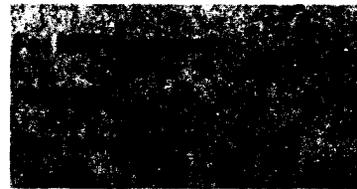


United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service



# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Big Bottom Farm (preferred)

and/or common Clauson Farm

## 2. Location

street & number Hazen Road n/a not for publication

city, town Cumberland  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Allegany code 001

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Doctors James and Sue Raver

street & number Route 2, Box 841

city, town Cumberland  vicinity of state Maryland 21502

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse

street & number Washington Street

city, town Cumberland state Maryland 2150

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date February 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>n/a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed
Contributing	Noncontributing	National Register properties
<u>4</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	included in this nomination: <u>0</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> structures	Original and historic functions
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	and uses: agriculture; residential
<u>7</u>	<u>0</u> Total	

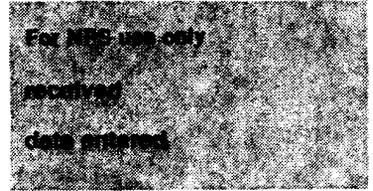
### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

Big Bottom Farm or the Clauson Farm, is located east of US Route 220, on the east side of Hazen Road, about five miles north of Cumberland, in Allegany County, Maryland. It is situated in a narrow strip of flat bottom land along Evitts Creek, between Evitts Mountain and Pine Mountain. The farm complex consists of a mid 19th century brick house, a late 19th century frame barn, and late 19th/early 20th century agricultural outbuildings including a machinery shed, two chicken coops, a corn crib, and a wash house, all of frame construction. The house is unusually refined for an Allegany County farm dwelling of the mid 19th century, with several relatively sophisticated Greek Revival-influenced features. It is a two story, five-bay, gable-roofed building with an original two story, two bay extension to the rear. A late 19th century addition to the rear ell extended it by yet another bay. The main or west elevation is formal with evenly aligned openings and flemish bond brickwork. Accenting the front elevation are central entrances at both the first and second stories and a porch inspired by the Greek Revival style, onto which the second story entrance opens. The main entrance consists of a four panel door surrounded by a transom and sidelights. The interior plan has a central stair hall with one large room on either side. The woodwork is typical of the mid 19th century, inspired by the Greek Revival style, and shows knowledge of the style's characteristics. The interior decorative detailing consists primarily of symmetrical moldings, fluted in the principal parlor, with simple mantels of flat pilasters supporting deep shelves.

For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

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Big Bottom Farm

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The house has a gable roof, whose unusually low pitch may be attributed to its Greek Revival stylistic origins. The roof is covered with standing seam sheet metal. Brick chimneys are located inside the gable ends.

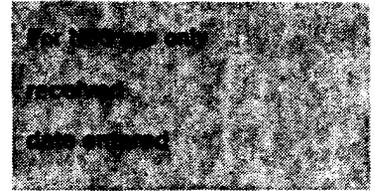
The main entrance features a four-panel door flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom. Among the more notable features of the house is the front porch, which appears to be part of the original construction, although it has been reworked, noticeably at the column bases. The porch is clearly reminiscent of the Greek Revival style and is in keeping with the rest of the stylistic motifs used in the house. The porch is supported by pairs of fluted doric columns, upon which rests a full entablature. It is flat roofed, with roof area enclosed by a cast iron railing and balustrade, which may be original, but is more likely an early 20th century addition. The ironwork is elaborate with mixed motifs including semi-elliptical fans and curved and scrolled designs forming the infill. Some of the patterns suggest art nouveau designs. The second-story door which opens onto the porch is original; it has four panels and is hung beneath a five-light transom.

The interior plan has a central stair hall with one large room on either side. The main staircase is a simple structure. It has a turned newel post and a plain handrail which curves upward at the top with a "gooseneck." To the north of the stair hall is the parlor. Approximately centered in its north wall is a fireplace with a Greek Revival mantel consisting of a shelf and symmetrically molded pilasters. Door and window architraves are also decorated with symmetrical molding similar to that used on the mantel. Corner blocks are decorated with a square or Greek Key pattern. No other woodwork in the house is as elaborate as that found in the parlor and first floor hall.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

South of the hallway is a less formal room containing a fireplace with a very simple mantelpiece with the merest suggestion of pilasters at its sides. Adjacent to the fireplace is a built-in cupboard behind a pair of plain four panel doors.

