

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
10521 Vincent Farm Lane  
BA-2838

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Erected in 1899, the vernacular dwelling was originally two and one-half-stories, three bays wide with a rear ell. A central entrance and a gable with an arched window mark the center of the symmetrical facade. The dwelling is set on a solid parged foundation, and the wood frame walls are clad in asbestos shingles. The gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles, retains its cornice return.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 10521 Vincent Farm Lane not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town White Marsh vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21162

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Parged

roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1899-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1899  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baltimore County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of Property 28,702 Square Feet

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 10521 Vincent Farm Lane is designated as Parcel 37 as indicated on Map 83, Grid 1.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 10521 Vincent Farm Lane has been historically associated with Parcel 37 since the original construction in 1899.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Cheryl D. and Richard L. Heil  
street & number 10521 Vincent Farm Lane telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town White Marsh state MD zip code 21162

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The house at 10521 Vincent Farm Lane sits approximately 20 feet west of the road the front of a deep lot. A wood fence defines the north and east boundaries of the property, and mature shade trees and evergreens are scattered across the lot. The vernacular house was originally a two-and-one-half-story, three-bay dwelling with a rear ell. Typical of the style, a central entrance and a gable with an arched window mark the center of the symmetrical facade. The dwelling is set on a solid, parged foundation, and the wood frame walls are clad in asbestos shingles. The gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles, retains its cornice return. Since the original construction in 1899, the full width porch has been screened in, and a one-story, shed roof, wood frame addition has been constructed in the crook of the ell.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The west elevation, the facade of the house, is three bays wide and 2-1/2 stories in height. Although the one-story, full-width porch has been screened in, the first story of the west elevation remains visible. At the center of the first story is the main entry which is marked by a single-leaf, panel-and-light door. To either side is an original 2/2 window. At the second story the outer bays are each marked with an original 2/2 window. The upper half story is marked with an arched 1/1 window, which is located at the center of the central gable.

The south elevation of the building comprises the front porch, the original south elevation of the house, and the one-story, wood frame, shed roof addition at the rear of the house. At the first story, the porch extends to the west of the main body of the house. The original gable end wall of the main body of the house remains visible, with an original 2/2 window marking both the first and second stories. To the east, the first story of the ell is obscured by the one-story addition. The south wall of the addition is pierced by a single-leaf, panel-and-light, metal door and by a 1-light, awning window. Above the addition in the second story of the ell is a replacement 6/6 aluminum window.

The east elevation consists of the original rear elevation and a one-story, wood frame addition, which obscures a portion of the original first story. At the first story, the rear of the ell is punctuated with an original 2/2 window. A second similar opening has been reduced to approximately 1/4 the size of the original

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opening and has been filled with a small, 4/4 aluminum window. There are no windows at the second floor.

The north elevation of the dwelling is two bays wide. At the first story the bays are expressed with an original 2/2 window and a replacement 1/1 aluminum window. At the second story the two bays are expressed with an original 2/2 window and a replacement 6/6 aluminum window. An exterior chimney of brick laid in stretcher bond rises between the two bays.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

A small shed, probably dating from the turn of the century is located along the northern edge of the property. Set on a brick foundation laid in stretcher bond, the frame walls have been clad in Bricktex siding. The shed roof has been covered with asphalt shingles, and a replacement plywood door has been inserted in the doorway on the south elevation.

A one-story, frame garage that dates from the late 1920s or 1930s is located at the southeast corner of the house. Set on a concrete foundation and clad in asphalt shingles, the garage is covered with an asphalt shingle gable roof. Although the garage does not have any doors, 6-light, awning windows fill the window openings.

At the south edge of the yard is a small, contemporary child's playhouse constructed of plywood with an asphalt shingle gable roof.

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Erected in 1899, the dwelling at 10521 Vincent Farm is a vernacular example of rural I-house architecture. The traditional I-house retained its popularity during the latter part of the 19th century, being stylistically detailed by applied ornament associated with fashionable trends. The cross gable, open pediment at the central bay of the side gable I-house form was one of the most fashionable trends in the county, often requiring property owners to add the component to extant side gable roofs. First appearing in the 1870s, the pediment was typically pierced by a single double-hung window opening. The I-house form was also often enlarged by the construction of one- to two-story ells that gave the building a T- or L-shaped plan. Another popular variation to the form was the enlargement of the front parlor by a two-story canted or square bay.

