

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

Property/District Name: James W. Hook House Survey Number: CARR-1375

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) 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)

This property was determined not eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

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

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
BK \_\_\_\_\_ 5/23/97  
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: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling; Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary; Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

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

James W. Hook House  
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/storage/granary  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1375

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DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James W. Hook House

and/or common J.L. Lochard Farm

### 2. Location

street & number 1201 Hemlock Lane  not for publicationcity, 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 Mrs. James L. Lochard

street &amp; number 1201 Hemlock Lane telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 206

street &amp; number folio 557

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-1375

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

# 8. Significance

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1870's, 1960's **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



James W. Hook House  
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This small farm, located southeast of Westminster in an open agricultural area between Gorsuch Road on the north and MD 140 on the south, is reached by means of a looping farm road which extends east from the dead end of Hemlock Lane. This area is dominated by the vast acreage cultivated by Westminster Nurseries, which has purchased and probably destroyed numerous family farms in the area.

According to the present owner the extant buildings which existed on the site when she and her husband purchased the farm in 1950 are the log dwelling, the Sweitzer bankbarn and a smokehouse. Subsequent to their purchase they erected the brooder house, chicken house, wire corncrib, and two frame buildings to house farm machinery.

The dwelling, with a two-over-two room plan, is constructed of log, and was built into a hill on the north side. The principal, or south elevation, was oriented to a road which accessed numerous properties in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, but which had not been extant for some decades prior to Lochard's purchase of the property. The current owners built the two-story enclosed porch on the south side, and the one-story shed-roofed porch on the north. When they enclosed this porch they removed a wide section of what had been the rear, or north log wall, of the structure in order to utilize the porch as additional year-round living space. The south facing two-story enclosed porch is supported by a concrete block foundation, which is entirely above grade and has two doors at ground level. One accesses the main floor of this south addition by means of stairs on both the east and west sides, although the orientation of the structure is such that it is no longer accessed from the south. Rather, it has been altered to favor entering it through the rear (north) enclosed porch.

The two room plan on the principal floor features a kitchen on the west side, with a winder stair in the northwest corner and a fireplace, now enclosed, in the west wall. A small door on the east wall accesses a very small parlor which utilized stoves for heat and subsequently has no fireplace. A window was cut into the west wall of the kitchen to provide additional light to the structure. Both the north and south elevations were two bays wide, with entrances to each located in the westernmost bay. There are no windows on the gable end walls apart from two small four-pane windows near the apex of the standing seam, metal gable roof which parallels the east-west orientation of the structures flank.

An inoperable windmill is located northwest of the house immediately above the well, and a very dilapidated log smokehouse is located northeast of the dwelling adjacent to a frame machine shed clad with brick pattern asphalt siding.

James W. Hook House  
Continuation Sheet 7.2

Description Continued

The only agricultural outbuilding on the site which probably dates to the late nineteenth century and may be contemporaneous with the dwelling is the Sweitzer bankbarn, built into a slope on the north. A typical Sweitzer barn design common in the county, it is a sizable structure, with a standing seam, metal gable roof paralleling the long flank of the structure. The cantilevered forebay on the south side was extended with a shed roofed addition to provide additional protection from the elements for dairy cows. It retains the characteristic louvered ventilator of windows on the gable ends. However, in the two east bays, openings in the upslope side have had louvers replaced by glass. The barn is supported by a stone foundation, with brick quoins at the southeast and southwest corners of the stone wall, ostensibly to provide additional support. An animal ramp was constructed in the stone foundation on the east end, along with a glass window.

On the upslope, or north side of the barn, there is an earthen ramp. Machines accessed the threshing floor in the center of the barn by means of large roller doors. The one on the west has a smaller man-sized door, or "guichet" inset into it. Although some hewn members were evident in the structure of the hay mows, most members were sawn. The structure was clad with vertical boards.

The farm was utilized for the cultivation of hay, wheat and corn, as well as the raising of dairy cows, during the three decades subsequent to the Lochard's purchase of the land in 1950.

