

HO-941
John and Sarah Wilson Farm
13741 Frederick Road
West Friendship

Addendum

Description:

The Wilson Farm house was dismantled in June 2009, revealing details of its construction and original configuration. The house faced northeast, toward the road. The stair handrail removed from the center passage has written in pencil on the bottom of it "WHD Warfield + Co. Sykesville MD."

The main block is a V-notched-corner log structure with whitewash on all sides. The kitchen wing and the second story were frame, and were removed first. Sills were added to the top of the first story before the second story addition was put on. The northeast elevation had, from north to east, a window, door, window, an unknown configuration in the center because the wall was opened up for a later doorway, then a window, door, window. All of the jambs are two inches wide, where they exist in the original openings, and are pegged to the log ends. The bottom log in the center is half-lapped, with the end of a V-notch log on top of it that runs back to the southwest below the floor and matches the arrangement in the south wall. On the north end, the log above the window openings has two notches, one above the other, that may have been for a porch that was connected here. There is another mortise between the two north windows. The exterior face of the log wall has cut lath nails in it, and there are diagonal ghosts of the lath in the whitewash. The east end exterior wall also has cut lath nails.

The northwest elevation has cut lath nails on the exterior, and was then sided over. At the north end is some circular-sawn vertical lath with plaster on it, and the plaster has several coats of a bright blue pigmented whitewash over several coats of white over a black or very dark brown. There was a doorway at the north end. There is a wide opening in the center that has later infill in it, and this was apparently for a fireplace. The bottom log in the wall here is patched. There is heavy soot at the top of both sides of this opening. There are two mortises in the first full log above the doorway on either side of the fireplace jambs, probably for an addition on this side. The west end has two 1-1/2 inch diameter pegs broken off in holes in the wall 5 feet, 2 inches above the foundation. On the southwest elevation, at the west end, there are no lath nails on the exterior face of the logs. There is a sash-sawn window jamb board pegged to the log ends, and this window was later converted to a door, and then closed up with drywall. The southwest elevation, in the center, has a small lap joint in the bottom log with a V-notch log on top of it for a partition wall that ran southwest to northeast. It thus appears that the whole building was constructed in one phase. A doorway was cut through this center of the wall at a later date. The top log is face-lapped with one bolt connecting the joint, and this probably replaces an earlier peg. There were no windows in the two center bays on this elevation. The southwest elevation had a window at the south end and a doorway to the west of this window. Between the window and door are two notches for a porch railing,

the top notch being 3-3/4 inches by 2-3/4 inches high, with a pyramidal top to the notch, and the notch is 3-1/2 inches high in the center. The bottom notch is 1-1/4 inches wide by 3-1/2 inches high. There is no evidence of notches for a porch railing on the west side of the door in the east-center bay.

The southeast elevation also had a wide opening apparently for a fireplace. The bottom log in this wall has been pieced together and it appears to be a repair, rather than the addition of a missing section. There are no mortises on this wall in the logs. The flooring in the west end on the first story is fastened with cut nails that are face-nailed.

Significance:

The John and Sarah Wilson Farm house was dismantled by Mark Onheiser in June, 2009, in the process revealing more of the history of the property. On the bottom of the main stair handrail was written in pencil "W.H.D. Warfield + Co. Sykesville, MD." Wade Warfield was perhaps the most successful businessman in Sykesville in the early twentieth century. Warfield went into business in Sykesville in 1889, though it is not known when he opened his lumber and coal yard.¹ He was likely responsible for much of the material in the Wilson house, since it was rebuilt c. 1906-07, and apparently supplied many homebuilders in this part of Howard County in the early twentieth century.

More significant is the confirmation that the main block of the house was an earlier structure that was significantly altered when the Wilson's remodeled and enlarged it for their home. Enough original material and evidence of missing fabric existed to recreate much of the original structure. This was a double-crib log building with V-notch corners, apparently one story in height and six bays long, and each crib appears to have been a single dwelling with a door in the center of its front, and a window to each side of both doors. There was a large brick chimney on each gable end and a rear door opposite the front one, with a window to the gable-end side. On the opposite side of the rear door, which was closest to the partition wall, there was no opening and presumably this was where the stair was located; no evidence of the stairway was uncovered, though this area could not be carefully examined. The center log dividing wall had been completely removed when a center passage was created, so it was not possible to be certain that this was built as two separate dwellings, but the arrangement of windows and doors certainly argues that it was. All of these openings had thick jambs pegged to the log ends, a construction technique that generally seems to date to before c. 1840. The west dwelling flooring appeared to be original, and was fastened with cut nails, which would generally date it to after about 1820. The upper story flooring was completely removed and the joists apparently re-used to infill abandoned openings, since the front was converted from six bays to five. Much hand-made re-used brick, some of it heavily covered with soot, was also used for the infill, and this probably came from the end chimneys. The upper story joists were probably removed in the remodeling in order to raise the ceiling height on the first story. There had been a porch across the entire front of the dwelling, though

¹ Healon Barrow, *Sykesville, Past and Present* (Sykesville, MD: Greenburg Publishing Co., Inc., 1987), p. 26.

whether it was original or added later was not determinable. The logs were originally exposed and whitewashed on both the exterior and the interior, and may have remained this way until the remodeling, except for the exterior front that faced the road and was covered by the porch; it was lathed and plastered at some point. There had also been a room added to the west end, with a doorway into it from the west room, and this doorway also had pegged jambs. This room was apparently removed in the 1906 remodeling, and the doorway closed off at that time. There was only a cellar under the east half.

Because the log partition wall had been completely removed, it was not possible to determine whether both log cribs were separate dwellings originally, but the arrangement of the front wall, with two doors and four windows, suggests that the building was constructed either for two families, or for two uses, such as dwelling and tavern. The presence of a cellar on only one half argues against it being for two families, though this is hardly conclusive evidence. Given that both cribs had a fireplace, neither side would likely have been used as a store or shop since these spaces were typically unheated until after the Civil War. This double cabin has certain similarities to slave quarters in the region, though there are several features that are not consistent. Most quarters have the fireplaces laid back-to-back in the center to conserve on brick, and most do not have a cellar. The location of the building, close to the turnpike road, would also be unusual for a quarter.

