

AA-871

Late 19th century

Lebowitz Farm
Harmans vicinity
Private

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Historically, the area surrounding the house, on both sides of Piny Run, was known as Timber Neck. It was an important iron mining region in Maryland from the mid-19th century until the first quarter of the 20th century. This suggests that the Lebowitz House may have been built as a duplex to house the local ore miners and their families.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lebowitz Farm

2. Location

street & number North side of Dorsey Road, .4 mile southeast of ___ not for publication

Baltimore-Washington Parkway

city, town Harmans vicinity of congressional district 4th

state MD county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mortimer C. Lebowitz

street & number 310 ← 6th St. South telephone no.:

city, town Arlington state and zip code VA 22202

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 1546

street & number Church Circle folio 371

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

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The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are covered with wooden shingles, under which can be seen the original German-siding. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. All windows are 2/2 sash and have louvered, wooden shutters. There is one interior brick chimney which is asymmetrically placed to accommodate the northeast portion of the duplex. A patch in the ridge line of the roof indicates the location of another chimney which heated the southwest end of the duplex.

The interior was not examined.

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
<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 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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Historically, the area surrounding the house, on both sides of Piny Run, was known as Timber Neck. It was an important iron mining region in Maryland from the mid-19th century until the first quarter of the 20th century. The ore banks, located on both sides of Piny Run, were worked to a depth of over 50 feet. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., in Iron Ores of Maryland, described this region in 1911:

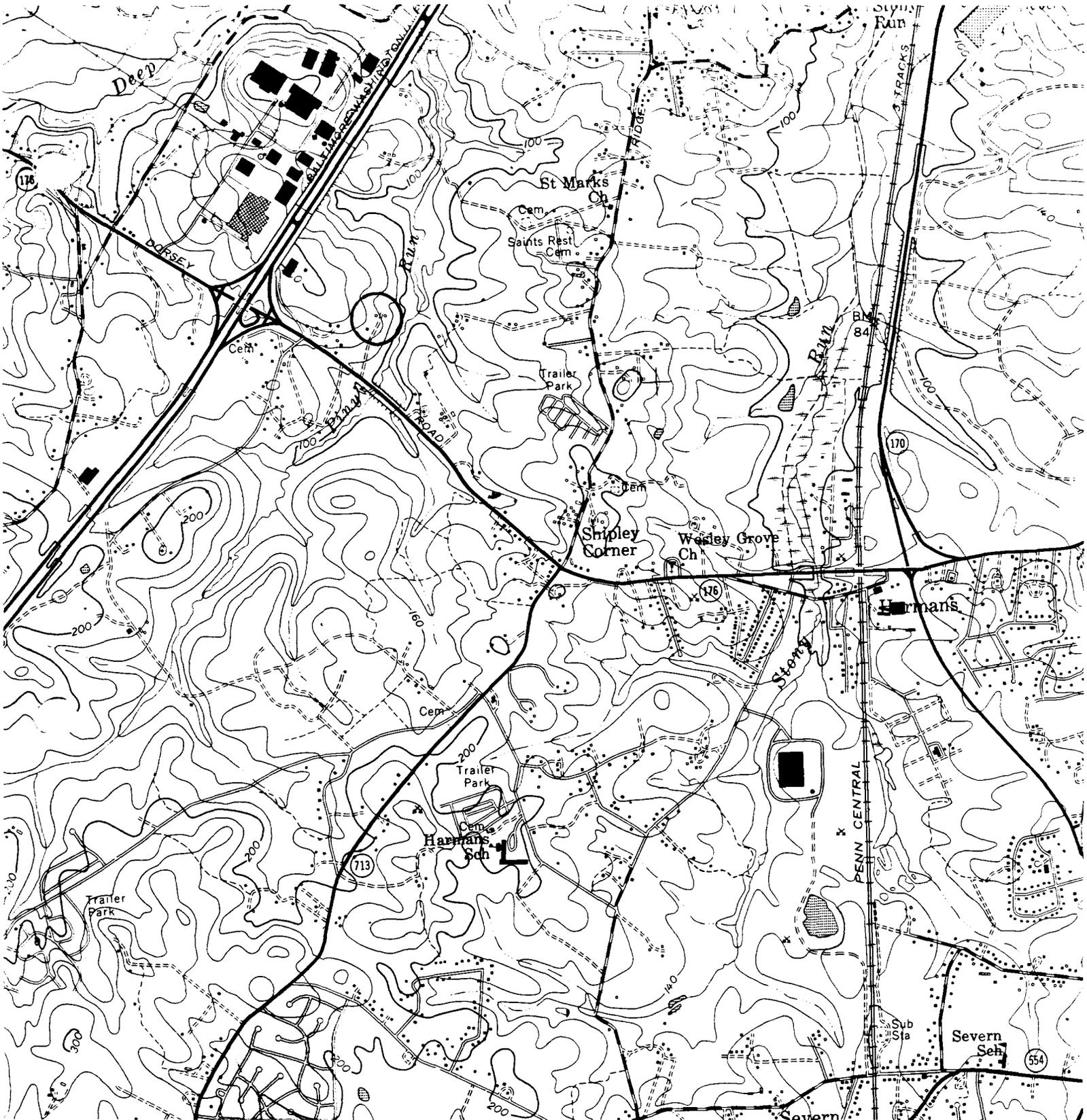
No other area in the State of equal size has been so extensively worked, the entire tract consisting of iron ore openings and the dumps from them, so that when viewed from the rim of the openings the effect is that of typical "bad lands."

In the 1850's, the Timber Neck ore banks were owned by the Great Falls Iron Company, operators of the Elkrige Furnace. During the early 20th century, iron ore extracted by black miners was shipped to the Muirkirk Furnace in nearby Prince George's County.

The use of this area as an iron ore mining region suggests that the Lebowitz House may have been built as a duplex to house the local ore miners and their families.

Footnotes

1. Joseph T. Singewald, Iron Ores of Maryland, (Baltimore: Maryland Geological Survey, 1911), p. 280.



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.4 mile S.E. of B-W Parkway,
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Photo: D. Ware

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Facade: S.E. elevation



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N.E. gable end