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

Property/District Name: Witherow Farm Survey Number: CARR-1440

Tax Parcel #: _____

Project: Taneytown No. 1 Loop 138 KV Transmission Line Agency: FERC

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 Witherow Farm, located south of Taneytown in rural Carroll County, MD, and consisting of a small farm complex, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is outside of a potential Taneytown Historic District; however, along with other farmsteads in the vicinity, the property could contribute to a potential rural historic district. At this point, no examination of the area for rural historic district designation has taken place.

The Witherow Farm consists of a frame farmhouse with attached frame summer kitchen, a concrete block smokehouse, a frame woodshed, a privy, a frame bankbarn, a frame wagon house and other non-contributing agricultural buildings. The farmhouse appears on an 1862 map of the area, according to the information provided, but architecturally appears to date from the later 19th century. The house is a 2-1/2-story, frame L-house with Victorian detailing, such as fishscale shingles and barge board detailing in the gable ends and central projecting gable. The house has been covered with vinyl siding and has replacement windows. The summer kitchen, attached to the rear ell of the main dwelling has similarly been altered with new materials. The bank barn is a large and contemporaneous frame structure set upon a stone foundation, covered with a gable roof and clad with vertical wood siding, pierced with small, rectangular louvered openings. The other agricultural and domestic buildings are more recent (20th century) structures.

Based upon the level of alteration to the main house and its attached dependency, the property no longer retains sufficient integrity to qualify for the National Register under Criterion C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Form

Prepared by: Inventory form prepared by Archaeological and Historical Consultants, June 1995

Kimberly Prothro Williams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

August 25, 1997
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

PKurtz
Reviewer, NR program

8/27/97
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, Secondary Resources; Agriculture/Subsistence/barn, sheds

Known Design Source: _____

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Witherow Farm
Ca. 1870
Taneytown vicinity
Private

The Witherow Farm is comprised of a nineteenth-century frame farmhouse with attached summer kitchen, a concrete block smoke house, a frame woodshed, a privy, a late nineteenth-century frame bank barn, a frame wagon house, a frame poultry house, a frame machinery shed, a circular wire granary, a ca. 1947 concrete block hog pen, cowbarn addition, and concrete barnyard wall and floor. The frame farmhouse is a two-and-a-half story, "L" shaped building with a central cross gable located on the facade. Attached to the rear of the ell is a one-story frame summer kitchen. The frame wood shed is covered with vertical board siding and horizontal weatherboarding. The frame bank barn stands on a stone foundation and features an inset forebay, and an integral side wagon shed on the east elevation. The barn bridge on the north elevation has been rebuilt with concrete block and appears to contain a storage vault with an entrance on the west elevation. The Witherow Farm appears to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The property is a significant and well-preserved example of a farmstead which developed during the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century. The buildings on the property represent and visually express changes in agricultural practices which occurred from ca. 1870 through 1950. The farmstead retains the integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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Carroll County, Maryland

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data
Historic Context

Geographic Organization: (3) Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: (10) Agricultural-Industrial
Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes: (1) Agriculture; (2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building(s)

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use: Farmstead

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR1440

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Witherow Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4819 Stonesifer Road not for publication

city, town Taneytown

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	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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Joseph L. and Deborah K. Roberts

street & number 4819 Stonesifer Road

telephone no.:

city, town Taneytown

state and zip code MD 21878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse

liber 1004

street & number N. Court St.

folio 461

city, town Westminster

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR1440

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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.

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The frame farmhouse is a two-and-a-half story, "L" shaped building which has been remodeled with vinyl siding and replacement windows. The house faces north, toward the road. A central cross gable is located on the facade. Attached to the rear of the ell is a one-story frame summer kitchen which was remodeled on the exterior but remains intact on the interior. To the rear of the summer kitchen is a gable roof, concrete block, smoke house with an entrance on the west elevation. The frame wood shed has an entrance on the north and west elevations, and is covered with vertical board siding and horizontal weatherboarding. Attached to the gable end of the north gable end of the wood shed is a frame, weatherboarded, shed-roof privy with an entrance on the west elevation.

