

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CAR-184 (PACS 4) Construction Date: circa 1930

Name: Banning Property II

Location: 20780 Dover Bridge Road, Tanyard Vicinity, Caroline County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Deteriorated/Restricted

### Description:

The Banning Property II is a 1-story, 14-bay commercial building on the north side of Dover Bridge Road in the Tanyard vicinity, Caroline County. Constructed circa 1930, the building is an L-shaped plan with a full-width screened porch on the front elevation. The structure has a pyramidal-hipped roof with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with asphalt siding, and it has a concrete foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The building has a large, hipped-roof porch on the front elevation which has been screened. Shelves have been added to serve as a produce stand.

### Significance:

The Banning Property II is a commercial structure constructed circa 1930, when Dorsey Banning owned 27.1 hectares (67 acres) on the north side of Dover Bridge Road. According to plans for the Dover Bridge dating to 1932, this property existed on the north side of Dover Bridge Road, and was recorded as a frame service station, dwelling and store with 10 gas pumps. A driveway was located in the area now occupied by the porch. The current porch roof previously covered the driveway and pumps. The original building was T-shaped, with residential quarters in the rear wing and the service station and store in the front portion of the building.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 331 - Dover Bridge over Choptank River**

DOE  yes  no1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Banning Property II (preferred)

and/or common Ewing Property

2. **Location:**

street &amp; number 20780 Dover Bridge Road

n/a not for publication

city, town Tanyard  vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Caroline

3. **Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Paul T. Ewing, Jr. and Ruth N. Ewing

street &amp; number 8455 Averly Farm Road

telephone no.:

city, town Easton

state and zip code MD 21601-7362

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Caroline County Clerk of Courts Office, Caroline County Courthouse, Room 104

liber FDM 309

street &amp; number Market Street

folio 918

city, town Denton

state MD

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

c. , town

state

## 7. Description

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

Resource Count: 1

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 structure has a pyramidal-hipped roof with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with asphalt siding, and it has a concrete foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The building has a large, hipped-roof porch on the front elevation which has been screened. Shelves have been added to serve as a produce stand.

The south, or front facade is dominated by the screened porch which was previously a driveway when the building served as a service station and store. The first story has two doors, one located in the fourth bay from the west, and one located in the seventh bay from the west. The fenestration pattern is irregular, with openings from west to east in the following order: three 1/1 double-hung windows, a single door, two 1/1 double-hung windows, a single door, one 1/1 double-hung window, two paired 1/1 double hung windows, one 1/1 double hung window, one 1/1 double-hung window, two paired 1/1 double-hung windows. Alterations to the elevation include removal of gas pumps and the enclosure of the driveway into a screened porch.

The west elevation has a front wing and a rear wing. The fenestration pattern is irregular. There is one 1/1 double-hung window on the front wing. The rear wing has a small shed-roof addition, and two paired 1/1 double-hung windows at the northeast corner of the elevation. There is a door into the addition on the north elevation. The windows are covered with bars.

The north, or rear elevation is extremely deteriorated. There is a door at the northwest corner, and one 1/1 double-hung window next to the door. The center portion of the north elevation is collapsing and covered in vines.

The east elevation also shows signs of deterioration. The fenestration pattern is irregular. Starting from the south, there are two paired 1/1 double-hung windows fitted with bars, a door, two small, paired 1/1 double-hung windows, a door or boarded windows, and two paired 1/1 windows fitted with bars. The northeast corner shows signs of water damage, and the roof is sagging above the second door.

Interior access to the building was not available.

The property is located on the north side of Dover Bridge Road, with residential mobile homes surrounding the building on the west and north. There are cultivated fields to the north and east of the building and mobile homes. The property is very close to edge of the marsh, which is directly west of the property.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

Early filling stations frequently resembled small dwellings with the high glass-topped pumps in front serving as the chief means of identification. Many were front gable cottages with a store and an extension, or canopy, leading out to the pumps. As highway speeds increased, it became increasingly necessary to attract the attention of quickly passing motorists. Owners employed bold, attention-grabbing signs and designed unusual buildings that resembled stately houses, oil cans, Indian tepees, and lighthouses. By the end of 1930s, however, gas stations became increasingly standardized in order to achieve lower costs. Such stations were built of concrete columns with continuous lightweight glass and enameled metal infill panels. They projected an image of efficiency and convenience which was popular with customers (Rifkind 1980: 302-303).

