Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AA-91

Name of Property: Asa Linthicum House
Location: 2869 Jessup Road (MD 175) Jessup MD 20794

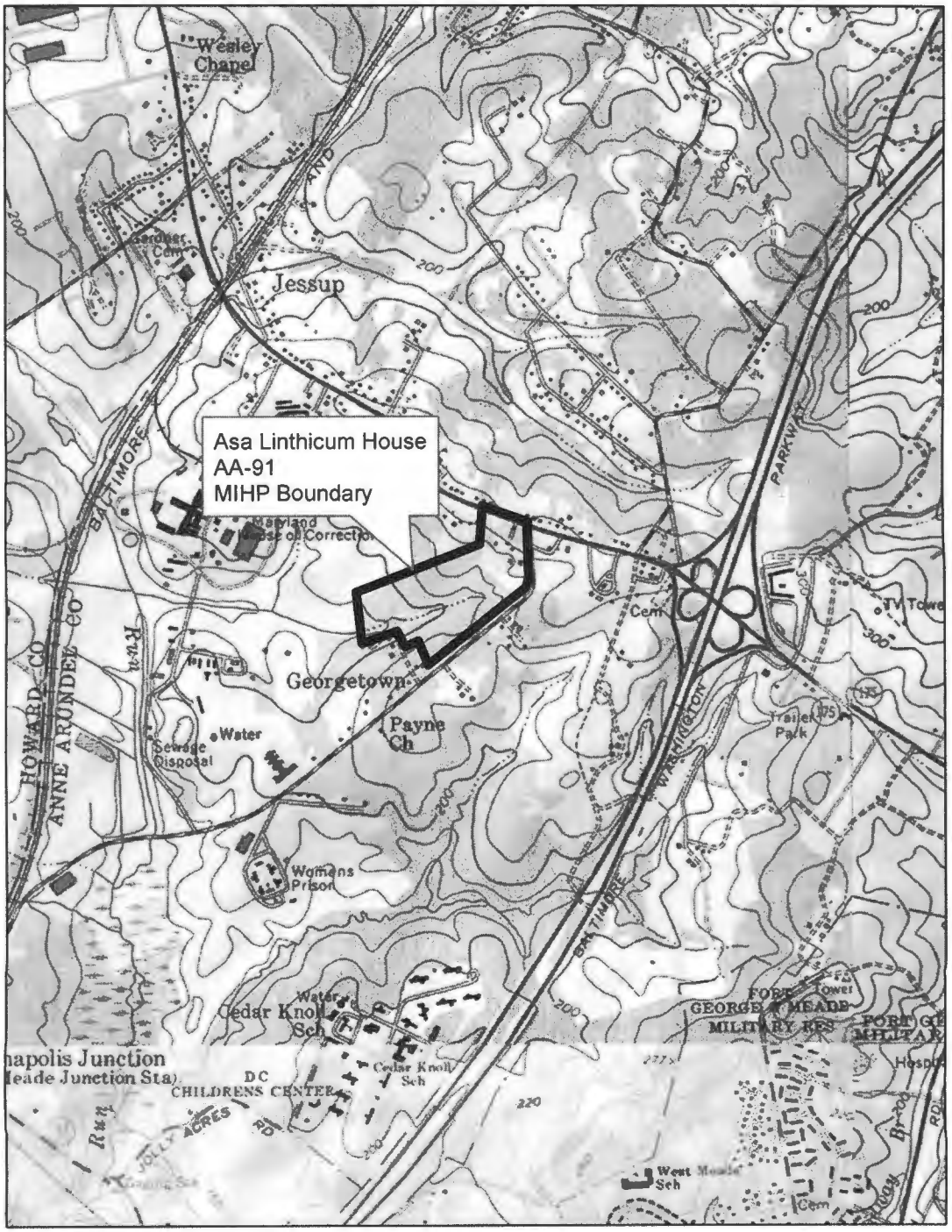
The Asa Linthicum House was determined to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) on August 12, 2009 by a Determination of Eligibility (DOE) prepared by Greenhorne & O'Mara, a cultural resources consultant. Although the DOE states that the house sits on approximately 47 Acres, it does not fully describe the boundary of the property.

