MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no ___

Property Name: Gorsuch-Wilson House Inventory Number: BA-2303

Address: 11501 Belair Road City: Kingsville Zip Code: 2108-1394

County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: White Marsh

Owner: Helen E. Wilson Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 378 Tax Map Number: 63 Tax Account ID Number: 1118012150

Project: US 1 at Mount Vista Road Agency: FHWA/SHA

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

Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: ___

NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: ___

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Gorsuch-Wilson House was described in a brief blurb as a house built by Builder Conrad Wies in 1878 for Margaret E. Gorsuch. The historic maps (Hopkins 1877 and Sidney 1853) show the house as belonging to T. H. Grupy.

The house is a stone dwelling, 2-1/2 stories high, with a full front, two-story porch with ionic columns supporting a shallow roof. The roof above the main pile is side gable with a central gable over the main entrace. The building is five bays wide, and contains two over two windows. There is one rear addition, which is also two stories tall.

The building is an excellent example of mid-ninetheenth century architecture, typical of the northeast Baltimore County. As a result, it is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, architecture. Research did not reveal significance under Criteria A or B, and no research was conducted under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist. Date Prepared: 11/29/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓ 1/27/03
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

Kuntz 2/1/03
Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2303
Margaret E. Gorsuch House
11501 Belair Road
Kingsville, Baltimore County
1878
Private

The Margaret E. Gorsuch House was built in 1878 by contractor Conrad Wies on land called Meadowview Farm in the 1896 tax ledger. The dwelling, which was constructed south of Kingsville, is representative of the many vernacular stone buildings erected throughout rural Baltimore County in the mid- to late 19th century and dates to a late 19th century period of growth in the Kingsville vicinity. In the early 20th century, G. Montgomery resided in the house. It was possibly during the residency of G. Montgomery that the Neoclassical porch was added to the building's façade. The porch was mentioned in a 1913 lawsuit. The landscape around the house has remained rural through the late 1900s, and the village of Kingsville has retained its late 19th century character.

The random rubble stone house sits back from the road at the end of a long circular driveway. The house stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five-bays wide. Its side gable slate tile roof features two, symmetrical, interior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps and a center gable. Within the center gable is a pointed-arch casement window with four lights and molded wood surrounds. Five 2/2 windows pierce the second-story of the façade with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood lintels and sills. On the first story are four, full-story 2/4 windows with the same window treatment as the second-story windows. The central entry is characterized by a double-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. It is surrounded by molded wood, a one-light transom, and a square-edged wood lintel. Projecting to southeast is a two-story ell constructed with random rubble stone and featuring a central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. A large two-story high, three-bay-wide porch was added to the façade. This Neoclassical porch, with ionic columns, almost equals the main block in size. Some of the other additions include a shed roof garage on the southeast elevation and a side entrance portico on the southwest elevation. The garage has a poured concrete foundation and wood weatherboard siding while the portico has a gabled roof and Tuscan columns. Also, projecting to the northeast from the ell is a two-story enclosed porch. Located to the northeast of the main dwelling is a circa 1985 tenant house.

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Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2303

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Margaret E. Gorsuch House (preferred), Meadow View Farm
other	Gorsuch-Wilson House

2. Location

street and number	11501 Belair Road	__	not for publication
city, town	Kingsville	__	vicinity
county	Baltimore County		

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

name	Helen E. Wilson				
street and number	11501 Belair Road			telephone	Not Available
city, town	Kingsville	state	MD	zip code	21087-1317

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse			liber	11211	folio	142
city, town	Towson	tax map 63	tax parcel	378		tax ID number	1118012150

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
__ district
X building(s)
__ structure
__ site
__ object

Ownership
__ public
X private
__ both

Current Function
__ agriculture
__ commerce/trade
__ defense
X domestic
__ education
__ funerary
__ government
__ health care
__ industry
__ landscape
__ recreation/culture
__ religion
__ social
__ transportation
__ work in progress
__ unknown
__ vacant/not in use
__ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
X good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