The ell to the rear originally had a two story porch which was enclosed with wooden siding during the mid twentieth century.

The house appears to be in excellent condition. It retains nearly all of its original woodwork, and its floor plan has received only minimal alterations. The barn and outbuildings are in fair to good condition.

# 8. Significance

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

<b>Specific dates</b>	c. 1845	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	unknown
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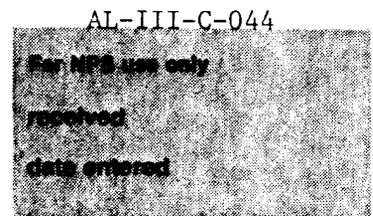
**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**      Applicable Criterion: C  
 Applicable Exceptions: none  
 Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

Big Bottom Farm is significant for its architecture. The house exhibits the symmetrical five-bay elevation and center-hall plan which characterize farm dwellings in Western Maryland throughout the 19th century, in combination with Greek Revival stylistic features whose degree of sophistication is highly unusual in such a rural context. Its brick construction, flat-roofed entrance porch with fluted doric columns supporting a full entablature, and Greek Revival-influenced mantels and architrave trim contribute to its architectural refinement, which is matched by few other Allegany County farmhouses of the period. According to local tradition, the house was built ca. 1845 by John Jacob Smouse, whose family had land holdings in the Evitt's Creek area; architectural evidence confirms a mid-19th-century construction date. The house retains considerable integrity, with the majority of its original detailing intact.

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Allegany County, Maryland

HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The standard local reference works on Allegany County, HISTORY OF ALLEGANY COUNTY by James W. Thomas and T. J. C. Williams, and Thomas Scharf's HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND have no reference to the property or to the two families (Smouse and Clauson) who owned the farm during most of its history. It is known from county land and probate records that the Smouse family owned the property during the mid 19th century, John Jacob Smouse having inherited the farm from Henry Smouse (Will Liber A, Folio 685). It was purchased by William T. Clausen in April of 1888 (Deed Liber 65, Folio 9). The Smouse family, according to local tradition, was prominent in the area and was responsible for several brick houses in the Evitts Creek vicinity.

Although little is known about the Smouse family, this substantial brick farmhouse with refined Greek Revival detail, located in a relatively isolated rural setting, clearly reflects the prosperity of its builder. Most farmhouses in Allegany County are of log or frame construction. Where brick houses are found, they are usually associated with prominent or well to do farmers of the 19th century. Most of the brick dwellings located outside of the towns are found along the National Pike and many of them served as inns or were related in some way to the traffic which passed along the highway. This house, located as it is away from major 19th century highways, is thus particularly unusual.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property consists of approximately 5 acres to include the house, barn, outbuildings and immediate surroundings. The boundaries are described as follows: beginning at a point on the east side of Hazen Road, 100 feet south of the entrance lane to the property and leading in a straight line in a southeasterly direction to a fence located at the bottom of a slope a short distance southeast of the house; then turning 90 degrees and proceeding in a straight line to the northeast, along said fence to a point opposite the northeast corner of the barn; then turning 90 degrees to the northwest and proceeding in a straight line to the east edge of Hazen Road; then following the east edge of Hazen Road in a south-westerly direction to the place of beginning (see attached sketch plan).

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The nominated area includes all of the buildings of the farmstead and the immediate surrounding area that contributes to the rural agricultural setting historically associated with the house. Excluded are the surrounding fields that are not felt to be necessary to retain the setting.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

AL-III-IV-C-044

Hinkle, Helen, MHT worksheet, 1970  
Kurtze, Peter E., MHT Inventory Form, 1980  
Thomas, James W. & Judge TJC Williams. History of Allegany Co., MD., 1923  
Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 5 acres

Quadrangle name Evitts Creek, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

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B 

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C 

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D 

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 3

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paula Stoner Reed

organization Preservation Associates, Inc. date 5 January 1984

street & number 207 S. Potomac Street telephone 301-791-7880

city or town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]*

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date 5-4-84



Addendum to AL-III-C-044 Big Bottom Farm

This addendum to the National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, completed in 1984, is based on correspondence with Jack Smouse in October 1990.

History and Support:

The Smouse family came to Allegany County in the 1790s, purchased land in 1800, became community leaders and have remained prominent in the area.