SHA consulted the Anne Arundel County Land Records and the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to identify and justify the boundary of the historic property. According to the current records found online at http://sdate.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx, the Asa Linthicum House currently consists of 46.46 Acres, as shown on Anne Arundel County Tax Map 13 for Parcel 158, and the single family dwelling contains 4606 square feet. The first deed that fully addresses the size of the Linthicum House parcel is form Anne Arundel County Land Record Liber 6161 Folio 173, which is a deed between Robert C. Mintel and Joseph A. and Sharon A. Fraundorfer, husband and wife dated July 2, 1993. Mintel sold the Linthicum House along with 49.083 acres to the Fraundorfers, but the Deed's Exhibit "A" specifies that 2.244 acres of land conveyed to Anne Arundel County on December 20, 1990 by deed recorded in the Anne Arundel County Land Records at Liber 5264, Folio 503 did not convey with the land, since it was to be used as right-of-way for improvements planned for Brock Bridge Road. Exhibit A also describes two variable width revertible grading easements and one perpetual drainage easement to either Anne Arundel County or a nearby developer that affect the amount of land within the boundary of the Asa Linthicum House.

As a result of this deed, the NRHP boundary for the Asa Linthicum House is confined to the 46.46 Acres in the southwest quadrant of Jessup Road and Brock Bridge Road shown on the current Anne Arundel County Tax Map 13 for Parcel 158, and the attached 7.5' Savage USGS Quadrangle.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, Architectural Historian, MD SHA **Date: 10/6/2014**

Savage 7.5' USGS Quadrangle



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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___ no ___

Property Name: Asa Linthicum House - Gibson House Inventory Number: AA-91

Address: 2869 Jessup Road Route 175 Historic district: ___ yes X no

City: Jessup Zip Code: 20794 County: Anne Arundel

USGS Quadrangle(s): Savage

Property Owner: Joseph and Sharon Fraundorfer Tax Account ID Number: 04-000--2102800

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 158 Tax Map Number: 13

Project: Clark's 100 Agency: Corporate Office Properties Trust

Agency Prepared By: Greenhorne & O'Mara

Preparer's Name: Becky Reich Date Prepared: 4/18/2008

Documentation is presented in: MS Word 97

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: ___

Inventory Number: ___ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staf ___ yes X no Name: ___ Date: ___

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Located on the southeast corner of MD 175 (Jessup Road) and Brock Bridge Road is the Asa Linthicum House (AA-91). The house is situated on approximately 47 acres of land. The immediate yard surrounding the house features a winding gravel driveway that splits off to the front of the house and curves to the rear of the property with additional access to Brock Bridge Road. The immediate yard features large mature trees that frame the house and foundation shrubs. To the rear right side, there is a large garage. To the rear of the house there is a bank barn and the remains of another outbuilding. The bank barn opens to a fenced pasture for grazing. Beyond the pasture the remaining acreage is forested. The landscape serves to envelope the house and its immediate setting, shielding it from the newer development along MD 175.

The Asa Linthicum House is a two-story, three-bay, hip-on- cross- gable roof frame structure. The roof once supported a cupola, but it has been removed and replaced with a small square vent. Two brick chimneys pierce the ridge line of the composite shingled roof and gables intersect each facade. The house is clad with aluminum siding. The centered, double entry door, features transom, and sidelights, and the flanking floor to ceiling windows are six-over-nine, double hung sash. The upper story fenestration features two six-over six double hung sash windows and a centered, pair of rounded arch windows. A hipped front porch stretches the full length of the front façade. It is supported by plain square posts and the balustrade consists of slender

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Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

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straight posts. A flight of wood steps leads up to the porch. The house is supported by a stone foundation.

The bank barn is supported on a stone foundation, has batten board siding, and corrugated metal roof. It is in fair to good condition.

According to the current MIHP form, the Asa Linthicum House was constructed in 1860 shortly after he acquired the property from John W. Biggs (Liber NHG __, Folio 78), although the current property owner, Mrs. Fraundorfer believes the house may be older. In an interview in February 2008, Mrs. Fraundorfer stated that she had been told that Dr. Asa Linthicum served the Civil War soldiers that came through the town. Mrs. Fraundorfer passed some oral history that Dr. Linthicum gave his workers property to build their houses at the back of the Linthicum estate. Mrs. Fraundorfer also corroborated the history that Dr. Asa Linthicum mined ore on the property, stating that the cuts in the earth are still visible.

The historic context was based mainly on the work prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning (found at www.aacounty.org/AboutAACo/history.cfm) and G. Marie Biggs work entitled The Story of Jessup which was first published in 1952 and updated in 1977.

Settlers came to Maryland (St. Mary's) as early as 1634, but it wasn't until 1649, that the first settlers arrived at the area that today comprises Anne Arundel County. In 1650, the Maryland General Assembly created Anne Arundell County.

1700-1800

As settlers moved westward, land grants were given. In the Jessup area, the original land grant was Trusty Friend patented to Charles Carroll in 1753 which contained 3,050 acres. Most of the land to the southwest of MD 175 was included in this tract. Agriculture was the main economic pursuit of Anne Arundel County and settlers relied upon tobacco as its main cash crop. The County saw its population triple from 4,100 to 12,520 between 1700 and 1750. However, other economic pursuits were growing. Iron ore was mined at Elkridge Landing (which was part of Anne Arundel County until 1851).