Typically five bays wide and two bays deep, the I-house building form has a central-passage plan. The use of the passage as a summer hall had changed with the introduction of numerous asymmetrically placed window openings and the wrap-around porch. Thus, the hall was reduced in width and served as a connecting hyphen that usually accommodated the main stair. The I-house form continued into the early part of the 20th century, gaining popularity in suburban and rural communities in the 1920s and 1930s with Craftsman-style detailing rather than Late Victorian.

The dwelling at 10521 Vincent Farm Road provides a good illustration of a vernacular I-house as practiced throughout Baltimore County, and across America, at the turn of the 20th century. Lacking in decorative details, the form of the building -- a 2-1/2-story, L-shaped house with the center bay of the symmetrical facade emphasized by a central-passage entry and a central gable with an arched window -- reflects the I-House form so typical of rural America in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The property on which 10521 Vincent Farm Road is sited was historically owned by James Christopher, who devised the land to Thomas Christopher in 1816. It was during the ownership of Thomas Christopher that the dwelling was constructed. Christopher retained ownership until his death in 1912 when administrators Charles Pielut and Forrest Bramble conveyed it to James L. and Anna C. Smick. By June 1920, sixty-one acre tract was sold to Richard and Annie Vincent, for whom Vincent Farm Road is named.

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Beginning in late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century, the Vincent family began to purchase vast acres of largely unimproved agricultural land in the White Marsh area. Based on deed references recorded in the 1930s and 1940s, the family intended to subdivide the land and construct speculative housing. With the construction of the Martin Company facilities in the late 1920s, the housing requirements necessary to support the influx of workers at the company spurred subdivision and development of agricultural land throughout the area. Yet, the Vincent family was unable to completely fulfill their speculative plans, going bankrupt in the 1930s.

The dwelling and its surrounding acreage at 10521 Vincent Farm Road were conveyed to Thomas A. and Helen M. Vincent in 1928. By 1939, the property, which consisted of .5 acres, was sold to Catherine and Herman Koch. Four years later, Barbara and John Jakum obtained ownership. By 1992, Joan Marie Hagan had been appointed personal representative for the estate of Barbara Jakum, who had died in June 1991. Hagan sold the property to present owners, Cheryl and Richard Heil.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 10521 Vincent Farm Lane is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended:

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

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]

Date: 11/2/97

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 3/17/00

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and Community  
Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

Deed A: 61-8/10 acres

May 3, 1816: James Christopher devised to Thomas Christopher

February 9, 1912: Charles Pielut and Forrest Bramble,  
administrators for Thomas Christopher to James  
L. and Anna C. Smick  
61-8/10 acres  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber OPM 4 Folio 168  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 390 Folio 369

June 24, 1920: James L. and Anna C. Smick to Richard and Annie  
Vincent  
61-8/10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 282

Deed B: 114-3/4 acres

May 21, 1902: Equity Case: Julia A. Strong versus Winchester  
Bond, et al  
Elmer J. Cook appointed Trustee to sell  
property  
114-3/4 acres

August 9, 1902: Elmer J. Cook, et al, Trustee to Richard and  
Annie Vincent  
114-3/4 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber NBM 263 Folio 235

Deeds A and B: 176.55

December 19, 1928: John S. and Mary Vincent and Richard A. and  
Ella Vincent to Nathan C. Robertson  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 282

