

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

DRAFT--Morrison Barn

The Morrison Barn is a large frame bank barn dating from the late nineteenth century. The vertical siding of the barn has been removed so that the structure stands now as a exposed frame structure ^{on} a sand stone foundation. The original barn was forty by eighty feet and the ~~four~~^{two} bay was extended through an addition of two stories that extended twenty-four feet on the west facade. The structure had a gable roof covered in sheet metal. Traditional ~~late~~ late nineteenth century construction methods for barns are used in this structure.

The Morrison Barn is part of a farm property that once stood off the Old ~~Town~~ Road in Greenridge State Forest. The site is located about two and one-half miles northeast of Old ~~Town~~. ^{It} is on the eastern slope of Stratford Ridge and the ~~land~~^{farm land} was a fairly level site along Town Creek.

The Morrison Barn was part^{ly} ^{of a} farm complex that has since been demolished. The barn is the only structure remaining of what included a sandstone farmhouse and a separate sandstone springhouse. The foundation of the barn is built of ~~this~~^a yellowish sandstone which ^{apparently} was found ~~probably~~ in the immediate vicinity of the building site. The stone is easily shaped and foundation consists of square blocks with ~~fairly~~ thin mortar joints.

With the vertical siding of the barn removed, except for that in the two gables ~~sides~~, the framing of the barn is ^{open to view} ~~easy to see~~. The framing system ^{follows common} ~~resembles~~ ^{practice} that used frequently in late nineteenth century barn construction. It consists of eight-inch by eight-inch posts that are mortised and tenon^{ed} to other framing members. The interior posts support principle ^u ~~par~~lins that carry a log, common rafter roof. The interior framing system is frequently supported with corner bracing of the framing system and several framing sections have corner bracing both at the bottom and upper corners. As sometimes is

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the case in these framing systems, ~~in~~ the Morrison Barn ~~the~~ common rafters are tied into a ridge pole. The main floor of the barn has random length ^{and} ~~in~~ width hardwood flooring. The ground level of the barn is sectioned off into stalls of which only the partitions and feeding troughs remain.

The addition on the four bay side of the barn appears to date from the early twentieth century. An early photograph shows that this was a two story section. Remaining on the ground level is some evidence of the hayracks and stall arrangement.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. AL-II-B-127

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Morrism Barn

2. Location

street & number west side of Oldtown Road not for publication

city, town Oldtown vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Allegany

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>none</u>

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

name Department of Natural Resources

street & number Town State Office Bldg telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany Co. Courthouse liber

street & number Washington Street folio

city, town Cumberland state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title DNR Survey

date February 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Dept. of Natural Resources

