

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

Property/District Name: Wessel Farm Survey Number: HO-721

Tax Parcel#: 116

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

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)

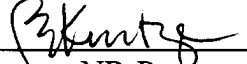
The Wessel Farm at 11460 Scaggsville Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Gothic Revival style, it 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

 2/10/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

 3/31/99  
Reviewer, NR Program Date



## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

Wessel Farm  
11460 Scaggsville Road  
(HO-721)

According to oral tradition, the original dwelling associated with Wessel Farm at 11460 Scaggsville Road, a log house, was first occupied by the Krause family, who lived on the property in 1860 according to Martinet's map. According to the current occupant, the log house was incorporated into the current dwelling. Based on visual inspection of the exterior of the house, this could not be confirmed, and the existing exterior fabric seems to date from 1870-1885.

The house, a 2 1/2-story, three-bay I-house, employed the popular Gothic Revival-style. Set on a random rubble foundation, the wood frame house is clad in German siding at the facade and in weatherboard at the secondary elevations. Typical of the Gothic Revival style, the dwelling is covered with a side gable roof with a central cross gable above the central entry. The symmetry of the house is reinforced not only by the cross gable and central door but by the one-story, five-bay porch with carved brackets, and the flanking corbelled cap interior end chimneys. A one-story, wood frame, shed roof extension has been erected at the rear of the house.

The Wessels were a prominent family who amassed a large amount of property in the Scaggsville area in the late nineteenth century. Since 1900, the property has been owned by the Wessels, a prominent Scaggsville family who amassed a large amount of land in this area in the late nineteenth century. At that time, Herman Wessel purchased the house and surrounding land from the Harding family.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-721

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1. Name of Property

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

common/other name Wessel Farm

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2. Location

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street & number 11460 Scaggsville Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

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

county Howard code 027 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>11</u>	<u>2</u>		buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>12</u>	<u>2</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: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>Outbuildings</u>
	<u>Funerary</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>Funerary</u>

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Gothic Revival  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Random Rubble  
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles  
walls Wood Frame: German 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1870-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1870-1885  
1912  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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.)

Hopkins, G.M. *Map of Clarksville District, Howard County, MD.* 1878.

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

Martinet, Simon J. *Map of Howard County, MD.* Ellicott Mills: John Schofield, 1860.

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 93.21 acres

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

The property at 11460 Scaggsville Road is designated as Parcel 116, Grid 21 as indicated on Map 41.

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

The property at 11460 Scaggsville Road has historically been associated with Parcel 116 since the original construction of the building in the 1870s or early 1880s.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Andrea Bakewell Lowery, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date Nov. 10, 1997  
street & number 5420 Western Ave. telephone (301)656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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12. Property Owner  
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name Dorothy C. Vollmerhausen, Irving F. Wessel, Albert W. Wessel and Raymond L. Wessel  
Street & number 9460 Whiskey Bottom Rd. telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20723  
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Howard County, Maryland  
county and state

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According to oral tradition, the original dwelling associated with 11460 Scaggsville Road, a log house erected by the Krause family in the middle of the nineteenth century, is incorporated in the current dwelling. The existing I-house, which dates from 1870-1885, is 2-1/2 stories in height and three bays in width.<sup>1</sup> Designed in the Gothic Revival style, this dwelling rests on a random rubble foundation. The wood frame walls are clad in German siding at the facade and weatherboard at the secondary elevations. The dwelling is covered with a side gable roof with a central cross gable above the central entry. The symmetry of the house is reinforced not only by the cross gable and central door but by the one-story, five bay porch with carved brackets and the flanking corbelled cap interior end chimneys. A one-story, wood frame, shed roof extension has been erected at the rear of the house.

