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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Welsh Wilcom Farm Survey Number: F-7-110

Project: MD 75: MD 355 to MD 80 Agency: FHWA/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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided, the Welsh Wilcom Farm does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for evaluation for individual listing. The farm consists of 20 structures dating from c. 1870-1985, including c. 1912 frame house with later additions, a c. 1870 springhouse and a 1938 concrete block dairy barn. Most of the buildings date to c. 1940 to 1955 and c. 1970-1985 reflecting periods of new ownership and/or modernization of operations. Although a typical example of farms located in Frederick County and throughout the Piedmont area of Maryland, the farmstead lacks sufficient integrity to be eligible under Criterion C for architecture or under Criterion A, representing the County's agricultural heritage and development. Individual buildings in the farm have been subject to extensive alterations and numerous modern buildings are interspersed among the historic. The farm is not located in any known historic district. The area is largely composed of farms and modern subdivisions, intermixed.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, MD inventory form

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Prepared by: Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold November 22, 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

*R. Anderson* 11.23.94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Agricultural, domestic--single family residence

Known Design Source: na

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Welsh-Wilcom Farm  
Frederick County, Maryland

HISTORIC CONTEXT

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont (Frederick County)

**Chronological/Development Period:**

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:**

Agriculture

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community

Planning

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Buildings

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function and Use:**

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/outbuilding/springhouse

Agriculture/Subsistence/Agricultural

Outbuilding/Barns

Agriculture/Subsistence/Agricultural

Outbuilding/Sheds

**Known Design Source:** None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-7-110

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Welsh Wilcom Farm

and/or common Gayridge Holsteins

## 2. Location

street & number 2402 Green Valley Road N/A for publication

city, town Ijamsville  vicinity of congressional district

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 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilcom

street & number 2402 Green Spring Road telephone no.: 301-662-7086

city, town Ijamsville state and zip code MD 21754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 923

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 852

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input 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 of move
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			<u>N/A</u>

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

# 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
<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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** ca. 1870-1920 <sup>1940</sup> 1955 <sup>1970</sup> 1985 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-110

Personal Communication with Donald Wilcom, Mrs. Jacob Wilcom, Mrs. Donald Wilcom  
Land and Equity Records, Frederick County, Md

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 124.34 acre

Quadrangle name Urbana

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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D 

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E 

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax parcel

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2026  
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F-7-110 Wilcom  
Welsh-Wilson Farm  
Frederick County, Maryland

Continuation Sheet 7.1  
Description

Summary

This twenty building complex includes a two-story frame principal dwelling, a ca. 1950 one-story concrete block tenant house, a ca. 1980 ranch style brick house, a single story spring house, two gambrel roofed, concrete block barns, and a number of agricultural dependencies. The complex is accessible from MD 75 by means of an unpaved road and is oriented to the east towards this access.

The complex is surrounded by cultivated fields and pastures. It adopts a modified linear plan from north to south, and is currently used as a dairy farm. Much subdivision housing is being constructed along MD 75 in its general vicinity.

Three periods of construction are documented on the site through differences in materials, construction methods and ornamentation. The first period, ca. 1870-1920, is represented by the principal dwelling, springhouse and garage, which are of stone and frame construction. The surviving late nineteenth through early twentieth century building incorporate handcrafting traditions as well as machine made finishes.

A second period of construction, ca. 1940-1955, is represented by the concrete block barns and milk cooling building plus concrete block washhouse and tenant house. Additions to the springhouse and conversion to a meathouse date to this period.

A third period of construction, ca. 1970-1985, is represented by modifications to early buildings, the extension of existing buildings with concrete block,, metal and frame additions, and the construction of free standing concrete block, metal and frame buildings, and the construction of a brick rambler on the frontage of the property along MD 75. The following descriptions encompassed in the agricultural complex are keyed to the site sketch map. Each structure is represented in the accompanying photographic documentation.

Principal Dwelling, 1912, ca. 1950 (A)

The principal dwelling is a symmetrical three bay, two and one-half story frame dwelling supported by a masonry foundation and terminating in a gable roof which parallels the original principal (east) elevation. This building replaced an earlier dwelling which burned.

The structure was extended to the east with an enclosed one-story porch, and to the west with a two-story enclosed section. It is clad with asbestos shingles and has two chimneys, each inside the

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gable end walls. The structure underwent a major renovation ca. 1960. The original two-room down, four-room up plan, with a center stair and entrance in the east elevation, was modified with the removal of the south wall of the stair, the enclosure of the front and rear porches, and removal of much of the original interior finishes. Although the original fenestration consisted of two-over-two lights, the windows in the east facing porch, now an office, has pre-fabricated, one-over-one vinyl windows, and much of the two-story west addition has vinyl casement windows. The front office is reached by means of a door in the north elevation of the enclosed porch. The primary ingress into the building is through the rear or west door which accesses the kitchen.

**Springhouse, ca. 1870, ca. 1940, ca. 1970 (B)**

This simple, square fieldstone, whitewashed and extended to the east and west, is the only extant structure which dates to the late nineteenth century ownership by Warner Welsh, when the farm was known as "Welshland". Situated one-half level below grade, the interior of the building is accessed by means of two concrete steps and door located in the east gable end. This entrance is sheltered by a roughly three foot extension of the roof and by the extension of the side walls with plain overlapped boards. The structure has a simple gable roof of metal, and has been extended on the west gable end with an open, concrete block addition. The building was converted to use as a smokehouse soon after the Wilcoms family purchased the property in 1937 (Land Record 406, 518). The trough was filled in with concrete to make the floor level.