According to a date stone in the center gable, this vernacular dwelling was constructed in 1878 fronting northwest. The random rubble stone house sits back from the road at the end of a long circular driveway. The house stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide. Its side gable slate tile roof features two, symmetrical, interior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps and a center gable. Within the center gable is a pointed-arch casement window with four lights and molded wood surrounds. Five 2/2 windows pierce the second-story of the façade with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood lintels and sills. On the first story are four, full-story 2/4 windows with the same window treatment as the second-story windows. The central entry is characterized by a double-leaf wood door that is paneled with lights. It is surrounded by molded wood, a one-light transom, and a square-edged wood lintel. Projecting to southeast is a two-story ell constructed with random rubble stone and featuring a central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. A large two-story high, three-bay-wide porch was added to the façade. This Neoclassical porch, with ionic columns, almost equals the main block in size. Some of the other additions include a shed roof garage on the southeast elevation and a side entrance portico on the southwest elevation. The garage has a poured concrete foundation and wood weatherboard siding while the portico has a gabled roof and Tuscan columns. Also, projecting to the northeast from the ell is a two-story enclosed porch.

Located to the northeast of the main dwelling is a circa 1985 tenant house. The parged concrete foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in vinyl siding. The façade features an inset entry, two, paired 1/1 vinyl windows, and a shed dormer with a 1/1 vinyl window. An exterior end chimney on the southeast elevation has been parged with concrete.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates 1878-present **Architect/Builder** Conrad Wies, contractor

Construction dates 1878, 1910 ca.

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____X____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Margaret E. Gorsuch House was built in 1878 by contractor Conrad Wies on land called Meadowview Farm in the 1896 tax ledger.[1] The dwelling, which was constructed south of Kingsville, is representative of the many vernacular stone buildings erected throughout rural Baltimore County in the mid- to late 19th century and dates to a late 19th century period of growth in the Kingsville vicinity. In the early 20th century, G. Montgomery resided in the house.[2] It was possibly during the residency of G. Montgomery that the Neoclassical porch was added to the building's façade. The porch was mentioned in a 1913 lawsuit.[3] The landscape around the house has remained rural through the late 1900s, and the village of Kingsville has retained its late 19th century character.

In the late 17th century, Baltimore County was divided into three parishes—including St. Paul's, St. George's and St. John's—the latter of which encompassed the land surrounding the present-day town of Kingsville on the east side of the county. By the mid-19th century, the community of Kingsville was only sparsely developed with a few dwellings and St. John's Episcopal Church, which was located at the crossroads of Belair Road and Joppa Road.[4] Between 1850 and 1877, a few more dwellings and a Lutheran Church were erected along Belair Road to the north its intersection with Joppa Road. The southern portion of Kingsville, however, remained largely undeveloped. By 1881, the population of Kingsville had reached 150 individuals, and the small community's building stock included a public school.[5] The 1915 county atlas indicates that the intersection of Belair Road and Mount Vista Road became the locus of Mount Vista Post Office, a small village that formed near the Margaret E. Gorsuch House. Nevertheless, the village remained small in size and population in relation to the older community of Kingsville.[6]

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[1] Baltimore County Historic Inventory.
[2] *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).
[3] Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

[4] J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850). This portion of Joppa Road has been renamed Bradshaw Road.
[5] *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), np; see also J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 918.
[6] *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.[7] Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