1800-1850

This period of history saw major transportation improvements. By 1820, nearby US Route 1 had been widened to a 60-foot right-of-way and it was the major stagecoach thoroughfare between Baltimore and Georgetown. By 1840, the Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad was completed linking northern Anne Arundel County to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. G. Marie Biggs states that Jessup is not considered a railroad town, and it is not unreasonable to believe that there were scattered farms in the nearby vicinity prior to 1830. However, most of the recorded history about the Jessup area starts with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad laying tracks through the middle of the community. There were three ridges from the Thomas Viaduct in Elkridge to the present day Jessup that needed to be cut in order to construct the stem to Washington. If the bed was too steep, the trains would not be able to successfully climb the ridge. Approximately 40 to 50 feet of ground needed to be cut. One of the contractors who had worked on the Main Stem (Baltimore to Ellicott City) of the railroad was Jonathan Jessup and he was assigned to complete the two mile task. The excavation became known as "Jessops Cut." This cut required the displacement of over 270,000 cubic yards of earth, which was quite an engineering feat considering the amount of labor and the type of tools available in 1833. Even though the town had various names (often matching the surname of the Post Master) the area was often referred to as "Jessops" or "Jessops Cut." The name of the town was changed at various times and finally settled in 1963 with Jessup.

By the 1850s land speculation was rampant with the growth of the railroads. "Thomas and Elizabeth" was patented in 1853 to William Worthington and contained 411 ½ acres. This patent name is found in several of the deeds of the resources identified in this project. Otherwise, the County was experiencing shifts in the economic base. The City of Baltimore grew with its superior

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port, the urban growth of Annapolis began to slow, and Elkridge Landing became too full of silt for larger boats to travel upstream.

1850-1870

Anne Arundel County at the time of the Civil War was still mainly agricultural in nature. During the Civil War, Union troops occupied Annapolis to prevent Maryland secession, as pro-Confederate sentiments were strong, especially in the southern counties (including southern Anne Arundel County) where tobacco was still the major crop. During the Civil War, Camp Parole was established near Annapolis as a prisoner exchange for soldiers waiting to be exchanged or paroled. Oral histories stated that Dr. Asa Linthicum (owner of AA-91) took care of wounded soldiers. Ms. Biggs stated in her book that during the Civil War, the "Jessup Army Camp" was established. This camp was for soldiers passing through the area, but also to retain deserters.

At the end of the Civil War, Maryland's Fourth Constitution freed the remaining slaves throughout the state on November 1, 1864. During Reconstruction, many farmers and communities suffered economically due to the loss of enslaved labor, and the depletion of soil quality from tobacco. Since Jessup was not necessarily a solely agricultural or manufacturing community, and because it was near the vicinity of other several major transportation facilities and routes, it did not suffer directly, and actually began to grow and thrive.

Throughout the County, farmers began to shift to crops such as corn, wheat, hay, and fruits. Former slaves began tenant farming. Small industries associated with seafood production became important factors along coastal areas. Farming in the northern portion of the county began to grow with a focus on canning fruits and vegetables, including strawberries, peas, beans, and cantaloupes. These types of crops stimulated the expansion of fertilizer and canning factories. The development of the pasteurization process enabled farmers to specialize in dairy products. The cultivation of tobacco continued, but not to the same extent as prior to the Civil War.

As far as manufacture, the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for the Dr. Asa Linthicum House (AA-91) states that obtained the property circa 1860 and began mining operations. The current property owner of the Asa Linthicum House states that in the wooded area of the property cuts can still be seen where mining activities took place. Research did not result in any further details regarding this mining venture.

1870-1900

Research from the Anne Arundel Historical Society's records vertical file had xeorx clippings describing the area:

"Letter from Anne Arundel County. Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun Jessup's Cut, October 21, 1874. Scenery-Handsome Villas-Churches, etc. Having recently paid a brief visit to this flourishing section of Anne Arundel County I will note a few of the attractive places in the neighborhood. Jessup's Cut, which is a station on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, about eighteen miles from Baltimore, seems to be a lively little place. It contains a fine country store and a convenient and handsome railroad station-house. The country immediately around the station is not very attractive or inviting, but a short distance east of the "Cut," a beautiful landscape opens to view, extending for miles, the various eminence being dotted with fine residences and farm houses." Taking the old Annapolis road, leading east from Jessup's which road, by the way, is macadamized and in first class order, the first place that attracts particular attention is the fine residence of the late K.G. Kilbourn, at one time Speaker of the House of Delegates, and a prominent member of the Baltimore bar. Among other fine edifices in the vicinity are Clifton Seminary, owned by Dr. A.S. Linthicum; the residence of James A. Buchannan, a member of the Baltimore bar; Walter S. Ringgold, the late General Elsey and Major Larned."

