

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-315

J. Briscoe Howes Farm

9155 Howes Road

Dunkirk, Calvert County

c1890

Private

The house at 9155 Howes Road is a much altered example of a late 19th-century rural farmhouse in Calvert County. Constructed circa 1890, the house appears to have originally been a two-story three-bay dwelling oriented west with exterior-end chimneys. A two-story projecting bay extended the west elevation and the one-and-a-half-story garage was added to the north elevation during the last decade of the 20th-century. The associated agricultural outbuildings and surrounding 65-acre tract illustrate the agricultural lifestyle of Calvert County tobacco farmers during the early 20th century.

Located in a rural agricultural setting, the two-story wood-frame dwelling has a solid parged foundation, a wood frame in beaded vinyl siding, and a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. A two-story projecting bay with a front-gable roof and a one-story half-hip-roof porch characterize the three-bay façade. The porch is four irregular bays in width and has turned wood posts. The house features projecting gables, overhanging eaves, and a vinyl boxed cornice. The windows on the dwelling are 1/1 vinyl-sash with flush vinyl surrounds and are flanked by inoperable shutters. Two exterior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps are present on the north and south elevations. The shouldered chimney on the south elevation and appears to be original to the house. A large one-and-a-half-story garage exists on the north elevation of the dwelling. The garage has two garage-door bays and a wood louvered cupola centered on the peak of the side-gable roof. The rear of the house has a two-story bay window. A wood deck is attached to the second story. Associated with the dwelling are three historic sheds, a historic tobacco barn, and a non-historic pool, secondary dwelling and shed.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Briscoe Howes Farm

other Goose Creek Farm

2. Location

street and number 9155 Howes Road not for publication

city, town Dunkirk vicinity

county Calvert

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

name Thomas K. Miller and Bonnie D. Whittington

street and number 9155 Howes Road telephone 301-855-8890

city, town Dunkirk state MD zip code 20754-9247

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 6:30

city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE927 folio 412

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
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	_____ 5 _____ 2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ _____ 1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ 5 _____ 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

Inventory No. CT-315

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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

SETTING. The property is located in a primarily rural agricultural area of northern Calvert County interspersed with late 20th-century suburban residential development. The property is located at the end of Howes Road between Ferry Landing Road and Hall Creek in a landscape defined by rolling hills and open fields with heavily wooded patches. The house is situated on a knoll accessed by a paved drive that approaches the house from the north. The area immediately surrounding the house has some scattered mature trees and immature foundation plantings. There is a pond located to the southwest of the dwelling.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. The house at 9155 Howes Road has been substantially altered in recent years, however, it appears that the dwelling was originally constructed circa 1890. The house as it stands today is a two-story wood-frame dwelling with a solid parged foundation, clad in beaded vinyl siding, and capped by a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The three-bay façade is characterized by a two-story projecting bay with a front-gable roof and a one-story half-hip-roof porch. The porch is four irregular bays in width and has turned wood posts. The house features projecting gables and overhanging eaves with a vinyl boxed cornice. The windows on the dwelling are 1/1 vinyl-sash with unmolded vinyl surrounds and flanked by inoperable shutters. Two exterior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps are present on the north and south elevations. The shouldered chimney on the south elevation appears to be original to the house. A large one-and-a-half-story garage is attached to the north elevation of the dwelling. The garage has two garage-door bays and a wood louvered cupola centered on the peak of the side-gable roof. The rear of the house has a two-story bay window. A wood deck has been attached to the second story.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. South of the dwelling are two historic outbuildings. The westernmost of the two is a one-story wood-frame shed constructed circa 1930. It rests on a concrete pier foundation, is clad in flush vertical boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal. The building features two boarded vehicular bays on the north elevation and a pedestrian door on the east elevation. East of the garage is a one-story wood-frame shed constructed circa 1930. It is clad in flush vertical boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal. There is a pedestrian door on the north elevation.

Southeast of the dwelling is an in-ground pool, constructed circa 2000, surrounded by concrete paving.

