

CAPSULE SUMMARY

F-1-206

John R. Horn Farmstead
Point of Rocks vicinity
Private

Ca. 1910

The John R. Horn Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame L-plan dwelling built about 1910 with four contributing outbuildings of the same date, including a meathouse, an English type barn, and a hog barn. Horn, a carpenter in the sign shop of the B&O Railroad in Point of Rocks, built the house over a period of about 4 years, according to his grandson, the current owner of the house. Local materials were used and millwork was done at a sawmill in Boyds, Montgomery County. The house has german siding and features an enclosed sleeping porch on the southeast corner of the second story and an integral sun room or flower room on the first story southwest corner, apparently a use designed into the plan by Horn. The farmstead is a fair example of the early 20th century farmstead, with little alteration to the dwelling and surviving typical representatives of the domestic outbuildings and agricultural barns of the period.

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Point of Rocks
Frederick 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:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John R. Horn Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4092-B Rock Hall Road

 not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks

 vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" 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 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 Homer F. & Constance Horn Life Estate, et.al.

street & number P.O. Box 144

telephone no.:

city, town Pt. of Rocks, MD

state and zip code MD 21777

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1493

street & number 100 W. Patrick St.

folio 516

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-206

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

SECTION 7: Description:

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The John R. Horn Farmstead is a residential-agricultural complex centered on a circa 1910 frame dwelling with a frame meathouse, a small frame English barn, and a frame hog barn, all of the same date period, located on a private lane off the east side of Rock Hall Road near Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is a two-story structure with an L-shaped plan and gable facade, and an enclosed second story porch and a solarium on the rear elevation. Its principal elevation faces north and the outbuildings are located south of the house. The farmstead also contains several non-contributing sheds and a garage. A wagon shed built with the earlier outbuildings was demolished in recent years. The date of the farmstead was provided by the current owner, Homer F. Horn, Jr., the grandson of John R. Horn.

The dwelling has German siding and a standing seam roof which has been slightly altered in profile on the south slope. The rear section of the house originally had a shed roof; this has been straightened, leaving the original pitch visible on the east and west elevations. The projecting front gable section has two bays with the main entrance in the east bay. A one-story shed porch extends across the north elevation and continues along the east elevation to the angle formed by the projecting front L section, where it shelters the rear entrance. The porch has turned columns and a modern corrugated metal roof. The windows in the house are 1/1 and the frames have molded lintels. At the main corners of the house are molded vertical posts. On the east side of the L's first story is a diamond shaped window lighting the interior staircase. An interior chimney is located at the east end of the rear section and a modern exterior brick chimney is on the west elevation. At the southeast corner, an apparently original open, integral porch has been enclosed, its location defined by a different style of German siding. A band of 1/1 windows lights the enclosed area on the south and a third doorway opens from the east side. Above the enclosed porch on the second story is another enclosed area which may have been an open porch in the original plan. In other early 20th century houses, this was often the location of an open-air sleeping porch with screened walls. The band of three windows on each side is probably a later enclosure of the open porch. At the southwest corner of the house is an integral solarium, called a flower room by Mr. Horn, based on the use of the room by his grandmother. A small room with shelves and other storage features, its south and west walls are formed by bands of narrow vertical lights. The interior plan of the house is basically one room with a staircase in the front part of the building and a kitchen, originally two rooms recently made a single room, across the rear with the enclosed porch and the flower room on the south side of the kitchen. Interior trim is stained and varnished chestnut with shallow molded surrounds and corner blocks. The floor is oak. Interior remodeling is in progress principally in the kitchen area.

Meathouse: The meathouse is a square plan frame building located near the southeast corner of the dwelling. It has a hipped roof covered with composition material and vertical siding. The door in the north elevation is also of vertical boards. The meathouse was built about 1910.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect	Architecture
c.1910		
check: Applicable Criteria: <input 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.

SECTION 8: Significance:

The John R. Horn Farmstead is a fair example of an early 20th century small farm, with a dwelling in the L-shaped plan of vernacular houses of the period built over a period of four years beginning about 1910 by John R. Horn, a carpenter in the B&O Railroad sign shop in Point of Rocks. Horn used local materials and had the millwork done at a sawmill in Boyds, Montgomery County. The house retains most of its original materials and has a plan only slightly altered from the original. Features of interest include the apparent sleeping porch on the second floor rear elevation and the integral flower room, an original feature apparently adapted by Horn into a commonly used floor plan. The remaining contributing outbuildings are of minimal architectural significance, but, as part of the farmstead group, show how the traditional elements of 19th century farms continued to be in use well into the 20th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-206

Horn, Mr. Homer, Jr., personal interview, July 9, 1993.
Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 5 acres