History

The modest farm, comprising about 53 acres, is composed of eight small parcels that had been consolidated by Issac Rickles prior to its sale to the present owners in 1950. Twenty-three acres, or five parcels, had been previously sold because of a mortgage foreclosure in 1927, whereas twenty-nine acres had been consolidated by James W. Hook from five purchases he made between 1879 and 1910. These parcels were a portion of the land purchased by William Lockard in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. His land spanned the border between Woolerys (District #4) and Westminster (District #7) and were south of Gorsuch Road (and the village of Tannery) and north of the Old Westminster Pike. In the early 1860's the land interior to these two thoroughfares was uninhabited; however, by 1877, at least nine dwellings had been constructed for the descendants of William Lockard, among them his children Jesse, Jacob and William Lockard, Elizabeth Tawney, Sarah Fowler and Catherine Hook, among others. These parcels were accessed from the Old Westminster Pike by means of a private road, which is shown in a plat prepared by John Powden in 1884. (Inventory of Real Estate, Liber 4, Folio 514, Registrar of Wills Office). The small graveyard which appears on this plat was investigated in 1985 and no Lockard gravestones were present (Carroll County Cemeteries).

James W. Hook House  
Continuation Sheet 7.3

Description Continued

This county record further notes that it is called the Beaver Family Cemetery (a.k.a. Lockard Family Cemetery) and that early families in the area were the Arnold, Beaver, Holmes, Lambert, Robertson and Lockard families, and burials occurred between 1820 and 1906. This cemetery is not located on the present Lockard farm (James W. Hook House). Inexplicably this intensive occupation of the land by Lockard descendants waned as rapidly as it had occurred, for only five of those farmsteads remained in 1902, possibly three remained in 1916, and only one is extant today, the James W. Hook House. There are some unanswered questions as regards further attributing the ownership of the existing Lockard log dwelling. There are at least two possibilities as to the original ownership of the improvements in question. They could have been built by James W. Hook, possibly married to William Lockard's daughter Catherine. Hook surely bequeathed a residence to Cora May Fowler as part of his estate (Will Records JJS 10/573, 1891) when he died in 1910. It is unlikely that it was the "home place" of William Lockard noted in the Inventory of Real Estate, Liber 4, Folio 514, in 1884.

