

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ed Drechsler Farmhouse Survey Number: CARR-~~CR~~-1354

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Ed Drechsler Farmhouse is located between MD 140 and the Old Westminster Pike, on the east side of Westminster, a short distance west of the village of Reese in Carroll County, Maryland. The modest farm, a remnant of a large complex, which was split by the construction of Maryland Route 140, is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The property is composed of a large dwelling, a bankbarn, corncrib, and a large and contemporary concrete block structure. The two-story, three-bay frame house with a central gable replaced a log house on the site around the turn of the century and is typical of the rural domestic building of the period.

The bank barn, probably built in the late 19th century, is an imposing frame structure with board and batten siding and louvered windows. Set upon a raised stone foundation and built into a hill on the west, the barn features an unsupported forebay on the east side above the foundation level. The barn is a large Sweitzer barn, representative of those constructed in Carroll County in the 19th century. Immediately adjacent to the bankbarn is a small 19th-century corncrib with a gable roof and vertical board siding.

As a whole, the Ed Drechsler Farm is only a remnant of the larger farm which once occupied the site and no longer survives as an intact example of a 19th-century farm complex. Further, it does not retain the variety of agricultural and domestic outbuildings which typify the Carroll County farms of the 19th and even 20th centuries, making the property ineligible for listing under Criterion A. The property is not known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

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

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Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/21/96  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
PK 4/21/97  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Subsistence/Barn

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Ed Drechsler Farm  
Westminster  
Carroll County

CARR-1354

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture  
Architecture.

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ed Drechsler Farm

**2. Location**

street & number 1264 Old Westminster Pike  not for publication

city, town Westminster  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

**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 type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Ms. Clotilde C. Drechsler

street & number 1264 Old Westminster Pike telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

ate  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1354

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

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1354

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
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<input checked="" 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      ca. 1900      Builder/Architect      Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1354

Personal communication with Ms. Glotilde Drechsler and other family members  
Land Records, Carroll County

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Ed Drechsler Farm  
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This modest farm, a remnant of the large complex which was split by the construction of MD 140, is located between MD 140 and the Old Westminster Pike, on the east side of Westminster a short distance west of the village of Reese. Composed of a barn, corncrib, concrete block structure and large dwelling, it dates mostly to the turn of the century, according to the present owner who descends from the family which originally established the farm in the mid-nineteenth century. Only the barn may slightly predate the frame dwelling, which replaced the original log dwelling which was located immediately east of it. The location of the homeplace for the first Drechsler to move to the Westminster area was located at Carrollton Station at the intersection of Reese Road and the Western Maryland Railroad, which is northeast of this farm. This, the second farm built by a Drechsler, was established by Ed Drechsler after he purchased the land from John Rinehart (AGT BK. 225, pg. 107).