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Another clipping in the vertical file is from the 1878 Maryland Directory describing Hooversville. "[Hooversville] is 16 miles from Baltimore, and near Jessup's Cut, its shipping point on the B&O Railroad. Climate healty, business medium, crops and land good; land is mostly cleared, is worth $100 per acre, produces 20 bus. [bushels of] wheat and an average crop of oats, potatoes, corn and hay. Episcopal Church, no regular minister; M.E. Church South, Rev. J. D. Still, Roman Catholic Church, Father Staunton. Public School Teacher, Wm. Whiteside. The House of Correction, a State Institution, is situated on a beautiful elevation a short distance south. Population 300. J.F. Lowekamp Postmaster."

The description provides as well the following: JF Lowekamp as the Railroad Agent and General Merchandise; Robert T. Clarke as the Blacksmith; John T. Clarke as General Merchandise; George W. Hobbs, and SE Kerfe as Ore Banks; AS Linthicum and CB White as physicans; and John Hill as the shoemaker.

From these descriptions, Jessup was a thriving community during the mid-1870s. Construction of the Maryland House of Corrections began in 1874 and the facility was opened in 1879. The facility was located only one-half mile west of Jessup. It was designed by architect George Frederick in the Italianate style. According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places form, the establishment of the House of Corrections parallels the growth of the penal reform movement in Maryland during the 1870s, recognizing the need for a place for lesser offenders to serve time and focus on reform. The MIHP form also notes that bricks used on the original structures came from local kilns in Jessup. From these descriptions an image emerges of Jessup as a charming and vibrant community.

Eligibility Evaluation

The Asa Linthicum property is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as it retains integrity of its setting, location, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The community of Jessup reach a zenith point in the mid 1870s with its importance as a stop on the B&O Railroad, its proximity to the major Baltiimore-to-Washington road corridor of Route 1, and its selection as the location for the Maryland House of Corrections as a place of reformation. Research did not indicate that there were historic associations between the Asa Linthicum House and these major events, but the house is illustrative of what may be viewed as a high point of the community's growth. Therefore, the Asa Linthicum House is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

The property is not eligible under Criterion B for its associations with persons of historical significance. Research conducted confirmed that Dr. Asa Linthicum is a direct descendent of the Linthicum family of Linthicum, Maryland. The family genealogy does not specifically mention Dr. Asa's Linthicums contributions or achievements. Local research did not elaborate Dr. Asa Linthicum as distinctly significant in his works and contributions to the history of the Jessup community.

The Asa Linthicum property is considered eligible under Criterion C. The house has been described one of the three remaining houses which were built in the Italianate style in Jessup. In a Field Guide to American Houses, by Virginia and Lee McAlester, they define the dominant features of the Italianate as a house usually consisting of two stories, a low pitched roof, overhanging eaves, decorative brackets, tall narrow windows, arched windows, and with a square cupola or tower. The Asa Linthicum House has retained these details minus the cupola, however, even with the missing cupola the house retains enough of its original look to convey its architectural style.

The property has not been assessed for its National Register eligibility for its archeological potential.