Bibliographic note:

A Smouse history book is located in local public libraries.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Clauson Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

*Big Bottom Farm*

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
East side of Hazen Road

CITY, TOWN  
Cumberland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**  
 DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**  
 PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**  
 OCCUPIED  
 UNOCCUPIED  
 WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
 YES RESTRICTED  
 YES UNRESTRICTED  
 NO

**PRESENT USE**  
 AGRICULTURE  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two and one-half story brick house is five bays wide, one room deep, and has a two-story, three bay ell to the rear. The principal (west) facade is laid in Flemish bond, with jack arches over all openings. On the first floor, the entrance occupies the central bay, and features a paneled surround with a five-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. Two 6/6 sash windows are arrayed on either side of the doorway. On the second story, 6/6 windows are aligned above those on the first floor; the central bay holds a transomed doorway - probably a recent enlargement of a window opening - affording access to an iron-railed balcony atop a portico apparently of recent date. The shallow-pitched gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal, with interior chimneys at each end. Corbeling appears at the cornice.

The south facade is laid in five-course bond. Two small square four-pane casement windows light the attic, and each story of the main section has a single 6/6 sash window placed to the right (east) of center. An ell three bays wide, two stories high, with a trio of 6/6 windows on each, extends to the east; the brickwork of the south wall is continuous with that of the main section. The masonry at the east end of the ell shows evidence of alterations, including the blocking of a doorway. The north facade of the ell, now enclosed in modern framing, may have incorporated a porch or gallery at one time. The rear (east) facade of the main section has openings corresponding to the front fenestration.

Several outbuildings are associated with the house, including a frame bank barn of moderate size with board-and-batten siding resting on a stone foundation.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site is significant as an example of an early nineteenth century building constructed of brick, a material relatively uncommon in this area for the period. When they do occur, such buildings tend to be historically associated with the locally-prominent Smouse family, who built several Flemishbond houses in the vicinity of Evitts Creek. This particular site was purchased by William Thomas Clauson from John Smouse late in the nineteenth century.

## References:

Thomas, James W. and Judge T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland (L.R. Titworth & Co., 1923).

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Peter E. Kurtze, MHT/SHA Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

February 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House - 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____  ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>DIAGRAMATIC 5404</u>	
	2. NAME <u>Big Bottom Farm</u>  DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

(24A.) Big Bottom Farm

"Big Bottom Farm", located on the Hazen Road about five miles north of Cumberland, is perhaps better known as the Ruth Clauson Farm, named for its present owner, Miss Ruth Clauson. The name Big Bottom originates from the large fields of bottom land along Evitts Creek which runs through most of the some 200-acre farm. The farmhouse itself was built in the early 1840's by John Smouse, the owner, from materials found on the farm and made by hand. The house has had few alterations and embodies many fine examples of hand-fluted woodwork. The impressive brick structure is in itself an "historical house", being filled with numerous antiques and artifacts which tell much of the history of Allegany County. Miss Clauson is wonderfully interested in both the County's history and its future, and has been the source of much of the materials for this report.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER      DATE OF RECORD _____
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Form 10-445 (5/62)

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Allegany County</b> TOWN <b>Cumberland</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>Six miles Northeast of Cumberland on Hazen Road</b> ORIGINAL OWNER <b>John Jacob Smouse</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Residence</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Ruth Clauson</b> PRESENT USE <b>Residence</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>2 and attic</b>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>AL-24</b>
2. NAME <b>Big Bottom Farm</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>About 1845</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER <b>John Jacob Smouse</b>	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **No**

Bricks fired on the farm. Portico pillars are of solid walnut and hand fluted. Double balconies at the rear of the house, later enclosed in the reception hall, Smouse constructed the "Goose Neck" stair-rail. Used as a meeting house by Methodist Protestant Congregation before Centenary Church was built.

Original tract of land called "Big Bottom", 197 acres, was conveyed to Col. William Lamarr by Dr. David Roff of Price George County, Maryland 19, 1808. Allegany County Court Records - Deed - Liber E Folio 286

Henry Smouse willed to John Jacob Smouse - Will Record - Liber A Folio 685 Equity Case # 3687 - Austin A. Wilson, Trustee sold to William T. Clauson "Big Bottom Farm" - Deed - Liber 65 Folio 9, dated April 3, 1888.

William T. Clauson, et ux to Daniel S. Ryan, et ux - Deed - Liber 108 Folio 506, dated September 15, 1911.