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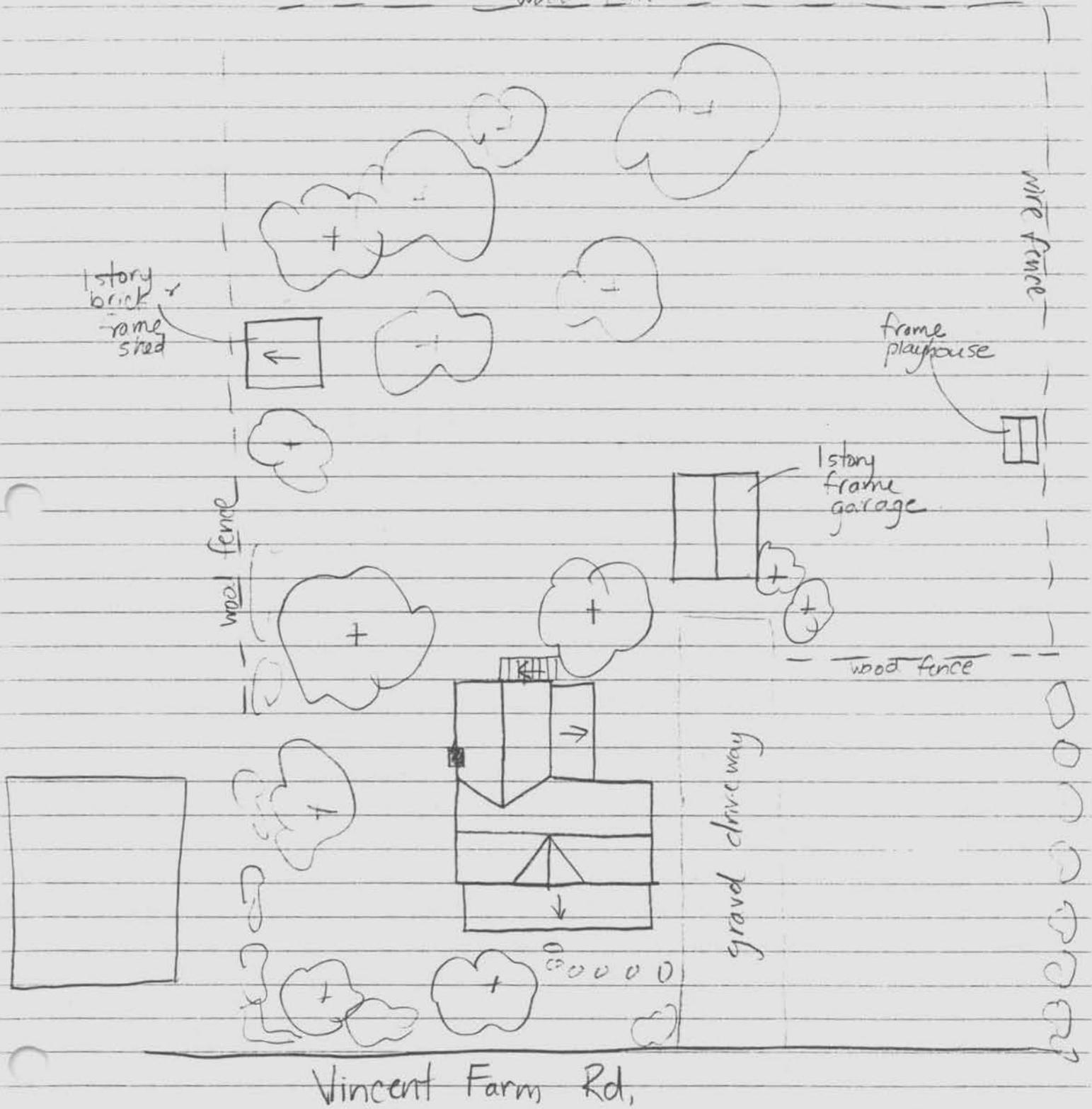
- December 19, 1928: Nathan C. Robertson to Thomas A. and Helen M. Vincent  
81.45 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 279
- January 3, 1939: Thomas A. and Helen M. Vincent to Herman H. and Catherine G. Koch  
.5 acres: part of property described in preceding deed  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CWB Jr. 1055 Folio 175
- August 31, 1943: Herman H. and Catherine G. Koch to John and Barbara Jakum  
.5 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber RJS 1304 Folio 310
- January 31, 1992: Joan Marie Hagan, representative for the estate of Barbara Jakum (A.K.A. Betty Jakum) (died June 17, 1991) to Cheryl D. and Richard L. Heil  
.5 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 9078 Folio 800

