

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

Property/District Name: Buckingham-Owings Farm Survey Number: CARR-~~CR~~-1360

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 Buckingham-Owings Farm is a mid-to late 19th-century farm complex located on the west side of the Old Washington Road in the vicinity of Fenby, south of Westminster. The property is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Situated in a low area near the head of a tributary of Morgan's Run, the Buckingham-Owings Farm consists of tightly knit group of domestic and agricultural buildings, both historic and modern. The focal point of the complex is the two-story frame house with a two-story rear ell, covered with a cross gable roof and its associated summer kitchen. The original portion of the house is purportedly of log construction and dates to 1869, though this was not verified by a site visit. As it stands today, it appears as a late 19th-century farmhouse with significant mid-20th-century additions. The summer kitchen is a small frame building set upon a stone foundation and covered with a gable roof located southwest of the dwelling and featuring a large brick end chimney. Directly south of the dwelling is a late 19th-century bankbarn, which has been extended by mid-20th-century additions. Numerous other agricultural buildings constructed in recent decades are found on the property.

Because of the extent of alterations to the individual buildings and the additions of multiple new structures and buildings, the farm does not qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events important to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

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

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural Resources Group, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/26/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
[Signature] 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

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Domestic/Secondary Structure/Smokehouse; Agriculture/Subsistence/Barn

Known Design Source: _____

Buckingham - Owings Farm
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

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

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Buckingham-Owings Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1812 Old Washington Road 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Nelson Barnes, grandson of Raymond Owings

street & number 1812 Old Washington Road telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1360

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move <u>Barn, Unknown</u>
<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-1360

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 type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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. 1850-present **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-1360

Personal communication with Mr. and Mrs. N. Barnes, Louise Walkling, Eva Owings
Land Records and Wills, Carroll County.

Owings and Allied Families: A Genealogy of Some of the Descendents of
Richard Owings of Maryland, by Addison and Elizabeth Owings

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural Resources Group

organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date March 5, 1993

street & number 707 N. Calvert Street telephone 410-333-1183

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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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Buckingham-Owings Farm
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

The farm is reached by means of an entrance located on the west side of Old Washington Road in the vicinity of Fenby, south of Westminster. Situated in a low area near the head of a tributary of Morgan's Run, the farm buildings cluster around a two story log and frame dwelling which is currently clad in vinyl siding. The principal, or east elevation, is four bays wide, with dual entrances in the center bays. A cross gable interrupts the gable roof which parallels the north-south orientation of this facade. The facade is evenly fenestrated with two-over-two lights. The cornice and cornice returns are boxed, and there are chimneys inside of each of the end walls, and a full width front porch which wraps around the north side, extending the full depth of the two-bay long ell. The ell was evidently expanded to the south with an extension of the roofline, and the resultant two story gallery was ultimately enclosed.

The current owner, Mr. Raymond Barnes, reports that the easternmost portion of the ell, plus the main block, may be composed of log. He understands that his father and grandfather, during their tenure on the property, expanded and altered the dwelling. He reports that in a recent renovation of the structure, all interior plaster walls were replaced with drywall, some mantelpieces were removed, some walls were clad with wood panelling, and the kitchen was remodelled. In previous alterations, according to a family member who resided in the dwelling from 1911 to 1963, bathrooms were added, and some internal walls removed on the second floor by way of reconfiguring the space. She reports that with the current remodelling, the house has been altered to the point that she no longer strongly identifies with it as her prior residence for over fifty years because of the changes. As for outbuildings, she reports that only the bankbarn, summer kitchen, henhouse, and springhouse preceeded or were built during her tenure on the site. All other's have been constructed since the 1960's.

The summer kitchen, located southwest of the dwelling, is small, one-room structure with a large brick chimney on the stone foundation located on the outside of the rear, or west wall, with an entrance located on the opposite side, or east elevation, in the gable end.

Directly to the south of the dwelling at approximately the same level on a rise is the bankbarn, which has been extended to the north with a concrete block addition. A concrete silo is located on the west side of the barn. Evidently the core of the structure was moved from some other location on the property. It was re-located into a hill on the west side so that a forebay extends to the east. It was greatly expanded shortly after the move. One accesses the threshing floor and hay mows on the main level from the raised entry on the west side.

The barn has been further altered with the enclosure of the forebay by concrete block in order to create a milking parlor.

The frame springhouse is located at the head of a tributary of Morgan Run immediately east of the dwelling and south of the entrance. The very small structure, constructed on a masonry foundation, has a gable roof oriented east-west, with the entrance on the west elevation sheltered by the projecting gable roof.

There are numerous agricultural outbuildings which have been constructed during the last few decades, such as wagon sheds, corncribs, silos, chicken houses, miscellaneous sheds, etc.