To the west of the farm house is the barn complex. The frame bank barn stands on a stone foundation and features an inset forebay, and an integral side wagon shed on the east elevation. The barn bridge on the north elevation has been rebuilt with concrete block and appears to contain a storage vault with an entrance on the west elevation. A small one-story frame shed is located near the south corner of the east elevation. Attached to the west elevation of the barn is a one-story, gable-roof, concrete block, cow barn with an attached one-story, gable roof, concrete block, milk house; this section of the barn was constructed in ca. 1947 to meet the stricter hygienic standards for milk production (Interview with C. Elwood Stonesifer, June 1995). At the northeast corner of the barnyard, a concrete block and frame hogpen was constructed ca. 1950. The entire barnyard was walled-in with concrete block, and a poured concrete floor laid in 1947. The hogpen added to a frame wagonshed, the rear of which appears as if it may have once been used as a poultry house. South of the barnyard complex stands three other structures: a frame poultry house, a circular wire granary raised on concrete blocks, and a large "L" shaped frame machinery shed.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Witherow Farm is a significant and well-preserved example of a farmstead which developed during the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century. The buildings on the property represent and visually express changes in agricultural practices which occurred from ca. 1870 through 1950.

The Witherow Farm is part of the land grant, "Resurvey on Brother's Agreement." The farmhouse appears on the 1862 map of Carroll County as the property of Wm. Shilt, but according to county records, Shilt never owned the land (Simon J. Martenet, "Martenet's Map of Carroll County" Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet, 1862). Shilt may have been a tenant on the property.

William Witherow, who is listed as the occupant of the property on the 1877 map of the county, acquired a 16 acre tract from Isaac Ridinger and Joseph W. Witherow (executors of the estate of Catherine Ridinger) in early 1877 (Illustrated Map of Carroll County (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877; Carroll County Land Record Book 54: 499). Four years later he purchased an adjoining 15 acre tract from George and Sophia Benner (CCLRB 54: 490). Witherow bought a third tract of 11 acres from Kate M. McLane in 1912 (CCLRB 128: 537).

In 1920, William Witherow sold the three tracts to Charles H. and Carrie G. Stonesifer for \$6000 (CCLRB 136: 4). The property passed to C. Wilbur and Dorothy E. Stonesifer, and then to C. Elwood and Joyce E. Stonesifer. A 1.653 acre lot containing the house and outbuildings was created in 1987, and sold to the present owners.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Carroll County Land Record Books, Carroll County Courthouse, Westminster, Maryland.

