

**Addendum to
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form
CARR-593**

- 1. Name - Historic Name - Piper/Lippy Farm**
Common Name - Gordon Farm

- 2. Location - West of MD Route 30, north side of Fridinger Mill Road**
2508 Fridinger Mill Road
Manchester , MD 21102

- 3. Classification**

Category - buildings
Ownership - private
Public Acquisition - not applicable
Status - occupied
Accessible - restricted to exterior

- 4. Owner of Property**

Thomas Gordon
2508 Fridinger Mill Road
Manchester , Maryland 21102

- 5. Location of Legal Description**

Carroll County Tax Assessor
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street
Westminster , Maryland
Block 9/Lot 18

- 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

Unchanged

7. Description

Condition - Good

Altered

Original Site

Present Use - private residence/gentleman's farm

Summary paragraph:

This two-and-a-half story brick, nineteenth century structure has been minimally altered on the interior in order to provide modern conveniences for the Gordon family. Though several of the outbuildings have been demolished the barn and shed are still extant.

Description

House (1840-1860)

The Piper/Lippy Farm is a 2-1/2 story, 5-by-2 bay brick bank house on the north side of Fridinger Mill Road south of Melrose, Carroll County. The property lies at the foot of Dug Hill a ridge that runs west to east between Manchester and Melrose.

According to the owner, Tom Gordon, this is the third structure erected on the site since the 1780s. The brick main block rests on a fieldstone foundation with two brick ells on the north elevation. According to Mr. Gordon, the ells were an 1860 addition intended to enlarge the kitchen area. It is his opinion that rather than construct an addition that spanned the entire north elevation, the builder erected the individual ells in order to provide a recessed porch area. The north, west and south elevations have double-hung, wooden, two-over-two windows, while the east elevation has the same fenestration with three additional one-over-one windows. The cornice and returns on the north elevation are plain while the south elevation has scrolled brackets.

Barn (1810-1840)

The frame and fieldstone barn located to the east of the main house is scheduled for demolition very shortly, as Mr. Gordon can no longer maintain repair costs to the structure. Rehabilitation or conversion into a rental house or apartments are not options at this time for Mr. Gordon. The structure is two-and-a-half stories and 7 bays by 4 bays with a metal gable roof parallel to the road. On the south forebay side, are seven wood ventilators, the west gable end has three rows of ventilators with four, three and one ventilator per story in ascending order. A concrete silo and frame and fieldstone shed are located to the northeast of the barn. A modern, frame Quonset hut style shed is located further north.

The barn is a bank barn with an unsupported forebay. The bank barn is a variant of the Sweitzer barn introduced into Carroll County by the Pennsylvania Germans during the 1740s. Unlike the bank barn, which can consist of numerous bays, the original Sweitzer barn form is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-by-two-bay structure. There is a question as to whether the bank barn migrated to this country from Germany or is the result of the intermingling of several Old World barn types (Dornbusch and Heyl 1965). The large bank barns found throughout the project area consist of original Sweitzer barns which have been enlarged, or nineteenth- and twentieth-century bank barns, the latter known for their immense size. Ninety percent of the barns within the project area are Anglicized Sweitzer bank-sited barns.

Contributing Resources: 3

8. Significance

Summary paragraph:

The Piper/Lippy Farm Property is a significant example of a mid-nineteenth century Pennsylvania Farmhouse Plan. Within many rural communities, styles such as Georgian, Federal and Greek Revival were commingled with a rural vernacular style to create a subtle or simpler version of the "high" style of architecture. Plans and designs were found in various publications such as the 1821 Domestic Encyclopedia and as residents prospered economically or saw their families increase, they not only enlarged their existing structures but also updated them periodically in the current styles obtained from the plan books.

History:

The Piper/Lippy Farm Property is located on Fridinger Mill Road west of Maryland Route 30 and south of Melrose. According to an interview with the owner, Tom Gordon, the current structure is the third one erected on the site. The first structure was built by George Shower, U.S. Representative, in the 1780s. The main block was built circa 1840-1860 and is a Pennsylvania four-over-four house with central hall. Two brick ells, joined by an open gallery, have been constructed on the north elevation and are now part of Mr. Gordon's kitchen area. At one time there was a fieldstone spring house with a hydraulic water ram, a foundry and a brick kiln on the property, however, they are no longer extant.

