

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Addendum

MIHP Number: CARR-596
Property Name: Elias Houck Residence
Property Address: 701 Houcksville Road
Hampstead, MD

All buildings at CARR-596 and CARR-597 were demolished in June and July of 2008.

JES
9/30/2010

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NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Leister Farm, Leisterdale Farm (modern) Inventory Number: CARR-596

Address: 701 Houcksville Road City: Hampstead Zip Code: 21074

County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Hampstead

Owner: Carroll J. Leister et al

Tax Parcel Number: 53 Tax Map Number: 41 Tax Account ID Number: 009082

Project: Patmos Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission

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

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

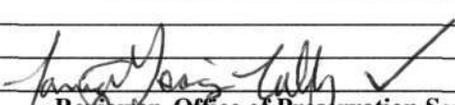
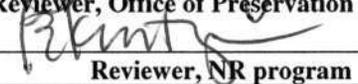
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The Leister House, constructed in 1907, is located at the end of a long gravel driveway at 701 Houcksville Rd. in Hampstead, Maryland. This property is still in use as an active farm. The farmhouse faces north and is set in a complex of farm buildings, some of which are historic. (For the purposes of this description all directions have been squared: the façade faces slightly west of true north.) The farmhouse is a two-and-one-half story brick structure, five bays wide by two bays long, with a slate gable roof and stone foundation. The brick bond pattern is six-course American and the slate on the roof has been painted. The farmhouse consists of two separate brick buildings, the main house to the north and a smaller one-story kitchen to the south featuring an interior chimney in its eastern gable. These two buildings are connected by a wood-framed hyphen which completes the structure and gives the building a T-shape. The Leister house is a well-preserved and distinctive example of early twentieth century farmhouse construction in Carroll County, and its site and surroundings still retain a large degree of historic integrity.

The primary façade of the Leister Farmhouse features a steeply pitched cross gable with a pointed arch window and a one-story porch with turned post columns. The pitch of the cross-gable lends an air of verticality to the house not generally found in buildings of its type. All windows located in the brick structures are 1/1 with segmental arches, white wood surrounds, and stone sills. The main entrance is located in the middle bay of the primary façade and is topped by a transom light and segmental arch. The wood-framed hyphen is set back one bay and enclosed on both

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Comments: _____	

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u> </u> 9/10/02 <u> </u> Date
 Reviewer, NR program	<u> </u> 9/7/02 <u> </u> Date

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its first and second floors. The eastern façade of the hyphen has been constructed of brick. A one-story porch featuring turned post columns projects to the west and extends across the length of the kitchen. Both the north and west porches have been rebuilt but the turned post columns of the earlier porches were retained.

Supporting agricultural structures are sited around the dwelling in all directions. A timber-framed hay barn (barrack) featuring wood pegged joinery, vertical board construction, and a standing seam gable roof is located to the northwest. This structure has been covered in metal siding on two sides. A brick gabled smokehouse featuring a vertical board door surmounted by a segmental brick arch lies to the southeast with a one-story wood-framed gable roofed "woodhouse" to its south. A massive German bank barn, which probably pre-dates the house and has since been covered in red metal siding, lies to the southwest. The bank barn is surrounded by several supporting structures including a milking parlor and silos. A series of additional one-story wood framed supporting structures, constructed since 1966, are located to the south. A one-story timber-framed building with wood pegged joinery, built on a stone foundation, and now covered in red metal siding lies to the northeast of the barn.

History. The farm at 701 Houcksville Road, now known as the Leisterdale Farm, has been associated with two prominent Carroll County families since the mid-19th century or before. The property was owned by two generations of the Houck family in the 19th century. Purchased by John U. Leister in 1897, it was being farmed by two of his grandsons in 2002.

The property that now constitutes the Leisterdale Farm is part of a land grant known as Landaff that was patented in 1801, incorporating several earlier land grants. In the second quarter of the mid-19th century, the farm was part of the extensive landholdings of William Houck, a member of the family for which Houcksville is named. William Houck died on March 4, 1854, leaving a widow, Lucy Houck, and eight children. One of the children, Elias Houck, is shown as the owner of the property on the 1862 Simon J. Martenet *Map of Carroll County* and the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson *Atlas of Carroll County*.

Elias Houck owned and farmed the property until his death in 1897. It was then sold to John U. Leister at a trustees' sale held on July 24, 1897. An advertisement for the sale described the property as "improved by a two-story brick dwelling with a back building, bank barn 40 x 100 feet, dairy and other necessary farm buildings. Spring of water near the house, good orchard with a due proportion of a meadow and about 20 acres of good timber and a stream of water running through the farm. Said farm is in a high state of cultivation.... It is one of the best hay and dairy farms in this county."¹ Leister purchased the farm for \$40 an acre. The deed was dated September 9, 1897. Leister's brother, Irvin Seymour Leister, owned an adjacent farm to the southeast (CARR-586).