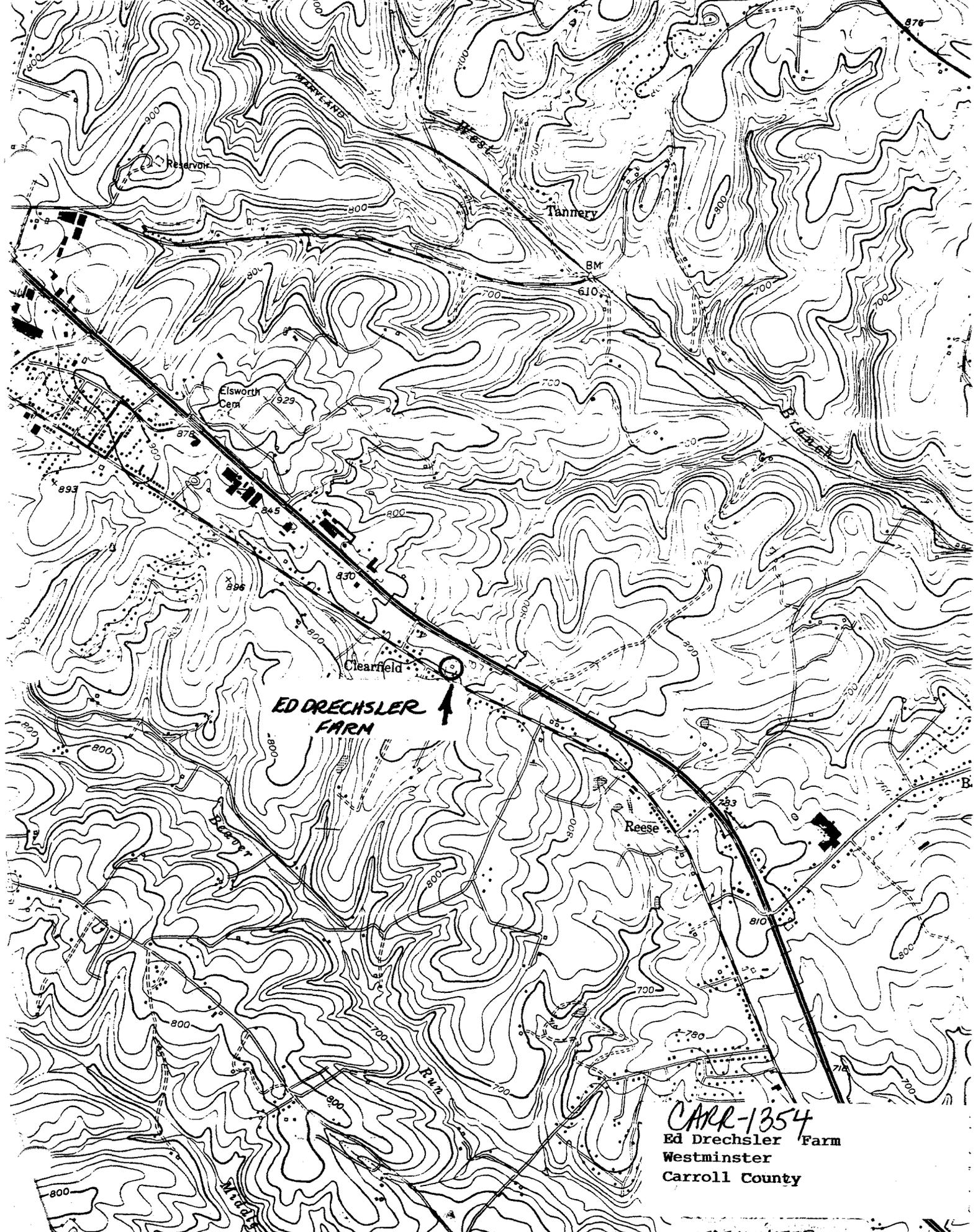
The large, two-story frame dwelling is located immediately adjacent to Old Westminster Pike. The principal elevation of the structure, which parallels the standing seam gable roof, has three bays, with a cross gable directly over the centered entrance. A one-story porch extends the full width of this south facing elevation. A large ell extending northward from the rear of the main block has been expanded with the enclosing of a porch in the northwest angle, and enclosure of the two tiered drying porch in the northeast angle. The fenestration is regular, and all of the sash have been replaced with vinyl windows, in addition to the exterior being clad with vinyl siding.

A large, one-story concrete block building is located to the east of the dwelling, and a large bank barn and corncrib to the north. The frame bankbarn, with its gable ends oriented to the north and south, is built into a hill on the west, thus an unsupported forebay extends to the east on the opposite side above the foundation level. The windows at all three levels are louvered. This structure, as well as the corncrib just south of it, is in somewhat poor condition. It is a very large Sweitzer barn, typical of those constructed in Carroll County.

Ed Drechsler Farm  
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This modest farmstead, a remnant of a Drechsler family farm established in the mid-nineteenth century, is comprised of mostly turn of the century structures which were built to replace the original ones. It does not retain the variety of agricultural and domestic outbuildings which typified Carroll County farms even into the early twentieth century, as many of the early structures have been destroyed.