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. _____

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date of move _____

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

8. Significance

Survey No. AL-II-B-127

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

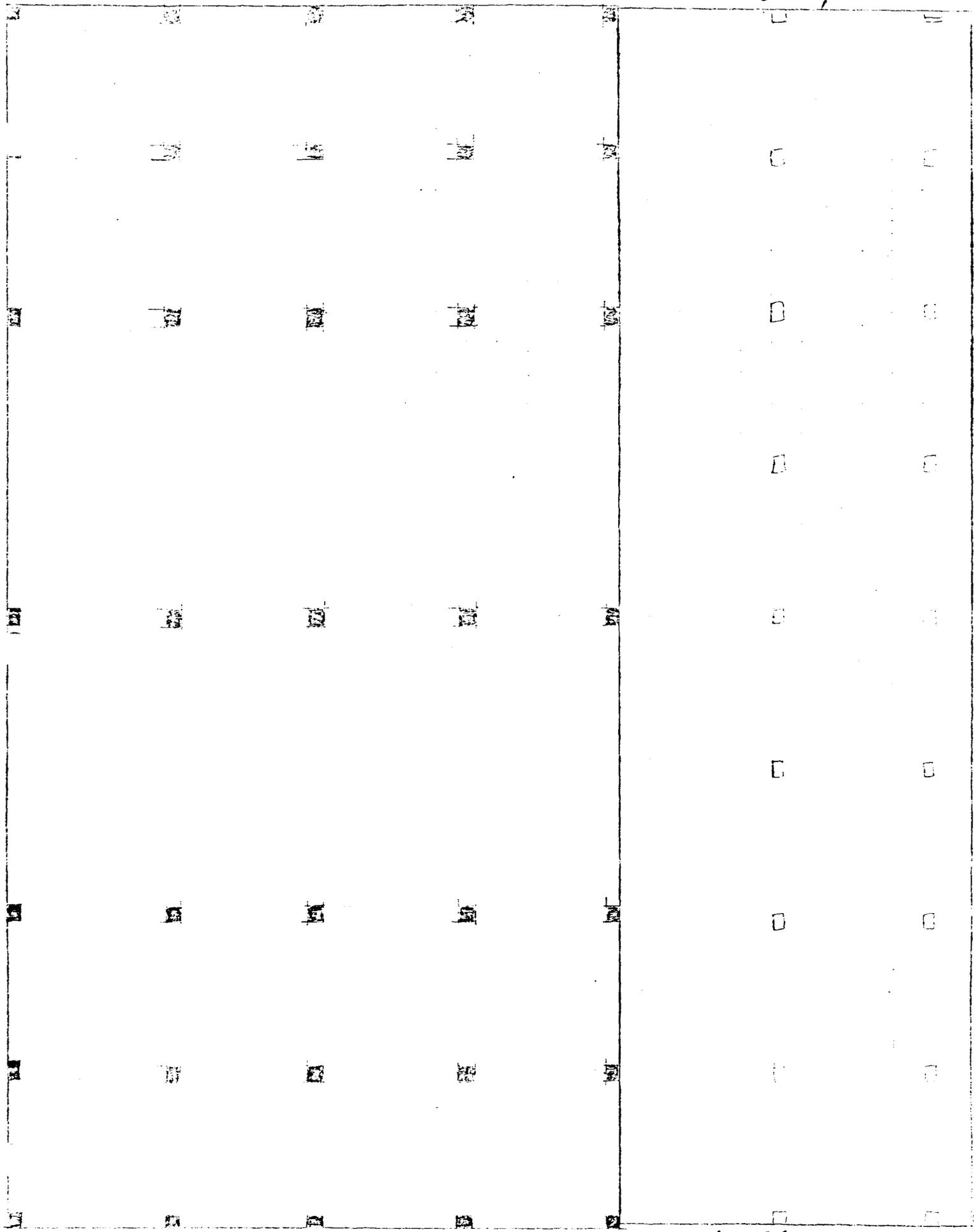
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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2-10

forebay



10'0"

20'

29' 0"