During the 18th century the original house [no longer extant] was built and owned by U.S. Representative. George Shower and during the early 19th century a second structure [also gone] was built and owned by a Quaker family and later by a French Huguenot couple. The three houses are reputed to have been built on land inhabited

by the Susequehannock tribe. Mr. Gordon and his son have found Native American relics scattered throughout the property. During the Civil War period the Army of the Potomac Signal Corps were established along the ridge behind the Piper/Lippy farm to warn Union troops of any Confederate Army movement towards Westminster, Hanover or Gettysburg. Mr. Gordon has also indicated that slaves were kept on the property and his son has excavated several balls used to secure leg chains along the rear addition area. The property is visible on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map [owner - J. Piper], the 1877 Griffing & Stevenson Atlas [owner - B. Lippy] and the 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas [owner -J. Myerly].

Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1840-1850 with a subsequent addition circa 1850-1860, the Piper/Lippy Farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 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 person significant in local, state or national history has been determined to be associated with the property. Though U.S. Representative, George Shower owned the property during the 1780s and there was another house owned by a Quaker family and later by a French Huguenot family, two groups that had minimal representation in the project area, these houses are no longer extant. The property is eligible under Criterion C; the house is a Pennsylvania Farmhouse Plan or Pennsylvania four-over-four and though there is an abundance of Continental four-over-four houses within the project area, the Piper/Lippy Farm is a fine example of the standardization of a house form after 1800. The central chimney of the earlier Continental three-over-three houses became obsolete and built-in brick gable end chimneys evolved, the five bay facade replaced the original four bay and the size was enlarged. Though the outbuildings have been demolished [with the barn scheduled for demolition] and the former kiln, foundry and hydraulic water ram are no longer extant, the Gordon's still use the land for agricultural purposes on a small scale and have managed to maintain the original use of the property.

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10. Geographical Data -

Acreage: 161.32 acres

Quadrangle name - Manchester

Quadrangle scale - 1 to 24,000

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the property is coterminous with Carroll County Tax Map Block 9/ Lot 18, which encompasses 161.32 acres historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By:

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Florence, New Jersey 08518
609-499-3447**

June , 1996

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Eligibility Recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Comments: _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>6-7-96</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>"</u>

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CARR-593 Maryland Historic Preservation Plan

Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:

