

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-902

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
 other Walnut Springs Nursery

### 2. Location

street and number 14822 Burnt Woods Road not for publication  
 city, town Glenwood  vicinity  
 county Howard

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

name Walnut Springs Nursery, Inc.  
 street and number 14812 Burnt Woods Road telephone 301-854-6688  
 city, town Glenwood state MD zip code 21738-9605

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 14-82  
 city, town Ellicott City liber 3221 folio 476

### 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
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	6
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	6
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Mackall-Wolfe Farm is located at 14822 Burnt Woods Road, on the north side of the road, just east of Route 97, in western Howard County, Maryland. The farm is now Walnut Springs Nursery, and contains numerous modern buildings for that operation. There are also two houses on the property that appear to be tenant houses, both of which are frame.

#### North Tenant House-Exterior

The north tenant house is located at the northern end of the property, on a ridge where the ground rises some to the northeast and drops in the other direction. There is a drive cutting in front of the house, to the south of it, with a stream to the southwest and a wooded area of small trees to the south. The house faces south and is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with German siding mostly covered by asbestos shingles. The siding has wire nails. The northeast corner post is a 4x6, and the east sill is a 6x6. Both of these timbers are very rotten, but there are still some good spots from which to measure accurately. The house has a rubble stone foundation and is banked to the north. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge, and there is a brick chimney in the center of this ridge.

The south elevation foundation has a doorway in the center with a circular-sawn frame that is wire-nailed. The frame is rotted, and the door is missing. There are concrete cheek walls on either side of this doorway. The stone is pointed with a bead. Each end bay of the foundation has a window opening with a wood sill and lintel, butt hinges for shutters that have two knuckles each, and the sash is missing. The first story has a center doorway with four lights over three lying panels in the door. The doorframe has a beaded interior edge. There is one window to either side of the door, also with a beaded-interior-edge frame, and the remains of six-over-six double-hung sash. These windows also have shutter butt hinges with two knuckles. There are traces of a three-bay, one-story porch that had pilasters or engaged square half columns against the house, and a shed roof. The second story has a matching window opening in each end bay, and there is a wood box cornice with returns.

The west elevation has no openings in the foundation. The first and second stories have a single typical window opening in the center bay, and the gable end has a short window opening in the center. On the north elevation the foundation is mostly hidden in the bank of the hill. The first story has a typical window opening in the east bay, no opening in the center bay, and a doorway in the west bay that has a beaded-interior-edge frame. Only the hinge stile of the door survives, but it indicates that the door had four panels with ogee moulds and has stamped plate butt hinges with five knuckles and loose joints. There is a ghost of a one-story, two-bay shed roof porch or addition on the center and west bays. The German siding was not covered here, and there is no apparent foundation, suggesting this was a porch. The second story has a typical window opening in the east and west bays, and the box cornice matches the south elevation. The east elevation has no openings in the foundation. The first story has a typical window, and the wall below it is mostly rotted out. There are circular-sawn 2 by 4 studs with downbraces at the corner that are let into notches in the studs. There are short pieces nailed between the studs between the foot and sill level, to give something to nail the interior wainscot to. The second story has a typical window opening, and the gable end has a typical window opening with the remains of a six-light sash.

#### North Tenant House-Interior

The cellar is one large open room with a dirt floor, exposed stone walls, and a small brick chimney in the center. There is no opening for a stairway here from the first story. The joists run north-south, and are circular-sawn 2 by 8s that are spaced 16 inches on centers, with bridging nailed with wire nails. There is some rot in the floor at the west end. The chimney bricks have pencil notations that include "November 23, 192?" "?R. Wolf ? 16th 1917" "November 14, 1923" and "1920 November 6 bags 27 35 34 equals 96 plus 48 equals 144 BU."