The farmhouse and most, if not all, of the outbuildings were constructed in the period of Leister family ownership. According to Leister family members, the Houck farmhouse was located in a hollow to the southeast of the present farmhouse site. An 1866 plat in the possession of Stuart O. Leister, co-owner of the farm, includes a small sketch of the Houck farmhouse which bears no resemblance to the present farmhouse. However, the front door of the Houck farmhouse was installed in the Leister farmhouse as the door to the basement of the main block.²

The farmhouse was built for John U. Leister (1870-1933) and his wife Emma Brilhart Leister (1875-1936). According to their grandson, Stuart O. Leister, the current resident of the farmhouse, the farmhouse was built in 1907 by local German-born builder whose last name was Lang. He said Lang had also constructed two other nearby farmhouses: a house built on the adjacent Leister farm (CARR-586) and the farmhouse owned by C. William Robinson (Carroll County Tax Map 48, Parcel 2). Bricks were brought by wagon from Westminster and the mortar was made with sand from the creek on the property.

¹ Advertisement dated June 26 in unidentified newspaper clipping in scrapbook in possession of Stuart O. Leister, co-owner of Leisterdale Farm.

² Stuart O. Leister, Interview with Andrea F. Schoenfeld, EHT Tracerics, Inc., June 19, 2002.

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John U. Leister was described in his obituary in 1933 as "well-known and one of Hampstead district's most prominent farmers."³ In addition to farming, he was involved in a number of local businesses, serving on the board of directors of the First National Bank of Hampstead, the Hampstead Implement and Supply Company, the Hampstead Fertilizer Company and the Hampstead Milling Company. He was also a founding member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hampstead.

According to Leister family tradition, John U. Leister built the extant older buildings on the farm including the bank barn, "barrack" (hay barn), smoke house, woodshed, and what is now known as the tractor shed. The tenant house was built in the early 1920s for the eldest son. As the bank barn is approximately the size of the barn described in the 1897 advertisement for the property, it is probable that at least the foundation predates the Leister ownership of the farm.

John U. Leister died in 1933 and his wife died in 1936. In August 1936, one of their sons, Sterling Jacob Leister, bought the farm and operated it with his wife Addie Virginia (Cullison) Leister. In March 1966, their sons Stuart O. Leister and Carroll Jacob Leister assumed the management of the farm. Sterling Jacob Leister served on the Carroll Soil Conservation District Board. He began contoured farming in 1948 and no-till farming in 1962. Stuart O. Leister has also served on the Carroll Soil Conservation District Board. The farm was operated as a dairy farm until 1996. The principal crops have been hay, soybeans and corn. Leisterdale Farm was entered in the Maryland Department of Agriculture Century Farm Program in 1998. The Century Farm Program recognizes farms that have been operated continuously by one family for 100 years or more. The Leisterdale Farm is one of nine Carroll County Century Farms out of a total of 112 Maryland farms that had been recognized by the program by 2002.

Significance. The farmhouse is significant as an example of German-influenced Carroll County farmhouse construction at the beginning of the 20th century. The outbuildings, the earliest of which may date from or include elements of 19th century Houck family farm buildings, include a bank barn, barrack (hay barn), smoke house, wood shed, tractor shed, a tenant house, and an early milking parlor which replaced a dairy building.

The Leisterdale farmhouse and its outbuildings illustrate more than a century of farming in Carroll County. While typical of the area in terms of size and products, it was also regarded within the community as a productive, well-run farm, as indicated by the 1897 advertisement, and 1933 obituary. The various outbuildings reflect agricultural practices and technologies spanning a century. The bank barn, designed for livestock and hay storage, almost certainly dates, at least in part, from the period of Houck ownership. It is typical of 19th century barns of the area. The adjacent building to the northeast of the barn, currently used as a tractor shed, was constructed at some time before the house and was used to house the workmen who built the house, according to Leister family tradition. The smokehouse and woodshed adjacent to the farmhouse are probably contemporaneous with it. The wood frame "barrack" northwest of the farmhouse was designed for hay storage at a time when horses were still used to haul hay. The rectangular building is bisected by a wagon way. The horse-drawn hay wagon entered through a central door on one side, the loose hay was unloaded into the lofts at either end of the building and the horse and wagon exited through the central door opposite the entrance. Later in the year, the hay was loaded onto wagons from the loft and hauled to Baltimore.

Later farm buildings illustrate 20th century developments in farming. About 1952, the dairy was replaced with a milking parlor, one of the first in Maryland, according to family tradition. (In a milking parlor, the cow goes to the milking machine instead of being milked while standing in a stanchion.) Early silos were replaced with more modern ones. Other buildings dating from the second half of the 20th century include a loafing shed to house cows in winter after they had been milked, and calf and steer sheds, a workshop and a trailer to provide additional housing.

³ Kenneth W. Betsh, ed., "Descendents of John Nicholas Leister 1731-1805, Carroll County, Maryland." Reading, Pennsylvania: Kenneth W. Betsh, 1994: 134 (in collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County).

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Eligibility. The Leister Farm at 701 Houcksville Road, Hampstead does not meet National Register Criterion B for properties associated with individuals significant in our past. Criterion D, information potential, was not evaluated for this study but preliminary research did not produce any evidence that the farm is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

The Leister Farm is eligible to be nominated to the National Register under Criterion A as a property associated with a historic trend that made a significant contribution to the development of a community. Located in a rural community with a largely agricultural economy, the Leister farmhouse, together with its outbuildings, is strongly associated with the agricultural history of eastern Carroll County and exemplifies developments and changes in agricultural practices over the course of the 20th century. Based on Criterion A, the Leister Farm is National Register-eligible.