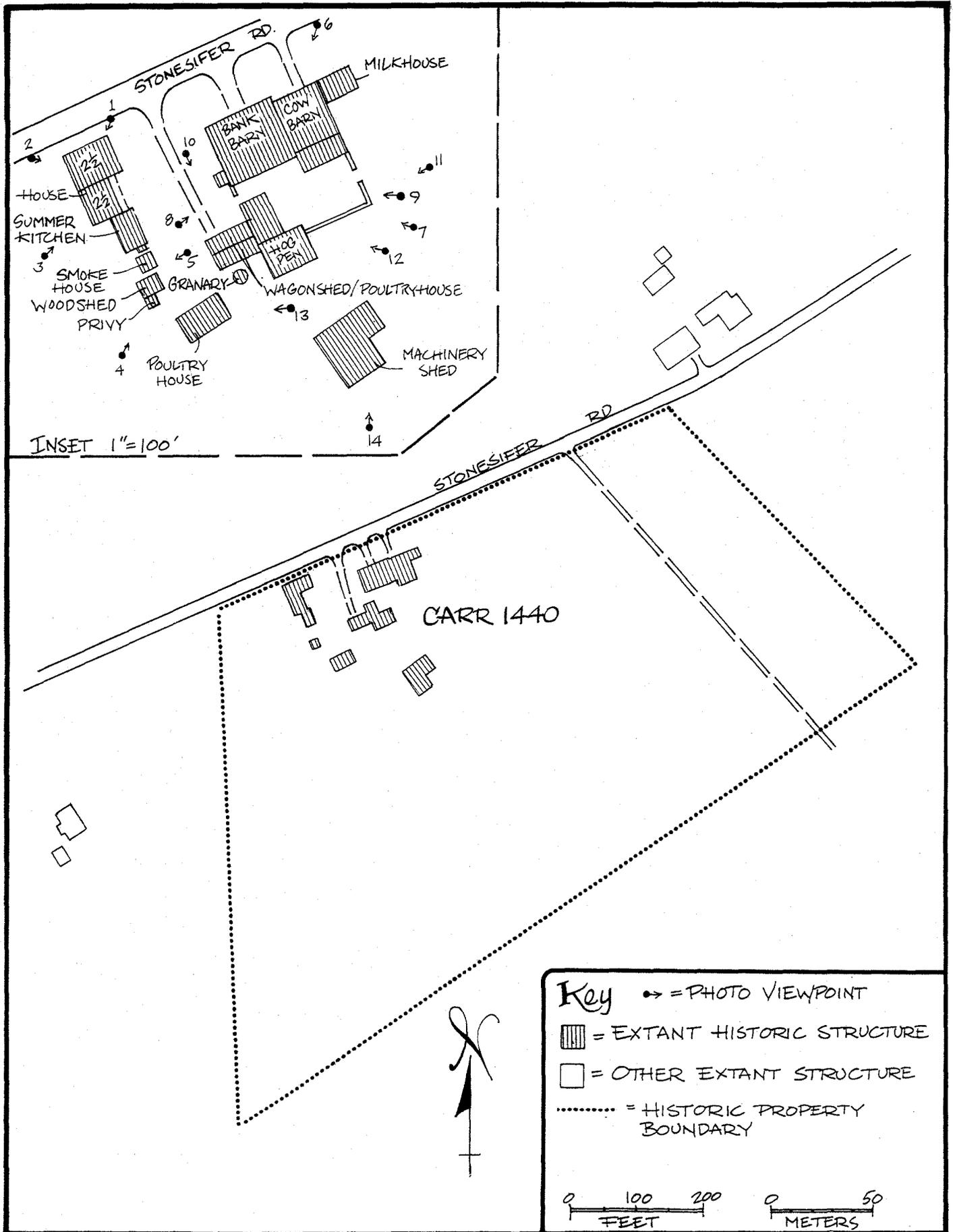
Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Maryland. Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877.

Martenet, Simon J. "Martenet's Map of Carroll County." Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet, 1862.

Stonesifer, C. Elwood. Interview with Nancy Van Dolsen, June 1995.

10. Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The historic property boundary selected for the Witherow Farm follows the current tax parcel for the property. The historic property boundary includes the historic buildings associated with the farm. See the included Resource Sketch Map for the historic property boundary delineated for this resource.



INSET 1"=100'

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Key

- ↔ = PHOTO VIEWPOINT
- ▨ = EXTANT HISTORIC STRUCTURE
- = OTHER EXTANT STRUCTURE
- ⋯ = HISTORIC PROPERTY BOUNDARY

0 100 200 FEET 0 50 METERS



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Witherow Farm

Carroll County, MD

Nancy Van Dolsen - June 1995

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house - north & east elevations



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house - northwest elevations



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house - west & south elevations



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house, summer kitchen, smoke house, wood shed, privy -
south & west elevations



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privy, woodshed, smokehouse - south & east elevations



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milkhouse, cow barn, barn - east & north elevations



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barn, cow barn - south & east elevations



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barn - west & south elevations



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barn & cow barn - southeast elevations



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Wagonshed - north elevation



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hog pen & poultry house - east elevation



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hog pen & poultry house - south & east elevations



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poultry house - east & south elevations



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machinery shed - west & south elevations