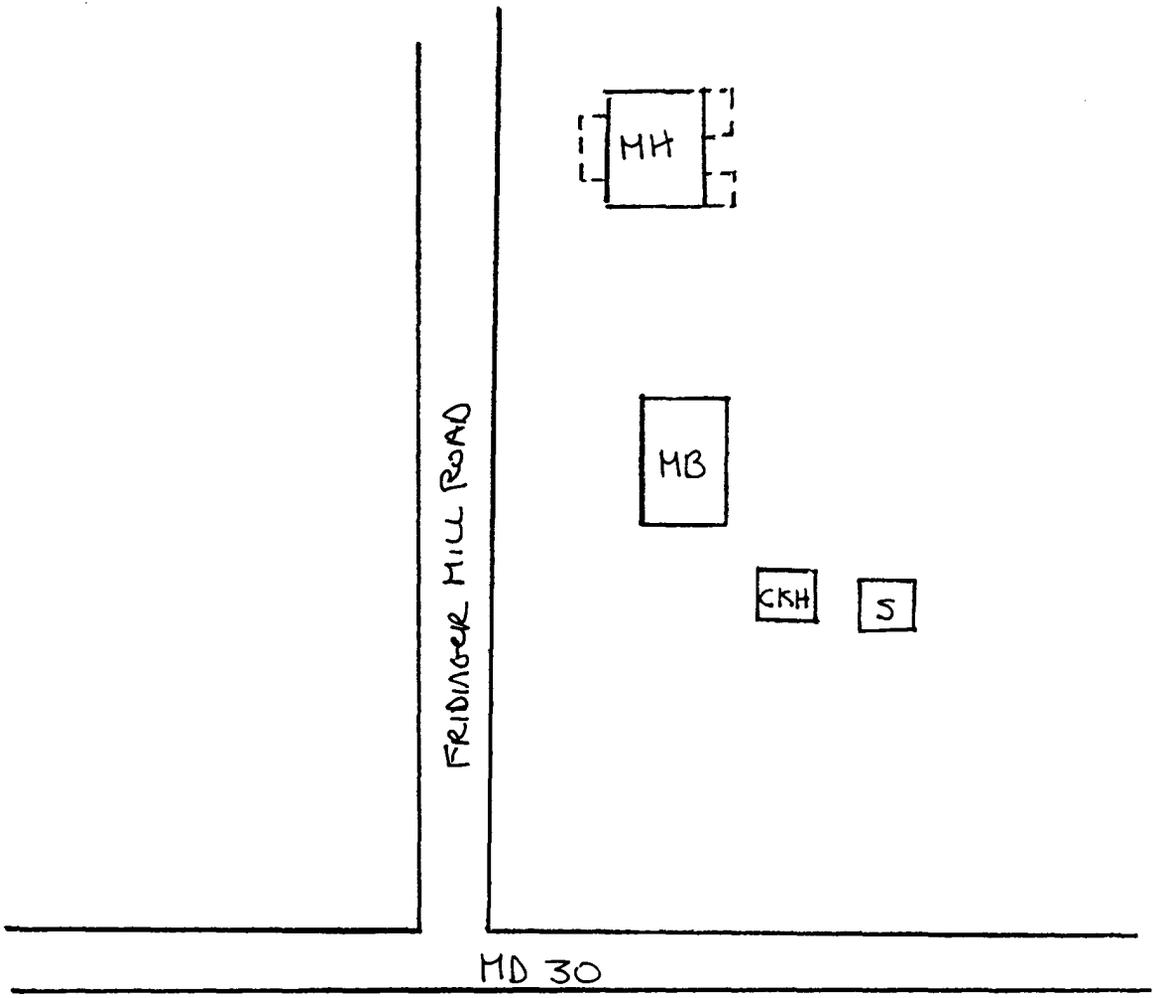
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Chronological/Development Periods: Contact/Settlement Period - A.D. 1570-1750
Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition -A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Types: Farmhouse, Farmstead