Platting out the various deeds and overlaying them on a tax map from 1967 clearly shows that the Wilson House sat on the five-acre tract that John Wilson acquired at foreclosure in 1874. The lot had been bought by John D. Alcock in 1869 for \$1,900 from Joshua Wright. When Wright owned it, it was surrounded by the farm of Caleb Shipley, Sr., and Shipley divided his land between his sons, Caleb, Jr., and Joseph, and his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Joshua Wright. Wright had purchased the five acres in 1837 for \$530 from Thomas Bigham, and Bigham had acquired it in 1815 from the Mercers. Thomas Bigham's lot, and the Caleb Shipley farm, had all been part of the Mercer farm. Shipley had married Anna Mercer, so he was buying up parts of her family's farm. Whether Bigham had any familial connection to the Mercers is unknown at this time. Bigham paid the Mercers \$1,000 for the five-acre tract, a large sum that suggests there were improvements on it in 1815. What these improvements might have been is suggested by the 1798 Federal Direct Tax, which assessed Luke Mercer for 272 acres of the tract "Poverty Discovered" and noted that it held

- 1 log dwelling house 36 by 18
- 1 log kitchen 16 by 16
- 1 log stable 18 by 16
- 1 log meat house 12 by 10
- 1 log spring house 12 by 12
- it stand on the main road to Frederick Town

The existing log building measured 40 by 18 feet, very close to the measurements given in 1798, and another small log outbuilding still survives on the lot. It seems likely that Bigham was purchasing the buildings on the Mercer farm, but must have had another

occupation other than farmer, given that he only purchased five acres. Either the existing log structure was the Mercer house, and the flooring that was presumed original and was fastened with cut nails was actually replaced, or the log building was rebuilt on the old Mercer house foundation by Bigham or Wright. It is interesting to note that Wright owned the parcel to the west of his five acres, which in 1859 was called the "Spring Tavern Lot," suggesting that he operated a tavern here. If so, he may have been following a profession that he practiced earlier on his five-acre parcel. At this time, nothing more is known about Bigham or Wright. Given that there was so little datable material left with the log shell of the building, we may never know just when it was built and how it was used.

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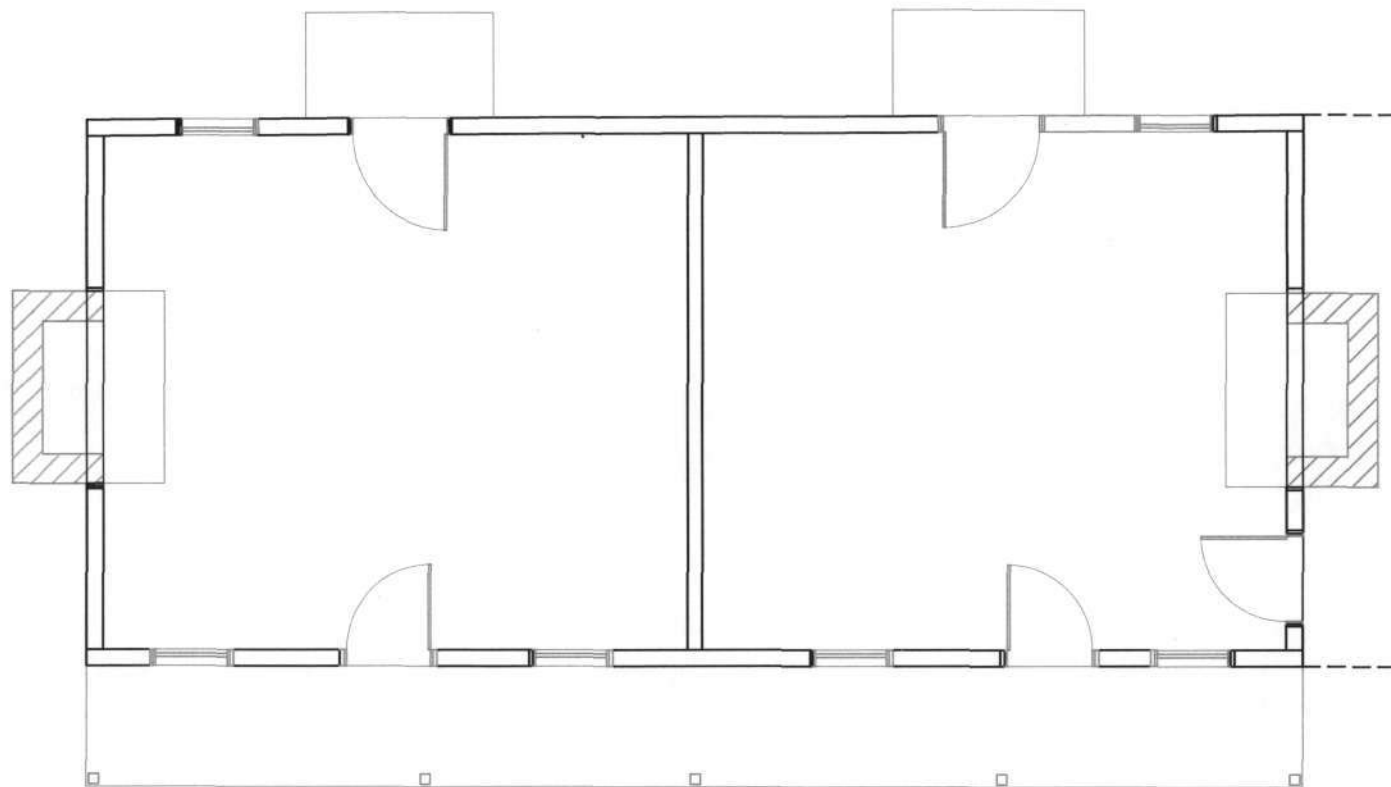
The John and Sarah Wilson Farm is located at 13741 Frederick Road, on the south side of the road, near West Friendship in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house faces north toward the road, and behind it sits a log outbuilding, another log outbuilding that was moved here from across the road and altered to be a one-story structure with V-notch corners, and several modern greenhouses. A barn on this property was recently demolished before it could be inventoried. The house is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay by two-bay frame structure with a parged rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding and a gable roof with standing seam and an east-west ridge. There is a two-story ell on the south, or rear, with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a north-south ridge. The ell is two bays by two bays. There is an interior brick chimney flanking the center bay of the main block and another where the ell meets the main block. On the north elevation the first story has a center door with 15 lights, with two two-over-two sash to each side there is a gabled wall dormer that contains a Palladian window. The first story has a center-passage, single-pile plan with one room in the ell and an enclosed porch on the east side of the ell. The first-story passage has a stairway all constructed of oak.