The first story has a hall-parlor plan divided by a wall that runs north-south. The west room has 2-1/2-inch tongue and groove pine flooring that runs east-west and is milled on the bottom. There is V-groove vertical-board half wainscot and chair rail with a torus on the shelf and a bevel at the bottom edge. The architrave is pulvinated, with a bead on the inner and outer edges, and is mitered

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at the corners. The building has circular-sawn lath with wire nails, covered with plaster. The west room wall finishes on top of the plaster consist of a pale gray, a medium gray, a medium blue, a putty, and a tan color on top. The east elevation has a brick chimney in the center with a stovepipe hole, and a door to the south of this that has four panels with sunken fields and ovolo panel moulds. The door has stamped plate butt hinges with loose joints, and the rim lock is missing. There is peg rail on all sides of the room, and it has a bead at both the top and bottom edges. The sash have plain meeting rails and no parting beads. There is an enclosed winder stair in the northwest corner, with V-groove vertical boards. There is one step set below a missing door, and the stairs ascend to the north, with winders in the corner, and then turn to the east. The edge of the stairway where the winders turn has corner wood bead that is turned in the center. Beneath the stairway is a closet with a typical four-panel door with this building, and it has part of a cast-iron Suffolk latch. The east room has typical flooring, wainscot, chair rail, lath and plaster walls, architrave, and sash. The east room finishes have a dark blue on top of the plaster, then a light blue, peach, dark gray, light gray, on top. The dark blue has faded to a medium blue where it has been exposed for some time. The west wall has a stovepipe hole into the chimney in the west room. The exterior wall studs are spaced 16 inches on centers, while the interior wall studs are spaced 24 inches on centers.

The second story has a passage that runs along the north wall with a chamber to the southwest and a chamber at the east end. The passage has typical flooring, plain baseboard, typical architrave, and plaster on lath. The west chamber also has typical flooring, baseboard, walls, and architrave. There is pegrail on the north wall though there are no pegs. The chimney on the east elevation has no stovepipe hole. The northwest corner is built in around the stairway from the first story. The sash details also match the first story. The east chamber has a stovepipe hole in the west wall. There is typical flooring, baseboard, architrave, and walls. The southeast corner of the room has pegrail, and there is a hatch in the ceiling in the northeast corner that gives access to the attic. The attic joists run north-south, are circular-sawn 3 by 6s and are spaced 24 inches on centers. The attic is mostly unfloored. The rafters are also circular-sawn, are 2 by 4s and are mitered at the ridge. They support shingle lath and boards nailed between this lath.

About 100 feet west of the house is a springhead cover with stone walls that are lined with brick, and with an arched top.

### South Tenant House-Exterior

This is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with vinyl siding and a gable roof that has inverted-v-seam metal, an east-west ridge, and an interior brick chimney on the east gable end. There is a one-story porch that wraps around the south, west, and north sides, and the south end is enclosed with vinyl siding and new windows. The present entrance to the house is located on the west side of this enclosure. The west end is enclosed with stucco and new windows. All of the other windows are also new one-over-one sash with fake blinds. The west gable end has a fanlight over the window. The porch retains vertical balusters and railing where it has not been enclosed.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder n/a

Construction dates 1912-15

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Mackall-Wolfe Farm was originally part of the "Longwood" property (HO-8), 45 acres of which was cut off in 1906 and sold to Gustavus Warfield, Sr. Warfield in turn sold the parcel in 1910 to a local farmer, John H. R. Wolfe, for \$1,100. Wolfe enlarged the parcel to 56 3/4 acres and sold in two years later to Virtye P. Mackall, wife of Charles. Within a year Mackall's mortgage was foreclosed upon and the farm sold at public auction. It was advertised as being "improved by a large new two and one-half story frame dwelling, double weatherboarded and pebble dashed, with elegant porches on front and side. The house contains nine rooms and a bath and is equipped with acetylene [sic] gas, hot air furnace, hot and cold water, large stable, accommodates 4 horses, and other out-buildings. Too much cannot be said for this property, as the buildings are new, having been erected last May. Interior of house is in hard wood, newly papered and all modern conveniences. It has a very high elevation, fronts on two roads . . ." Wolfe ended up buying the farm, and held onto it until his death in 1940, even though he had his own farm. This could have served as a rental property. The improvements that Mackall made were assessed at \$2075, and Wolfe made additional improvements to the property that were assessed in 1916 for \$1,925. It is also possible that Wolfe made further changes to the property because he moved to this farm, since a 1950 deed notes that this was the farm "upon which the late John H. R. Wolfe resided many years prior to his death." (1)