The Leister farmhouse and its historic farm outbuildings are also eligible under Criterion C as significant for their physical design and construction, embodying the distinctive characteristics of its type and period. The two-and-one-half story, gable-roof farmhouse, with its symmetrical main façade and cross gable, is an excellent example of the typical late 19th and early 20th century farmhouses in this part of Carroll County and reflects the German heritage of the community. The historic outbuildings illustrate construction techniques used in agricultural buildings at the turn of the 20th century in Carroll County and also reflect local building traditions. The circa-1952 milking parlor is an early example of a building form that developed in response to post World-War II innovations in dairy practices. Based on Criterion C, the Leister Farm is National Register-eligible.

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Historian

Prepared by:

Andrea F. Schoenfeld, Historian

Date Prepared: June 2002

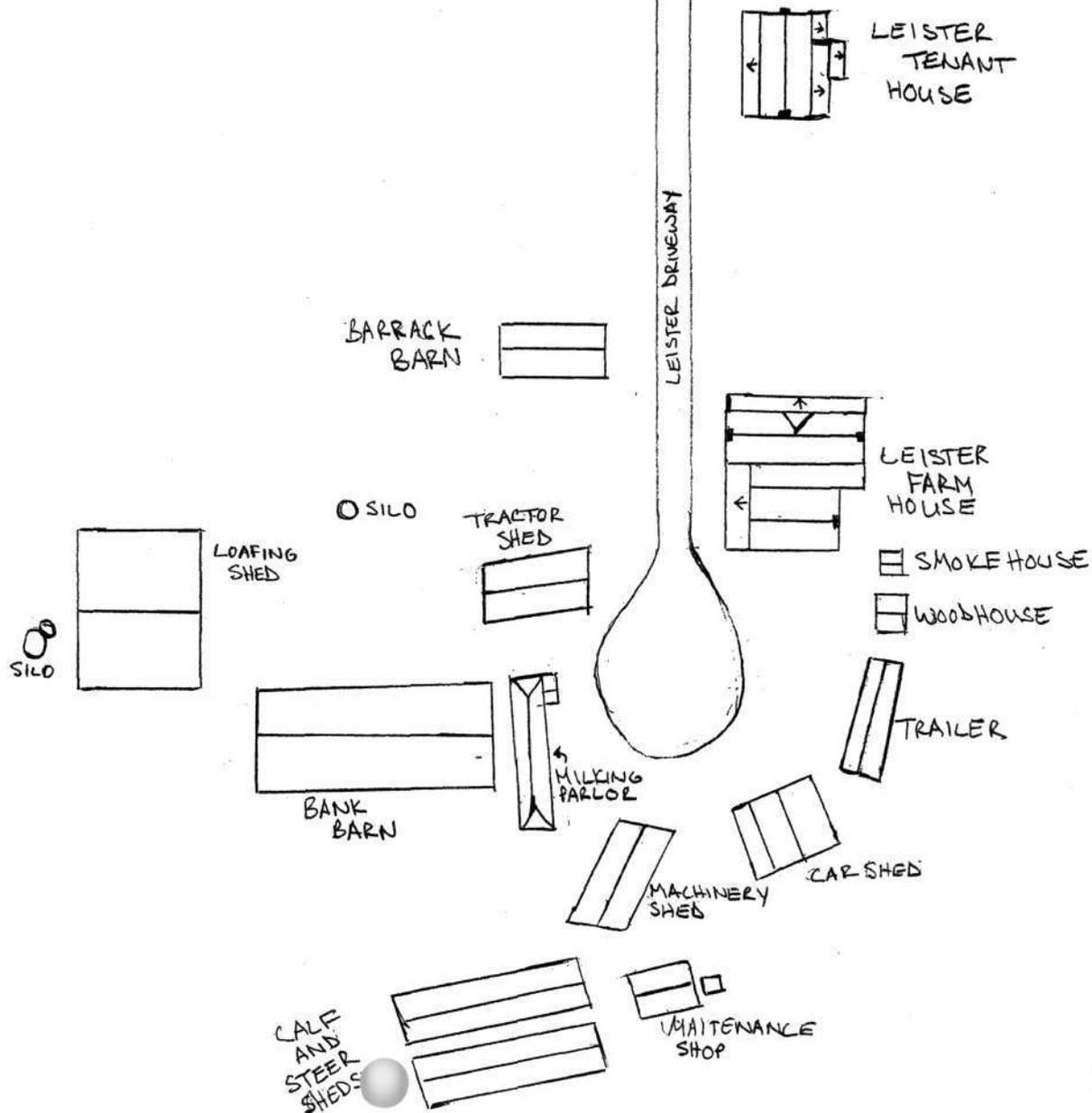
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701 HOUCKSVILLE ROAD
HAMPSTEAD, MD
CARR-596
CARROLL COUNTY