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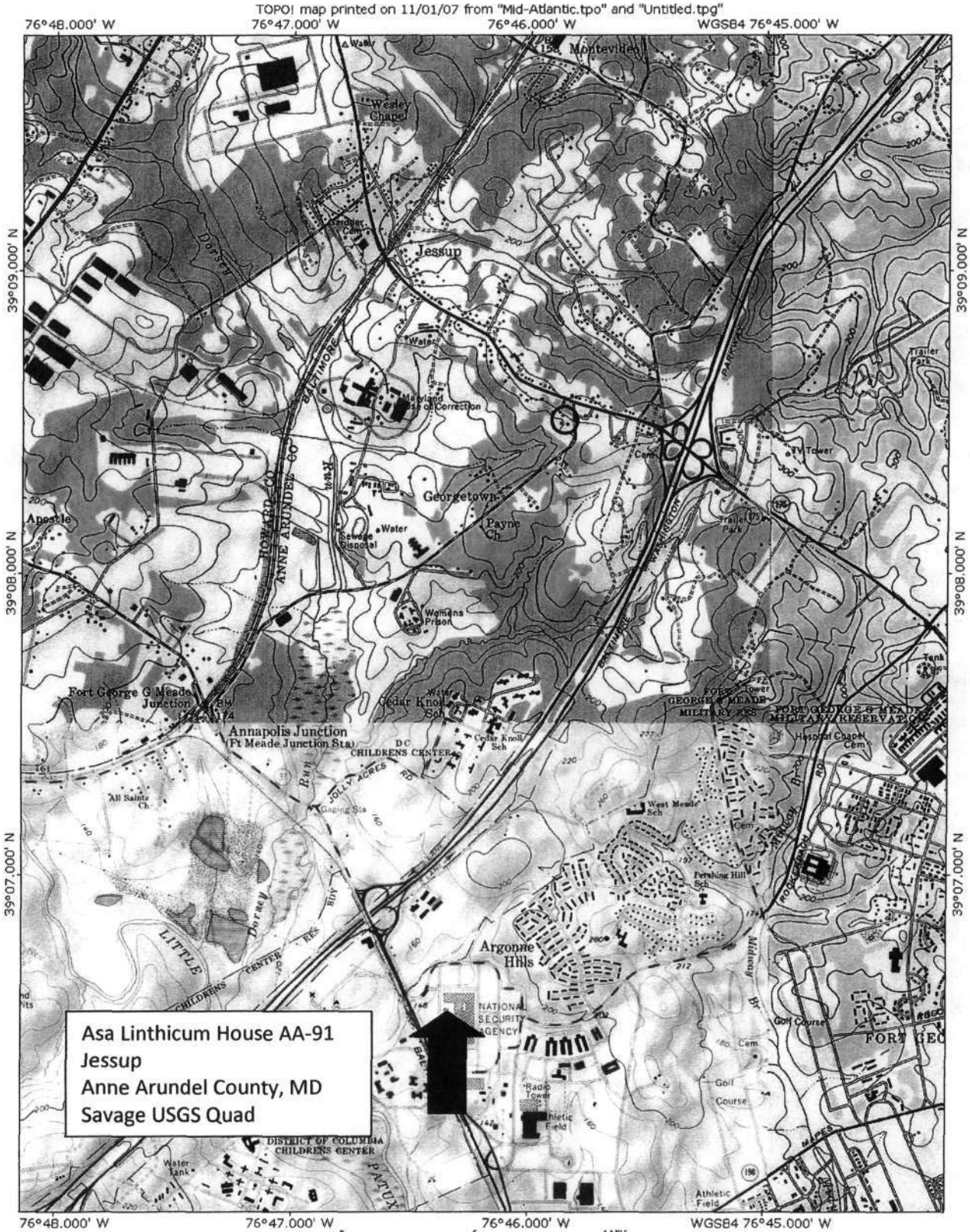

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Asa Linthicum House
Anne Arundel County, MD
Becky Reich, photographer
March 2008
Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the front façade - house faces MD 175. Garage is to left side.

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Closer view of the front façade - northside of house

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View of the west façade

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View of the rear south façade

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View from the east side
of the house

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Detail of the front door

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Detail of arched windows
in gable

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View of the bank barn in the right foreground and 2-story, 4-car garage in the background. Photo facing north.