Most of the buildings mentioned in the sale ad are no longer standing, including, apparently, the main house. There are two old houses on the property, one of which has been covered with aluminum siding and has had part of its porches enclosed. It does not appear to be large enough to be the main dwelling mentioned in the advertisement. The other house is standing vacant. It is a banked, hall-parlor plan structure that had a stove in the center, perhaps of each room. There was a porch on the south side, but it has completely rotted away, and a one-story addition (probably a porch) was placed on the rear at an unknown date, but that, too, has disappeared. The house construction is consistent with a date in the 1890-1915 period, marking the end of traditional vernacular design and the change over from traditional construction to balloon framing. The large posts and sills are a holdover from the earlier tradition, and are more likely to be found in 1890 than 1912. However, it is unlikely that any buildings were standing on this property before 1906, at the earliest. Wolfe died in 1940 and his widow sold the farm two years later. It now serves as a nursery, with many modern buildings added for this function, and all of the associated farm buildings have disappeared.

Notes:

(1). Ellicott City, Maryland, Times, 1 March 1913, p. 2, col. 4. Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, District 4, 1910-17, Maryland State Archives. Howard County Land Records, MWB 216-216.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 45.788 acres

Acreage of historical setting 56 3/4 acres

Quadrangle name Woodbine

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 8/16/2006

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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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Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

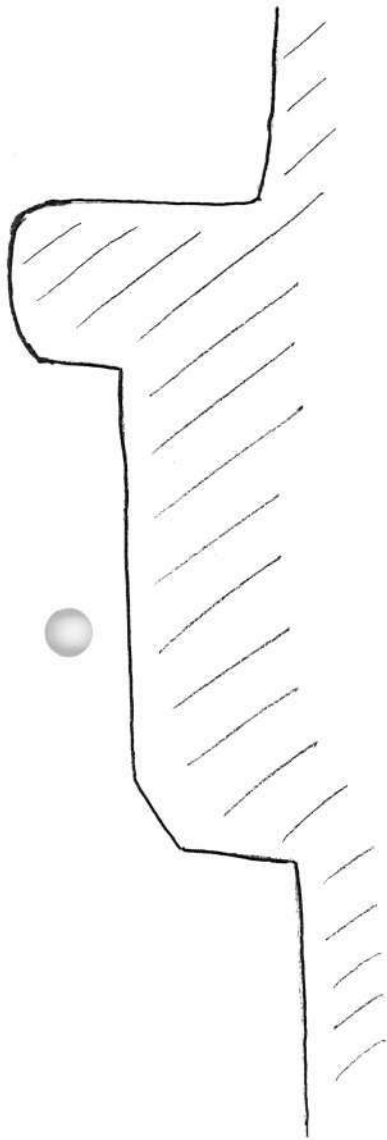
**Mackell-Wolfe Farm (HO-902)**  
**14822 Burnt Woods Road**  
 CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Sundstrom Family Ltd. Partnership	Walnut Springs Nursery/MD Corp.	[4.14] 1994	MDR 3221-476	Deed - fee simple	\$500,000	46.123 A	
John W. & Dorothy Sundstrom &H/W)	Sundstrom Family Ltd. Partnership/MD	12.17.1992	MDR 2731-136	Deed - fee simple	\$0	55.02 A - 3 tracts = 45.788 A	4 <sup>th</sup> District N. side of Burnt Woods Road (formerly Shady Ln.) nr. Glenwood
Beulah M. & Samuel L. St. Clair (H/W) PG Co.	John W. & Dorothy C. Sundstrom (H/W)/?	9.11.1951	MWB 227-477	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	55.02 A	Mortgage of \$19,000
Burton & Thelma M. Foster (H/W)/Washington, DC	Beulah M. St. Clair	5.20.1950	MWB 217-96	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	55.02 A	
Vivian V. Simpson, Montgomery Co. MD	Burton & Thelma M. Foster, Montgomery Co. MD	3.25.1950	MWB 216-215	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	55.02 A	"upon which the late John H. R. Wolfe resided many years prior to his death."
Burton & Thelma M. Foster (H/W), Montgomery Co.	Vivian V. Simpson, Montgomery Co.	3.25.1950	MWB 216-213	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	55.02 A	
Nannie M. Wolfe, Widow/ Howard Humphrey D. & Margaret Wolfe (H/W)/Wilmington DE	Burton & Thelma M. Foster/Washington DC	8.29.1942	MB, Jr. 175-534	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	55.02 A	JHW d. May 5, 1940
Edward O. Weant, Carroll	John H. R. Wolfe/?	4.23.1913	WWLC 94-579	Deed - fee simple	\$4,250	50-3/4 A	EOW Assignee of mortgage Virtye & Charles Mackall to Sykesville Realty & Investment Co. Sale 4.22.1913
John H. R. Wolfe & wf. Nannie M./Howard	Virtye P. Mackall/Howard	5.14.1912	WWLC 93-114	Deed - fee simple	\$2,837.50	56-3/4 A	
Gustavus Warfield et al	John H. R. Wolfe/Howard	8.25.1910	WWLC 89-583	Deed - fee simple	\$1,100	45 A	P/O Longwood
Emma W. Shepherd/Howard	Gustavus Warfield, Sr.	6.4.1906	WWLC 82-193	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	45 A	P/O Longwood
Mary Thomas Warfield/Howard	Emma M. Shepherd Louisa Warfield	Written 1.19.1965 Probated 2.5.1884	Wills TBH 2-497	Bequest	--	?	"Longwood"