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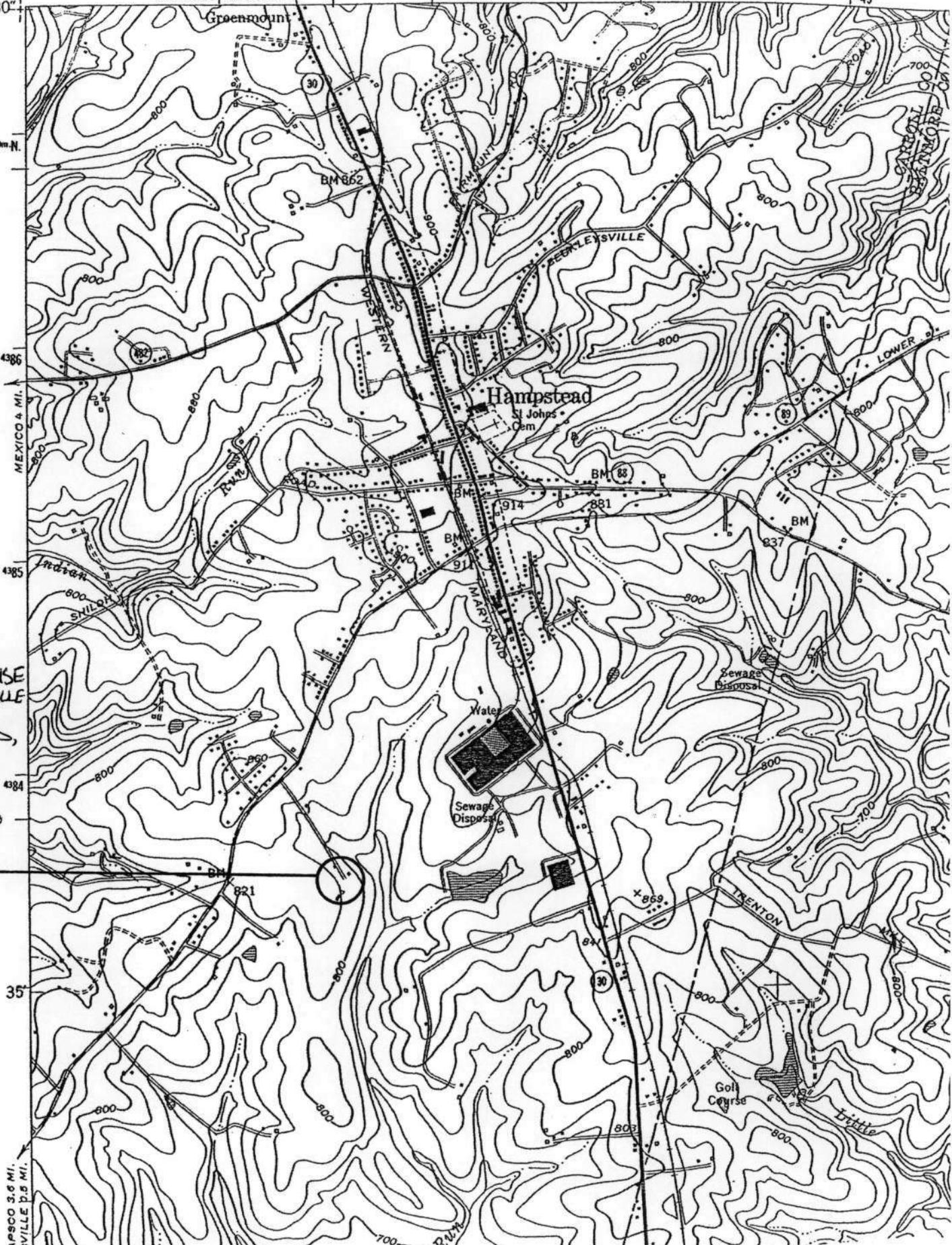
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

HAMPSTEAD QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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LEISTER
FARM HOUSE
701 HUCKSVILLE
ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD,
CARROLL
COUNTY,
MD
CARR-5916

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SVILLE 0.8 MI.



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Leister Farm

701 Houchsville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, Maryland

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SHPO

Looking south towards Leister Farm

to r. farmhouse, machinery shed (at end of drive), barrack, bank barn
with tractor shed in foreground, loafing shed, silos Photo 1 of 12



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Leister Farm

701 Houchsville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SHPO

North elevation

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Leister Farm

701 Houchsville Rd, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SAPO

Northwest corner

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Leister Farm

701 Houchsville Road, Homestead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SH PO

west elevation

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Leister Farm

701 Houchsville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SAPO

west elevation - detail

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Leister farm

701 Houcksville Rd, Hampstead

Carroll County MD

EHT Traceries

06/2002

MD SHPO

South elevation

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Leister Farm

701 Houchesville Rd, Hanptstead

Carroll County MD

EHT Traceries

MD SARD

east elevation

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Leister Farm

701 Houcksville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

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MD SHPO

Smokehouse, Western Elevation (Primary facade)

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Leister Farm
701 Houcksville Road, Hampstead
Carroll County, MD
EHT Traces
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MD SHPO
Barrick - Northern Elevation
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Weister Farm

701 Hucksville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Traceics

06/2002

MD SHPO

Machinery Shed, Milking Parlor, Bank Barn, Tractor Shed
(From left to right) - Northeastern Elevators

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Leister Farm

701 Houcksville Road, Hampstead

Carroll County, MD

EHT Tracers

06/2002

MD SHPO

Bank Barn Southeastern Corner

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NR Eligible: yes
no

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Address: 701 Houcksville Road City: Hampstead Zip Code: 21074

County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Hampstead

Owner: Carroll Leister etal.