Significance:

Between 1874 and 1886 John and Sarah Wilson assembled five parcels of land into a 57-acre farm to the east of Cooksville along Frederick Road. Much of this land had been part of Caleb Shipley, Sr.'s Farm that had passed to his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Joshua Wright. The Wilsons first purchased five acres and added over 45 acres from the Wrights in 1880. It is likely that both of these properties had houses on them, and it is unknown which one the Wilsons may have lived in. The existing house is probably on part of the Wright's land, though the records are not clear enough to be certain of this. One of these houses was used as a tenant house until 1898, when it disappeared, and there was another tenant house that burned in 1907. In March 1907 the Wilsons were assessed for a new dwelling, valued at \$1800, and that September given a release on the old dwelling, valued at \$600. This must be the existing house, which is an 'Thouse with a central gabled wall dormer, a house type that was very common in Howard County c. 1890-1915. Developers purchased it in 1966 and by 1974 had broken it apart, selling the farm buildings and 10 acres to the current owners. They tore down the old barn as part of a plan to construct a new house on the property, probably in 2008, and will tear down the old house once the new one is completed.

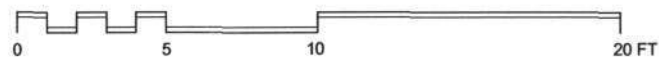
John and Sarah V. on Farm (HO-941)
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ADDITIONAL CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Joshua Wright, Howard	John D. Alcock, Carroll	30 April 1869	29-144	Deed - ?	\$1,900	5 A	Reserves right to use rd. to Wright's other property to south of this See WSG 22-105
Perry G. Mercer & wf. Sarah/Baltimore City	Caleb Shipley/ AA	22 May 1841	1-380	Indenture	\$1,000	130 A	p/o Poverty Discovered on Balto. & Frederick Turnpike, on SW corner Thos. Bigham's lot
Thomas Bigham & wf Jane/AA	Joshua Wright/AA	22 May 1837	WSG 22-105	Indenture	\$530	5 A	p/o Poverty Discovered begin on S. side of Balto. & Frederick Turnpike [no previous reference]
Luke Mercer/AA	Caleb Shipley/AA	18 January 1830	WSG 15-228	Indenture	\$10	152 A	p/o Poverty Discovered bounds on N and SW corner of Thomas Bigham's Lot [no previous reference]
Luke Mercer/AA	Caleb Shipley/AA	18 January 1830	WSG- 15-226	Indenture	\$10	10 A 17 sq. p	p/o Poverty Discovered [no previous reference]
Luke Mercer Isaiah Mercer Francis Mercer Elizabeth Manahan Beale Manahan Perry G. Mercer/AA	Caleb Shipley/AA	18 January 1830	WSG 15-224	Indenture	\$10	5 A	p/o Hobbs Rest Lines in common with Poverty Discovered
Francis Mercer, Sr. Luke Mercer Isaiah Mercer Francis Mercer, Jr. Beale Manahan & wf. Elizabeth/AA	Thomas Bigham/AA	29 May 1815	WSG 3-559	Indenture	\$1,000	5 A	p/o Poverty Discovered [no previous reference]



NOTES:

1. MISSING ELEMENTS SHOWN IN GRAY.
2. DEPTH OF PORCHES, FIREPLACES, AND HEARTHES CONJECTURAL.
3. MISSING ROOM ON WEST END NOT SHOWN. PERIOD OF IT'S EXISTENCE UNKNOWN.
4. ALL EXISTING SHOWN JAMB BOARDS PEGGED TO LOG ENDS. MISSING ORIGINAL JAMB BOARDS REMOVED WHEN BUILDING WAS RENOVATED C. 1906.
5. NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF STAIRWAYS FOUND. NO EVIDENCE OF A SECOND STORY-- BUILDING APPARENTLY ONE STORY AND ATTIC.



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RECONSTRUCTED FIRST FLOOR PLAN FOR EARLIER LOG HOUSE -- MEASURED & DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- JUNE 2009

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Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, north & west elevations during dismantling

HO-0941_2009-06-02_02
House, west & south elevations during dismantling

HO-0941_2009-06-18_01
House, north elevation of log structure

HO-0941_2009-06-18_02
House, north elevation of log structure, detail with porch mortises

HO-0941_2009-06-18_03
House, west elevation of log structure

HO-0941_2009-06-18_04
House, east elevation of log structure

HO-0941_2009-06-18_05
House, south elevation of log structure

HO-0941_2009-06-18_06
House, south elevation of log structure, detail of center sill and log partition wall



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House, north + west elevations
during dismantling

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Ken Short, photographer

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House, north elevation of log
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House, south elevation of log
structure

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House, south elevation, detail of
center sill and log partition
wall

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John & Sarah Wilson Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 13741 Frederick Road not for publication

city, town West Friendship vicinity

county Howard

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

name Joachim & Sonja Festerling

street and number 13741 Frederick Road telephone 410-489-2642

city, town West Friendship state MD zip code 21794-9703

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15-219

city, town Ellicott City liber 698 folio 598

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	8
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	8
		<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 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

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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House, exterior

The house is a 2 1/2-story, five-bay by two-bay frame structure with a parged rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding and a gable roof with standing seam and an east-west ridge. There is a two-story ell on the south, or rear, with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a north-south ridge. The ell is two bays by two bays. There is an interior brick chimney flanking the center bay of the main block and another where the ell meets the main block. On the north elevation the first story has a center door with 15 lights, with two two-over-two sash to each side that have fake shutters. The foundation has a three-light sash in the east bay. There is a one-bay, one-story gable-roofed porch in the center that has a tongue-and-groove wood deck, turned posts, and asphalt shingles. The roof has a north-south ridge, and aluminum covers all of the roof trim and soffit. The second story has five two-over-sash, and there is a gabled wall dormer that contains a Palladian window with a round-arched top sash in the center above a one-over-one sash. The house has a boxed cornice that is wrapped in aluminum.