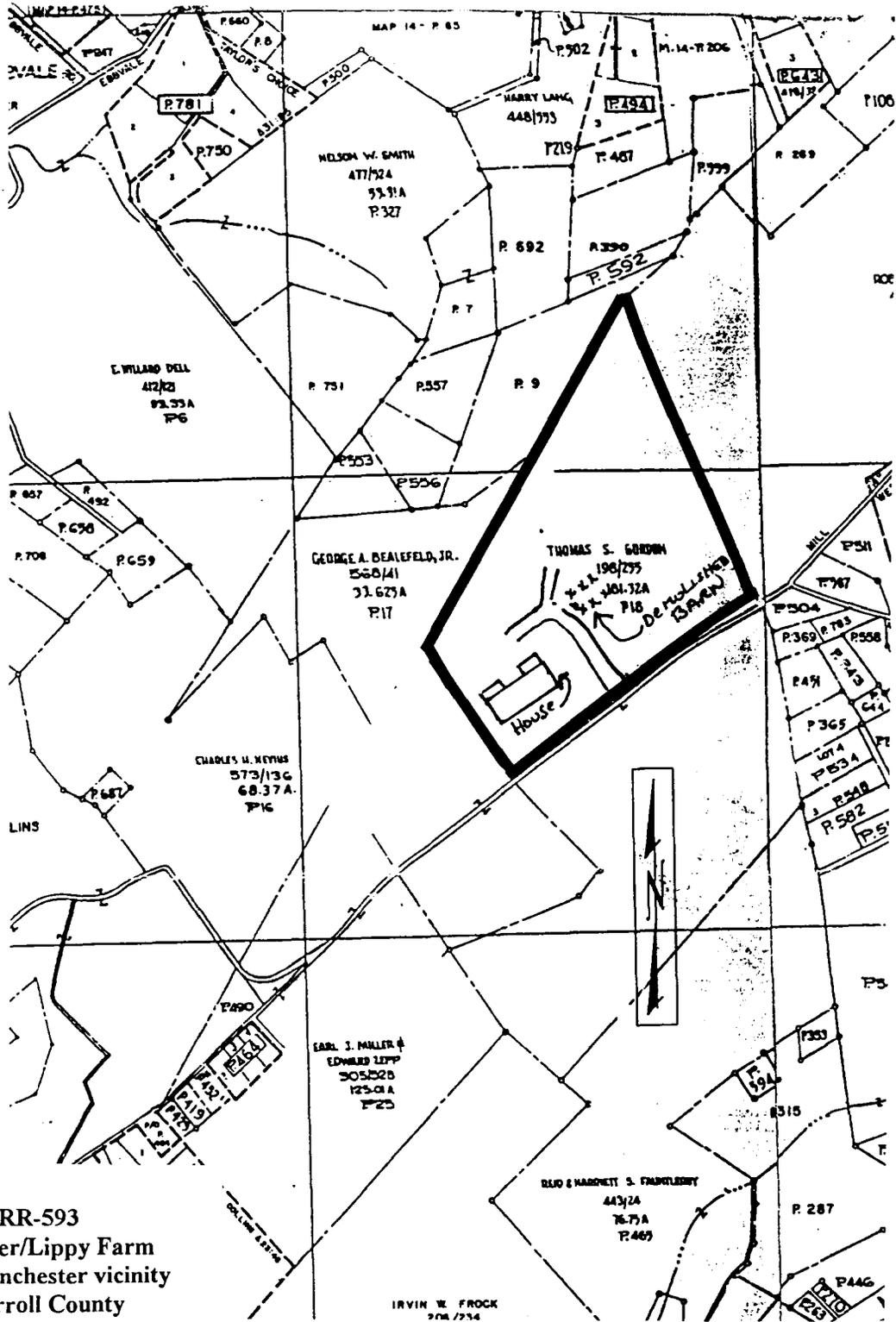
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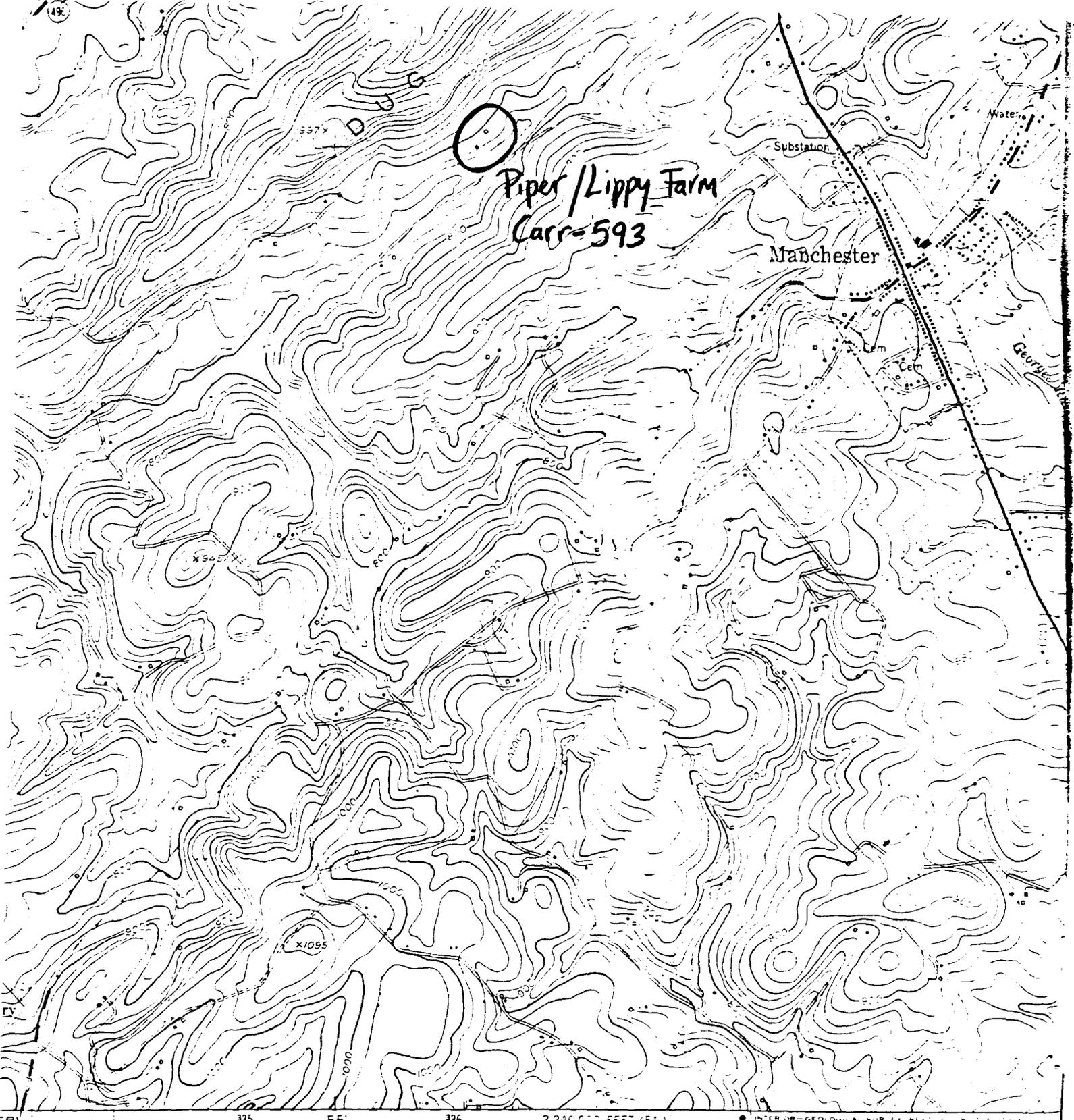
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Piper/Lippy Farm
Manchester vicinity
Carroll County
Manchester Quad