### History of Surrounding Area

In June 1631 Cecil Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore received a royal charter from Charles I founding the English colony of Maryland. This land was inhabited by the Choptanks, Nanticokes, Wicomesses and other peoples when English explorers and early settlers arrived. Caroline County was founded in 1774 from Queen Anne and Dorchester Counties. It differs from other Eastern Shore counties in having no border on the Chesapeake Bay, though access to the Bay is assured by means of the Choptank River (Rairigh 1950, 1095). The majority of Caroline County's population descended from families of English ancestry. African-Americans arrived as slaves and have remained the largest minority population in the county although, slavery was much less prevalent in Caroline County than in neighboring Eastern Shore counties. From the end of the eighteenth century to the present, the county's population has been primarily Quaker or Methodist. Both groups contributed to a strong anti-slavery sentiment in the county years before the Civil War.

A boundary dispute which periodically grew violent discouraged settlers from entering parts of the future Caroline County which lay near the unresolved border of Delaware and Maryland. By the time much of the county was deemed safe to occupy in 1761, other Eastern Shore planters, as in Talbot County, had already begun to diversify their crops. A large proportion of the land under cultivation in Caroline County was held by small farmers (Rairigh 1950, 1100, 1104-5). Farmers in Caroline County had never depended upon tobacco, and in 1840 they produced none at all (Rairigh 1950, 1105). Instead farms produced a variety of livestock, grains, produce, dairy products and other goods.

After the Civil War, the arrival of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad in 1869, which ran north along the Eastern Shore peninsula, opened northern markets for Caroline County produce (Rairigh 1950, 1114). With the development of refrigerated cars and later automobiles, truck farming of fruits and vegetables along with dairy production became more profitable. In the 1950s, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge brought renewed life to truck farming and poultry production (Brugger 1988, 577). Seafood production was never a leading industry for Caroline County as it was for other Eastern Shore counties.

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The Choptank River served as a natural transportation corridor, encouraging the development of many small landings along the Caroline County shore. But the river also served as a barrier between the citizens of Caroline County and the port villages which were developing on the Talbot County side of the river. The port of Dover arose from John Barker's ferry on the Talbot County side of the Choptank River which was first mentioned in the records of 1663 (Preston 1983, 80). Its importance derived from the fresh water content of the river at that point. Ships from England sought Dover's harbor in order to kill the salt water shipworms which were notoriously destructive to wooden ships. After a failed bid by Dover to become the Eastern Shore capital in the late eighteenth century, Dover Ferry moved its crossing two miles upriver and Dover began to decline into obscurity. The new ferry location was a deep and narrow section of the river, with extensive marshes on the Caroline County side. The road was extended through the marsh and the ferry was established (Mullikin 1961, 42). The Dover name lingers in several place names, including Dover Road and Dover Bridge. Dover Ferry and later Dover Bridge, provided Caroline County with an important land link to Talbot County. In 1810 Talbot and Caroline county citizens petitioned for a bridge in the vicinity of Dover Ferry (History of Caroline County, 32-33). Historic maps indicate that a bridge was constructed in subsequent years at the site of the Dover Ferry crossing. A later replacement was one of the earliest cast-iron bridges in Maryland (History of Road Building in Maryland, 125). The bridge was constructed as a moveable structure in order to accommodate the height of the vessels which navigated the Choptank River and is labeled the "Dover Draw Bridge" on an 1873 map of the area (Martenet). The current structure is a Warren truss, swing moveable bridge which was built in 1933 (Survey Form).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1930, the Banning Property II is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it has been altered from the original service station building, including the removal of the driveway and gas pumps and the conversion of the driveway to an enclosed porch. The building is suffering from extreme deterioration, and no longer retains the integrity of its setting, design, workmanship, feeling and association. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	
_____	
_____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>11/29/95</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>12/7/98</u>