[7] Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	2.59 Acres		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	White Marsh	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1878, the Margaret E. Gorsuch House has been associated with the 2.595 acres of land known as tax parcel 378 of map 63 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 24, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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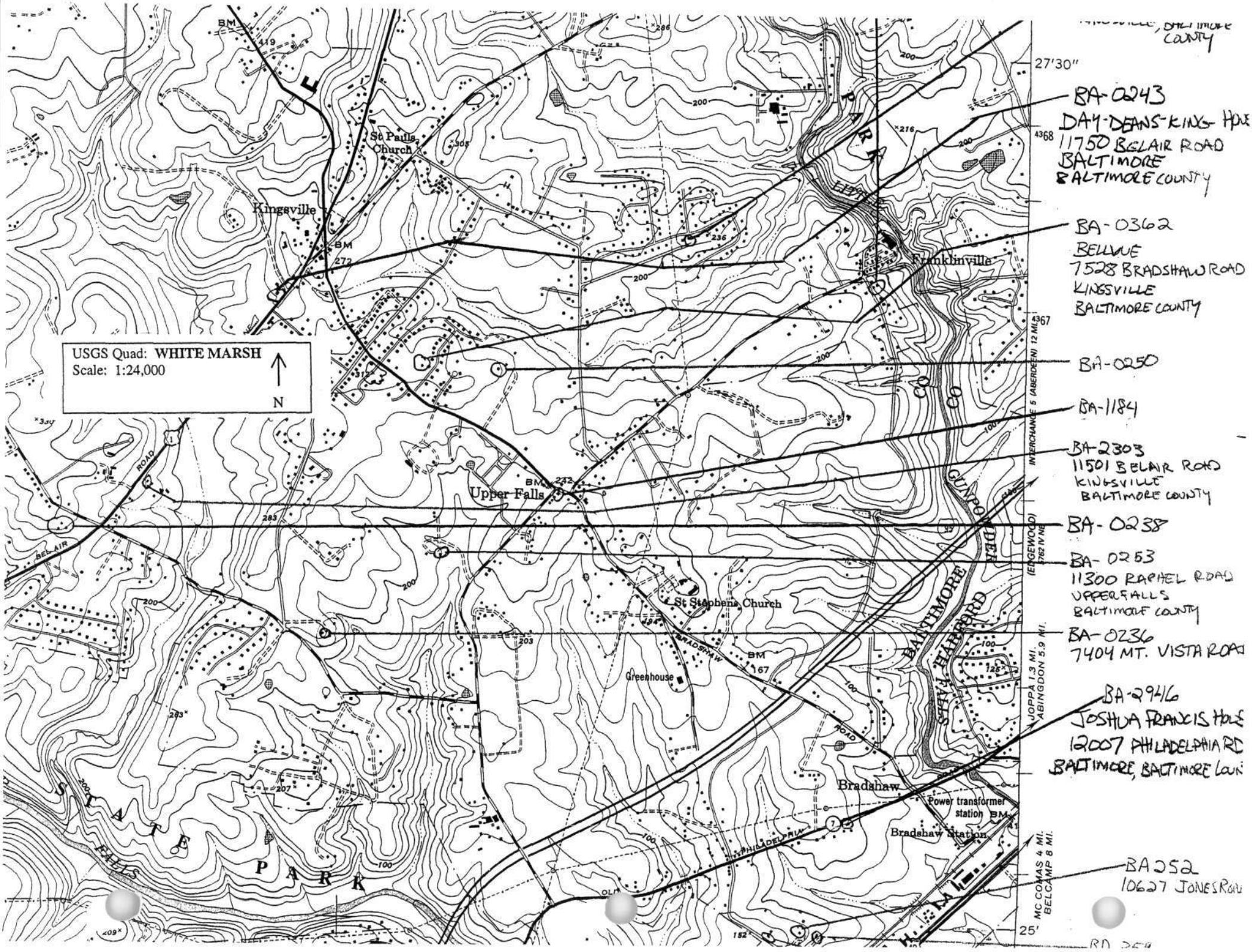