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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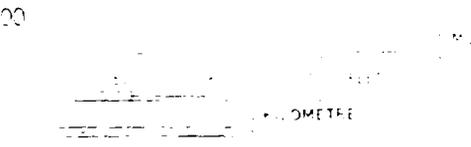
Water

Georgetown

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- heavy duty 4 LANE FLANE Light duty
- Medium duty 2 LANE FLANE unimproved dirt
- U.S. Route State Route



20 FEET
DATUM OF 1929



MANCHESTER, MD.-F



1. CARR: 593
2. Carroll County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Piper / Lippy Farm
2508 Fridinger Mill Rd.
Northeast elevation
7. 1/4



1. CARR: 593
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Southwest elevation - house
- 7 214



1. CARR: 593

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SW elevation barn

7.3/4



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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Piper/Lippy Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
North side of Fridinger Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Manchester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Carroll County

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 type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CR 573

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Piper/Lippy Farm is set back from the north side of Fridinger Mill Road, approached by a long dirt driveway, and set at the foot of a ridge to the north. It is comprised of a farmhouse and a large bank barn to its northeast. A small, modern cottage is located to the east of the barn.

The farmhouse faces south towards the road, with its gable roof aligned parallel to it. It is of brick construction, 2 1/2 stories high, with two brick interior end chimneys, and is built into a slight bank. There is a main block, five bays wide by two deep, with an ell on the north side.

The principal facade contains five 2/2 slightly segmentally arched windows on the second floor, and on the first floor, a central doorway is flanked on each side by two 2/2 windows. On both floors, the two end pairs of windows are grouped more closely together than to the central window or doorway. The central doorway is sheltered by a wooden porch with four posts and a balustrade with a radiating pattern.

The large bank barn to the northeast is painted red and has an overhang on the south side. Above this are seven white ventilators; the three central ones are high and smaller than the longer ones on each end. The west gable end has three rows of ventilators with four, three, and one ventilator per story in ascending order.