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See Attached

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Fowling Creek, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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state Maryland

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Economic, Transportation

RESOURCE TYPE:

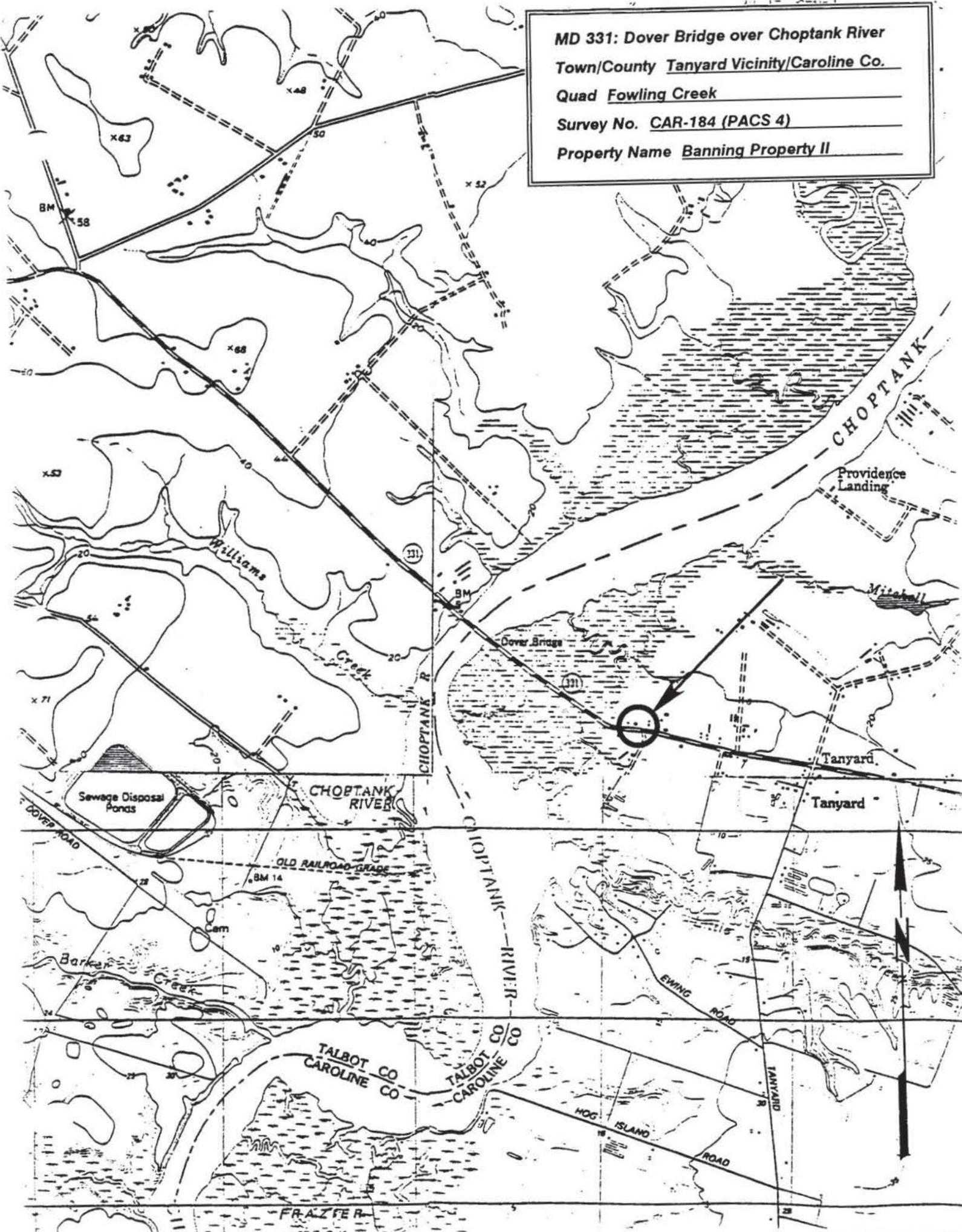
Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): commercial, private residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): none

