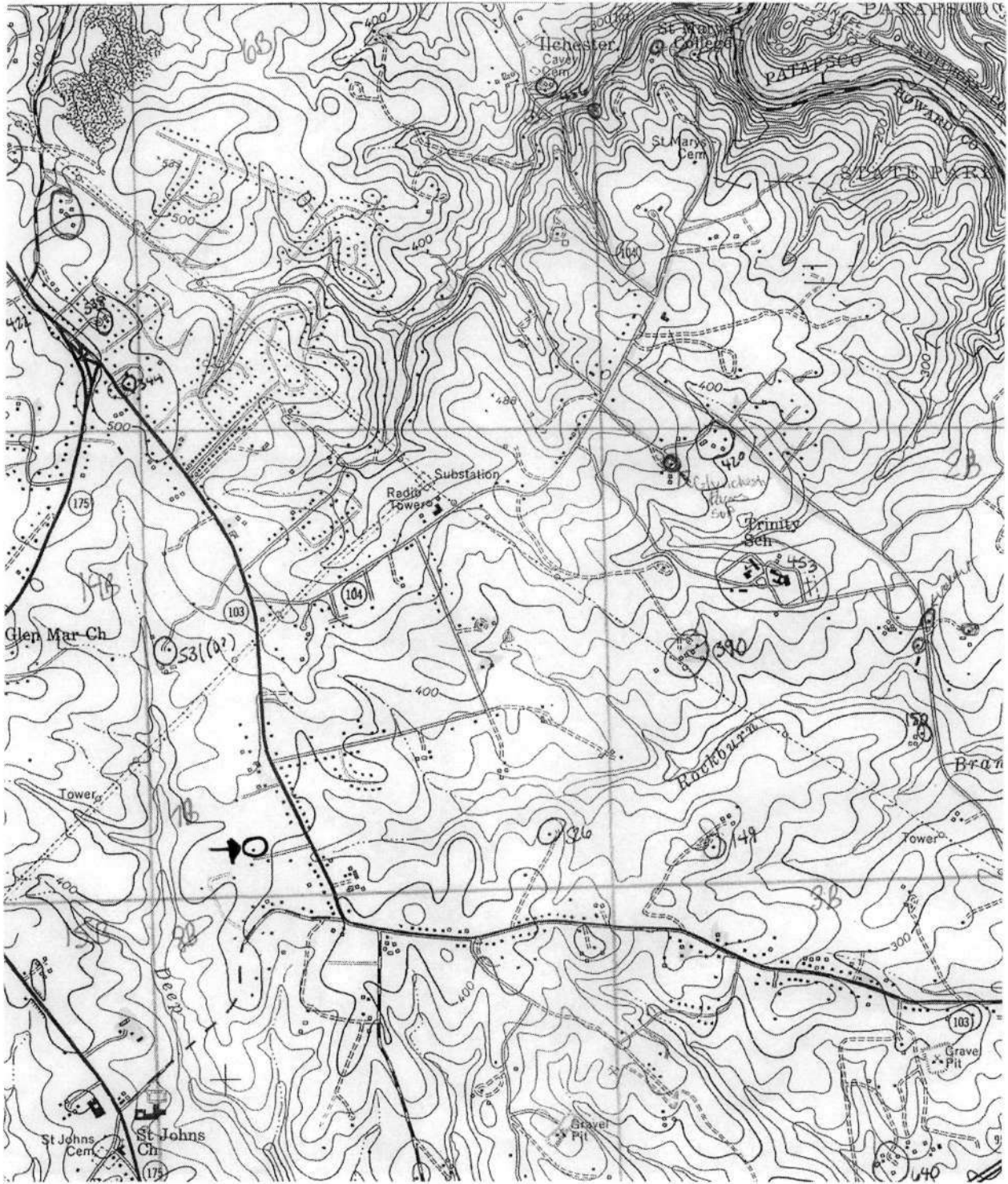
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5550 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD
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Site Plan/Aerial Photo



Henry Wehland Farmhouse (HO-864)
 5550 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City
 Howard County
 1860 Martenet's Map



Henry Wehland Farmhouse (HO-864)
 5550 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City
 Howard County
 1878 Hopkins Atlas



Henry Wehland Farmhouse (HO-864)
5550 Montgomery Road
Ellicott City, Howard County
USGS Savage Quad



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Henry Weiland Farmhouse

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Good

02-16-05

MD SHPO

View N. Shows house in setting.

1065

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Henry Weiland Farmhouse

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Bould

02-16-05

MD SHPO

View NW. Shows front + side facades

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Henry Wehland Farmhouse

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Goold

02-16-05

MD SHPO

View SE. Shows side and rear facades.

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Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

02-16-05

MD SHPO

View NE. Shows side and rear facades.

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Jennifer Boald

02-16-05

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View N. Shows log-built structure, in
ruinous condition, on property.

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