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Josephus Palmer Farmstead
Wolfsville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1860; Ca. 1880

The Josephus Palmer Farmstead is centered on a circa 1860 log dwelling which was enlarged and given a rusticated wood and shingle exterior and a two-story bracketed porch about 1880 by Josephus Palmer, a carpenter. The house has associated domestic outbuildings mostly dating from about 1940, including a frame privy, a concrete block smokehouse, a frame wood shed, and two frame poultry houses. A third poultry house may date from the 1920's. A stone and frame root cellar and a frame garage are located directly across a driveway from the house. A frame stable and a frame hog pen, both probably dating from the last quarter of the 19th century are located north of the house. The farmstead is significant for the distinctive rusticated siding of the house, which illustrates the influence of builders' manuals and pattern books in the last quarter of the 19th century and for the unusual siting of the complex on a steep slope at the edge of the public road, which originally ran through the farmstead where the driveway is now located. The need for the maximum use of agricultural land appears to be the driving force in the location of the building group in a tight linear group along the road.

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Agriculture
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
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Known Design Source: None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Josephus Palmer Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11317 Church Hill Road not for publication

city, town Wolfsville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 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 Albert C. & Marguerite Haupt

street & number 11317 Church Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 411

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 422

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-4-58

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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 10

The Josephus Palmer Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now used as a private residence centered on a circa 1860 log dwelling with rusticated wood and shingle siding applied in about 1880 and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings which include a stone root cellar, a frame garage, a frame privy, a frame wood shed, a frame stable, a hog pen, and three frame poultry houses, most of which date from about 1940. The group is located on a steep hillside on the east side of Church Hill Road overlooking the valley of the West Branch of Middle Creek near Ellerton, Frederick County, Maryland. The house and outbuildings are on a driveway paralleling Church Hill Road about 10 feet below the roadway. The driveway was the public road until relocated about 1940.

The dwelling has two stories over a stone cellar exposed on the east elevation. The west elevation has two bays with a side hall entrance. A two-level open porch is attached to the west facade, with a concrete platform and a scroll-sawn balustrade and bracketed columns. The attic level and roof which extends over the porch were probably added in about 1880, along with the rusticated wood siding and shingled gable surfaces. A single dormer with a hipped roof and paired 2/2 windows is centered in the west slope of the composition roof. The east slope of the roof is pressed metal. Pressed metal also covers the soffit of the extended attic on the gable ends, the ceiling of the second level of the porch, and the interior ceiling on the second floor. A metal-covered projection on the north gable end apparently covered the chimney, which is no longer in use, but still rises from the roof. The east elevation of the house has a shed addition on a concrete block foundation added after 1940. An open porch is also attached to the east elevation. Above the porch, the second story wall is covered with aluminum siding. The sash is mainly 2/2 throughout the building. The interior has a side hall plan with double parlors. The stairway is in the northwest corner next to the chimney. The interior trim is plain, with 6-panel grained doors and hook moldings on the plaster walls.

Domestic outbuildings:

Privy: The circa 1940 frame privy is located southeast of the house. It has vertical tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. The vertical board door is located in the west elevation.

Smokehouse: The concrete block smokehouse was built about 1940 and is located south of the house. It has a shingle gable roof and a vertical board door in the north elevation.

Wood shed: The frame wood shed stands on a rocky outcrop south of the house. It was moved to the farmstead after 1940 by the present owner. It currently has composition siding and a corrugated metal gable roof.

Chicken houses: Two frame chicken houses are located south of the wood shed. Both are rectangular structures and the southernmost has whitewashed board and batt

8. Significance

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		

Specific dates C. 1860; C. 1880 **Builder/Architect**

check: 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 Josephus Palmer Farmstead is significant for the architecture of the dwelling, a vernacular log structure of the third quarter of the 19th century which was given an exterior covering of rusticated wood siding and shingled gables about 1880 along with an enlarged attic and a two-story bracketed porch by Josephus Palmer, a carpenter. These features were fairly common in Frederick County in the 1880's and represent a refining of wood building methods brought about by the proliferation of builders' guides and catalogs during the last quarter of the 19th century. Other examples of rusticated siding are found in Middletown, Myersville, Frederick, Walkersville, Unionville, Johnsville, and in a small number of rural farmsteads. Most of the rural examples built during the same period as the Palmer farmstead have been recovered with modern siding. The Palmer Farmstead is also significant in agriculture for the siting of the farmstead on a steep slope at the eastern edge of the original farm property. In the northern part of the Middletown Valley, the steeper hillsides made the cultivation of fields and the location of the buildings dependent on topography and the available public roads. As in many rural complexes, the public road originally ran through the farmstead, giving access to both the domestic and agricultural buildings directly. The agricultural fields were located west of the road on somewhat more level land.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-58

Haupt, Albert C., personal interview, Apr. 28, 1992
Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name Myersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on dwelling house on Tax Map 38, Parcel 26

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May 1992

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

city or town Frederick state Maryland 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)

siding with a standing seam metal roof. It was moved to the farmstead about 1940. The northernmost has vertical siding and probably dates from about 1925-30. It has a corrugated metal roof.