The Wessel Farm is set approximately 300 feet north of Scaggsville Road. A long gravel drive leads through agricultural fields to the house. Mature trees are clustered around the house, and additional fields extend behind the house.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The southwest elevation of the house, the facade, is three bays wide. The first story is marked at the center by a single-leaf panel-and-light door with a transom and a square-edged surround. Flanking the door are two 2/2 windows with square-edged casings. The second story is marked by three 2/2 windows, and the upper half story is marked in the cross gable with a 1-light window with square-edged casings. A one-story, five-bay porch with chamfered posts, carved brackets, matchstick balusters, and a hipped roof extends across the full width of the facade.

The southeast elevation is pierced with two windows with square-edged casings, one non-original 6/6 window at the first story and one 2/2 window at the second story.

The first story of the rear elevation (northeast elevation) of the house is partially obscured by a one-story shed roof addition. The western portion of the addition forms a cut-away porch, revealing an original 2/2 window with square-edged casings. An additional

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<sup>1</sup> The Martinet's 1860 Map of Howard County, MD, depicts a house in the current location of the Wessel Farm. This dwelling may be incorporated into the current dwelling although from exterior visual examination, the architecture does not support this. It is recommended that an interior examination be performed to establish whether this building is indeed Antebellum.



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2/2 window is located within the northeast wall of the addition, and a third 2/2 window is located to the east of the addition. Within the porch, at the northwest wall of the enclosed area of the addition, is a single-leaf, panel-and-light door. Each of the three bays of second story is marked with a single 2/2 window with square-edged casings.

The northwest elevation of the house is composed of the original gable end wall and the end wall of the addition. The gable end is pierced by two 2/2 windows, one at the first story and one at the second story. The shed roof addition is also pierced at this elevation with a single 2/2 window.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

A number of outbuildings are located to the northeast and northwest of the house. To the northwest of the house stands a one-and-a-half-story, wood frame barn that dates from the 1940s. Set on a concrete foundation, the barn is clad in vertical board siding and covered with a front gable roof of corrugated metal. Behind the barn is a wood frame machine shed that dates from the 1950s and is clad in vertical board siding and covered with a standing seam metal shed roof. West of the shed is a 1940s metal clad silo with a domed roof.

To the north of these three outbuildings is a large hay barn that dates from circa 1920. Set on a random rubble foundation, the wood frame building is clad in vertical board siding and covered with a front gable metal roof with a hay hood. The barn has several one-story additions that have been erected at the northwest, northeast, and southeast elevations.

West of the large barn are a number of wood frame sheds. Two of the small wood frame sheds, one with a gable roof and one with a shed roof, are in a state of disrepair, both dating from the 1930s or 1940s. Also west of the barn are two 1940s hog houses with slatted wood walls and steep gable roofs.

Also west of the large barn are two small sheds that date from the 1940s or 1950s. Both sheds are clad in vertical board siding and covered with front gable roofs. One L-shaped wood frame shed, probably constructed in the 1960s, is located in this area. This shed, which serves as a tool shed, is set on a concrete foundation, and is clad in vertical board siding, and covered with a shed roof.

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One additional outbuilding is located to the southwest of the house along the gravel drive. The shelter, which dates from the 1920s, is clad in wood weatherboard laid over vertical board siding. The shed roof reveals exposed rafter tails and is pierced by a stove pipe.

In the east corner of the property there is reportedly a family grave site. This site, however, could not be accessed at the time of the survey.

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According to oral tradition, the first dwelling on the site was a log house first occupied by the Krause family, who purchased the property in 1864. The house appears on the 1878 G.M. Hopkins Map, placing the date of the building between 1865 and 1878, although the appearance of the house reflects a later remodeling.<sup>2</sup> The property has been owned by the Wessel family since 1900, when Herman Wessel purchased the house and surrounding land from the Harding family. According to the Wessels, the current I-house form incorporates the original log dwelling; however, this could not be ascertained from visual examination of the exterior of the house. According to the current occupant, the house was renovated in 1912.

The Wessels were a prominent family who amassed a large amount of property in the Scaggsville area in the late nineteenth century. Montpelier, which dates to 1760, stood at the northwest corner of Johns Hopkins Road and Columbia Turnpike, was another large Wessel family property that stood in this area.