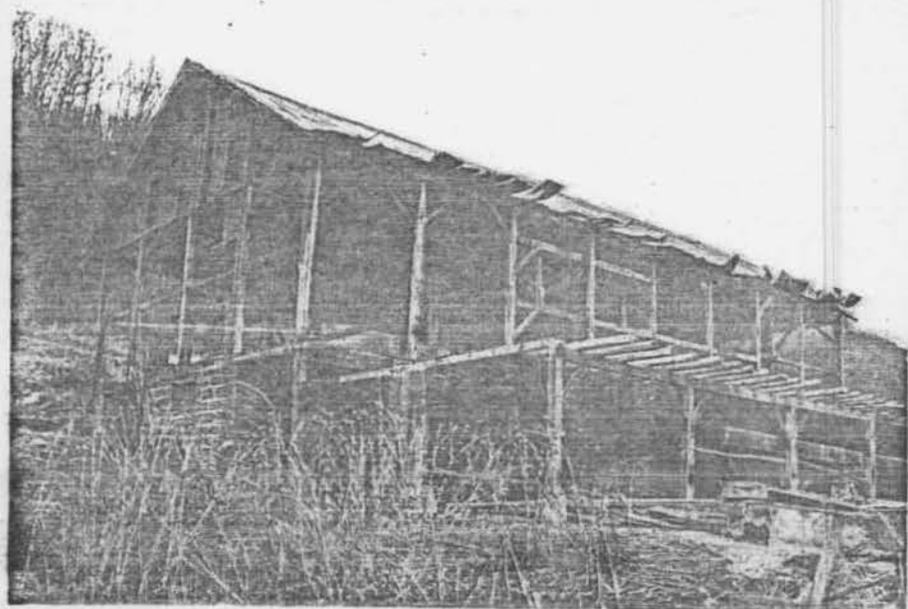
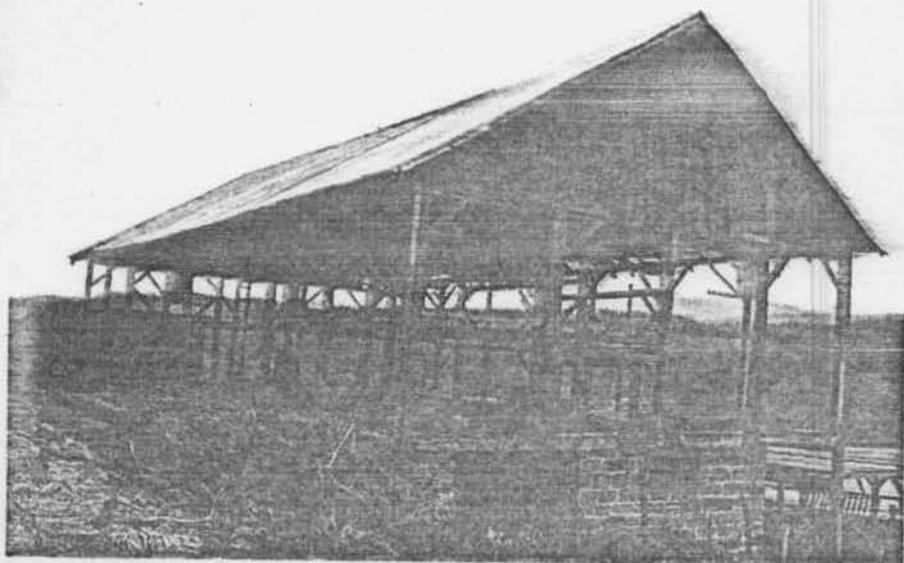
40'