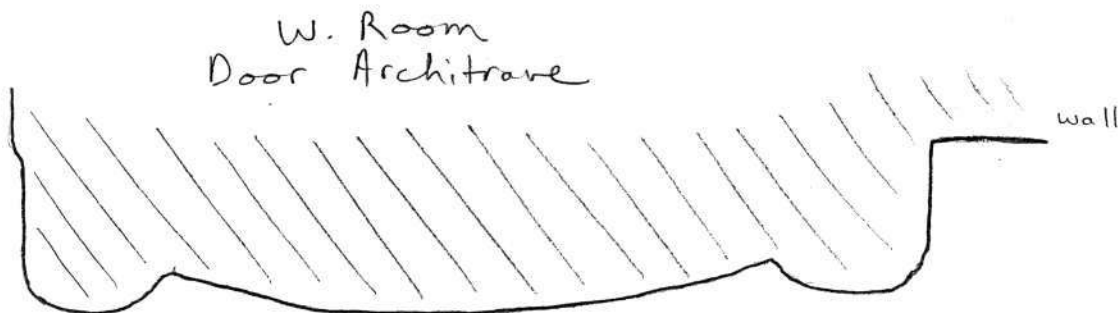
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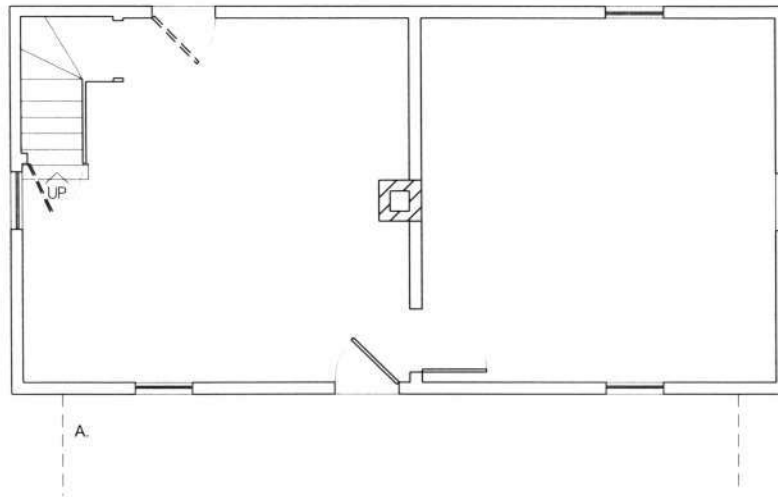