Beyond the pool to the southeast of the dwelling is a large tobacco barn constructed circa 1940. The barn is clad in flush vertical boards and has a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. The buildings has side-hinged air doors and wide vehicular double-lead doors on the west elevation. There is a one-story shed-roof addition on the east elevation and a one-story side-gable open vehicle shed on wood piers on the south elevation.

East of the dwelling are two one-story sheds. The southernmost of the two is a concrete-block masonry equipment shed constructed circa 1980. The eastern portion of the shed is of wood-frame construction. The building has a side-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets and flush vertical boards in the gable ends. The shed is open on the south elevation. North of this shed is another wood-frame shed constructed circa 1920. It is clad in corrugated metal and flush vertical boards with a side-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. The building has an open bay on the south elevation.

Northwest of the house is a one-story wood-frame secondary dwelling constructed circa 2000. It is clad in vinyl siding and has a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building has 1/1 vinyl-sash windows.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates c1890, c2000

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1890, c2000

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 65.60 Acres

Acreage of historical setting UnknownQuadrangle name Lower MarlboroQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 9155 Howes Road in Dunkirk, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 6, Parcel 30 since its construction in the late 19th century. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 927, Page 412.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization EHT Tracerics, Inc.

date 2/4/03

street and number 1121 5th Street, NW

telephone 202-393-1199

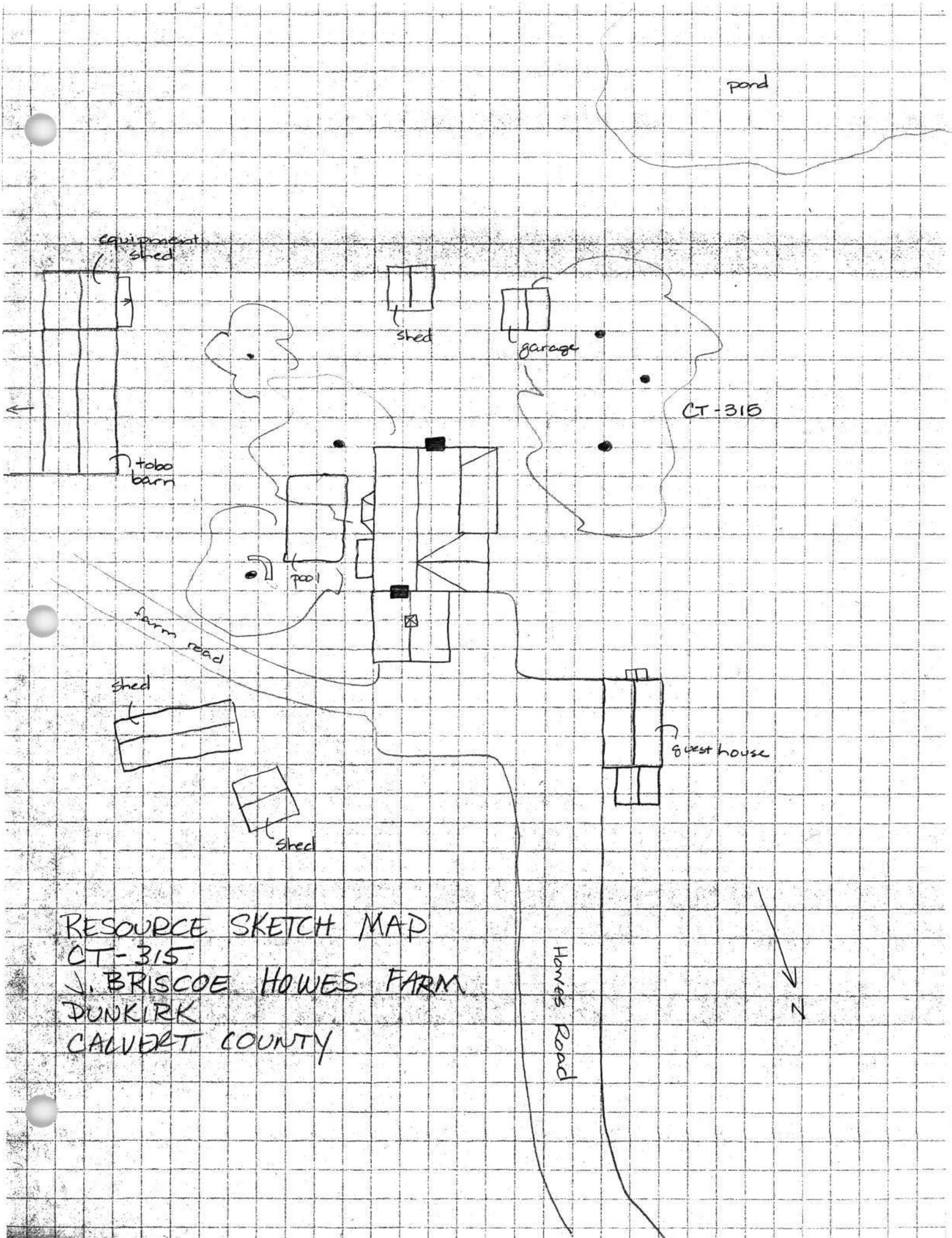
city or town Washington