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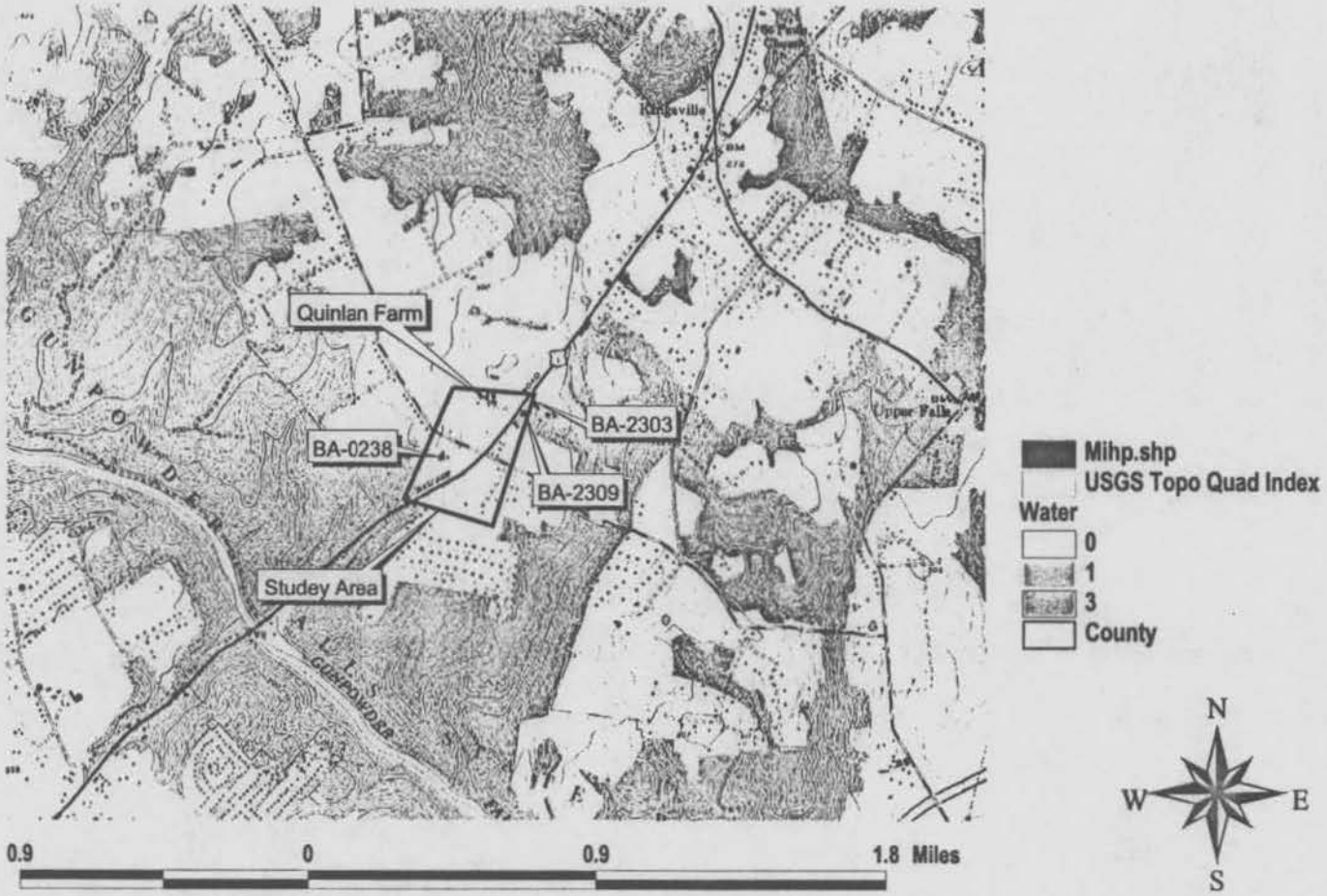
2303 GORSUCH-WILSON HOUSE - 1878 - 11501 Belair Road, Kingsville. House bears a date stone in the gable peak. Built for Margaret E. Gorsuch by the local contractor Conrad Wies. The Ionic portico was added to this cross-gabled house as an afterthought, and is first mentioned in an advertisement in a lawsuit of 1913. Called Meadow View Farm in 1896 tax ledger.

White Marsh USGS Quad with Historic Resources and Study Area



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