Turkey shed: A deteriorated frame poultry shed used in the 1940's and 1950's as a turkey house is located on the west side of the driveway and just south of the root cellar.

Root cellar: The fieldstone-fronted root cellar was used as a storage room by the present owner, who says it has always been referred to by his family as "the cave". It has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal with a small projection at the peak sheltering a vertical board door in the frame gable faced with horizontal tongue-and-groove siding. A deteriorated wood stair rises to the door from ground level. A second vertical board door is located at the driveway level.

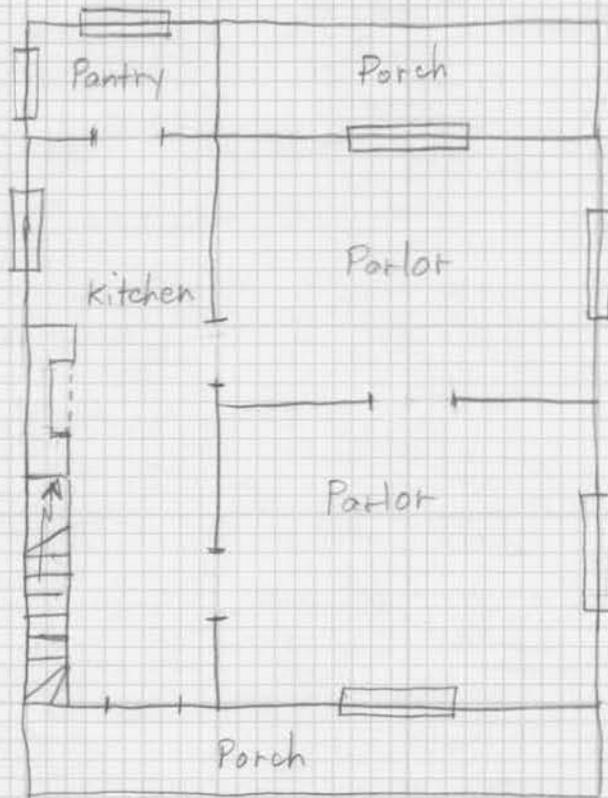
Garage: Immediately north of the root cellar is a frame garage built probably in the early 1920's. It has vertical siding and a vertical tongue-and-groove gable under a corrugated metal gable roof. An extension on the front of the garage was put in after 1940.

Agricultural outbuildings:

Hog pen: The frame hog pen was built probably in the last quarter of the 19th century or the first decade of the 20th century. It is located with the stable north of the house near the junction of the driveway with Church Hill Road. It has vertical board siding and a standing seam metal roof. The west elevation has a single door near the northwest corner and the lower level pens are boarded.

Stable: The stable, probably built in the same period as the hog pen, is a small bank barn with the stall level on the south gable end. It has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. The stall level is enclosed with horizontal boards and lattice. On the west elevation is a vertical board door near the southwest corner and a single door off-center in the northern part of the barn, giving access to the storage level. An extension on the north gable end for tractor and wagon storage has double swing doors on the west elevation.