Ryan heirs sold at public sale by Thomas Lohr Richards, Trustee to Ruth A. Clauson - Equity Case #13848 - "Big Bottom Farm" - 188 55/100 acrs - Deed - Liber 176 Folio 529.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior **good** Exterior **good**

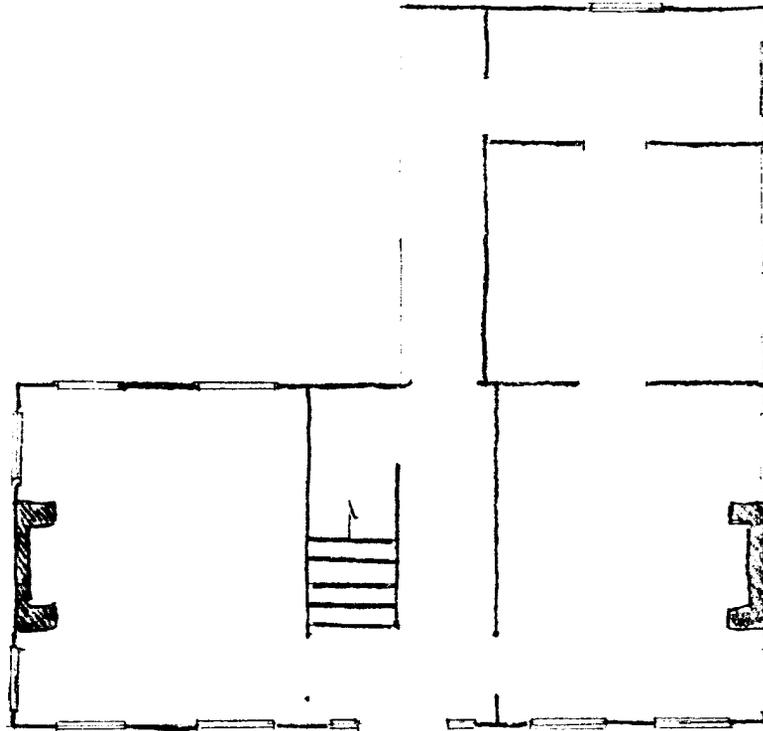
Six miles Northeast of Cumberland on the Eastside of Hazen Road.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