The house presents a typical example of the vernacular Gothic Revival style, as adopted in rural Maryland. This style, which gained popularity as a "rural" style, was often used in the design of farmhouses and dwellings throughout agricultural communities across America at the turn of the 20th century. This house -- an I-house with the center of the facade emphasized by a front gable, and a centrally placed window in the gable -- is typical of the Gothic Revival style. The limited ornamentation reflects the customary dependence on the form of the building to convey an association with a particular style.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

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

Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)  
Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
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:**

- August 27, 1862: James Walters and wife to Philip Krause, Sr.  
Philip Krause, Sr. conveyed property by his  
will dated August 10, 1864 to his wife  
Elizabeth Krause who died intestate, the  
property then conveyed to their children  
including Philip Krause, Jr.  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWW 22 Folio 106
- April 9, 1884: Philip Krause, Jr., et al. to William A.  
Wilson  
Deed of mortgage  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber LJW 47 Folio 564
- April 12, 1884: William A. and Laura V. Wilson to Rachel A.  
Warfield  
Deed of mortgage  
100 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber LJW 47 Folio 568
- August 25, 1891: William A. and Laura V. Wilson to Rachel A.  
Warfield  
Deed of mortgage  
100 acres  
R. Frank Warfield assigned power to sell  
property in case of default (sold to John R.  
Harding, May 16, 1899, recorded below)  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber JHO 57 Folio 529
- June 27, 1899: R. Frank Warfield, Assignee to John R. Harding  
100 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber JHO 70 Folio 508
- April 6, 1900: John R. and Martha A. (wife) Harding to Herman  
Wessel  
100 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber JHO 71 Folio 655

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- December 29, 1915: Herman and Catherine D. (wife) Wessel to  
Arthur William and Mary (wife) Wessel  
100 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWLC 100 Folio 343
- June 24, 1916: Herman and Catherine D. Wessel (wife) to  
Arthur W. and Mary (wife) Wessel  
Mary Wessel died 1941  
Arthur W. Wessel died 1955 and conveyed  
property to his children: John L., Frank H.,  
A. Stanley, Albert W., Irving F., Vernon G.,  
Raymond L. Wessel and Dorothy C. Vollmerhausen  
Will dated May 23, 1955  
100 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WBN 101 Folio 472
- February 20, 1957: Lester E. Mallonee and John L. Clark, Trustees  
to John L., Frank H., Albert W., Vernon G.,  
Raymond L., and Arthur Stanley Wessel  
Lester E. Mallonee appointed trustee in court  
case: John L. Wessel versus Irving F. Wessel  
99.44 acres--each conveyed a 1/6 interest in  
property  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 294 Folio 322
- Will  
October 28, 1964: Frank H. Wessel to Vernon G. and Raymond L.  
Wessel  
Will dated October 28, 1964  
Frank H. died February 27, 1965, conveyed his  
1/6 interest in property described in previous  
deed to his two brothers
- Will  
August 10, 1970: Arthur Stanley Wessel to Emily Ruth Wessel  
(his wife)  
Arthur Stanley Wessel died and left his 1/6  
interest in the above property to his wife,  
Emily Ruth Wessel  
Will Records of Howard County  
Liber 567 Folio 409

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March 10, 1994:       Albert    W.       and    Raymond    L.       Wessel,  
Representatives of estate of Vernon G. Wessel  
to Dorothy C. Vollmerhausen, Irving F., Albert  
W. and Raymond L. Wessel  
Vernon G. Wessel, deceased May 21, 1993,  
appointed   Albert       and       Raymond       as  
representatives  
Property at 11460 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD  
93.21 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 3198        Folio 430

Resource Sketch Map

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Wessel Farm

11460 Scaggsville

Lawel, Howard County, MD



Reputed site of Wessel family graves not accessible 10/97

Hickory tree

Dilapidated shed

Hog houses shed

Agricultural Fields

Barn

Toolshed

Dilapidated shed

Shed

Barn

Machine shed

(mark)