History

The current farm resulted from the amalgamation of two properties acquired by George W. Owings. The first, which may have included a dwelling, possibly later expanded into the present Owings farmhouse, was purchased by George in 1869 from the widow of Vachel Buckingham (JBB 7/114, 3/31/1869). This may be the same parcel previously owned by Edward Burns and David Shriver. The second, and by far largest component of the 126 acre farm, is the parcel George purchased from his brothers (GEW 27/417, 1/23/1861) of the legacy of 930 acres received by the siblings from their uncle James Owings. This was an inheritance of land only and did not have any buildings, according to the 1837 Tax Assessment for Carroll County. James Owings is thought to have been a resident of Baltimore city or county.

As it was not possible to view the interiors of any of the buildings, it was not possible to ascertain if the existing dwelling was constructed around a portion which could date to the mid-nineteenth dwelling of Vachel Buckingham.

Buckingham-Owings Farm
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This medium sized, 126 acre farm was developed by George W. Owings in the late nineteenth century on land he acquired from Vachel Buckingham, and a small portion of the land he and his siblings inherited from their uncle James Owings. A log dwelling may have existed on the site prior to Owings' purchase in 1869. If it constitutes the core of the present dwelling, it has been disguised, according to the present owners, by many exterior and interior alterations. They believe the structure postdates 1869 as family tradition holds that all structures were built by the Owings. Evidently only about one-half of the existing buildings pre-date the 1960's, with the barn having been re-located sometime during the twentieth century and greatly expanded/altered. Although retaining considerable integrity of location some of the original five buildings have been greatly altered. The addition of concrete block structures and such features as vinyl cladding have undermined integrity.

Although the Owings family is prominent in Maryland generally, the branch of the family in whose possession the farm has been for four generations is not documented as having made a significant contribution to Carroll County history. They continue in the agrarian tradition, which is strong in Carroll County, by having retained considerable farmland in productive agricultural use for over 100 years.

Abstract of Chain of Title

Children of David Carroll Owings to Raymond Owings 126 acres 1964 (Will) JWM 11/91

Ralph Hoffman to David Carroll Owings 126 acres 1944 (Rochester) 183/34

David Owings to Ralph Hoffman 126 acres 1945

George Owings to David C. Owings 103 acres 1902 \$2,000 96/423

David Owings to George Owings 600 acres 1861 +200 acres +Rochester 130 acres 27/417
Jonathan Owings
Sarah Yingling
Mary Cook
Richard Owings

(1) James Owings of Baltimore County to Nieces/Nephews (David Owings, et.al.) 1849 Will Record

(2) Ellen Buckingham to George W. Owings 23 acres 1869 JBB 37/114
Rochester
Resurveyed

(2a) Edward Burns to Vachel Buckingham

Abstract of Chain of Title
from 1845 - Present
Two Pieces

Shriver→Burns 1845 JH 8/152
50 acres

Burns→Vachel 1855 24/249
Buckingham 23 acres
(1790-1866) \$900.00

Ellen → George W. 1869
Buckingham Owings 23 acres
37/114

James → children of 1849 Will
Owings brother
(1780-1859) Richard C. Owings
600 acres
+200 acre farm
+130 acre

(Rochester)
Children of → George 1861
Richard C. W. Owings 27/417
Owings (1828-1907)

One Piece

George W. Owings → David C. Owings 103 acres 1902 96/423
(1876-1962) \$2,000

David Owings → Ralph Hoffman 126 acres 1945

Ralph Hoffman → David C. Owings 126 acres 1944 183/34

Children of Raymond Owings 126 acres 1964 Will
David C. Owings → (1905-) \$30,000 JWM18/243

Map 51

Map 52

BUCKINGHAM-OWINGS FARM



MAP 45 - P. 50

VIRGINIA L. HULL, ET AL
670/671
231.48A
W17

ROGER J. MYERS
342/348
181.21A
P64

SCALE
723/727
N 43A
P 234

TC. WOODRUFF
667/176
14.738A
P418

NOEL S. GRESHAM
666/814
37.796
P488

AMMONY H. WOODRUFF
100/408
57.00A
P286

ROBERT S. WOODRUFF
768/818
88.41A
P27

JAMES S. CUMMINGS
2744A
P188

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OF CARROLL CO.
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OF CARROLL COUNTY
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66.80A
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33.88A
P414

