

AL-V1-B-157  
Shaw Horse Barn  
Shaw Farm, south of Route 220  
Rawlings

Circa mid-nineteenth century

This large barn is located on the Shaw Farm in Rawlings. It included stables in the basement and feed storage on the upper floors. The farm was established around the mid-nineteenth century by Henry Hutson. Later in the twentieth century the farm was owned by Major Alexander Shaw, an officer of the Union Army's Potomac Home Brigade. A former owner states that the barn was originally located nearer the Potomac River and was moved at an unknown date.

The barn is constructed of board and batten and has a gable flank roof. The most interesting features of the building are located on the walls of the high stone foundation. On the southeast is an arcade of six semicircular arched openings with triple rowed arches of yellow header bricks. Two of these retain original vertical board doors with original hardware. On all four sides of the foundation there are pairs of recessed casement windows with flat brown stone arches with keystones.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Shaw Horse Barn

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw Farm, south of Route 220

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Rawlings

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ruby G. Adams

Telephone #: 729-3674

STREET & NUMBER

Box 5031

CITY, TOWN

Cresaptown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21502<sup>STATE</sup>, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 504  
Folio #: 697

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland<sup>STATE</sup> 21502

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE <u>unknown</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This large barn is located on the Shaw Farm, south of Route 220 in Rawlings.

The rectangular barn is one and one-half stories tall and eight bays wide on the southeast. Wall construction is frame with board and batten. It rests on a high foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar with a plain water table. The floor of the basement is constructed of wooden blocks. The gable flank roof is covered with corrugated aluminum and is constructed with mortise and tenon. Eaves consist of a simple cornice and fascia. Two square cupola atop the roof have pyramidal hipped roofs and louvered ventilators.

Six basement entrances arranged in an arcade on the southeast are semicircular arched bays supported by stone pedestals. Triple row header brick semicircular arches are laid into the stone wall of the foundation. Two of the entrances in original condition have vertical board doors with original hardware, the remaining four have been blocked shut with cinderblocks and windows. First floor entrances on the northwest are two wide sliding wooden doors. Two sliding loft doors are on the elevated first floor on the southeast. Windows of the basement are narrow recessed six light casements in pairs set in yellow bricks with brown stone flat arches and keystones. The windows are located as follows: a pair on each end of the southeastern flank, four pairs on the southwestern gable end, two pairs on the northwestern gable end, and three pairs on the northwestern flank. Two cement block silos are on the southwest. A small cinderblock addition with a gabled roof abuts the northeast.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This barn is located on the Shaw Farm in Rawlings. A former owner states that it was used as a horse barn and was moved from its original location one half of a mile to the south near the Potomac River at an unknown date. (1) It was probably built around the mid-nineteenth century when the farm was the property of Henry Hutson. (2) Later in the nineteenth century the farm was owned by Major Alexander Shaw, an officer of the Second Maryland Regiment Volunteer Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade of the Union Army. (3)

The frame structure with board and batten has a gable flank roof with mortise and tenon and two square cupola with pyramidal roofs. The barn rests on a high foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar stone; the floor is constructed of wooden blocks. The most interesting features of the barn are located on the walls of the stone foundation. These include a row or arcade of six semicircular arched entrance and pairs of casement windows. Each of the entrances has a semicircular arch of yellow header bricks in three rows. Two of the entrances have original vertical board doors with original hardware. The narrow casement windows have flat brown stone arches with keystones.

- (1) Interview with Wilbur Collins, Rawlings, Md. 11-20-78
- (2) Allegany County Land Records. Liber EE Folio 33 and Liber 4, Folio 493
- (3) Allegany County Land Records. Liber 86, Folio 166 and Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co. )pp. 402-403

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Lowdermilk, Will H. History of Cumberland, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1971 Reprint of 1878 edition  
Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 968.39 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites May 13, 1980

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland Maryland

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-11-3-157

DATE: 11/30/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: SHAW HORSE BARN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: SHAW FARM S. of Rt 220 Rawlings

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: S.E.