The west elevation of the main block has a two-over-two sash in the center on the first story, two two-over-two sash on the second story, and a round-arched two-over-two sash in the gable end. The west elevation of the ell has an enclosed porch on the first story that has a one-over-one sash, a door with four lights over three lying panels, and triple one-over-one sash to the south. The porch has a standing-seam shed roof. The second story ell has two two-over-two sash. The south elevation of the west addition to the ell, on the first story, has a one-over-one sash and a door with four lights over three lying panels. The main block on the second story has a two-over-two sash. The south elevation of the ell has no openings in the west bay of the first and second stories, and a two-over-two sash in the east bay on both stories. There are no openings in the gable end. The south elevation of the east addition, or enclosed porch, has no opening on the pantry on the first story. The addition to this story has a door with four lights over three lying panels, and a four-over-four sash. The second story of the main block has a two-over-two sash. The east elevation of the ell, on the first story, has a small four-light sash on the pantry and a triple six-over-six sash on the addition. The second story has two two-over-two sash on the ell. The east elevation of the main block has a two-over-two sash in the center on both the first and second stories. The gable end matches the west elevation.

House, interior

The basement is located only under the east room and not under the southwest corner of it. It has a dirt floor. The first story joists are dimensional 2 by 10s that run north-south with bridging fastened with wire nails.

The first story has a center-passage, single-pile plan with one room in the ell and an enclosed porch on the east side of the ell. The passage flooring is 3 1/2- to 3 5/8-inch pine that is tongue-and-grooved, blind-nailed and runs north-south. The baseboard has a quirked ogee and bevel. The architrave is pseudo-symmetrical, with two beads in the center, a quirked ogee to the outside and a cavetto to the inside. There is a bead on the inner edge and bulls-eye corner blocks. The doors have four panels with sunken fields and ogee panel moulds. They are not mortised and tenoned and pinned and have no through tenons. They are hung on butt hinges with three knuckles and pins, and the hinges are made from stamped plates. The doors have iron mortise locks with porcelain knobs. The trim work was originally varnished. The front door has butt hinges with ball finials and a mortise lock with an iron escutcheon and knob that date to the circa 1920s. The first-story passage has a seam in the baseboard 20 inches east of the door, with a crack in the wall that extends up to about 4 inches from the ceiling, and a patch in the wall at this level that runs to the west. This ghost appears to indicate that a door with sidelights and transom was here originally and was pulled out and replaced with the existing door. There is a dogleg stair on the east that ascends to the south where there is a landing, and then turns to the west. The stair has a closed stringer with five reeds in the center, four reeds on the top and bottom rails, and a large raised bead on the bottom

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edge. There is a turned newel post with three beads in the center and a ball on top that has two beads around the center. The balusters are turned, and there is a moulded handrail. The stairway is all constructed of oak, and most of the original varnish has been removed. The rear door has 15 lights, a lock and hinges that match the front door, and porcelain knobs. There is a door beneath the stairway leading to the cellar, with typical four panels and plain cast iron rim lock with metal knobs.

The west room flooring matches the passage and runs east-west. It has typical baseboard and architrave, and the two-over-two sash are hung on cords and are not mortised and tenoned and pinned. There is a fireplace on the east elevation with a brick hearth and straight brick jambs. It has a wood mantel with plain pilaster strips that have quirked ogee and bevel capitals, and there is a plain frieze. The bed mould has a quirked ogee and bevel above a field and a cavetto below the field. The mantel shelf is plain. To the south of the fireplace is a closet with a typical door and architrave, and there is a typical door on the south elevation that leads to the ell.

The east room flooring is 2 1/2-inch oak that is laid over the original floor. The baseboard is typical, though most of it has been removed for baseboard heating, and the architrave and sash also match the west room. There is a closed-off fireplace on the west elevation with a brick hearth and a wood mantel that is boxed and has plain triangular brackets, a plain frieze and pilaster strips, and an egg and dart moulding on the mantel shelf. There is a typical door on the south elevation that leads to the enclosed porch.

The ell room is partially divided by a north-south wall, with a modern kitchen to the west that has an enclosed stair along the south wall, to the west. There is linoleum on the floor, typical baseboard, architrave, and sash, and a plastered stove chimney on the north elevation, in the center. The doorway to the passage has plain mitered architrave. The door on the west elevation leads to the west ell addition and has 15 lights and matches the rear door in the passage. The east door leads to the enclosed porch and also has 15 lights like the rear passage door. To the south of this east door is a typical four-panel door with a cast iron rim lock that has a border of diagonal lines and has porcelain knobs. This doorway leads to a pantry that has been converted to a modern bathroom. The door to the stairs matches this pantry door and has plain architrave with a beaded edge. The enclosed porch on the east has 2 1/2-inch pine flooring that runs north-south, German siding, and beaded-edge-and-center boards on the ceiling. This room has 20th century six-over-six sash hung on cords.

The second story floor plan matches the first story, but there are three new rooms in the ell. The passage floor has 3-inch pine that runs east-west. The baseboard, architrave, and doors match the first floor, and there are plain cast iron rim locks. The attic stair is enclosed on the east wall and ascends to the south. It has a typical door, and the rim lock has a lined border. The architrave is plain, with a beaded interior edge. The sash here matches the first story. The west chamber flooring, baseboard, architrave, doors, and sash match the passage. There is a stove chimney on the east elevation, with a door to the passage on the north and south sides of it. The south door lock has a lined border. There is a door to the ell on the south elevation, and this door is typical, with a lock that has a lined border. The east chamber has typical flooring, baseboard, architrave, door, and sash that match the passage. Most of the baseboard is missing for radiant heat. There is a fireplace on the west elevation that is closed off, and it has a wood mantel with paneled pilasters that have quirked Greek ogees on either side and as capitals. The frieze is divided by the same moulding, and the bed mould has a Greek ovolo above a cavetto. There is no hearth. To the south of the fireplace is a closet that has a typical four-panel door and a lock with lined borders.