Quadrangle name Pt. of Rocks, MD-VA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the house on Tax Map 108, Parcel 9.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 1993

street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

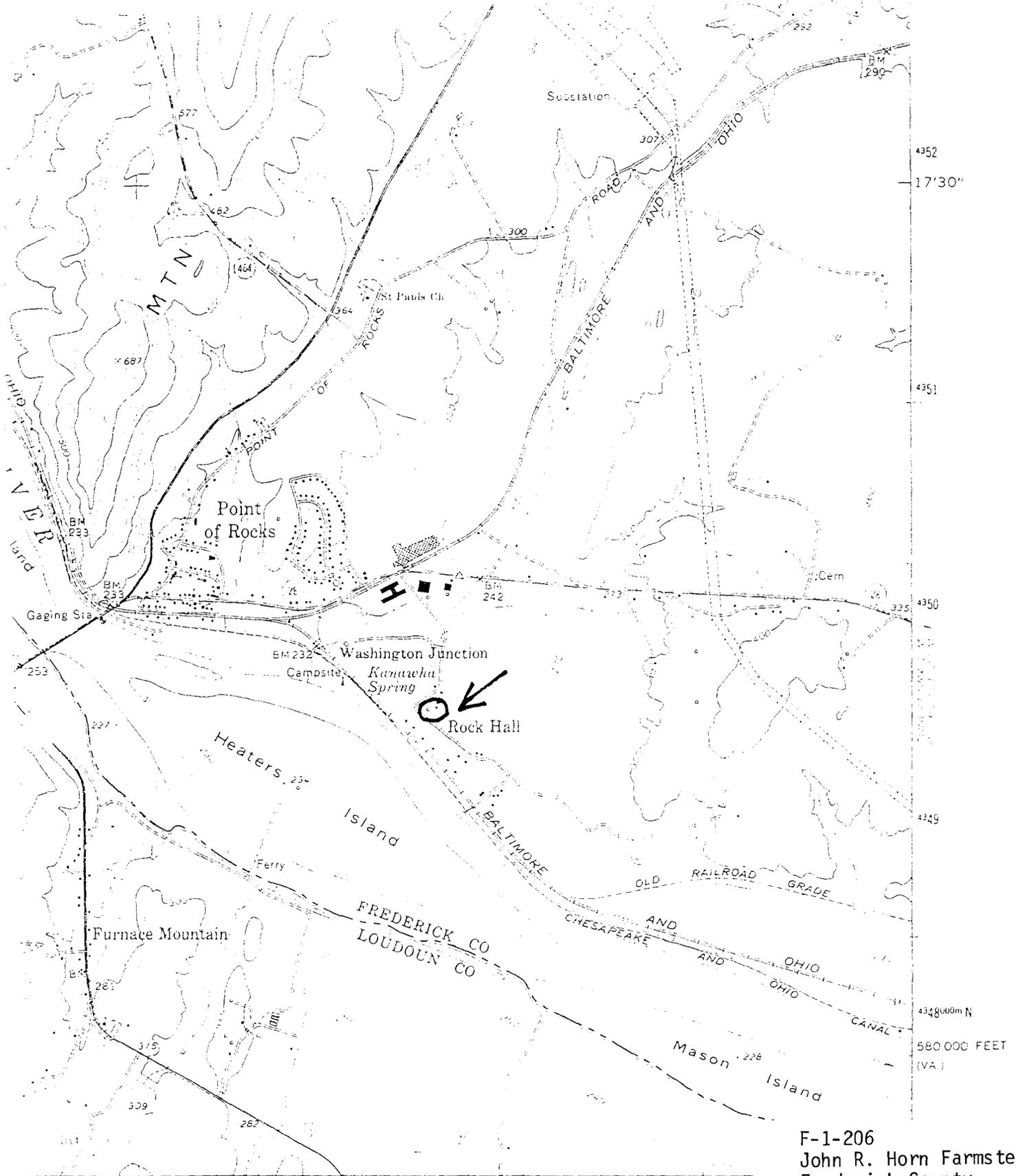
Barn: The small English type barn is located southwest of the house. It has vertical board and tongue-and-groove siding with a gambrel roof of corrugated metal. Sliding doors are located on the east elevation, where an open shed extends from the eaves of the main roof. The barn also dates from about 1910.

Hog barn: The small frame hog barn is located east of the English barn and is not currently in use as an animal barn. The exterior of the building has vertical siding and the gable roof is corrugated metal. The verticality of the building is pronounced, with swing doors in the upper walls on the north elevation which open to the feed storage area. Although not closely observed, the barn probably has low access doors on the east side from the lower level to the former pen. The hog barn was probably built along with the rest of the outbuildings about 1910.