Tax Parcel Number: 41 Tax Map Number: 53 Tax Account ID Number: 08-009082

Project: MD 30 Hampstead 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

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Leister House (a.k.a. Elias Houck Residence) was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 under Criterion C for the architecture of the main dwelling and the barn (hay barrack), according to the significance statement (MHT form CARR-596, 1979). The dwelling is significant as a distinctive example of the form commonly used in Maryland rural domestic vernacular architecture from the mid-nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. Its massive brick construction and pronounced verticality set it apart from others of its type. It meets the requirements of Criterion C for listing in the Register.

It is also significant as an intact farmstead whose contributing elements, spanning the late nineteenth through the middle of the twentieth century, have considerable architectural merit. The farm also has great integrity and conveys a strong association with the agrarian history of Carroll County. It has been owned and farmed by three generations of the Leister family, the first generation of which arrived from Germany and built all but three of the pre-1950 structures on the site which contribute to its significance.

Prepared by: Rita M. Suffness Date Prepared: October 3, 2001

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<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>01/03/02</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>2/7/02</u> Date

**Addendum to
MHT State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form
CARR 596**

1. **Name** - Houck/Leister Residence

2. **Location** – 702 Houcksvile Road
Hampstead, MD
Carroll County
7th Congressional District

3. **Classification**

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

4. **Owner of Property**

Carroll Leister, etal.

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Carroll County Tax Assessor
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street
Westminster, Maryland

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

Documented by MHT historic sites surveyors in 1979 as CARR-596. Since that time changes have occurred to the property. It is no longer utilized as a dairy farm, as the current owners abandoned that practice in 1995. In addition, many non-contributing buildings have been constructed in the last few decades, including a pre-fabricated vinyl-sided dwelling. Although these relate to agricultural use of the farm, they do not contribute to its significance as a late nineteenth and early twentieth century farm because, with their modern materials and construction, they do not convey the same association with the past as do the original buildings.

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7. Description

Condition - Good
Altered
Original Site
Present Use - agricultural

Summary paragraph:

The farm is composed of ca. 16 buildings, with ca. six dating to the period that John and Anna Leister improved the property (1916-1936). These are the large, two and one-half story brick dwelling, constructed in 1916, with attached summer kitchen, meat house, wood house, garage, and tenant house (CARR-597). Three buildings predate their acquisition in 1896 (bank barn, hay barrack and tractor shed), and the remainder of the buildings have been constructed in the last three decades (vinyl sided pre-fabricated dwelling, heifer barn, calf nursery, two machine shed, two metal silos, and oil shed).

Description

House (1917)

The house is a two-and-a-half story brick structure, as described in the 1979 inventory form (CARR-596). Tenant House is described in CARR-597.

Contributing Resources - 9

Dwelling, with attached summer kitchen, meat house, wood house, garage, and tenant house (1916-1936)

Bank barn, hay barrack and tractor shed. (Pre-1896)

These buildings may date to the ownership of the previous owner, Elias Houck (as shown in 1877 An Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County). The grandchildren of the original owners, Carroll and Stewart Leister, reported that a farmhouse existed on the property when their grandparents moved to the farm in 1896. They had come from Germany, and settled in Carroll County, near Hampstead, before buying this property in 1896. The Houck dwelling has been destroyed. (Suffness, personal communication, October 2, 2001)

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Non-contributing Resources – 9

Pre-fabricated dwelling, cow barn, heifer barn, calf nursery, two machine sheds, two metal silos, and oil shed (Built since 1966).

8. Significance

See MHT Inventory forms CARR-596 and CARR-597.

Evaluation:

The Leister House (a.k.a. Elias Houck Residence) was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 under Criterion C for the architecture of the main dwelling and the barn (hay barrack), according to the significance statement (MHT form CARR-596, 1979). It is also significant as an intact farmstead whose contributing elements, spanning the late nineteenth through the middle of the twentieth century, have considerable architectural merit. The farm also has great integrity and conveys a strong association with the agrarian history of Carroll County. It has been owned and farmed by three generations of the Leister family, the first generation of which arrived from Germany and built all but three of the pre-1950 structures on the site which contribute to its significance.

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10. Geographical Data -

Acreage: As developed by the Maryland Historical Trust in April 11, 1985, the historic boundary of the property encompasses roughly 120 acres.

Quadrangle name - Hampstead

Quadrangle scale - 1 to 24,000

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Verbal Boundary Description:

The oblong configuration of the historic site boundary encompasses ca. 120 acres, and provides a buffer around the cluster of farm buildings. The MHT personnel identified the significance of the property as primarily accruing to the architecture of the main dwelling and the barn, thus a boundary providing a setting for these buildings was deemed appropriate.