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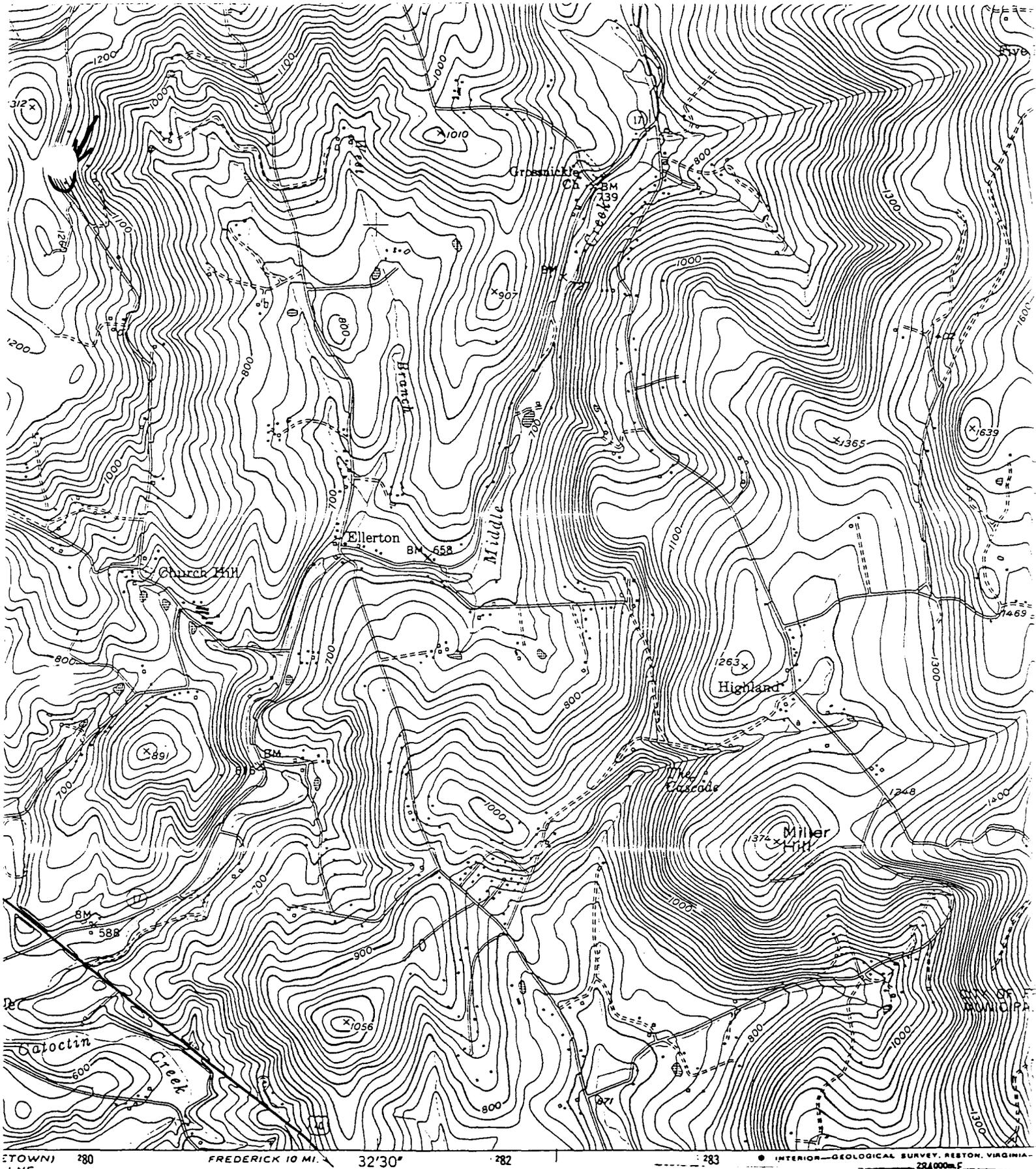


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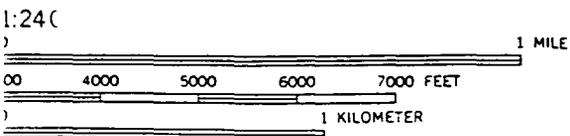
Janet Davis
 April 28, 1992
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11317 Church Hill Rd. Josephus Palmer Town.

LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
411/422 26 Feb 38	Albert C. & Marg- guente S. Haupt	Willbur E. & Mary F. J. Bowman	4 1/2 a. Tract 1 of 4	\$650	
402/530 31 Jul 36	Willbur E. & Mary E. J. Bowman	Manzella V. Palmer, widow of Josephus Palmer			
378/133 17 Mar 31	Josephus & Man- zella V. Palmer	Hattie & Jacob M. Dusing			
378/132 17 Mar 31	Hattie & Jacob M. Dusing	Josephus & Manzella V. Palmer			
DHH 5/627 25 Mar 1878 (recorded 3 Apr 1900)	Josephus Palmer	Josiah & Nancy Ann Green (no earlier refs)	Tract 1: 2a ± Tract 2: 1 1/2 a ± "Stephens Hope" "Neighbor Accommodation"	\$400	



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HORIZONTAL DATUM OF 1929





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Neg. loc. 4.4.1. WPA. Crownsville, Md

West elevation

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Joseph's Palmer Farmstead
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Near loc. # 11'd. LHRo, Crossville, Md

North elevation

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Joseph's Palmer Farmstead

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April 1962

Nearest: Md. SHPC, Crownsville Rd.

General view from south

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Josephus Palmer Farmstead

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April 1992

Map. Sec.: Md. SHPC, Greensville, Md.

Domestic outbuildings, view from south east

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April 1972

Reg. loc. Md. SHPO, Crossville, Md.

Hog barn and stable. View from southwest

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