

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

Property/District Name: 8430 Murphy Road Survey Number: HO-693

Tax Parcel#: 118

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended  X

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 house at 8430 Murphy Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Vernacular in design with diluted references to the Craftsman style, the building is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form  
and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Tracerics, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Conner - O'Rourke Date 3/10/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

B. Kuntz Date 3/31/99  
Reviewer, NR Program Date

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
8430 Murphy Road  
(HO-693)

Constructed in 1935, the vernacular-style dwelling at 8430 Murphy Road consists of a 2-1/2-story wood frame structure clad in aluminum siding with a side-passage plan. The building contains diluted references to the Craftsman style including single and paired 3/1 windows, wide overhanging eaves, and a full-width front porch with tapered columns. The building is set upon a parged foundation and covered by a side gable, clad with asphalt shingles. An exterior end chimney constructed of tapestry brick with a corbeled cap extends the height of the northeast elevation. Alterations include the addition of aluminum cladding, a 1-story wood frame extension on the northeast, and the enclosure of the rear porch.

The dwelling was erected in 1935 for Joseph F. Harrison, who had purchased the property in two separate deeds in 1912 and 1917. The property was sold to its second owner, Melvin E. and Myrtle M. Scaggs, in 1945. The Scaggs retained ownership until 1988, improving it with several agricultural outbuildings in the 1950s. In 1988, the property was sold for \$500,000 to the Scaggs Brothers Equipment Company, the current owners who lease the dwelling.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-693

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 8430 Murphy Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Laurel vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD

county Howard County code 27 zip code 20723

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that 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

Contributing		Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
AGRICULTURAL/SUBSISTENCE Agricultural Outbuildings

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
AGRICULTURAL/SUBSISTENCE Agricultural Outbuildings

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Parged  
roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingles  
walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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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.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a 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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance 1935-1947

Significant Dates 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County,  
Ellicott City, Maryland

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 14.6 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 8430 Murphy Road is designated as Parcel 118, Grid 9 as indicated on Map 46.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 8430 Murphy Road has historically been associated with Parcel 118 since the building's construction in 1935.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kathryn A. Gettings, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date October 30, 1997  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 23185  
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12. Property Owner  
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name Scaggs Brothers Equipment Co.  
street & number 3258 Bethany Lane telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042  
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Howard County, Maryland  
county and state

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Constructed in 1935, the vernacular-style dwelling at 8430 Murphy Road consists of a 2-1/2-story, two-bay wood frame structure clad in aluminum siding with a side-passage plan. The building is covered by a side gable, clad with asphalt shingles, and is set upon a parged foundation. A full-width one-story porch with a half-hipped roof extends across the facade. An exterior end chimney constructed of tapestry brick with a corbeled cap extends the height of the northeast elevation. The building retains its original form and materials including window sash, cornice returns, and porch columns. Alterations include the addition of aluminum cladding, a 1-story wood frame extension on the northeast, and the enclosure of the rear porch.

The dwelling sits on 14.6 acres of rolling land. The house sits at the top of a small rise west of Old Columbia Road. Large bushes screen the front of the building and several mature trees occupy the area rear of the house. A line of fir trees grow along the southwest edge of the property and agricultural fields occupy the rear portion of the property.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The southeast facade is two bays wide, each marked by openings. The side-passage entry has a single-leaf, Craftsman style panel-and-light wood door. To the north is a triple 3/1 windows. The second story is pierced by paired window openings, separated by thick mullions. The openings, unequally placed to the first story openings, have 3/1 windows. The first story of the elevation is dominated by the one-story porch, set upon a brick pier foundation. The porch has a heavy half-hipped roof that is supported by Craftsman style posts consisting of tapered wood columns surmounting brick piers. A square baluster balustrade extends between the porch supports.

The main block of the northeast elevation consists of the replacement exterior end brick chimney and several window openings. The foundation has one 2-light awning window. The second story has two single openings with 3/1 windows while the gable end has one 3/1 window. Directly below the overhanging eave, at the crest of the gable, is a small opening with a louvered vent. This elevation is substantially marked by a one-story wood frame addition. Covered by a side gable roof, the addition is set on a poured concrete foundation and clad in aluminum siding. This addition contains one 3/1 window on the southeast and northeast elevations, and two 3/1 windows on the northwest elevation.