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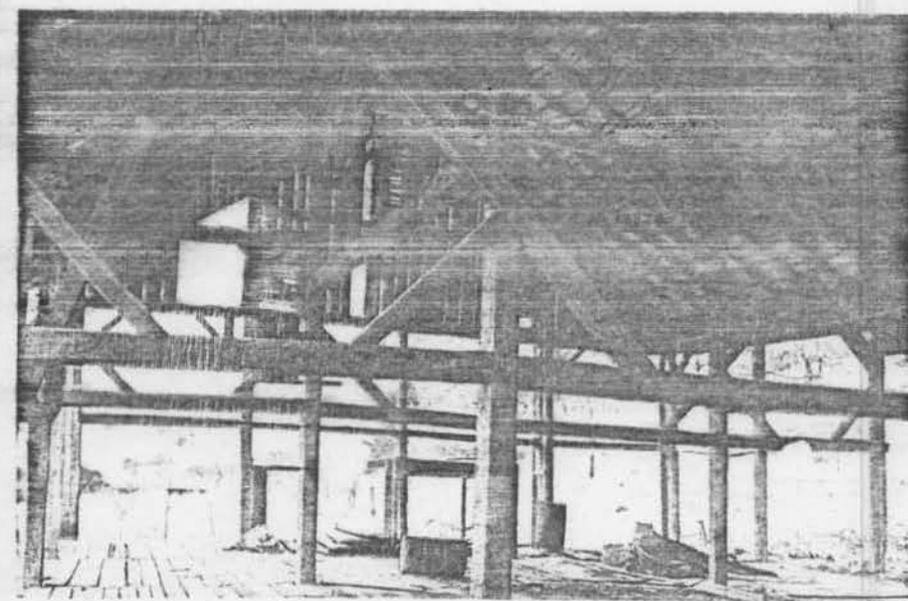
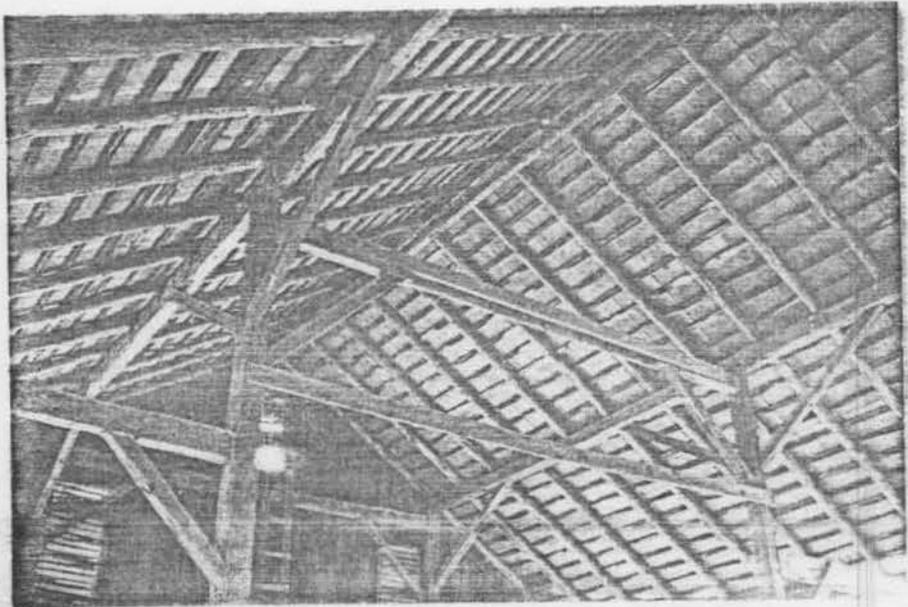
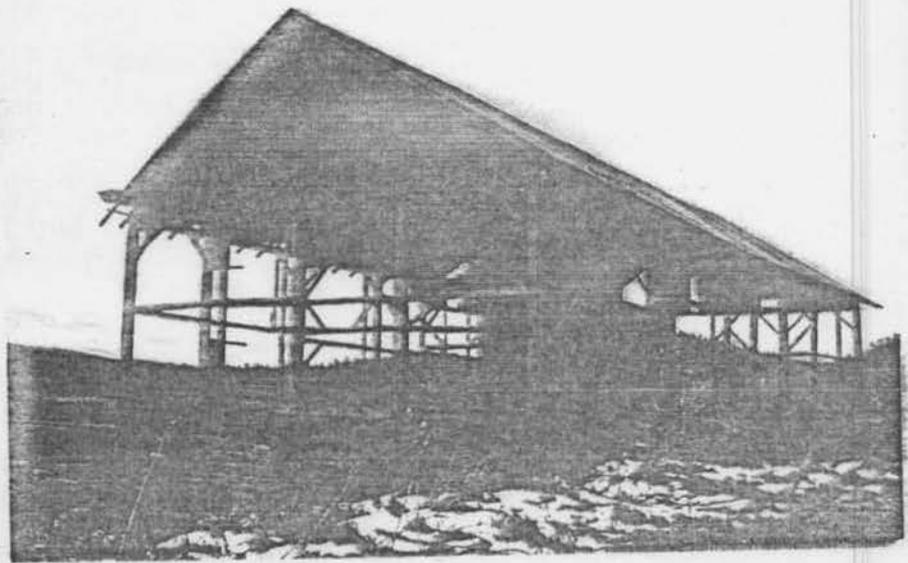
63' 7"

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top - West + South Facades
center - South + East Facades
bottom - North Facade