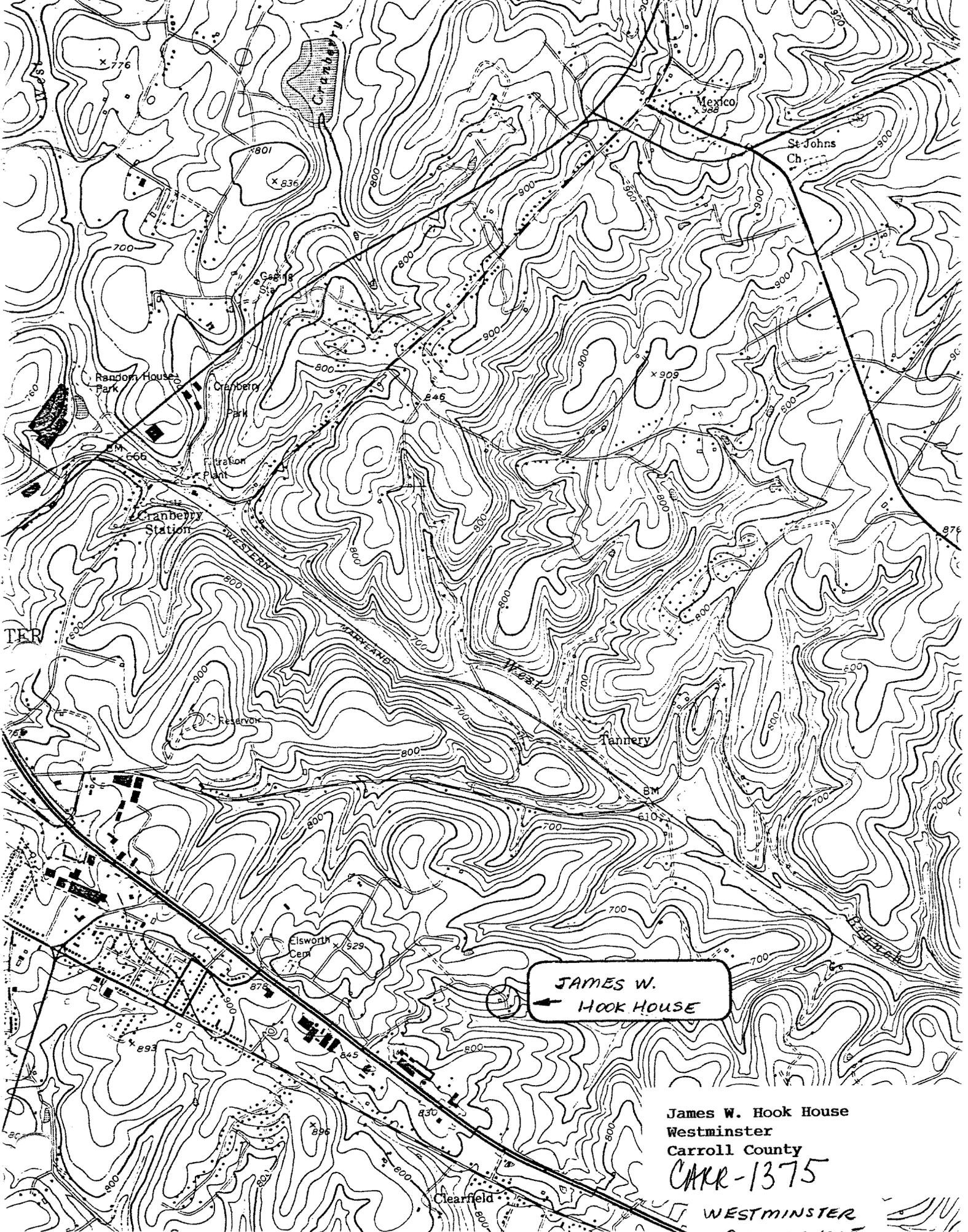
There was surely one dwelling extant on the site in 1927, but its description does not match the existing dwelling. Sold as a result of a mortgage foreclosure (Equity Case 5774, August 1927), a dwelling was described in the Democratic Advocate June 25, 1927 ad for the public auction as a "two-story frame dwelling with a composition roof, stable and other outbuildings." That the ad does not mention the substantial barn, surely in place by 1927, eliminates this dwelling as being the same as the log dwelling on the property. This "frame dwelling" has undoubtedly been destroyed, well before the tenure of the present owners as they have no recollection of being informed about the location of another dwelling site on the farm.

James W. Hook House  
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The James W. Hook historic site may be the sole remnant of the intensive, yet short-lived occupation of the land by William Lockard and his descendants in the late nineteenth century. Although other dwelling constructed by the Lockards may exist along Old Westminster Pike, this is the only one extant in the rolling farmland sandwiched between Gorshuch Road on the north and MD 140 on the south. No connection between the current owner, Mrs. Lochard, and the original settlers, the Lockards, has been established.

The dwelling has lost considerable integrity because of the exterior and interior alterations, and cladding of the exterior with vinyl siding. Of the two period outbuildings on the site only the bankbarn is in good condition. The log meathouse is very dilapidated and in nearly ruinous condition.



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HOOK HOUSE

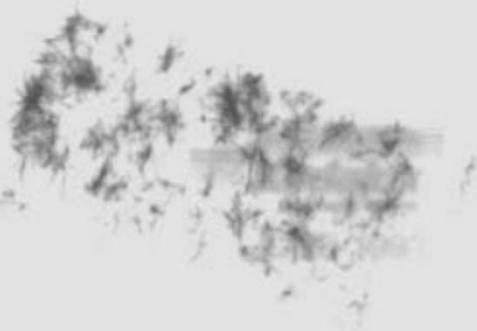
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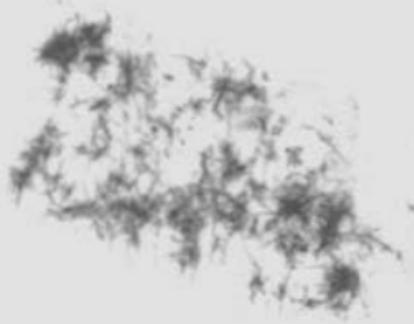
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