11. Form Prepared By:

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410-545-8561**

October, 2001

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Houck/Leister Residence
702 Houcksvile Road
Hampstead, MD

Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts

Organization: **Piedmont**

Chronological/Developmental Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A. D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, AD 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): **Architecture/Agricultural**

Resource Type:

Category: **Buildings**

Historic Environment: **Rural**

Historic Function (s) and Use (s):

Domestic/single dwelling/residence (C), with summer kitchen
Domestic/single dwelling/tenant house(C)
Domestic/subsistence/ garage(C)
Domestic/subsistence/meat house (C)
Domestic/subsistence/wood house (C)
Agriculture/subsistence/outbuilding/bankbarn (C)
Agriculture/subsistence/outbuilding/tractor shed (C)
Agriculture/subsistence/hay barrack (C)
Agriculture/subsistence/heifer, cow, and calf nursery (NC)
Agriculture/subsistence/ dwelling (NC)
Agriculture/subsistence/ silos, oil sheds, barns (NC)

Known Design Source: **None**



Carr 596
Houch - Lester
Hampden
House with

Attended Summerhill

1911

Support OCT 2001

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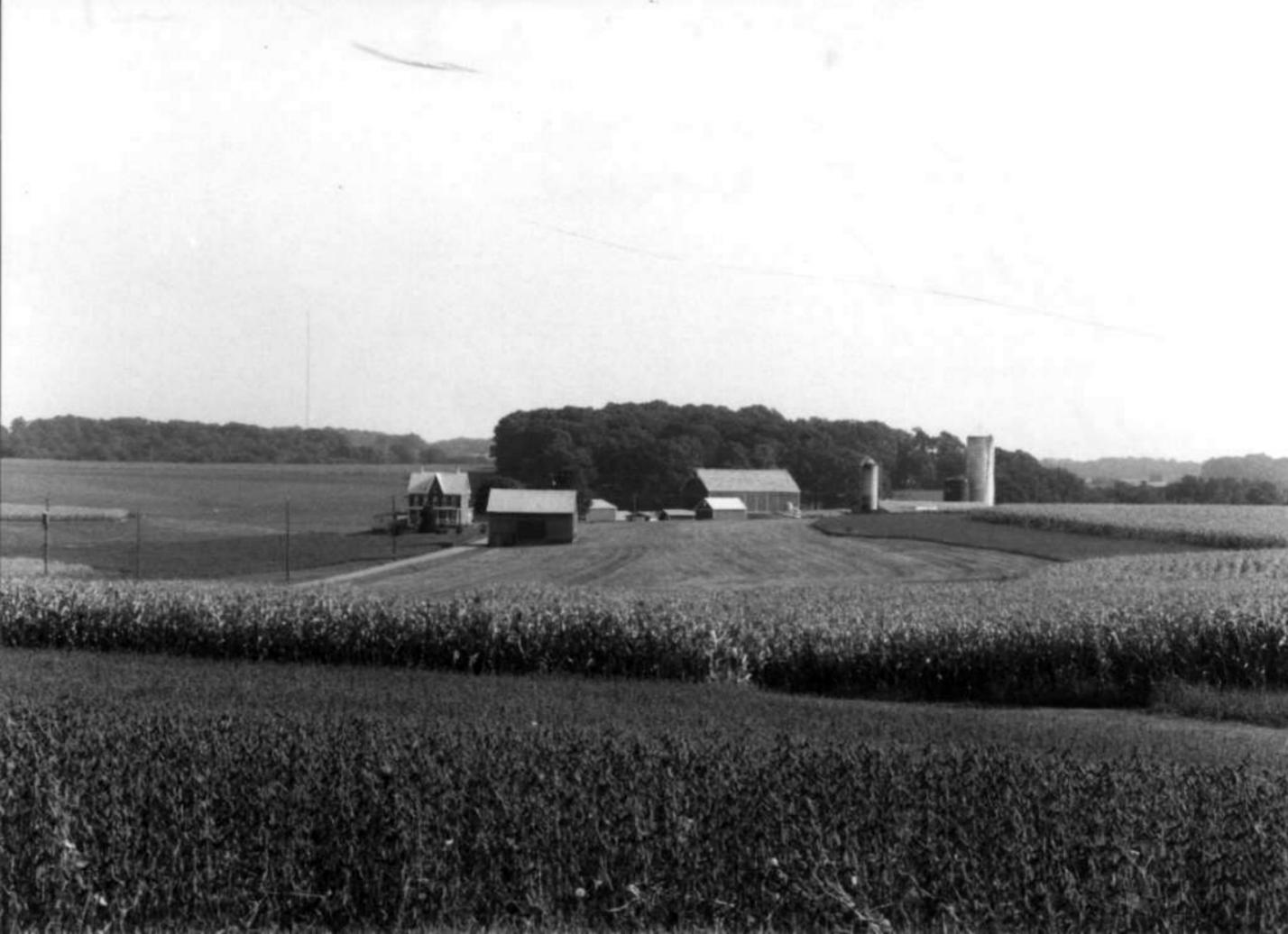
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Houch / Lester Home
Hampstead

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OCT 2001

Dwelling, ca 1911
New corner

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Houch / Lester House

Hampstead

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View to South

Oct, 2001

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Tenant House, ca 1916.