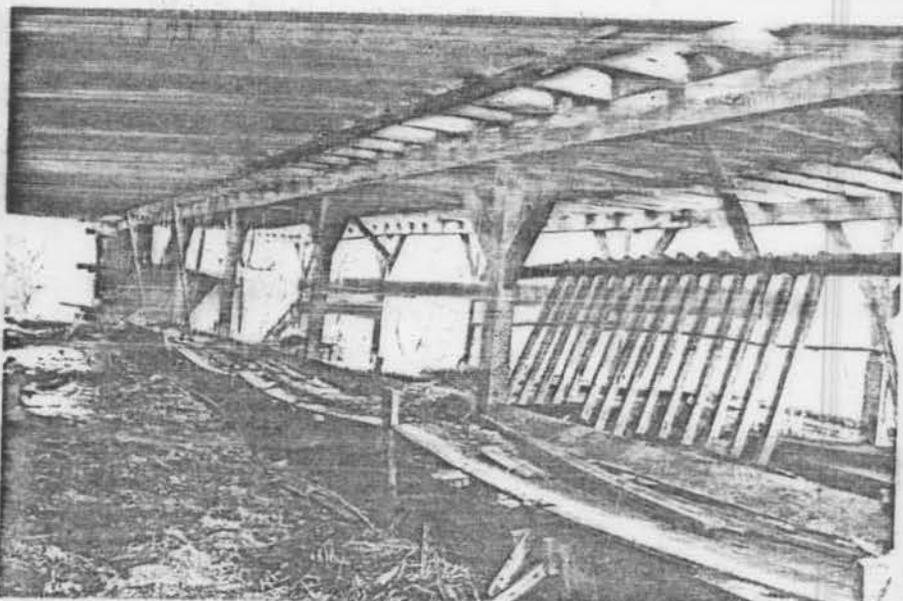
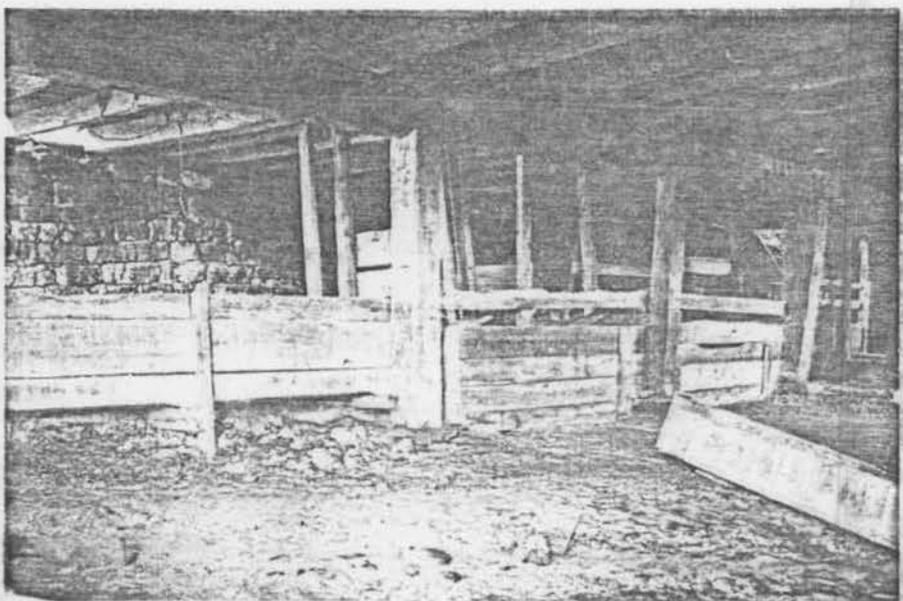
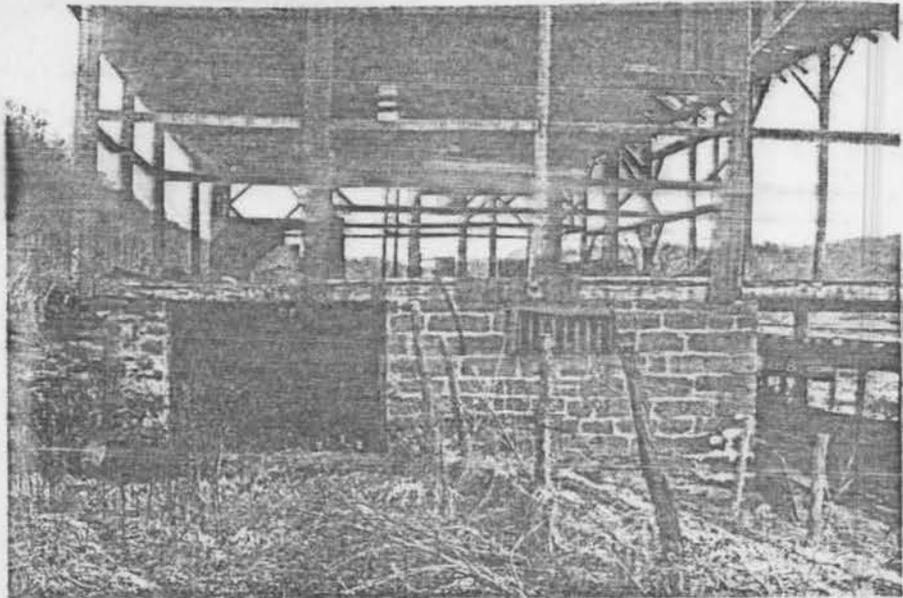