The northeast corner of the ell has a modern bathroom accessed from the passage, with a typical door on the south that has plain architrave. The southeast corner has a chamber with typical flooring that runs north-south, typical architrave, baseboard, and sash. The north door and the west door, have typical architrave. There is another chamber to the west side of the ell with typical flooring, baseboard, architrave, and sash. At the south end of the ell is a dogleg stair with a balustrade and handrail that match the main stair. The stairway descends along the west wall, to the landing at the south, and then turns to the east.

The interior side of the attic door is grained. There is a railing around the stairway of square balusters that appears to be reused

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material. The rafters are circular-sawn, are 3 inches wide by 4 inches deep, and are mitered and butted at the ridge. The sheathing is reused wide tongue-and-groove boards that are sash-sawn with heavy whitewash on one side. One of these boards has diagonal plaster burns and has marks of joists with the remains of cut nails on other boards. The sheathing appears to be flooring that was exposed in its original context. The rafter feet are mitered and sit on top of the joists. The roof framing is all wire-nailed. The ell roof matches the main block, but the ell attic is not floored.

Log Outbuilding

There is a log outbuilding that is possibly a smokehouse located about 25 feet west of the ell of the house. It is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay V-notch-corner log structure with no foundation visible, board-and-batten siding on the gable end walls, and a gable roof with an east-west roof and wood shingles. Some of the logs have rotted, and the walls have moved, rendering the doors inoperable and the interior inaccessible. The north elevation has a rebuilt vertical-board door in the east bay that is set low, with a window opening that has a two-over-four sash in the west bay; the sash has been cut down. There are two log ends of logs that run north-south in the center of the wall, and one of these logs is above the openings. The east and west elevations have no openings. The south elevation has a vertical-board door in the center with a small board door above it and to the west. There are four log ends visible on this side.

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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

c. 1906-07

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.)

John and Sarah Wilson apparently lived in the old Lisbon ME Church parsonage (HO-199), which they owned from 1868-1870, though they do not show up in the census in 1870. It is not known where they moved to after selling the parsonage, but between 1874 and 1886 John and Sarah Wilson assembled five parcels of land into a 57-acre farm to the east of Cooksville along Frederick Road. Much of this land had been part of Caleb Shipley, Sr.'s Farm that had passed to his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Joshua Wright. John Wilson listed himself as a farmer in the 1880 census, was 50 years old, and had two sons living at home with he and his wife; they were 21 and 18 and must have been working on the farm, as well. His farming operation was modest, like the size of his farm, with one horse, one cow, and three hogs in 1876. The improvements on the property were not itemized, but were valued at \$1,000, which would likely have included a moderate-sized dwelling and a barn, plus various small outbuildings. By 1893 he had added another horse and two cows, as well as additional farming implements and even a piano for the house. (1)

The Wilsons first purchased five acres and added over 45 acres from the Wrights in 1880. It is likely that both of these properties had houses on them, and it is unknown which one the Wilsons may have lived in. The existing house is probably on part of the Wright's land, though the records are not clear enough to be certain of this. One of these houses was used as a tenant house until 1898, when it disappeared, and there was another tenant house that burned in 1907. In March 1907 the Wilsons were assessed for a new dwelling, valued at \$1800, and that September given a release on the old dwelling, valued at \$600. This must be the existing house, which is an "I" house with a central gabled wall dormer, a house type that was very common in Howard County c. 1890-1915. The closed stringer stair with the reeding decorating it, the form of the newel post, and the type of symmetrical architrave are also very typical of this period. The west room mantel is a late Greek Revival style with the beveled mouldings of the later Italianate period, and could be reused from the earlier dwelling, while the east room mantel has the machine-pressed egg and dart moulding that was also common in the 1890-1915 period. The walls of the main block of the house are thicker than would be expected, and may actually be from the earlier house, too, while the ell walls are thinner and were likely new construction in 1906-07. Given that an old log outbuilding exists on the property, the location of the existing house is at least likely to be the same as any earlier structure. (2)

John Wilson died between 1907 and 1920, and Sarah continued to live in the new farm house with two of her daughters until 1920. The farm changed hands several times before being acquired by Philip and Ambrosia Oster and almost doubled in size by the addition of the land to the west of it. Developers purchased it in 1966 and by 1974 had broken it apart, selling the farm buildings and 10 acres to the current owners. They tore down the old barn as part of a plan to construct a new house on the property, probably in 2008, and will tear down the old house once the new one is completed.

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Name John & Sarah Wilson Farm

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Notes:

- 1.) Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 3, 1876-96, Maryland State Archives. U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 3, Howard County, Maryland, 1880.
- 2.) Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 3, 1896-1910, Maryland State Archives.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet~~ *Footnotes*

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 acres

Acreage of historical setting 57 acres

Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 15, p. 219, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