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Non-contributing outbreeds
Height for trailer shed
(in front of silo)



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Horch Lester House
Hampstead

Supper in DSHA 10/2001

Hay Barrack, ca 1911
NE Corner

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Property Name: Elias Houck House/Leister Farm Inventory Number: CARR-596
Address: _____ Historic district: yes no
City: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: Carroll
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hampstead
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Agency Prepared By: _____
Preparer's Name: _____ Date Prepared: _____
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Elias Houck Residence is significant as a distinctive example of a form commonly used in rural domestic vernacular architecture from the mid-nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries in the eastern United States. Its massive brick construction and pronounced verticality set it apart from others of its type. The house is in good condition and the sitting retains integrity, although adjacent structures do not for the most part.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: The Houck House was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Beth L. Savage

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

Monday, June 24, 1985

Date

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Elias Houck Residence

AND/OR COMMON

Leister Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

701 ~~702~~-Houcksville Road

CITY, TOWN

Hampstead

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**

___DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
 ___STRUCTURE
 ___SITE
 ___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC
PRIVATE
 ___BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 ___IN PROCESS
 ___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 ___UNOCCUPIED
 ___WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 ___YES: RESTRICTED
 ___YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE ___MUSEUM
 ___COMMERCIAL ___PARK
 ___EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS
 ___GOVERNMENT ___SCIENTIFIC
 ___INDUSTRIAL ___TRANSPORTATION
 ___MILITARY ___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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large 2 1/2 story brick farmhouse, five bays wide by two deep, with a brick kitchen at the rear connected by a hyphen. The principal (north) facade has a central entrance surmounted by a transom and flanked on either side by two large 1/1 sash windows; five 1/1 windows on the second floor are aligned over the first-floor openings. The west gable has two large 1/1 sash windows on both the first and second floors, with two smaller, similar windows in the attic and a pair of casements lighting the cellar. Brickwork is six-course bond with segmental arches over all the aforementioned openings. The slate roof has a steeply-pitched central cross gable, with a pointed-arch sash window. A pair of corbeled interior chimneys rises from the ridge. A one-story porch with turned posts spans the north facade; the porch floor is supported on brick piers, with wooden latticework between them.

A heavy timber framed barn, probably contemporary with the house, lies to the northeast.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as a distinctive example of the form commonly used in Maryland rural domestic vernacular architecture from the mid-nineteenth to early twentieth centuries; its massive brick construction and pronounced verticality set it apart from others of its type. The house is in excellent condition, and its site retains a great deal of its integrity.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

appears as the residence of Elias Houck on Martenet's 1862 Map of Carroll County, Maryland.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Peter E. Kurtze and Peggy Bruns Weissman, Historic Sites Surveyors

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

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269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