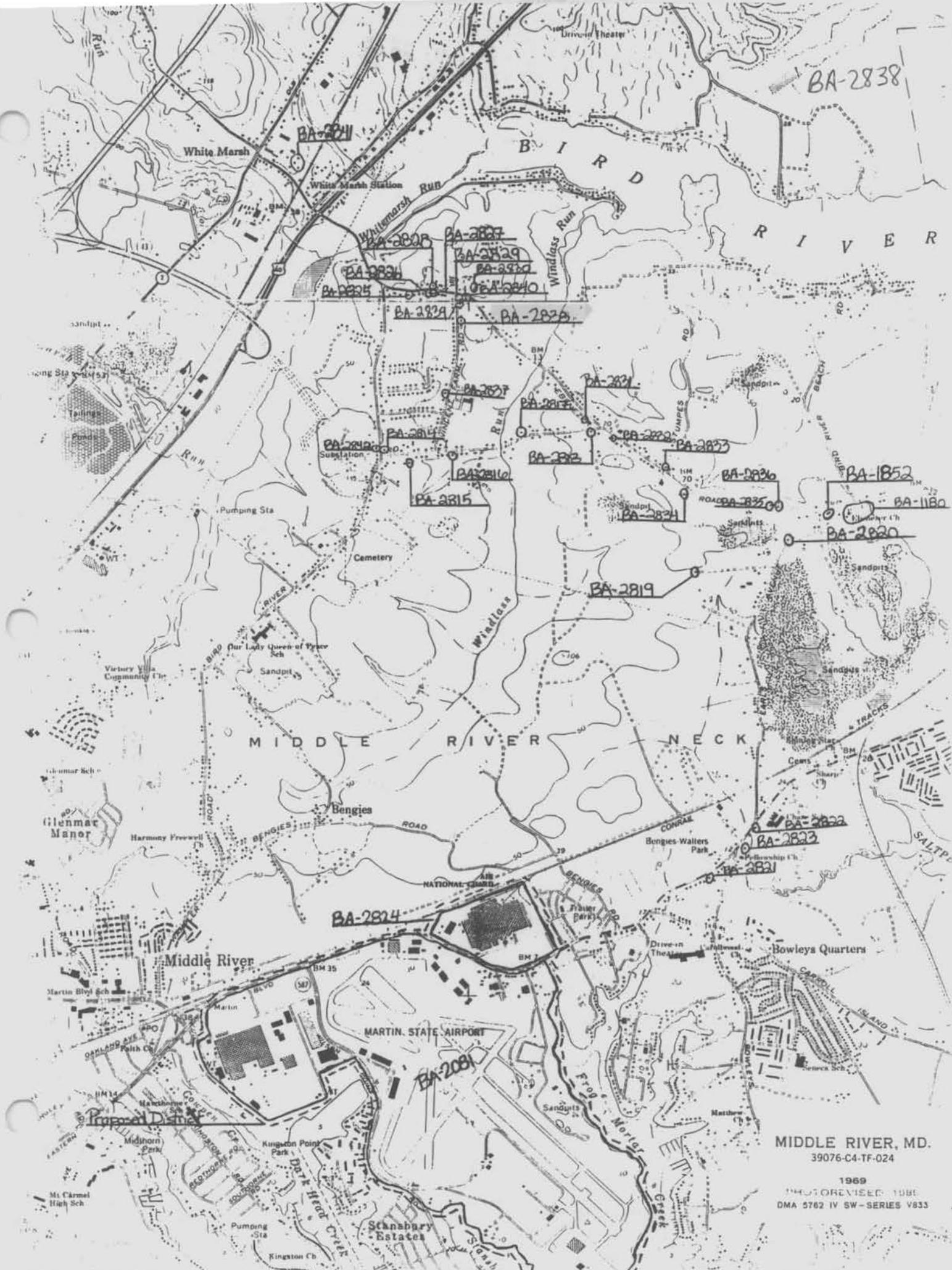
SKETCH MAP

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10521 Vincent Farm Rd.  
White Marsh, MD Baltimore County  
wood fence

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MIDDLE RIVER, MD.  
39076-C4-TF-024

1969  
PHOTOREVISED 1981  
DMA 5762 IV SW - SERIES V833



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10521 VINCENT FARM LA.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER

1 OF 5



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10521 VINCENT FARM LA.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

2 OF 5



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WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

EAST ELEVATION

3 OF 5



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10521 VINCENT FARM LA.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE - SW CORNER

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10521 VINCENT FARM LA.

WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

AUGUST 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

SHED - SW CORNER

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