11. Form Prepared By

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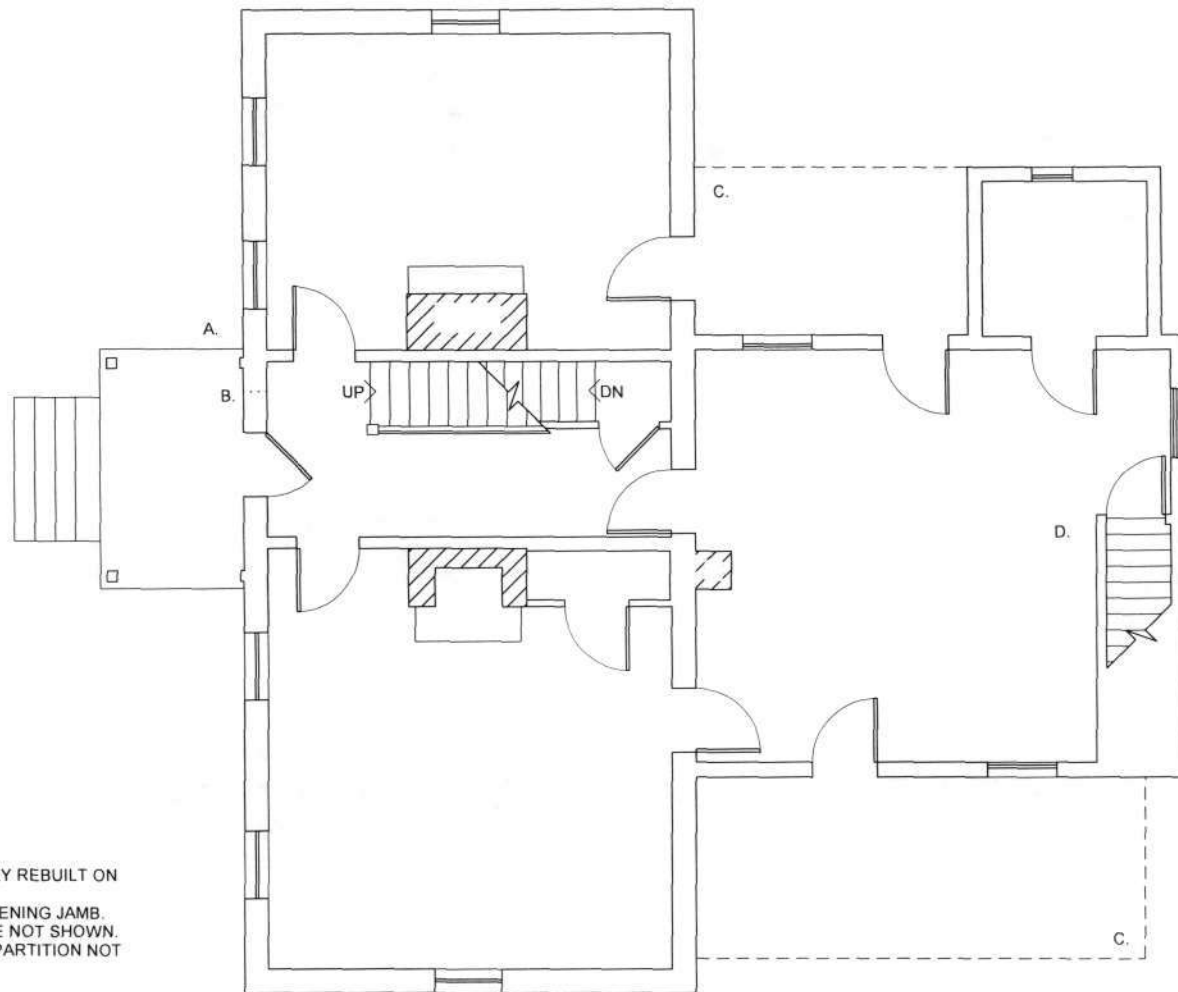
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Roberts E. Latimer, Jr. N. George Maloomian Partners of M-L Company	Joachim & Sonja Festerling (H/W)	9.13.1974	CMP 698-598	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	1) 5 a 2) 5 a	
Thomas E. Lloyd/Howard Co.	Roberts E. Latimer, Jr. N. George Maloomian Partners of M-L Co./Montgomery Co.	7.11.1974	CMP 695-581	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	?	Lots 1-10 3 rd district S side of 144
Roberts E. Latimer, Jr. N. George Maloomian Partners of M-L Co./Montgomery Co.	Thomas E. Lloyd/Howard Co.	5.2.1974	680-281	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	1) 5A 2) 5A 3) 5A 4) 5A 5) 7.658A 6) 5A 7) 5.003A 8) 5A 9) 5A 10) 5A	Intend to divide property Lot 10 has a dwelling & barn - p/o Josh Wright to Sarah Wilson, 1.30.1880, 41-614 P/o lots 1 & 2 below
Hilda S. Oster, widow John & Annabelle Oster (H/W)/Howard	Roberts E. Latimer, Jr. N. George Maloomian Partners of M-L Co./Montgomery Co.	1.7.1966	448-489	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	1)79-3/4 A -6 1/4A; -3.8A -8 3/5A; -?; -6.864A = 54.636 A 2 a) 3 3/5A 2 b) 2 3/5A 2 c) 43A 2 d) 1 a 2 e) 5A = 55A 3)8.79A =118A	2 c includes 6 1/8A lot, Home house wood lot, & 29 1/2 A on plat filed with will A.O. deceased P.O. d. 3.6.1965 J.O. is son H.S.O. is P.O.'s widow
James & Alda Hopkins Clark (H/W)/Howard	Philip & Ambrosia Oster	1.29.1937	BM, Jr. 156-123	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	62A - 1/2A -6.864A	Plat in HSK 141-603 No metes and bounds 1
Martha Clark & Roland Childs (H/W) Howard	James Clark/?	6.15.1935	BM, Jr. 152-35	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	62 A - 1/2 A -6.864 A	Lots A, B, C, D, F, G in plat HSK 141-531 & 5 A on N. side of road 1

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James Clark, attorney/Howard	Martha Clark Childs	7.28.1931	HSK 141-531	Deed - fee simple	\$5,000	62 A	Public Sale 5.16.1931 Equity 3222 James Clark v. Seth W. Warfield - where Ella B. Warfield lived at death 1
Seth H. Warfield/Howard	Ella B. Warfield wf. of son, Seth W. Warfield	11.21.1898	JHO 69-337	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00		18 - 24, except 8 A and "the dwelling where I now reside" 1
Daniel M. Murray, Jr./Howard	Philip & Ambrosia Oster/?	1.22.1938	BM Jr. 159-222	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	55A	No metes and bounds Grantees reside here now - Jennie Chickering died here 2
Philip & Ambrosia Oster (H/W)/Howard	Daniel M. Murray, Jr./?	1.22.1938	BM, Jr. 159-221	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	55 A	2
James Clark, trustee/Howard Viola K. Chickering/ Jefferson Co. KY	Philip Oster/?	12.28.1937	BM, Jr. 159-178	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	55 A	3532 Equity Philip Oster v. Joseph C. Chickering, lunatic Chickering held property in trust for Oster Viola is wife of Joseph 2
Stanley & Anna E. Dorsey (H/W)/?	Jennie Chickering/?	10.23.1931	HSK 142-262	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	w) 3+ A x) 1) 2 2/5 A x 2) 43A y) 1A z) 5A	
John E. Pickett & wf. Blanche E./Howard	Stanley & Anna E. Dorsey (H/W)/Carroll	11.19.1921	HBN 113-509	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00 \$6,500 mortgage	w) 3+ A x) 1) 2 2/5 A x 2) 43A y) 1A z) 5A	2