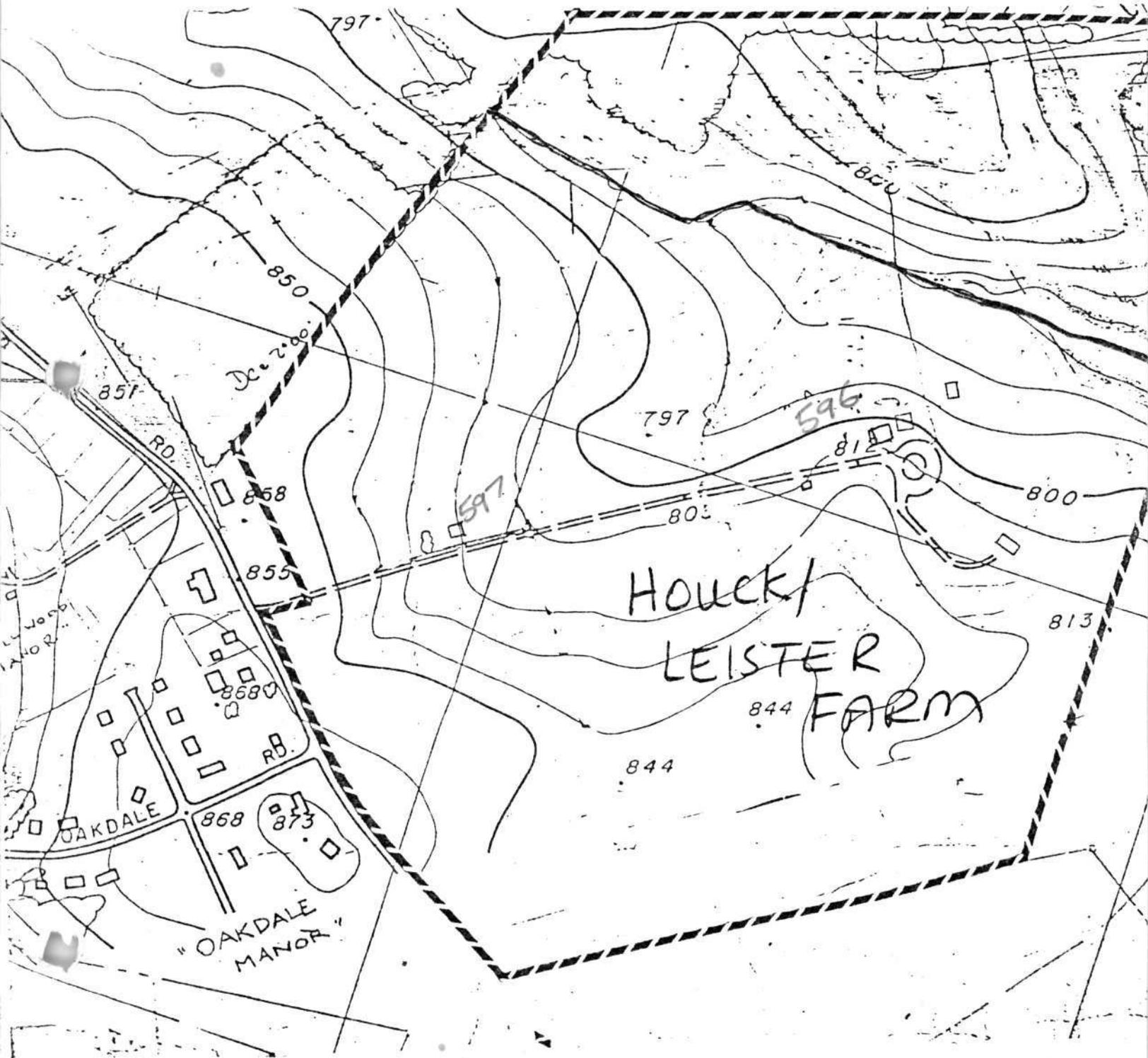
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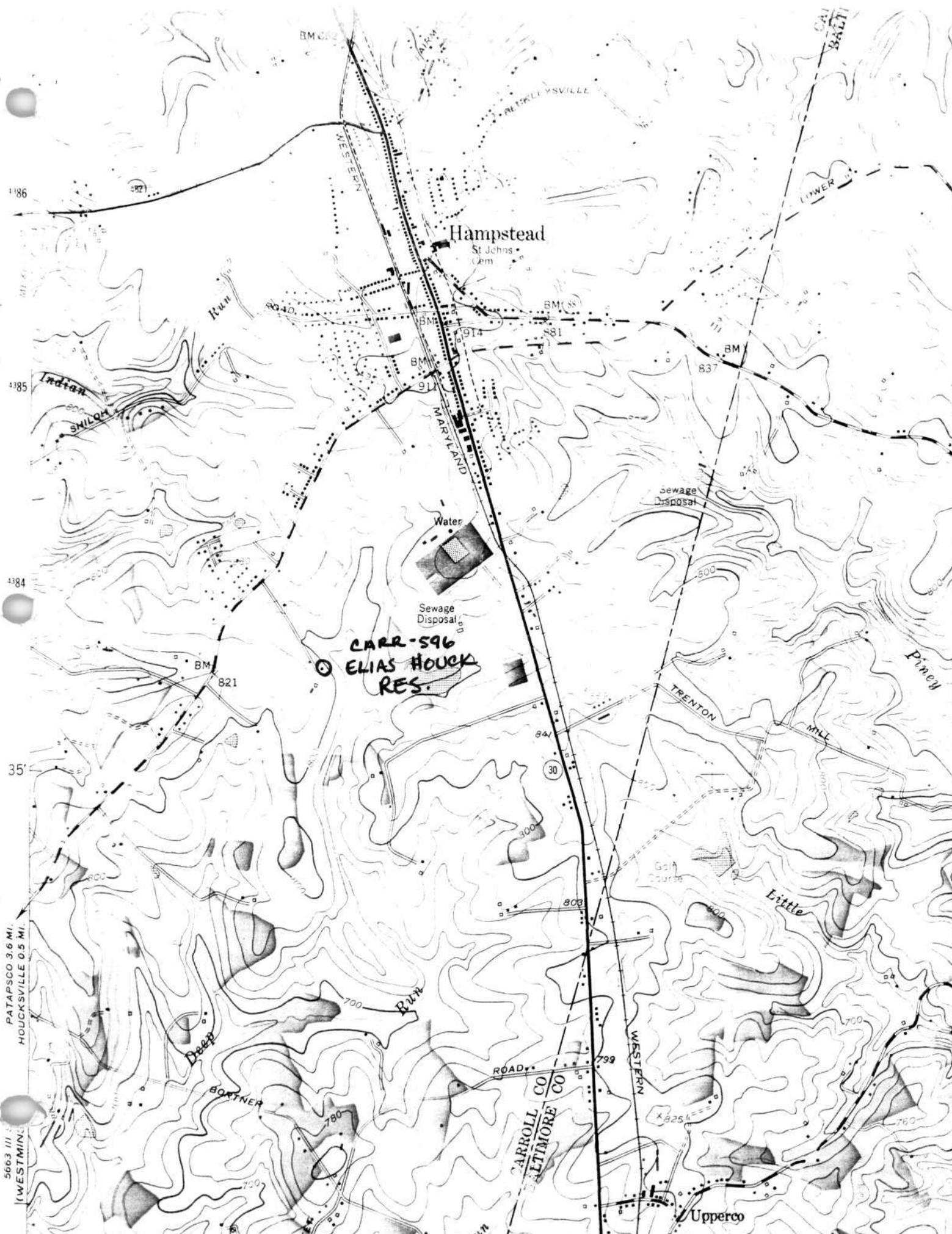
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HOUCKSVILLE 0.5 MI.
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