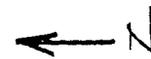
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>1955 House Tour Book (Fort Cumberland Bicentennial)</b> <b>Allegany County Court Records</b>	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>Mrs. Helen Straw Hinkle (Mrs. Wm. E.)</b> <b>Box 228 Hinkle Road - Route 2</b> <b>Cumberland, Maryland 21502</b> <b>Mem. Md. Hist. Trust</b> DATE OF RECORD <b>Oct. 20, 1970</b>
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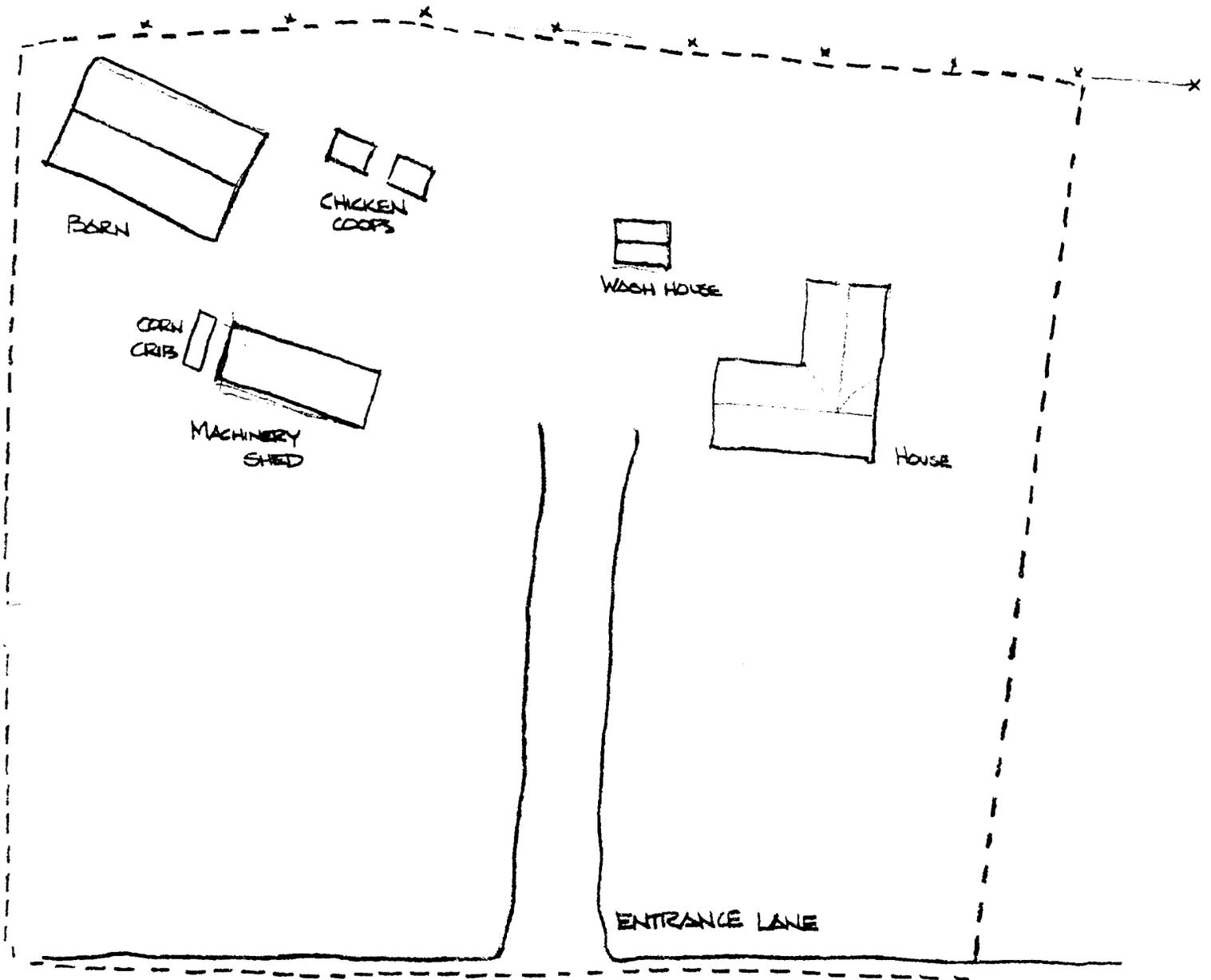


APPROXIMATE 1ST FLOOR PLAN - NOT TO SCALE

BIG BOTTOM FARM



HAZEN ROAD, CUMBERLAND VIC. ALLEGANY CO. MD

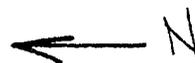


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BIG BOTTOM FARM, ALLEGANY CO. MD

APPROXIMATE SITE PLAN

----- NOMINATION BOUNDARY



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A 17/697/660/4398/830  
B 17/697/550/4398/740  
C 17/697/420/4398/830  
D 17/697/500/4398/960

# Big Bottom Farm Allegheny Co, Maryland

BEDFORD 22 MI. 5263 1 SW  
CENTERVILLE 6 MI. (HYNDMAN)

3000 FEET (PA.) 42'30"

999 40' 700







Clauson farm (BIG BOTTOM FARM) AL-111-C-044

West facade



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6. View: E.
7. Photo # 1

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6. View: NE
7. Photo # 2

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6. View: SW
7. Photo # 3

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6. View: SW
7. Photo # 4

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: SE - WASH HOUSE
7. Photo # 5

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6. View: NE - BARN & OUTBUILDINGS
7. Photo # 6

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6. View: N. BARN & OUTBLDG'S
7. Photo # 7

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: *DETAIL, FRONT ELEVATION*
7. Photo # *8*

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6. View: DETAIL - PORCH
7. Photo # 9

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: MAIN STAIR
7. Photo #10

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: ~~PARLOR~~ N. ROOM - 1ST FLOOR
7. Photo # 11

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: PARLOR - N. ROOM, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR
7. Photo #12

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5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: PARLOR & ENTRANCE HALL
7. Photo #13

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6. View: S. ROOM, 1<sup>st</sup> FL.
7. Photo # 14

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3. Photo Date: Dec. 1983
4. Photo by Paula S. Reed
5. Neg. Location: Preservation Associates, Inc., Hagerstown, MD
6. View: 2nd Fl. Door to Porch
7. Photo # 15

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Claason farm  
South facade

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Clauson barn  
view from southwest

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