

Maryland Historical Trust
Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Maryland Route 30/Manchester Bypass Project

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic German-Wentz Farm

and/or common Wentker House

2. Location

street & number 4010 Hanover Pike not for publication

city, town Melrose X vicinity congressional district 6th

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 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 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 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 Bernard Wentker

street & number 4010 Hanover Pike telephone no. _____

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Tax Assessor liber Block 16

street & number Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street folio Lot 394

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date _____ state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1499

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair 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.

House (1840-1860/1960-1970)

The two-and-a-half story, two bay by two bay structure has asphalt shingle siding with brick facing along the foundation area and a metal gable roof parallel to the road with an exterior cinder block chimney on the north gable end. Fenestration consists of wood, double-hung one-over-one windows on all elevations, except the upper level gable ends which are 4 lite wood windows. A one story, two bay by two bay addition on the west end with deck serves as a sun room/family room area. It is vinyl sided with Anderson windows and asphalt shingle gable roof. A one story cinder block addition on the east elevation, two bays by two bays is used as a family room. An enclosed porch has been constructed along the principal [east] facade.

Barn (1840-1860)

The two-and-a-half story barn has been extensively altered. Originally a frame with fieldstone foundation structure, the six bay by four bay barn has been resided in metal sheeting and the forebay enclosed in cinder blocks on the lower level. The metal gable roof is parallel to the road and the forebay is oriented towards the east. a one story cinder block generator room is located on the south elevation. The lower level interior has intact rough hewn timber joists and the original fieldstone foundation walls.

Outbuildings (1840-1860/1950-1960)

To the north of the barn is a frame on fieldstone foundation combination carriage house/corn crib with attached shed/corn crib. Another frame structure is located east of the barn and was most likely a tractor shed. A large one story, metal sheet chicken house has been constructed to east of the barn complex and is used as a stall area. There are three other frame sheds used for stalls and fee storage located around the complex.

Contributing Resources: 4

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR CARR-1499

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 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 1840-1860/1950-1960 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Wentker House has been extensively altered to the point where the only original fabric visible is the fieldstone foundation and the 4 lite windows on the main block's upper level. The structure was most likely a rural vernacular farmhouse common to the project area during the nineteenth century.

The Wentker House Complex is most likely the German Farm listed on the 1862 Martenet Atlas and 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas. The 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas lists George Wentz as owner with a 35 acre farmstead.

Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1840-1860 with additions and alterations circa 1950-1980. The Wentker House is not eligible for the National Register. The property is not eligible under Criterion A; no significant events historically or agriculturally have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion C; alterations have obliterated the original fabric therefore compromising the integrity of this property.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended XX
 Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 7/16/98
 Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 7/16/98

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Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:

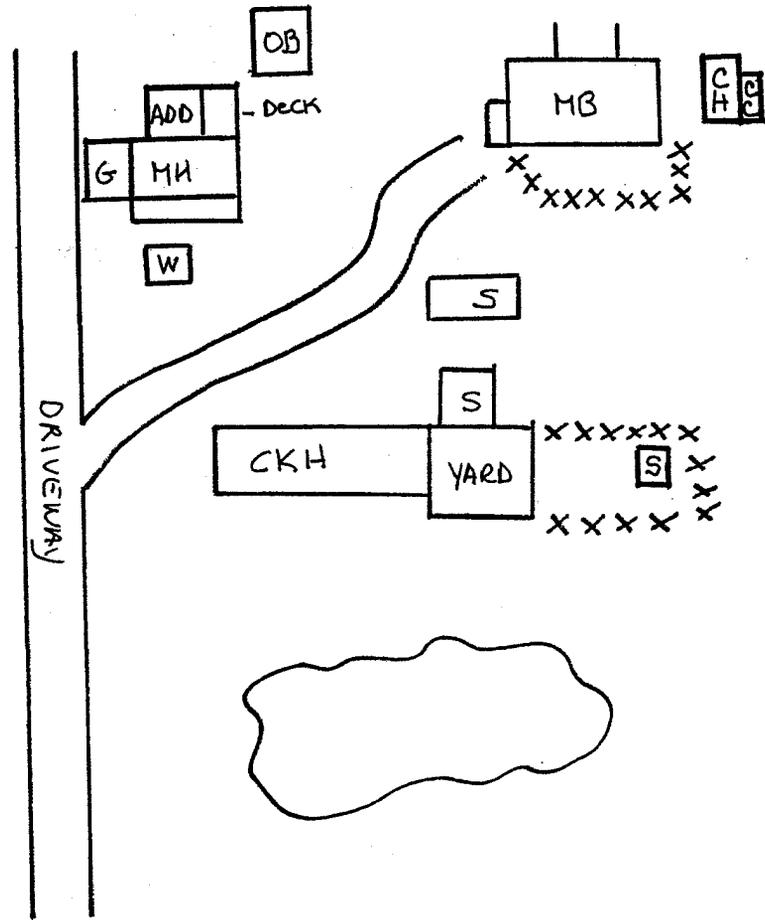
Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial - AD 1815-1870