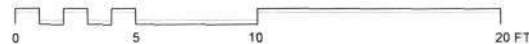
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Sarah C. Wilson, widow, Julia E. Bentley, widow Medora S. Wilson	John E. & Blanche E. Pickett/Howard	3.1.1920	HBN 109-288	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	w) 3+ A x) 1) 2 2/5 A x 2) 43A y) 1A z) 5A	2
Sarah C. & John T. Wilson (H/W)/Howard	Julia E. Bentley Medora S. Wilson daughters	11.2.1904	WWLC 79-370	Deed	\$1.00 & love & affection	57-2-16 ARP	Life estate to Sarah 2
John T. Wilson/Howard	Sarah C. Wilson, wf. of JTW	3.6.1899	JHC 69-626	Deed	\$5.00 & Affection	5 A	20 p. E of 21 mile post Z
Edward F. Porter & wf.	Sarah C. Wilson	9.13.1886	LJW 51-369			1A	Y
Joshua Wright, et al, hus. & heirs of Amanda Wright/Howard	Sarah C. Wilson/Howard	1.30.1880	LJW 41-614	Deed - fee simple	\$750	M) 2-2/5 A exclusive of the rd N) 43 A	Lot 2 on plat M) On the N side of Frederick Rd. includes the road, starts on S side N) includes 5 A on S side of Frederick Rd., 6-1/8 A lot, Home House Wood lot (7- 1/2 A) & 29-1/2 A lot X
John T. N. Shipley & wf.	Sarah C. Wilson	4.26.1878	LJW 39-398			3-2-16 ARP	W
Henry E. Wooten, trustee/?	John T. Wilson/?	11. 7.1874	LJW 34-372	Deed	\$1,700	5 A	John T. Wilson, assignee of mortgage. Auction on 7.1.1874 on S side of Road Equity Court p/o Poverty Discovered on S side of rd. Z
Caleb Shipley & wf. Anne/Howard	Seth H. Warfield/Howard	3.16.1855	WHW 18-24	Deed - Indenture	\$1,600	79-3/4 A	p/o Poverty Discovered 1
Caleb Shipley, Jr.	Amanda Wright, daughter		<u>Wills</u> WGI-435	Bequest			



NOTES:

- A. PORCH COMPLETELY REBUILT ON ORIGINAL PIERS.
- B. ORIGINAL DOOR OPENING JAMB.
- C. PORCH ENCLOSURE NOT SHOWN.
- D. MODERN KITCHEN PARTITION NOT SHOWN.