The property is probably that of J. Piper shown on the 1862 Martenet atlas of Carroll County, and that of B. Lippy on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas of the county.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The complex is significant for its very fine house and barn, located in an undisturbed rural setting. The house is substantial, largely unaltered, and well preserved, and the barn is a very good and intact large Carroll County bank barn.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, MHT/SHA Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
March 1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle - Shaw House

TELEPHONE
269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

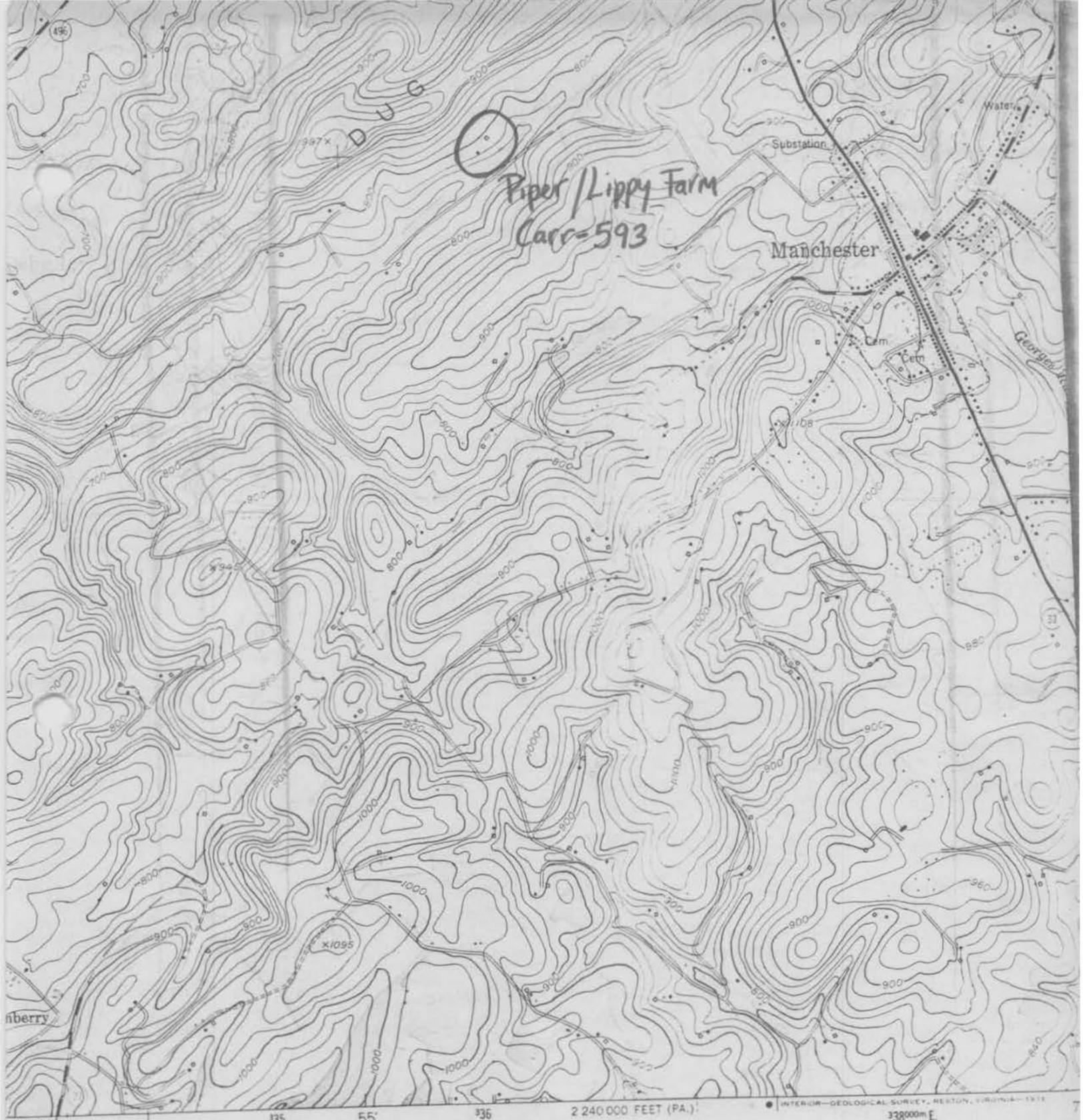
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Manchester

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- U.S. Route State Route

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Piper/Lippy Farm

P. Weissman 1979

view from south



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Piper / Lippy Farm

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Barn, from
southwest