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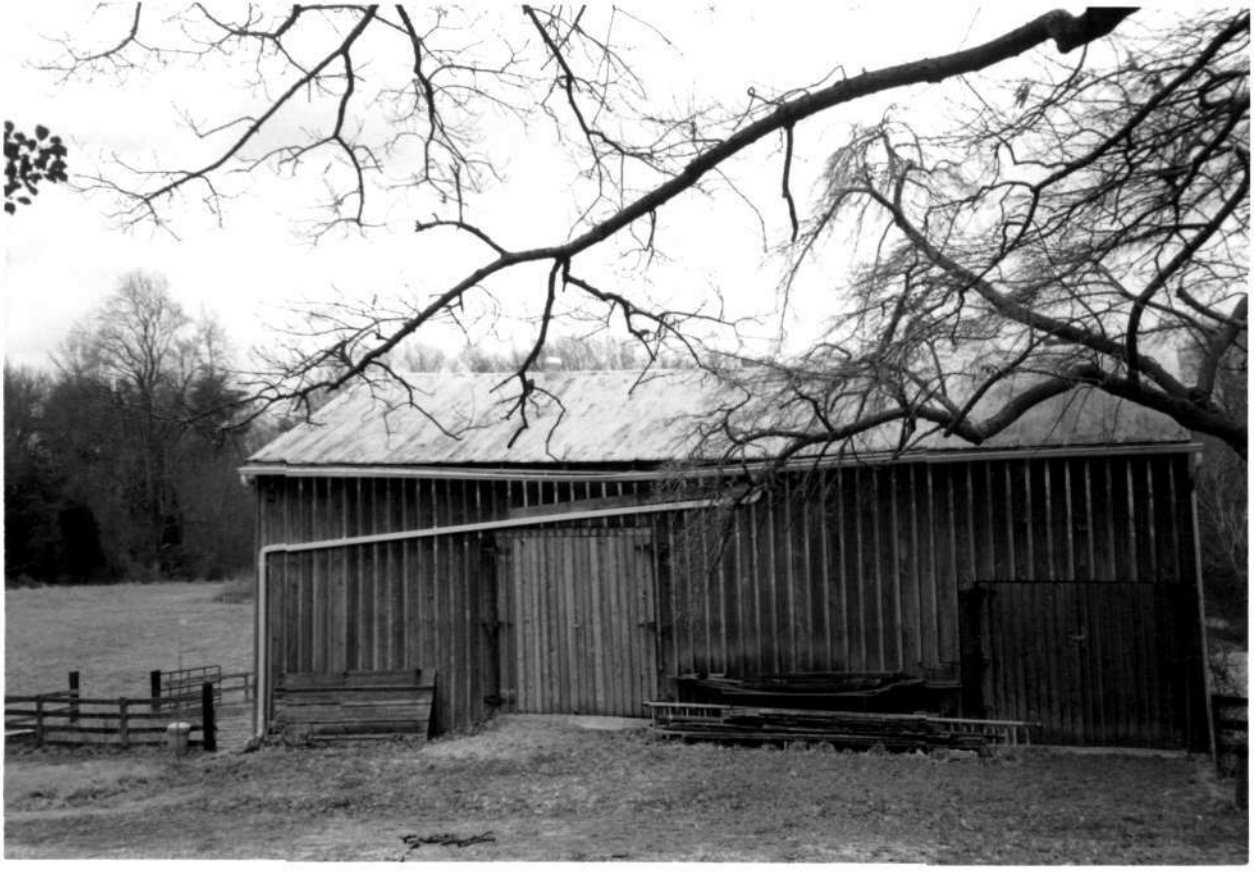

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North façade of the bank barn

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The west gable end & south facade of the bank barn

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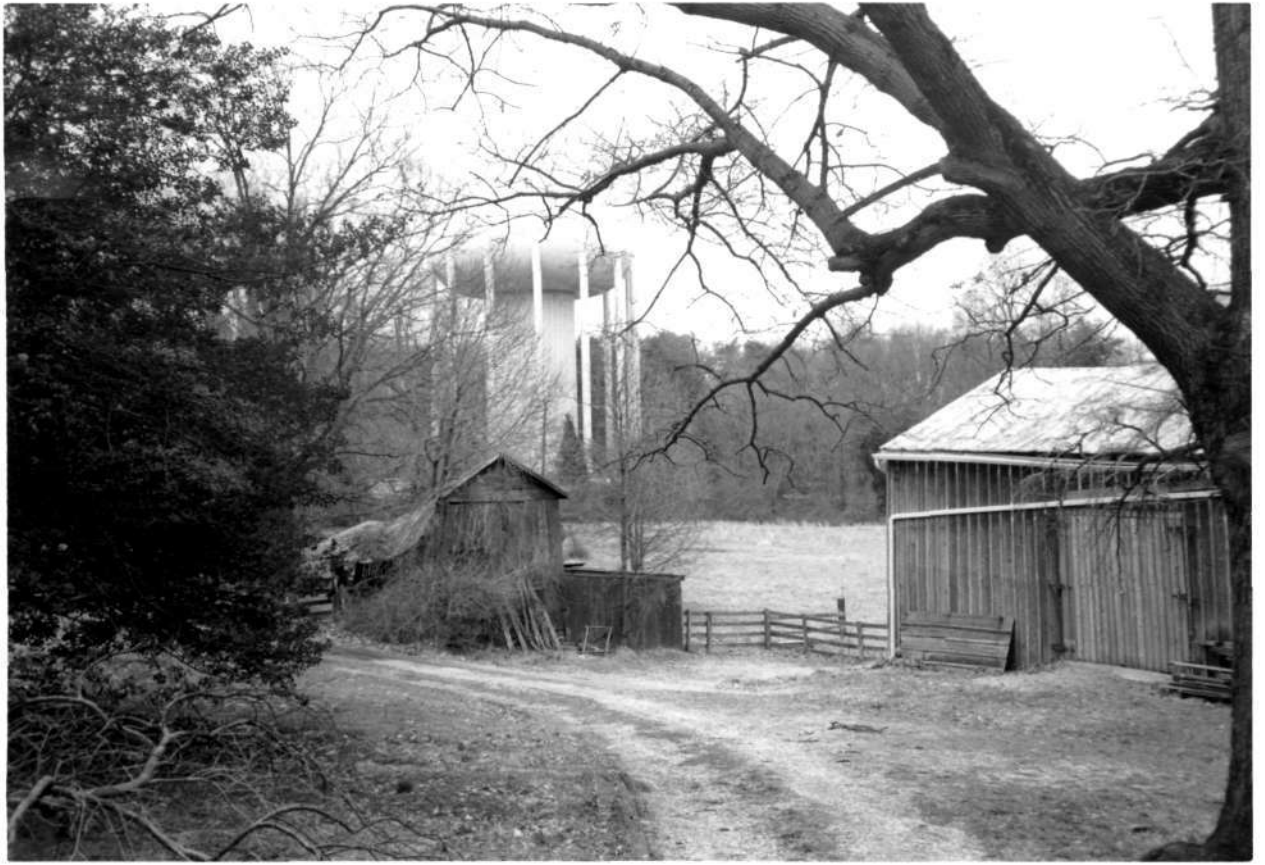
East gable end & south facade of the bank barn. Note the garage & the east side of the house in the bank barn. Note the garage & the east side of the house in the background