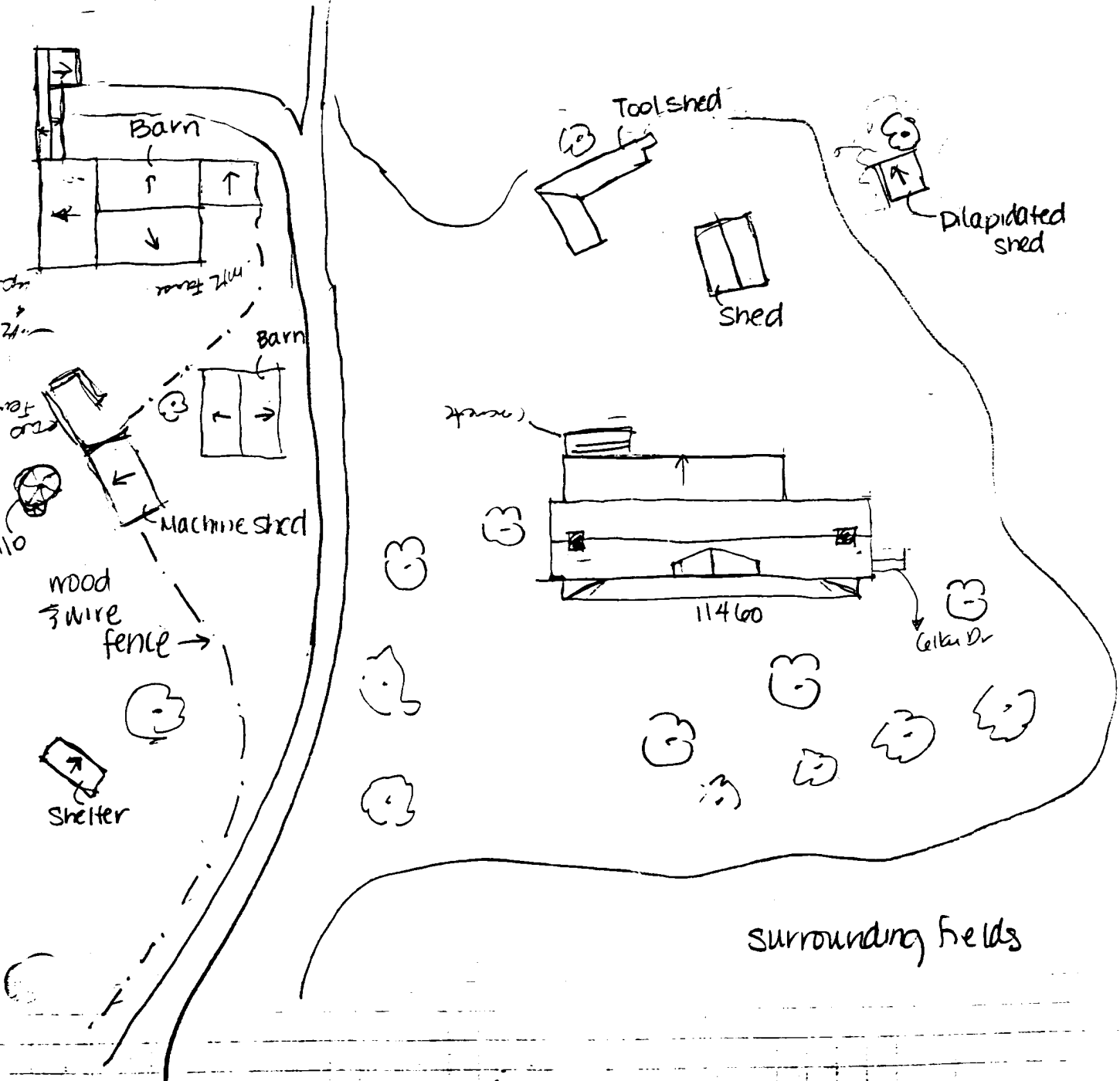
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