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The rear, or northwest elevation, has also been altered by the construction of a one-story addition that extends the full-width of the elevation, meeting the projecting bay of the side gable addition on the northeast elevation. The shed-roof porch is clad with weatherboard, pierced by five 3/1 windows and a single panel-and-light wood door. At the second story, the northwest elevation of the main block contains a single 3/1 window.

The southwest elevation is pierced with numerous openings, asymmetrically placed. The foundation is lit by one two-light awning window. The first story has paired 3/1 windows with thick mullions, a single panel-and-light wood door, and single 3/1 window. The second story contains three staggered windows, each filled with 3/1 windows. The gable end has a single 3/1 window.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

The dwelling at 8430 Murphy Road has four associated outbuildings, including a garage, a shed, a barn, and a coop. Each of the outbuildings appears to date to the 1950s. Set just northwest of the house, the 1-story wood frame garage is clad in vertical board siding. Covered by a side gable roof of asphalt shingles, the building has a overhead rolling door. A 1-story coop, standing northwest of the house, is constructed of vertical-seam metal sheet with a standing seam metal gable roof. A metal clad frame addition extends the building to the northeast.

North of the dwelling stands a concrete block shed with a standing seam metal gable roof and a plywood door. A large 1950s barn set on a concrete foundation and covered in a gambrel roof stands farther north, and is clad in vertical board. Six-light metal awning windows light the first story of the barn.

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The dwelling at 8430 Murphy Road was erected in 1935 for Joseph F. Harrison, who had purchased the property in two separate deeds in 1912 and 1917. The building, a vernacular side passage house, contains diluted references to features commonly associated with the Craftsman style, including single and paired 3/1 windows and wide overhanging eaves. The full-width front porch with its tapered columns also is derived from the style. The Craftsman style, popular during the first three decades of the twentieth century, originated from the desire for simplified, well-designed buildings that combined natural materials and practical design.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and  
Community Planning  
Agriculture

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

Deed A:

January 9, 1917            George W. Renn to Joseph F. Harrison  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber HBN 103            Folio 10

Deed B:

December 14, 1912        Thomas Miller Parker and wife to Joseph F.  
Harrison  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 94                Folio 191

Deeds A & B:

May 7, 1945              Martha E. Harrison, widow, to Melvin E. and  
Myrtle M. Scaggs  
Myrtle Scaggs deceased January 6, 1987  
15.6 acres, Part of two parcels combined  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber BMJr. 185        Folio 163

July 11, 1988            Estate of Melvin E. Scaggs represented by  
Doris Ritter to Scaggs Brothers Equipment Co.  
15.6 acres minus one acre conveyed to J.  
Elwood and Patsy Scaggs (Liber 331, Folio 218)  
Combined with two additional parcels of the  
estate, sold for a total of \$500,000  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 1874              Folio 157

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

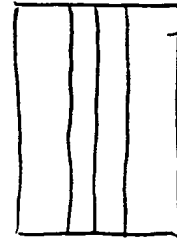
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Laurel, Howard County, MD

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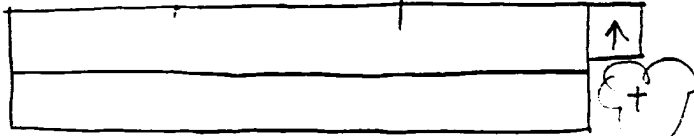