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The north façade of the bank barn, dilapidated corn crib/shed to the east & water tower which is located on Brock Bridge Road.

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Rear of dilapidated shed

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~~The north façade of the bank barn~~

From Brock Bridge Road entrance, looking west toward the barn & garage.

AA-91
Asa Linthicum House
Jessup

C. 1860
private

The house is one of three frame dwellings in Jessup built in the Italian Villa style which are still standing. Other examples are AA-92 and AA-123. The house is a square, two-stories high, three-bays wide, and is set on a high foundation of native Raritan sandstone. Althoug the cupola has been removed, the building has changed little since it was built. A frame bank barn is behind the house.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Asa Linthicum House

AND/OR COMMON: (Gibson Residence)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: southeast corner of Jessup Rd (rt. 175) and Brock Bridge Rd.

CITY, TOWN: Jessup

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1

STATE: MD.

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: J.W. Gibson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: Box 23

CITY, TOWN: Jessup

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: MD. 20794

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse

Liber #: 195

Folio #: 192

STREET & NUMBER: South St.

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-91

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	✓ UNALTERED	✓ ORIGINAL SITE
✓ GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Asa Linthicum House is located on 48.73 acres bounded by Jessup Road (Rt. 175) on the north , Brock Bridge Rd. on the east and the Maryland House of Correction on the west. The house faces north about 50 ft. back from Jessup Rd. A spacious yard planted with large oak trees surrounds it.

The structure is a nearly square 2 story 3 bay by 3 bay frame dwelling set on a high foundation of native Raritan sandstone. Built c. 1860 in the Italian style, the house is covered with clapboards and painted white with green trim.

Windows, spaced evenly on the front and side elevations, contain 6/6 light sash, taller on the first story than the second. On the second story, centered above the entrance, is a round arch containing tall round arched windows; the spandrel above the arches displays a raised trefoil design. Most of the windows have louvered shutters.

The main entrance is in the center bay, front elevation. Double doors, having recessed panels w/ raised pinecones in the upper panel and raised flowers in the lower panels, are flanked by turned pilasters and surmounted by a large scale 5 light transom with a narrow dentil-like frieze. The frieze resembles the design of the porch balustrade.

An above grade porch of 5 bays , having a flat roof and modillioned cornic, extends across the front elevation. It has rectangular posts with plain capitals and bases. The balustrade was given an unusual appearance by notching the underside of the top railing to form arched spaces where the balusters join it.Other interesting features of the porch are the large turned newel posts and the curved balustrade flanking the porch steps.

The house has a hipped roof with center gables. The roof has very wide eaves with modillions. A plain wide fascia board follows the line of the roof on all elevations. In the center of the roof is the remains of a rectangular louvered cupola, typical of several large houses in the Jessup area. The large interior chimneys are off center, one being more to the rear of the structure than the other. Both have recessed panels and corbeled caps.

A two story wing of small scale was added to the rear by the present owners. S. of the house is a board and batten bank barn with a sandstone foundation. It was not possible to go inside the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	✓COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860 BUILDER/APCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Asa Linthicum House is one of three frame dwellings still standing in Jessup which were built in the Italian Villa style (c. 1860-1880). Other examples are Trusty Friend (AA-123) and the Ringgold House (AA-92); the Rappaport House (AA-82) is a site. At one time the town contained six or more frame dwellings of similar design with either cupolas or towers. Some of these are pictured in The Story of Jessup by G. Marie Biggs. The Linthicum house, a nearly square, two story, three bay house, has many of its original details remaining, although, unfortunately, the cupola with which it was crowned, has been removed. The hipped roof with wide bracketed eaves and the round headed windows in the center bay, second story are typical of the Italian Villa style.