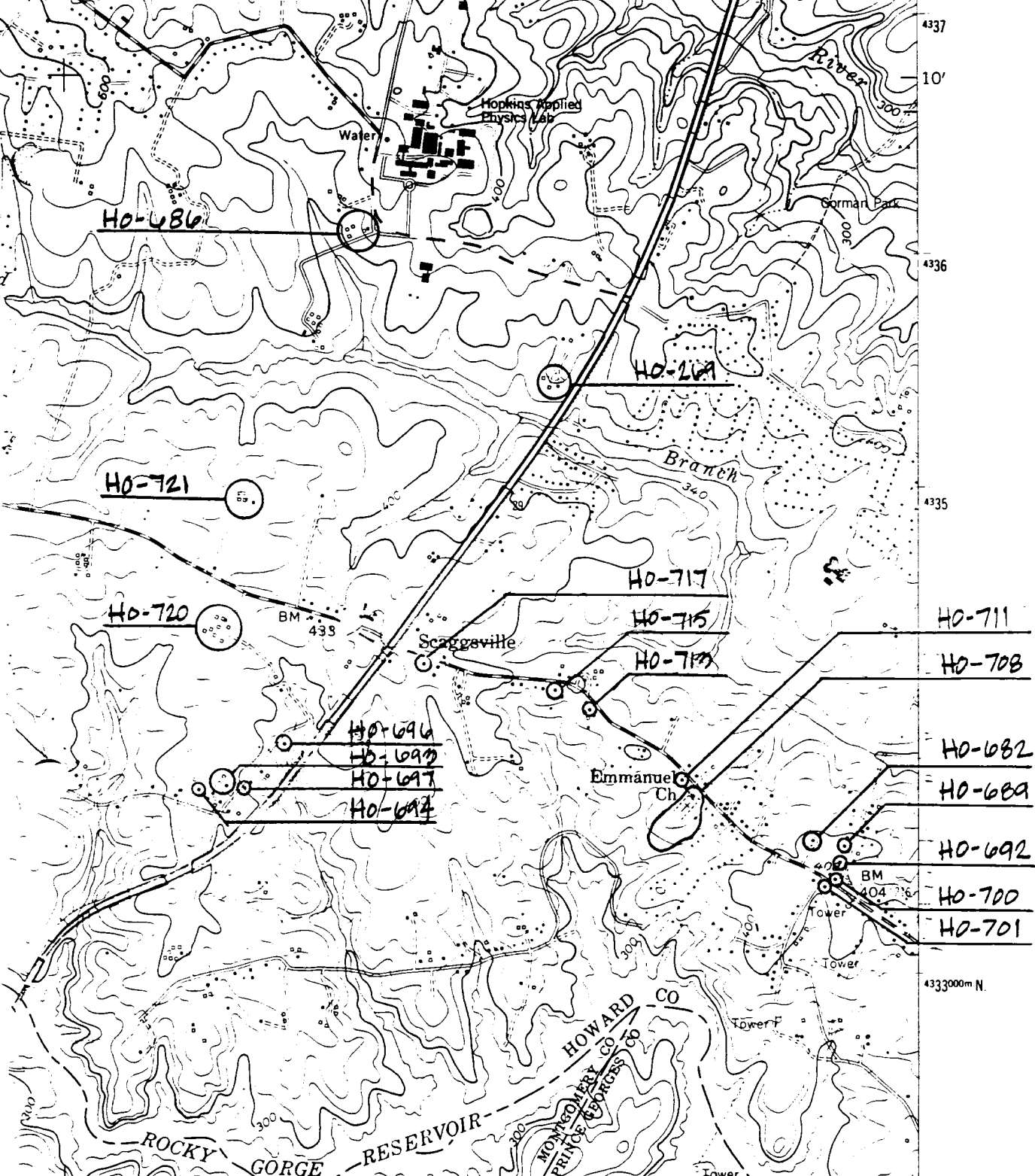
wood & wire fence