**ED DRECHSLER  
FARM**



**CARR-1354**  
Ed Drechsler Farm  
Westminster  
Carroll County

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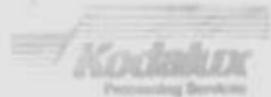
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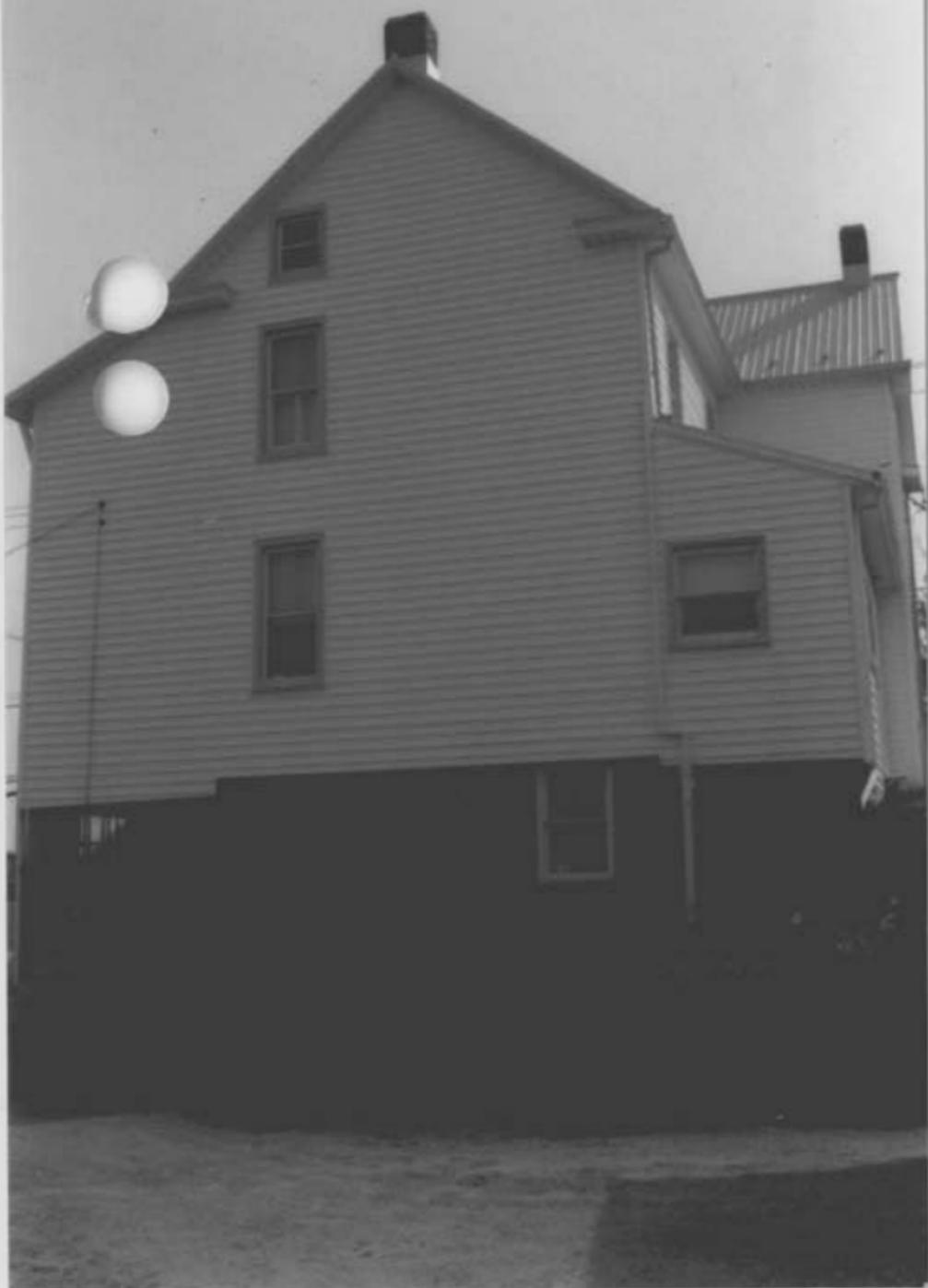


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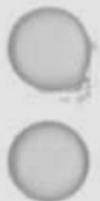


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