The Jessup buildings reflect~~ed~~ the wide spread influence and popularity of designs by Alexander Jackson Davis for Italian villas which were published in Cottage Residences (1842) and The Architecture of Country Houses (1850) by Andrew Jackson Downing. It appears that the style never really caught on in the rest ofAnne Arundel County, making these examples all the more valuable and unusual.

The house was built by Dr. Asa Linthicum C. 1860, shortly after he acquired the property from John W. Biggs (L. NHG F. 78, Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Feb. 22, 1858). Besides practicing medicine, Dr. Linthicum operated iron ore mines on his property. A bank barn, which was used to stable the horses used to haul the iron ore, is located behind the house.

Today Jessup is much dominated by the penal institutions located there, and little remains,with the exception of a few buildings,to remind one of the town"s pre World War I prosperity.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Anne Arudel County History Notes. vol. 9 No. III April, 1978

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 48.73

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 Marion Morton Carroll

ORGANIZATION Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Anne Arundel County DATE

STREET & NUMBER Arundel Center TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis STATE MD.

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.

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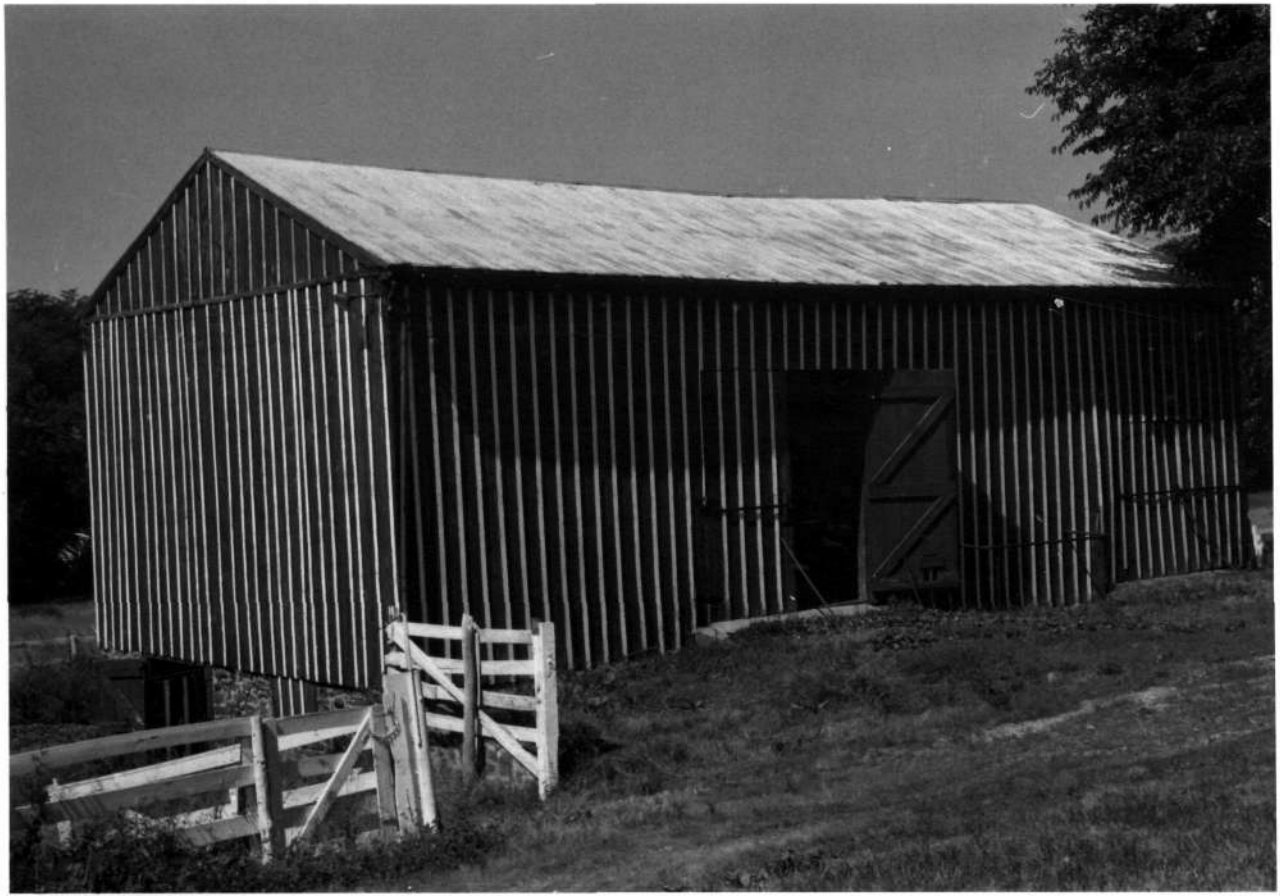

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