Shelter

surrounding fields







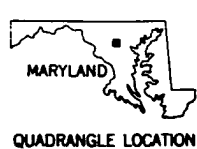
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**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

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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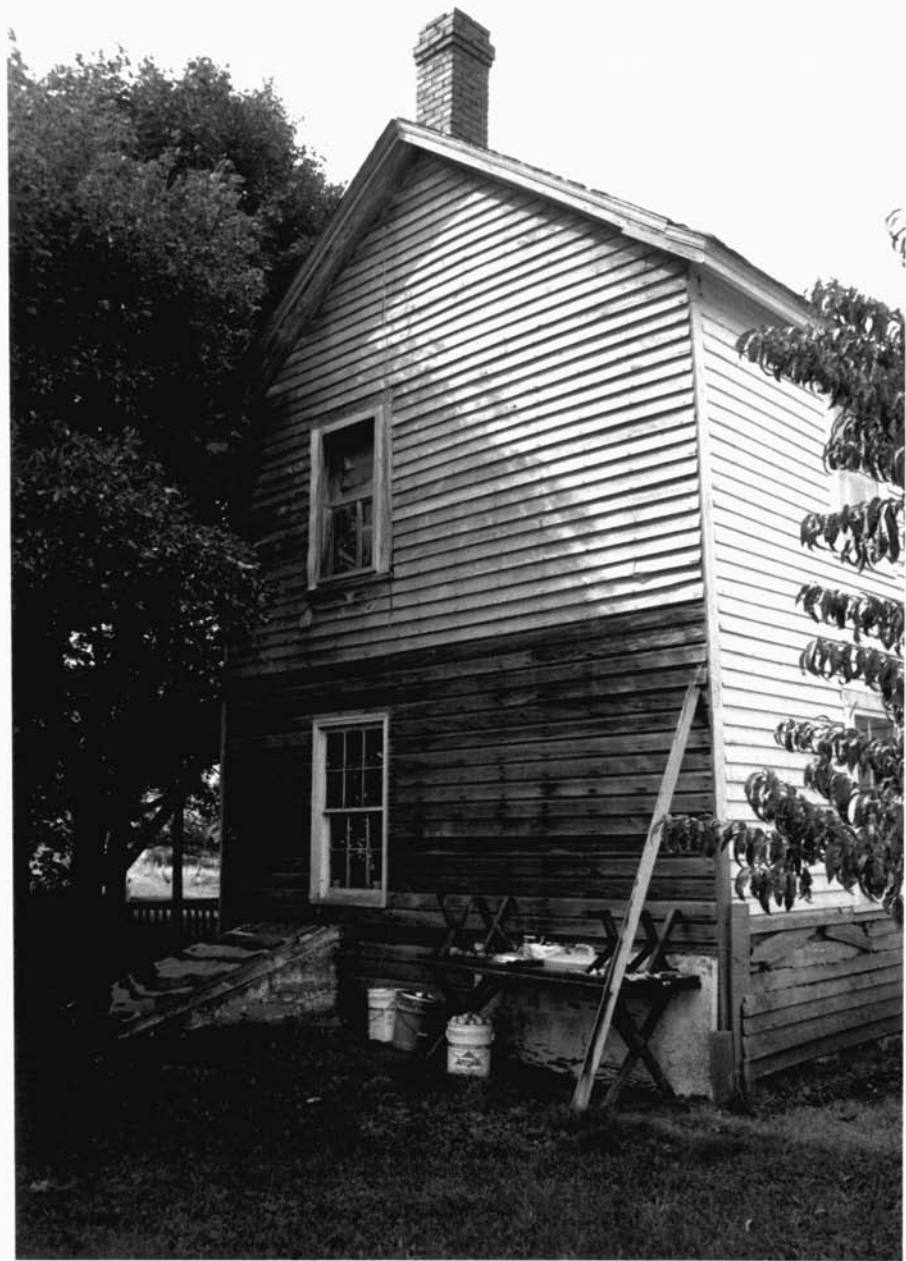
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House, southwest elevation & northwest elevation