4092 B Rock Hall Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1493/516 15 June 88	Homer Horn Jr. & Elsie A Horn	Homer S. & Constance A. Horn	Life estates reserved P.1: 9.730. 320/444 P.2: 20. 296/366		
320/444 827/632 17 Jul 70	Homer S. Horn et ux	Gussie E. Horn widow (decd 3 Nov 80)	P.1: as above P.2: as above P.3: 5100 sq. ft., 324/381		
Mill Record HDR 1/220	Gussie E. Horn	John R. Horn LW & T			
320/444 2 Apr 17	John R. & Gussie E. Horn	Frederick J. & Pearl B. Stunkle	9.730.		HWB 296/366
296/366 17 Feb 11	John R. & Gussie E. Horn	Frederick J. & Pearl B. Stunkle & George L. Hildebrand	1/2 mi. e. of Wash junction #200 20. 16, 980 sq. ft.		

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 USGS Point of Rocks
 Maryland-Virginia
 1:24000

32'30" 781 782

INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON
 2 280 000 FEET (VA.)

1 MILE
 FEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Primary highway hard surface
 Secondary highway hard surface
 Interstate Route
 Light-duty improve
 Unimproved
 U. S. Route





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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Northeast corner view

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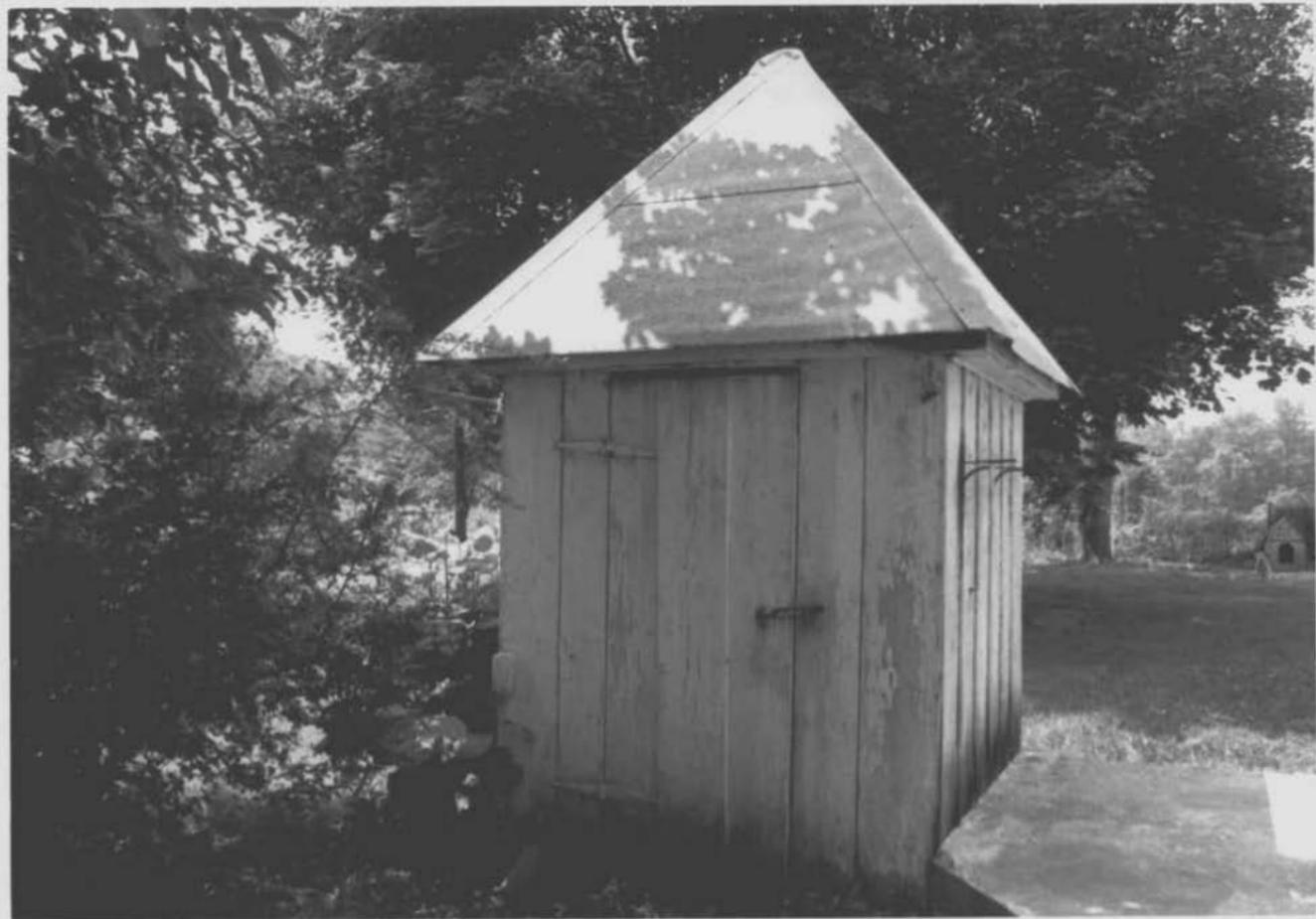
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South elevation

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Meat house, north elevation

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Barn, northeast corner view

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Hog barn, northwest corner view

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