NAME OF OWNER: RUBY G. ADAMS

ADDRESS: Box 5031 Cresaptown

INTERVIEW OF FORMER OWNER <sup>BUILT BY SLAVE LABOR</sup> WILBUR COLLINS - MOVED "ROLLED UP FROM DOWN BY THE RIVER" DATE UNKNOWN

STORIES: 1() 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) 8()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: cinderblock on NE gable roof  
cement block silos on SW

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG
- OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone coarsed rock-faced ashlar floor of wooden blocks

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 6 LIGHT CASEMENTS IN PAIRS 2 SE 4 SW 2 NW 3 NE  
1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other()  
pegged( ) nailed() wide( ) narrow() mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 6 on SE Basement semicircular arched w/ stone pedestal's  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( ) 4 w/ cinderblocks & windows  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN NW 2 wide sliding wooden doors  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards SE 2 sliding wooden loft doors

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave  
mortise & tenon

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 2 sq cupola pyramid roof covered vents  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; corrugated aluminum original( ) replaced( )

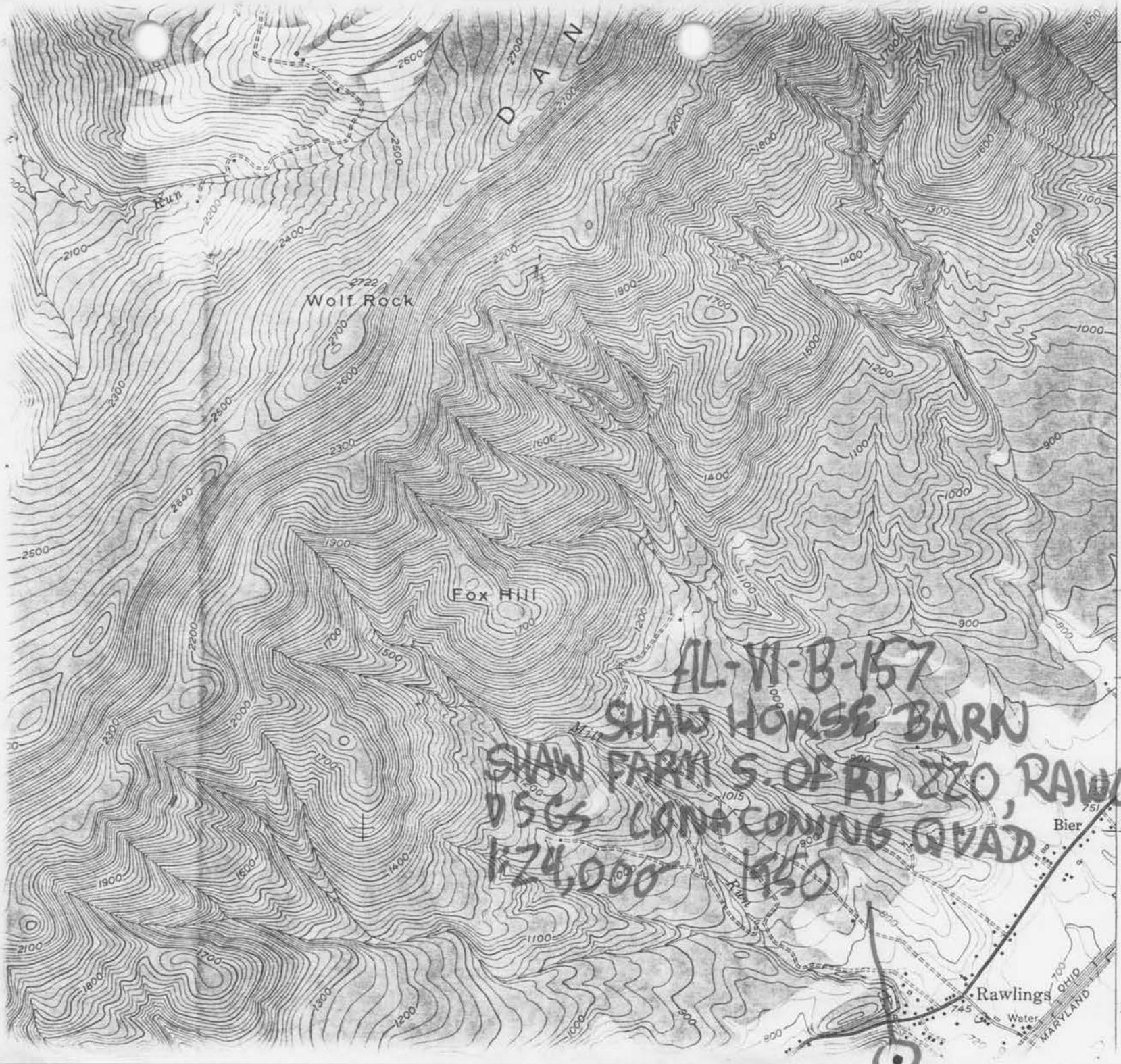
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