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house, northwest elevation

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MD SHPO

House, southeast elevation

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MD SHPO

Barn, machine shed, and silo, looking west

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Traces

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MD SHPO

Barn, looking north

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Wessel Farm

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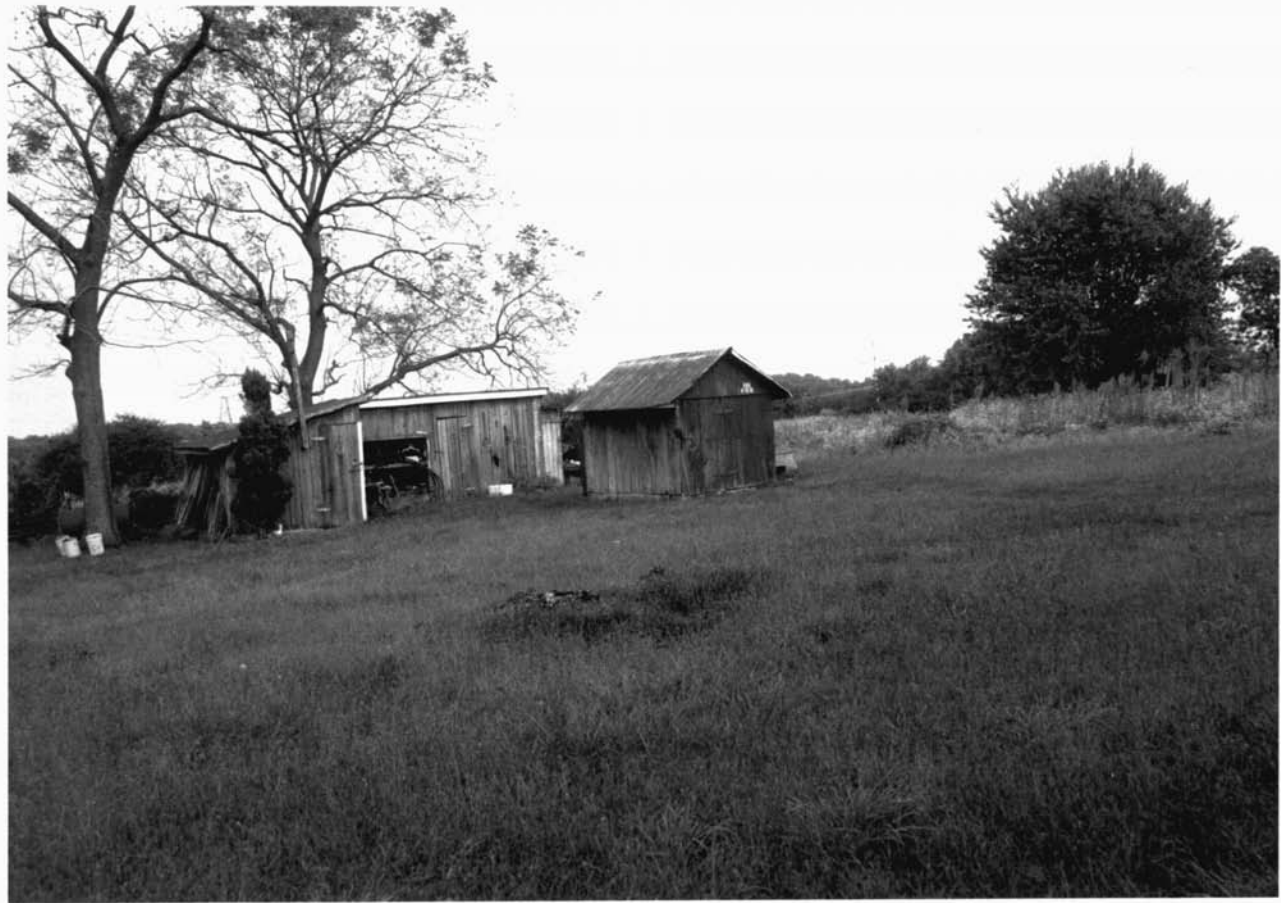
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Hog Houses & Shed

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Traces

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Sheds, looking north

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Traceview -  
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Shelter, looking west

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