W. Rm.  
Chair  
rail

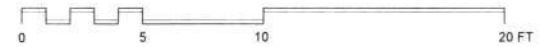


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Door Architrave

wall



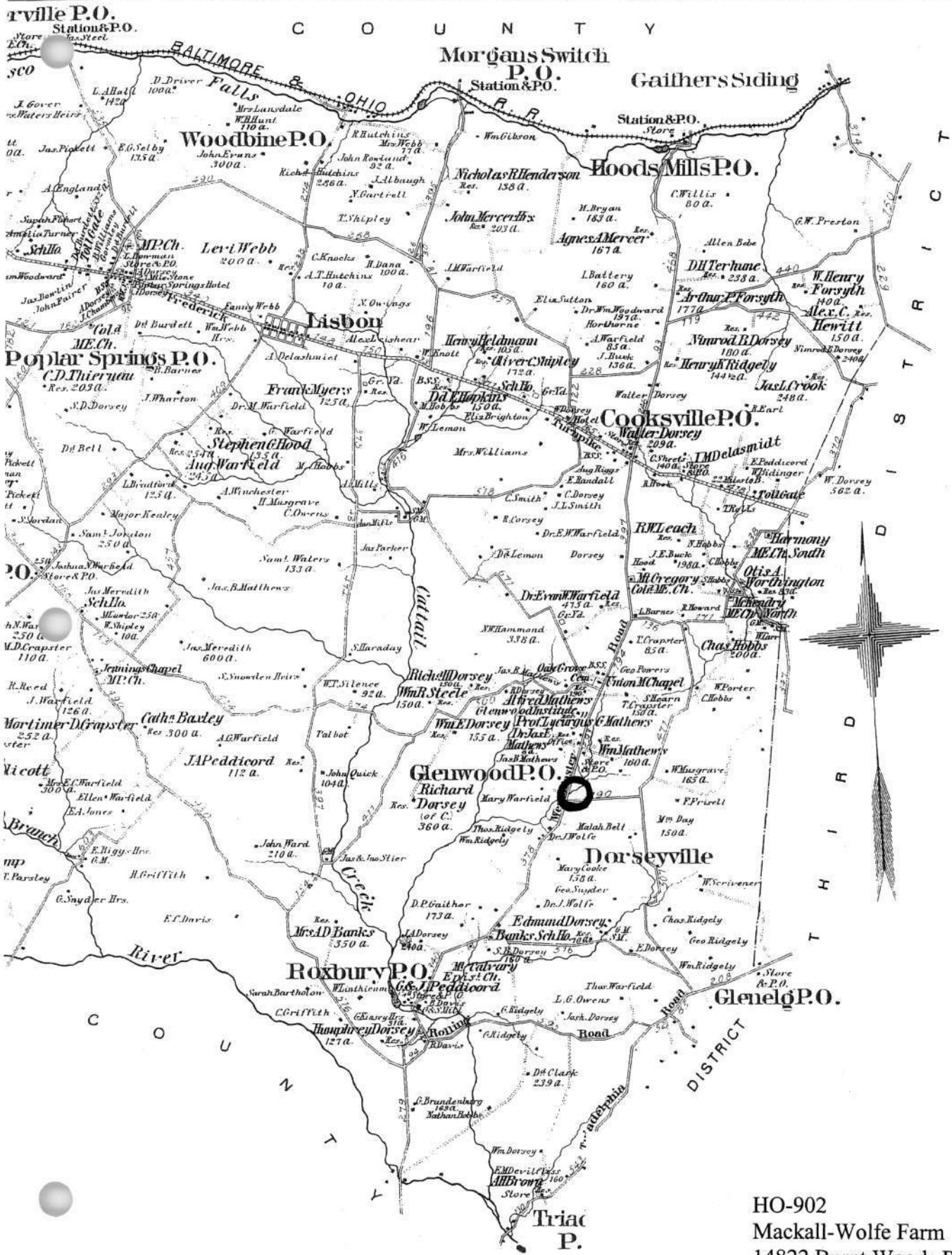
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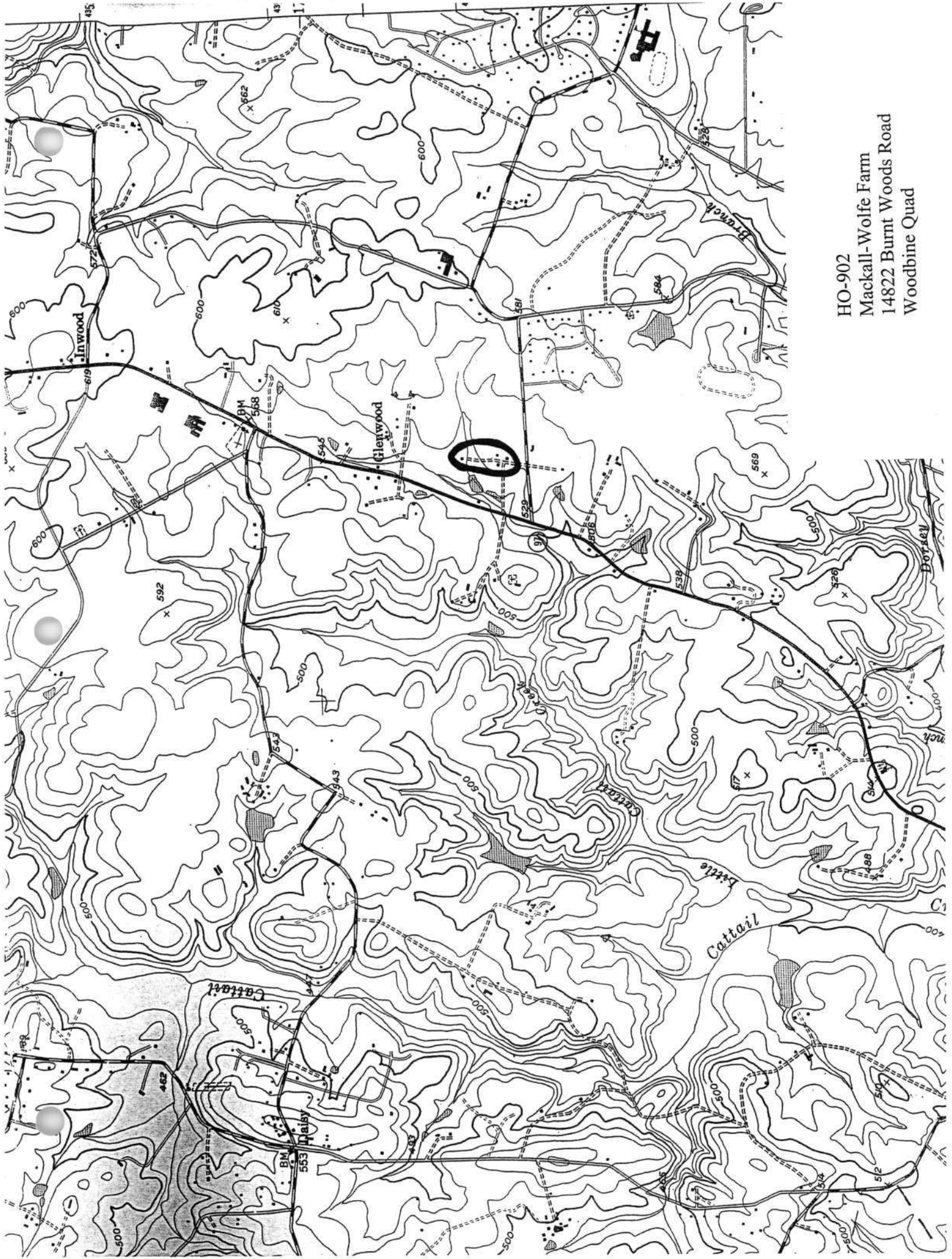
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 Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
 14822 Burnt Woods Road  
 Hopkins Atlas, 1878

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HO-902  
 Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
 14822 Burnt Woods Road  
 Woodbine Quad

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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House-  
west & south elevations  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House-  
east & north elevations  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House-  
west room, view  
northwest  
Ken Short  
April 2006  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House-  
west room, view  
southeast  
Ken Short  
April 2006  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
story passage, view east  
Ken Short  
April 2006  
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west chamber, view  
northwest  
Ken Short  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
Road  
Howard County, MD  
North Tenant House-  
Spring head near North  
Tenant House  
Ken Short  
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Mackall-Wolfe Farm  
14822 Burnt Woods  
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South Tenant House-  
west & south elevations  
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HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, North Tenant House-west room, view northwest  
Ken Short, April 2006 3/8



HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, North Tenant House-west room, view southeast  
Ken Short, April 2006 4/8



HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, North Tenant House -2<sup>nd</sup> story passage,  
view east  
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HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, North Tenant House -west chamber, view northwest  
Ken Short, April 2006 6/8



HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, Spring head near North Tenant House  
Ken Short, April 2006 7/8



HO-0902 Mackall-Wolfe Farm 14822 Burnt Woods Road, South Tenant House-west & south elevations  
Ken Short, April 2006 8/8