state DC zip code 20001

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600



pond

equipment shed

shed

garage

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toba barn

pool

farm road

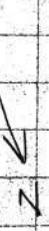
shed

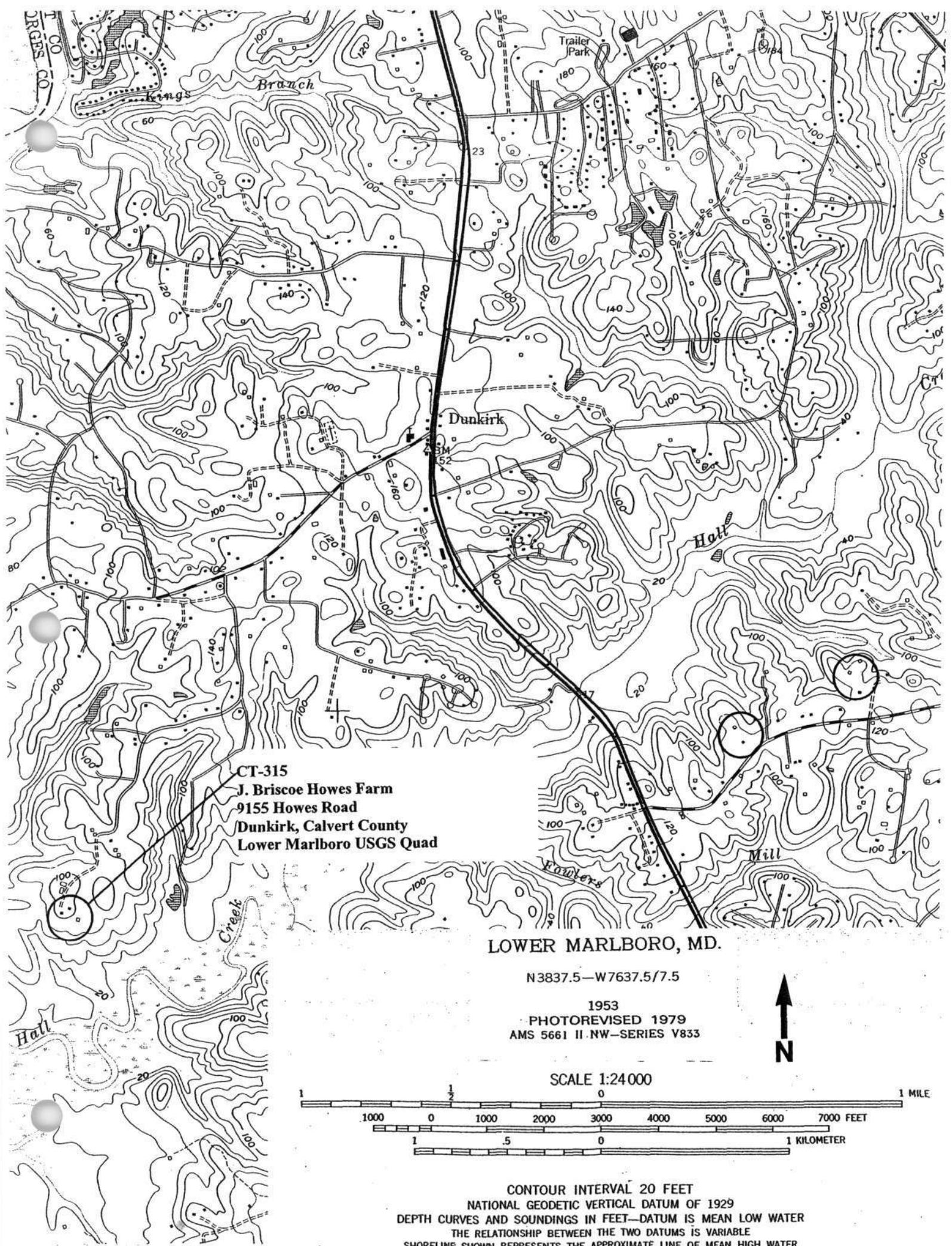
guest house

shed

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM
DUNKIRK
CALVERT COUNTY

Homes Road





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J. Briscoe Howes Farm
9155 Howes Road
Dunkirk, Calvert County
Lower Marlboro USGS Quad

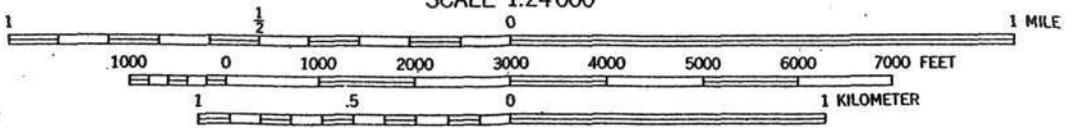
LOWER MARLBORO, MD.

N3837.5—W7637.5/7.5

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1979
AMS 5661 II.NW—SERIES V833



SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER



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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

2/2003

MD SHPO

House, West Corner

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

212003

MD SHPO

House, South corner

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

2/2003

MD SHIP

House, east corner

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

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MD SHPO

House, north corner

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J. BRICOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

calvert County, MD

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2/2003

MD SHPO

Tobacco Barn & shed, view looking Southeast

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

Shed & Garage, view looking South

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

9155 Howes Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

212003

MD SHPO

Shed, view looking east

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J. BRISCOE HOWES FARM

Dunkirk
Private

(late 19th c.)

This three-bay by one-bay two-story frame farmhouse presides over an active working farm. It stands on the crest of a hill falling south and west to the Patuxent. Three tobacco barns and other frame agricultural sheds flank the house to the south and west.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

J. Briscoe Howes Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Virgil Howes Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Howes Road

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Calvert**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

J. Briscoe Howes (Virgil Howes)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

SAME

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
20754**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County

Liber #: AAH 38

Folio #: 328

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 765) Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three-bay by one-bay two-story frame farmhouse presides over an active working farm. It stands on the crest of a hill falling south and west to the Patuxent. Three tobacco barns and other frame agricultural sheds flank the house to the south and west.

An enclosed porch covers the east side, or facade. A two-story frame kitchen adjoins the house to the west. One chimney heats the house at the junction of the two sections, while another flue heats the south gable end of the main block.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 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 thriving farm occupies a prized position on the Patuxent. It appears between "Ferry Landing" to the north and "Jones Point" to the south, both prominent wharves on the once-busy river. The town of Nottingham, a formerly important riverfront port in Prince George's County, is located just upriver from the farm.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

December, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 5 Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg

STATE

MD 21740

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J. Briscoe Howes Farm

Ferry Landing Road, Dunkirk
Calvert County

north & east elevations

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