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frame  
barn



1-story  
frame & tile coop/  
shed



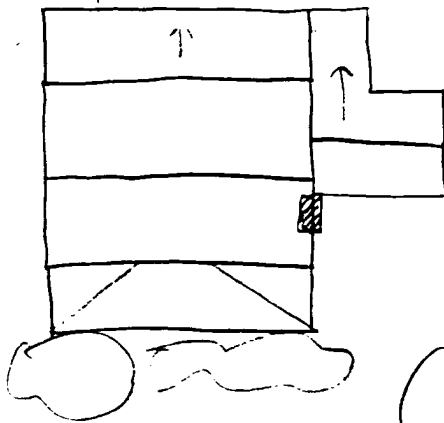
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concrete  
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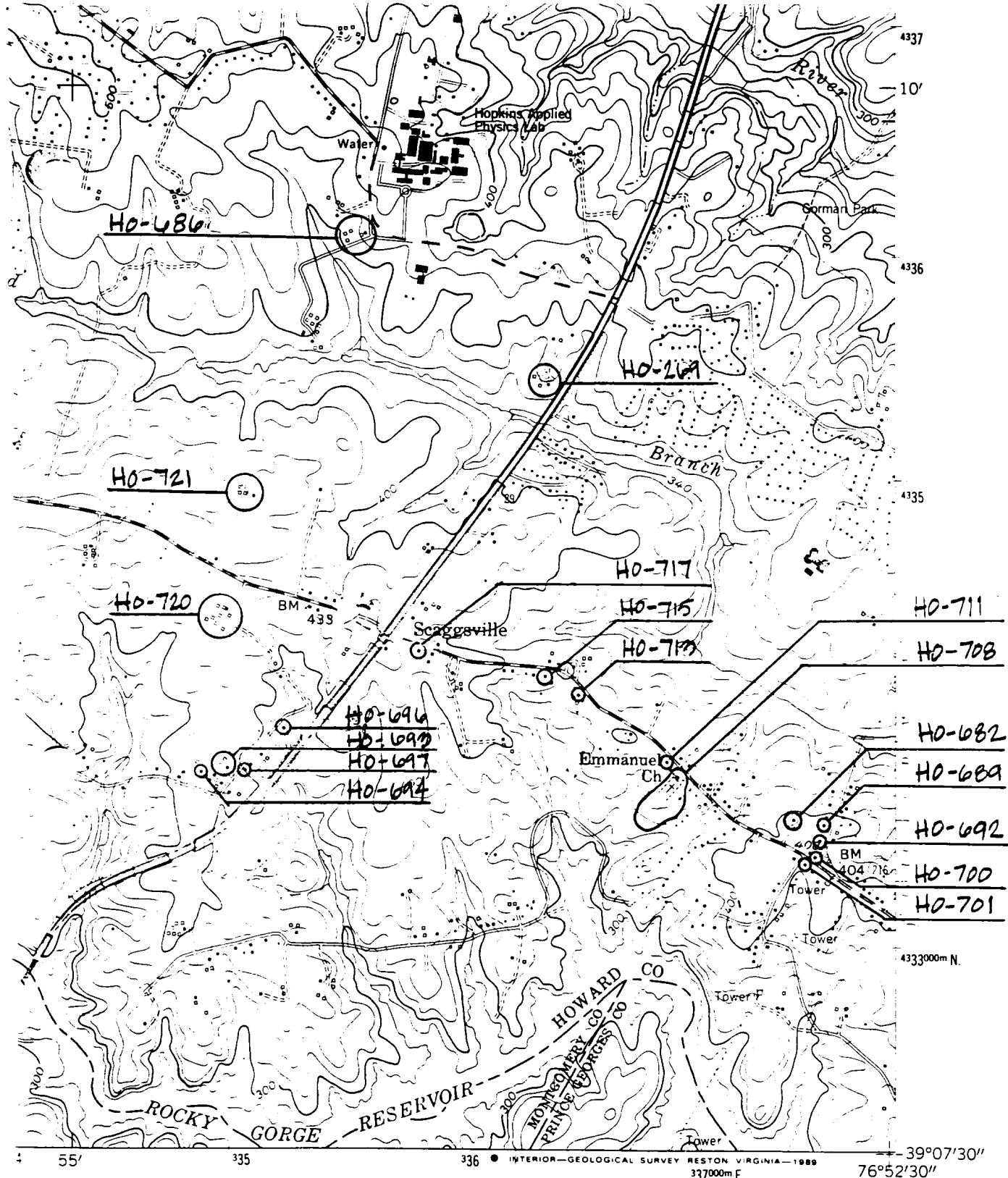
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Old Columbia Rd.