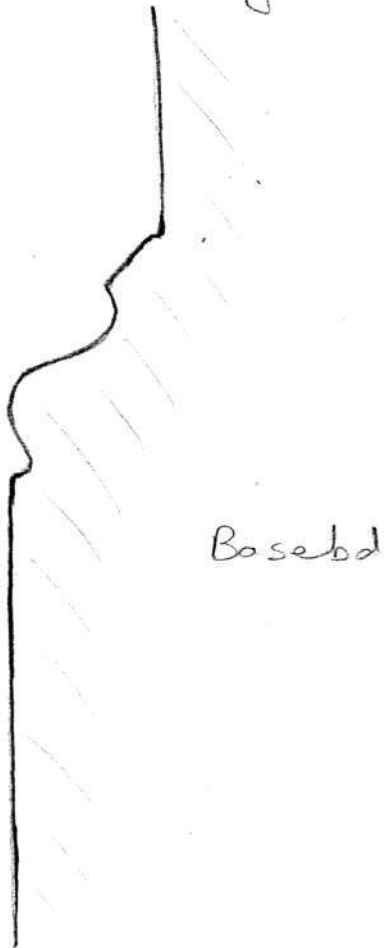


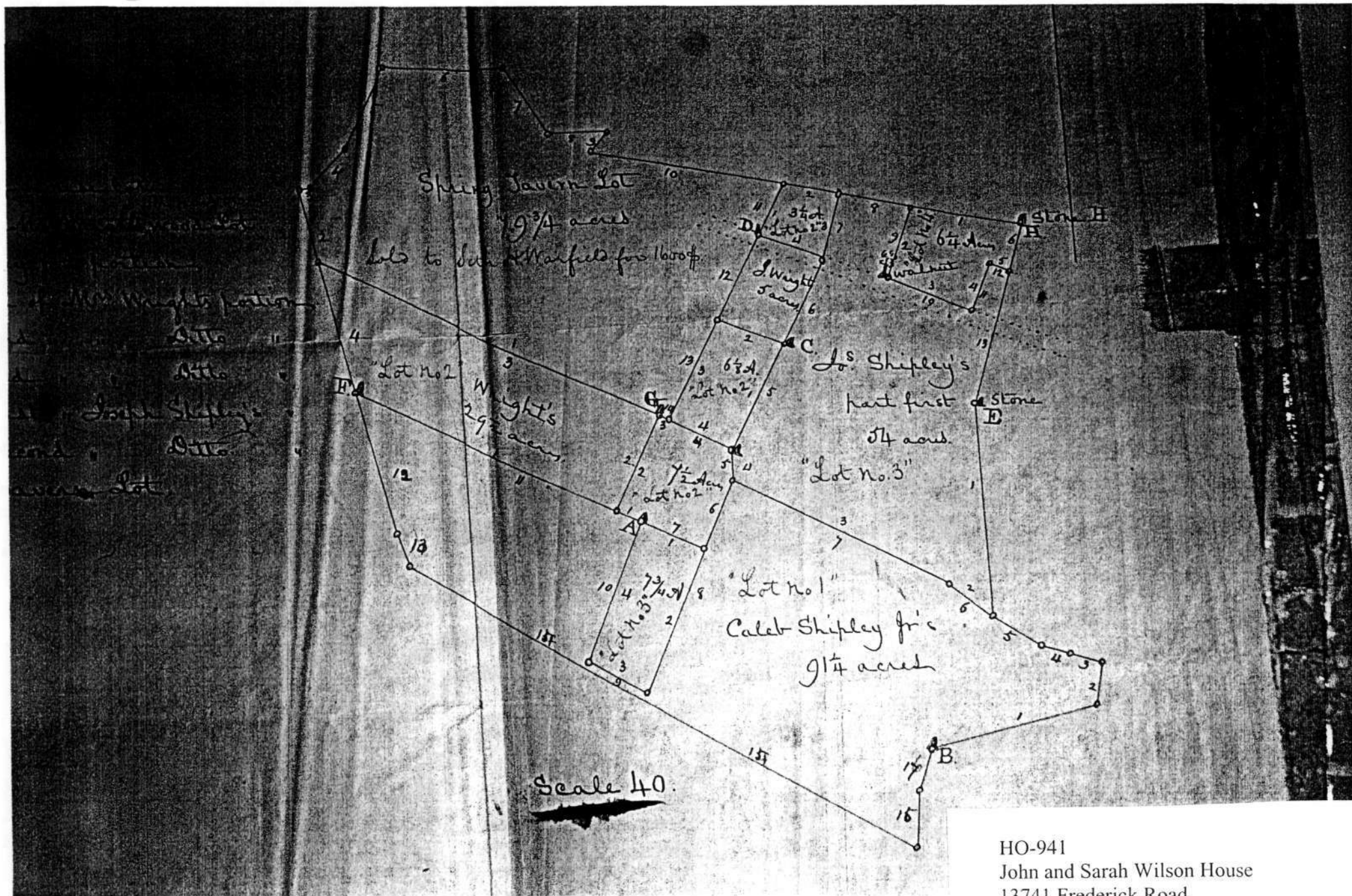
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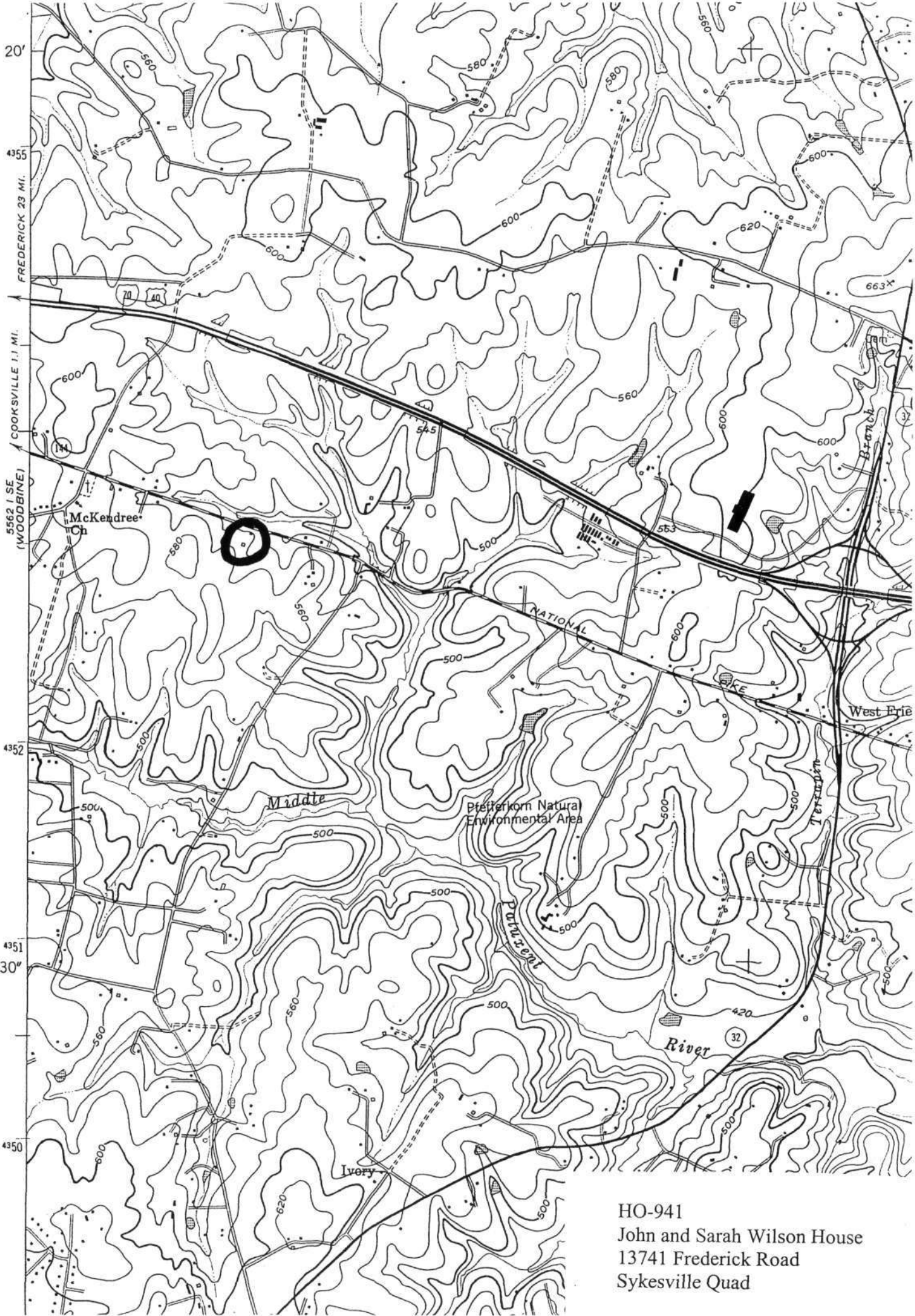
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 Plat WG 1-435, Division of
 Caleb Shipley, Sr.'s property, 1859



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5562 1 SE
(WOODBINE)
COOKSVILLE 1.1 MI.

4352

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17°30'

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Photo Log

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HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, west elevation

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House, south & east elevations

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House, east room, view southwest

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House, east chamber, view southwest

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Log outbuilding, east & north elevations



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House, east chamber, view
southwest

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Log outbuilding, east + north
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