II-B. 127 Morrison Barn
- North & West Facades
- Framing Upper Section
- Framing Lower Section



U.S. 127 Morrison Barn

1 - Foundation - South Facade
2 - " Interior Pens
3 - " Forebay Pens



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fred Morrison Complex

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Green Ridge State Forest 2½ miles northeast of Oldtown

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

6

STATE

Maryland

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COUNTY

Allegheny

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3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Buildings used for storage & occasional residence.
 Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located in the western section of Green Ridge State Forest along the west side of Town Creek at the base of Stratford Ridge in Allegany County, Maryland. The complex is reached by a long dirt lane which approaches the buildings from the northeast. Included in the group is a 1950s concrete block hunters' cabin. This cabin was not photographed for the survey.

The second building encountered on the dirt lane is a house built about 1960, one story in height, of German sided frame construction. It has two fireplaces at the interior, one of which has a large flagstone hearth with a central stone cut in the shape of the head of a long horn steer.

The farm complex is approximately 1/3 mile south of the new frame house. It consists of a frame farm house, a frame bank barn and a frame spring house. The dwelling is a two and one half story, five bay structure in deteriorated condition. It is built into a slope with high stone foundations at the front elevation. Window sashes, where they remain, have six over six panes. The door which is located in the approximate center of the front wall, is plain and without a transom. The roof has modern asphalt shingles and an interior brick flue that extends from a point south of its center. A high porch with plain rails and posts shelters the three central bays of the front elevation.

The interior of the house has circa 1900 finishes although it is arranged in a traditional vernacular plan.

The entire house would appear to date from the early 1900s. The other buildings in the complex, the springhouse and the barn also appear to date from about 1900.

The barn rests on foundations of finely coursed native stone. Its end walls have wooden louvered ventilators. Beside the barn is a metal plate silo.

The buildings in this complex are in deteriorated to fair condition. Park personnel have indicated that plans have been made to raze the structures.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmstead with structures dating from about 1900 is typical of rural complexes in the mountainous areas of western Maryland. It has no great historical significance but may be considered as an example of regional architecture and agricultural practice.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