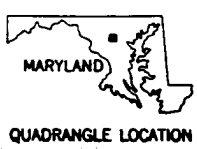
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty Light-duty

Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route State Route



**CLARKSVILLE, MD.**  
 NW/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE  
 39076-B8-TF-024

1957  
 PHOTOREVISED 1979  
 DMA 5662 III NW-SERIES V833

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
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 26 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

(LAUREL)  
 5662 III SE



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Traceview

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House - SE Elevation

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House - NE Elevation

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House - NW Elevation

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House, NE Elevation

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Garage - South Corner

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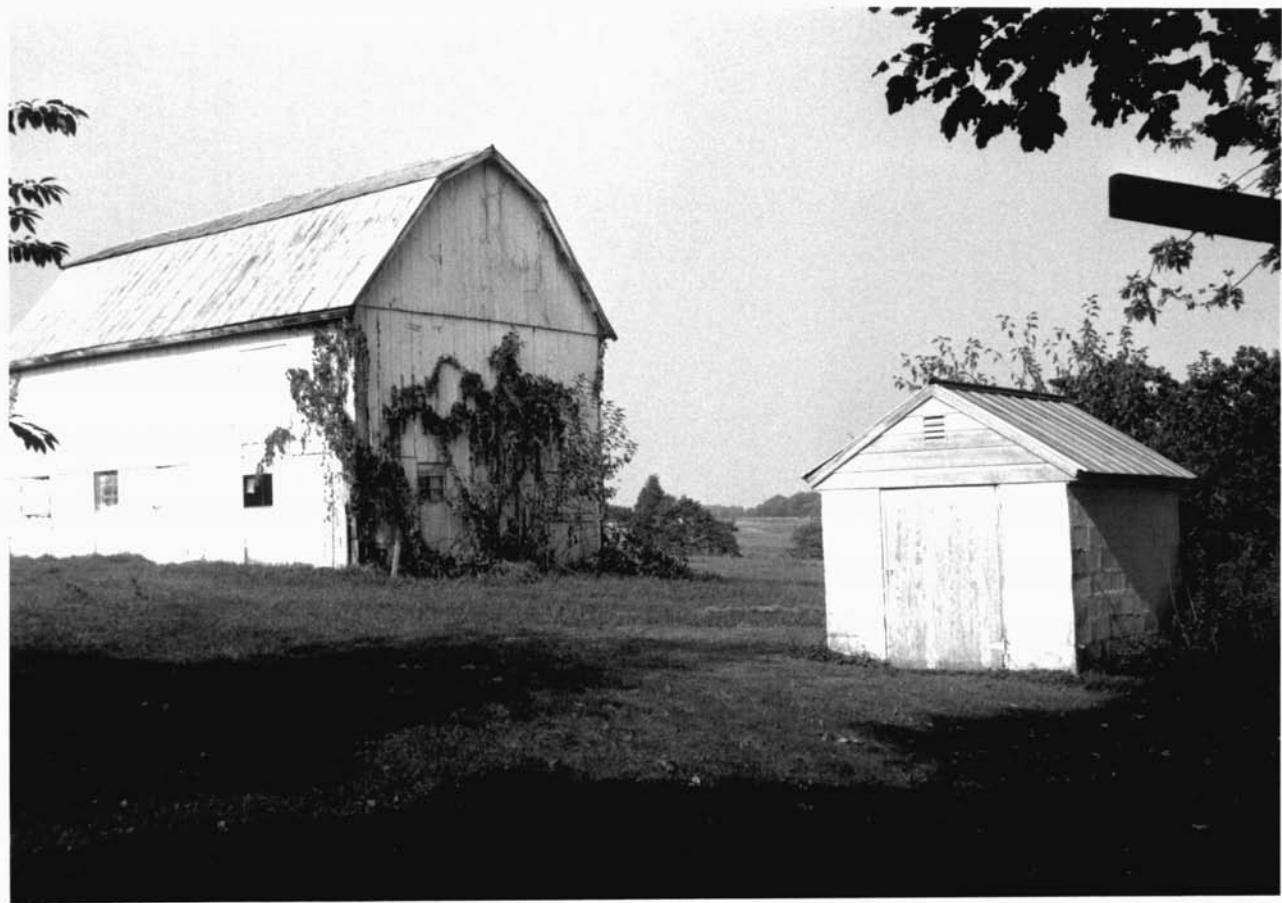
Trailview

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Coop - East Corner

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Traces

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Shed and Barn - Looking North

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