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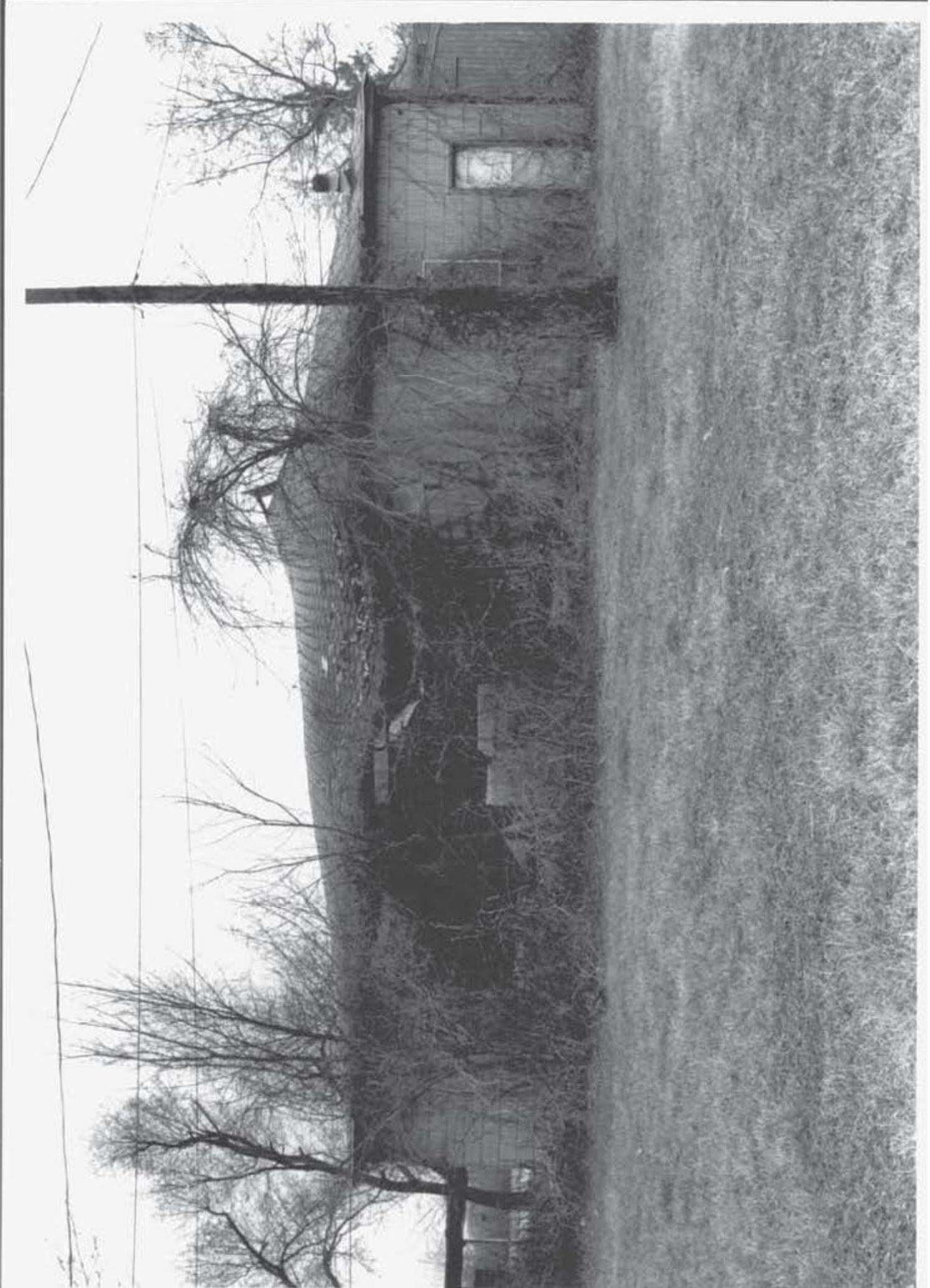
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