(301) 432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

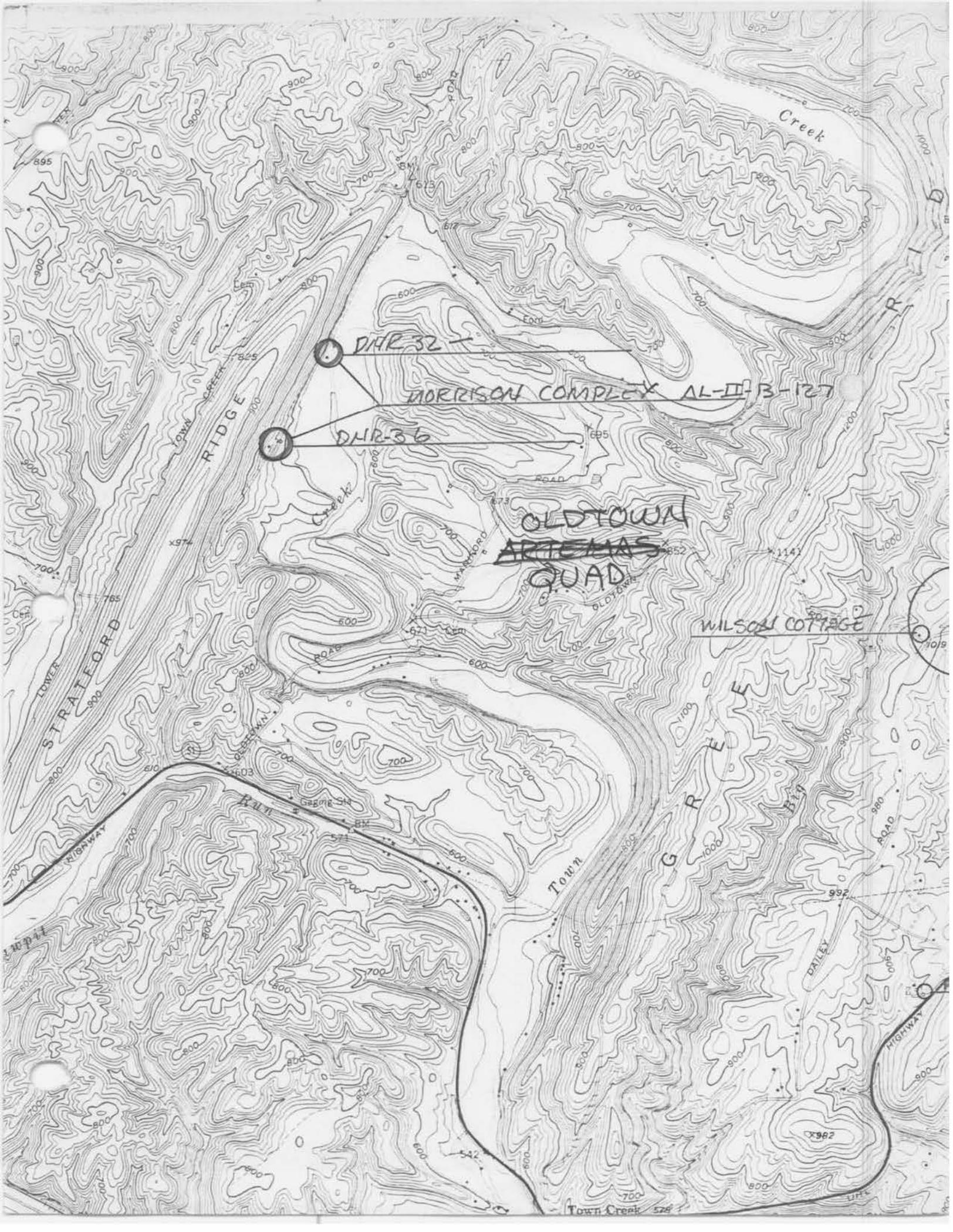
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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MORRISON COMPLEX AL-II-B-127

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OLDTOWN
ARTEMAS
QUAD

WILSON COTTAGE

STRATFORD
ROAD

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Town

DALEY

HIGHWAY

Town Creek



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A-9

Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Tenant House

N. View

August, 1973

Paula Stoner

Reservation Associates



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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Bara

N.E. View

August, 1918

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Spring house

S.W. view

August, 1978

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Green Ridge State Forest

Morrison Complex

Hearth, Tenant House Fireplace

August, 1978

Paula Stoner
Preservation Association



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Green Ridge State Forest
Norman Complex

Main house

W view

August, 1978

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DNR Survey

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