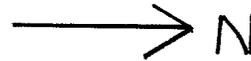
Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Types: Farmstead

CARR-1499



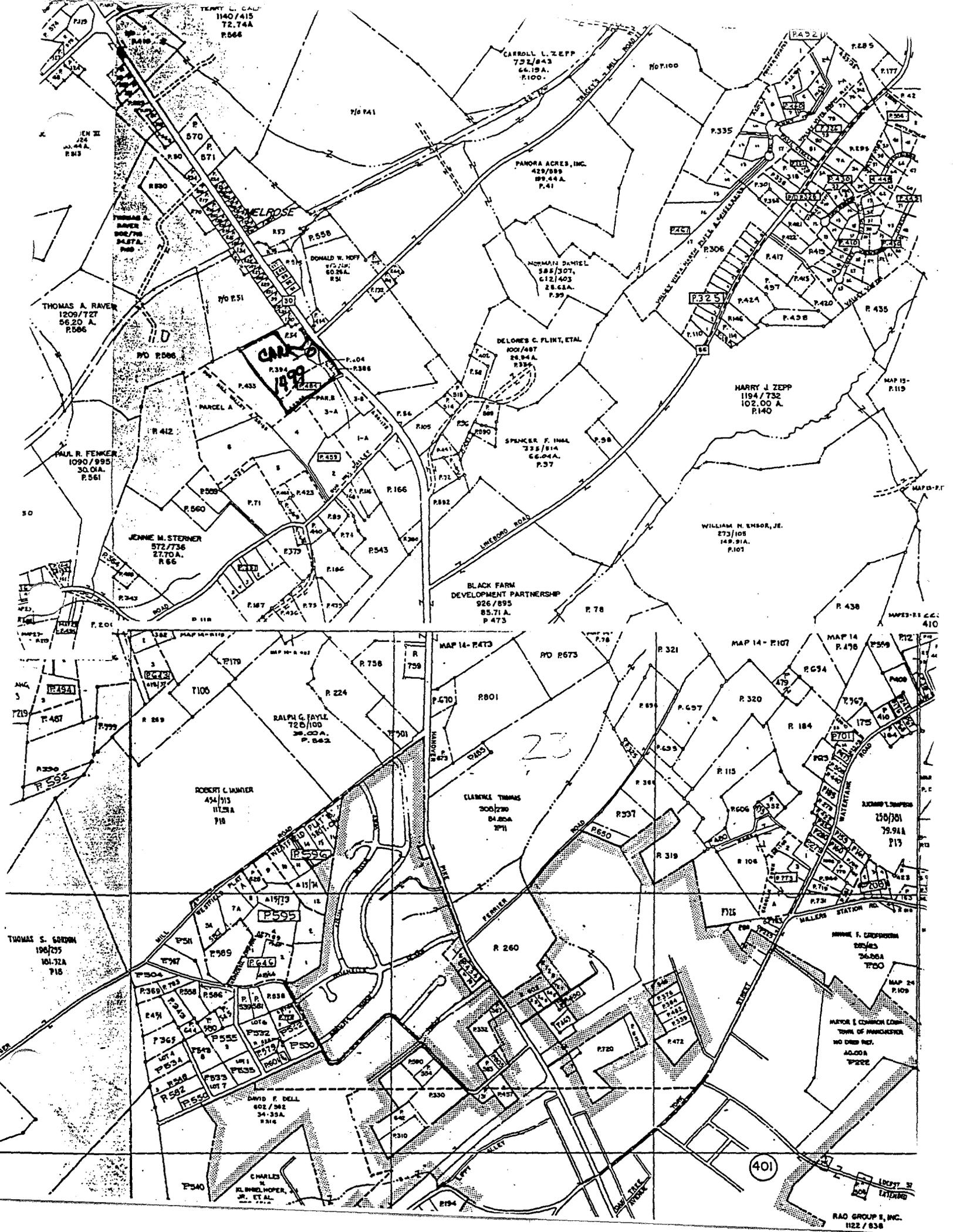
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CARR-1499
German-Wentz Farm
Melrose vicinity
Carroll County
Manchester Quad

SITE PLAN ABBREVIATIONS

ADD	-	Addition
CC	-	Corn Crib
CH	-	Carriage House
CKH	-	Chicken House
CS	-	Cow Stalls
G	-	Garage
GR	-	Generator Room
HP	-	Hog Pens
MB	-	Main Barn
MH	-	Main House
MR	-	Milk Room
OB	-	Outbuilding
OH	-	Outhouse
PH	-	Pump House
RC	-	Root Cellar
S	-	Shed
SB	-	Secondary Barn
SH	-	Summer House
SK	-	Summer Kitchen
SPH	-	Spring House
ST	-	Stables
TH	-	Tenant House
W	-	Well



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3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wentker Farm - main
4010 Hanover Pike
East Elevation
7. 1/3



1. CARR: 1499
2. Carroll County
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4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wentker Farm - sheds
4010 Hanover Pike
South Elevation
7. 2/3



1. CARR: 1499
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wentker Farm - Barn
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SE Elevation
7. 3/3