REYNOLD T. OWINGS
307/281
186.75A
P200

WILLIAM S. WATKINS
194/281
4.581
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WILLIAM S. WATKINS
ET AL
370/426
11.40A
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HENRY W. CUMMINGS, ET AL
488/87
18.47A
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WILLIAM S. WATKINS
370/426
47.64A
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WILLIAM S. WATKINS
370/426
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ROBERT L. OWINGS
504/9
56.53
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GEORGE S. SHIPLEY
144/84
7.18A
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ROBERT S. JONES
576
188.87A
P42

MARTIN W. NELSON
276/533
67.98A
P26

LEWIS S. WOODRUFF,
ET AL
384/484
12.30A
P23

ROBERT L. BULLOCK
P419

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BUCKINGHAM-OWINGS FARM

SHED (5)
WAGON SHED (6)

DWELLING (1)

SUMMER KITCHEN (2)

DE SPRING HOUSE (4)

BANK BARN (3)

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SHORT LANE ROAD

WASHINGTON ROAD

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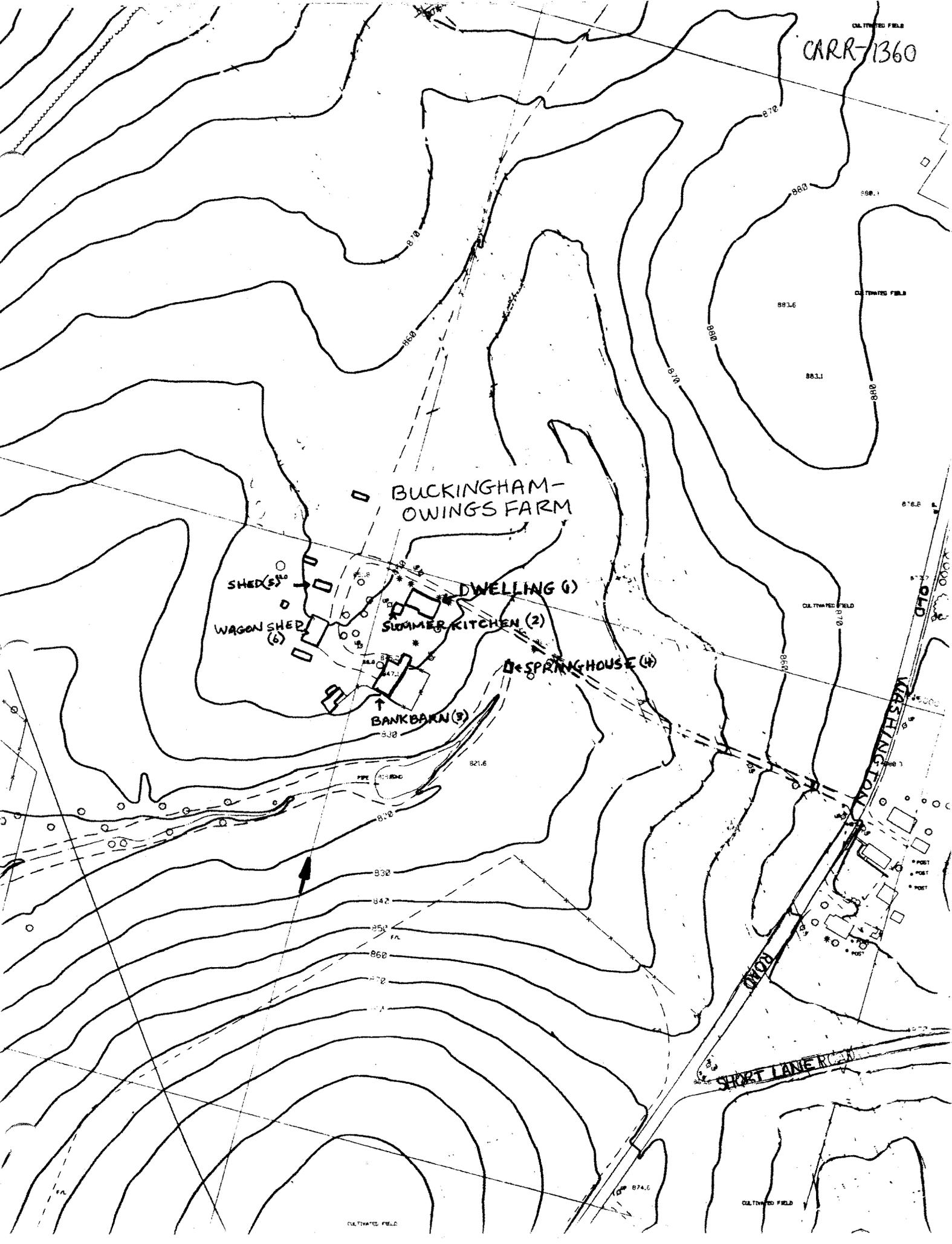
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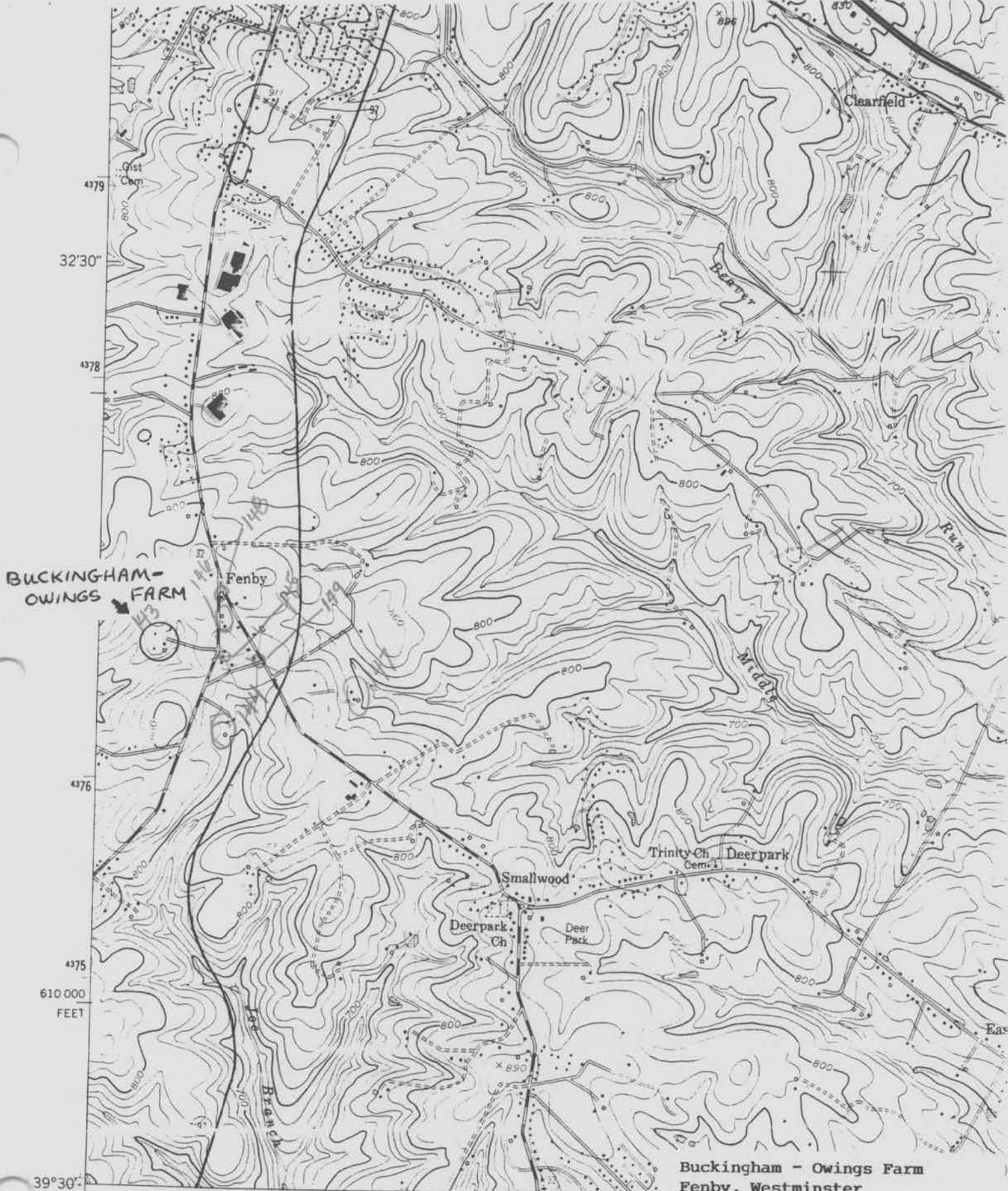
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BUCKINGHAM-OWINGS FARM

Buckingham - Owings Farm
 Fenby, Westminister
 Carroll County
 Westminister Quadrangle
 CARR-1360

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 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USSCS
 Topography from aerial photographs by *[illegible]*

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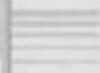
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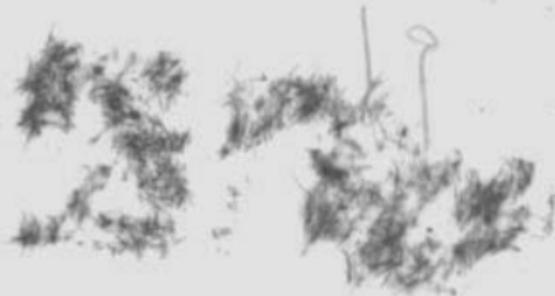


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