CHES: Door & Windows: WINDOWS ENTRANCES  
Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular YELLOW BRICK TRIPLE ROW  
BROWN STONE

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_



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SHAW HORSE BARN  
SHAW FARM S. OF RT. 270, RAWLINGS  
USGS CONCOMING QUAD  
1:24,000 1950

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UMBERLAND (JUNC. U.S. 40) 11 MI

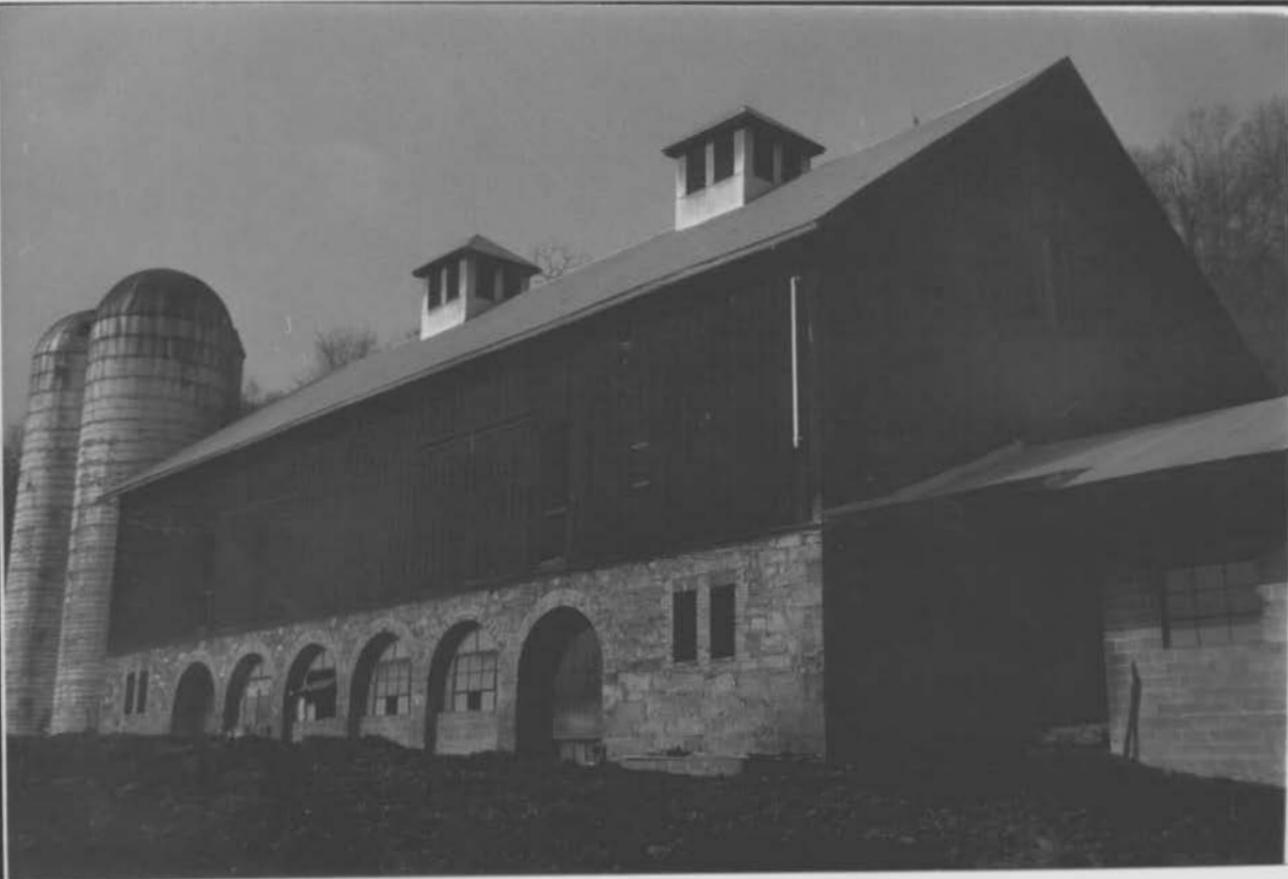
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Rawlings  
Water  
MARYLAND



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SHAW Horse Barn

SHAW FARM S. of Rt 220, Rawlings

David A. Dorsey

11/20/78

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SHAW HORSE BARN

SHAW FARM S OF RT. 220 RAWLINGS

DAVID A. DORSET

2/29/80

west