**Concrete Block Washhouse, ca. 1955 (C)**

Located off the southwest corner of the dwelling, this structure is three bays long and one bay deep, with the roof paralleling the north facing entrance facade.

**Garage, ca. 1920 (D)**

Located off the northwest corner of the principal residence, the frame garage is supported on a concrete pad. Simple vertical boards with openings between them are nailed into a substantial wood sill with some evidence of mortice and tenon construction. The structure, very dilapidated, was largely rebuilt above the sill with standard sawn members.

**Agricultural Complex, ca. 1940-1985 (E)**

This large group of agricultural buildings is composed of a U-shaped complex which is oriented in the north-south direction, along with a large 1979 machine storage facility west of the garage end, a 1980 concrete block storage building north of it.

The most prominent building in the U-shaped complex is the 1938 gambrel roofed, three-story barn constructed of concrete block

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imitating lightly rusticated ashlar masonry complete with whitewashed angle quoins. The lower slopes are steeper and longer than the upper slopes, and the ridge is extended on the south gable end to take a pulley. Three sets of roller doors are located on the three levels of this south gable end, the upper ones located between windows. The two gable ends are clad with horizontal wood siding at the second and third levels. Two windows with wood lintels and sills are located on each side of main roller doors at ground level. The roof is clad with metal.

The building has been extended to the north with a small addition of like construction and a similar, one-story, small building used for milk cooling is located east of the barn. The ridge of its gable roof is oriented in a north-south direction, like that of the main barn, and has two round metal ventilators and one square concrete block replacement ventilation at the ridgeline.

The other principal buildings in this complex are another large, gambrel roofed barn located north of the main one and built in 1938, with a large ca. 1980 roughcast concrete block building north of it. It was recently extended with a machine shed to the north of it, next to four blue metal silos. All of these structures have been connected by open frame and metal cattle sheds.

The last agricultural building which was constructed was a ca. 1985 frame and metal calf barn. Long and low, with a simple shed roof, it is situated with its nine bay flank paralleling MD 75 on the east.

**Tenant House, 1955 (F)**

This simple, rectangular, one story tenant house is constructed of stuccoed, roughcast concrete blocks.

**Ranch House, 1981 (G)**

This contemporary brick and frame ranch style dwelling directly fronts MD 75.

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Welsh-Wilcom Farm  
Frederick County, Maryland

Continuation Sheet 8.1  
Statement of Significance

The Welsh-Wilcom Farm encompasses twenty structures which date from ca. 1870-1985. Three periods of construction are documented on the site through materials, construction methods, design, ornamentation, research and oral history. The first period, 1870-1920, is represented by the principal dwelling, a modified and expanded springhouse, and a frame garage.

A second period of construction, ca. 1940-1955, is represented by modifications to the principal dwelling, by the concrete block barns and milk cooling building, plus concrete block washhouse and tenant house. An addition to the springhouse and its conversion to a meathouse date to this period.

A third period of construction, ca. 1970-1985, is represented by modifications to early buildings, the extension of existing buildings and construction of modern frame and metal structures, plus the brick ranch style dwelling along the frontage of the farm on MD 75.

The complex was evaluated for integrity of design, feeling, location, association, setting, materials and workmanship.

The only nineteenth century buildings on the site is the springhouse, which has been modified for the storage of meat. In addition, the agricultural buildings constructed ca. 1940 after the Wilcom family purchased the greatly deteriorated farm have also been compromised by numerous additions and alterations constructed of roughcast concrete block, metal and frame.

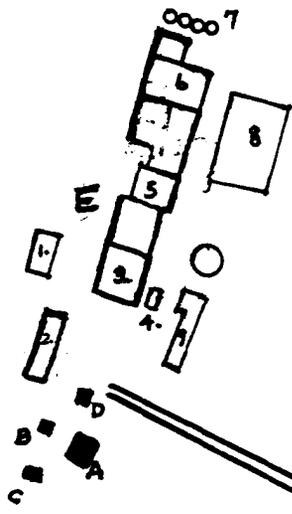
The Welsh-Wilcom does not retain its integrity of design, materials, workmanship or feeling. Modifications of the original buildings, and those constructed ca. 1940, plus the addition of new structures to the complex in the last thirty years reflect the functional requirements of a modern dairy farm through their design, construction and use of materials.

The Welsh-Wilcom Farm was evaluated in the context of agricultural complexes of the late nineteenth and twentieth century. It is a poor although fairly typical example of farms located in Frederick county and throughout the Piedmont area of Maryland because of its heavy alteration through time which has destroyed its integrity. In addition, portions of the property have been subdivided off for housing since 1940, and a plat for housing has been approved for the southern part near Lewisdale Road.



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WELSH-WILCOM FARM

- A. House
- B. Springhouse/meathouse
- C. Washhouse
- D. Garage
- E. 12 Equip. Shed
- E 35 Barns
- E 4 Milk Cooling Building
- E 6 Equip. Shed
- E 7. Silos
- E 8 Loafing Barn
- E 9. Calf Barn
- F. Tenant House
- G. New Dwelling



Welsh - Wilcom Farm  
Frederick County, MD

Site Plan  
not to scale  
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Welsh Wilson Farm  
Hansville Address  
Frederick County  
Urbana Quadrangle  
1:24,000

Fountain  
Mills

Branch

Fairney

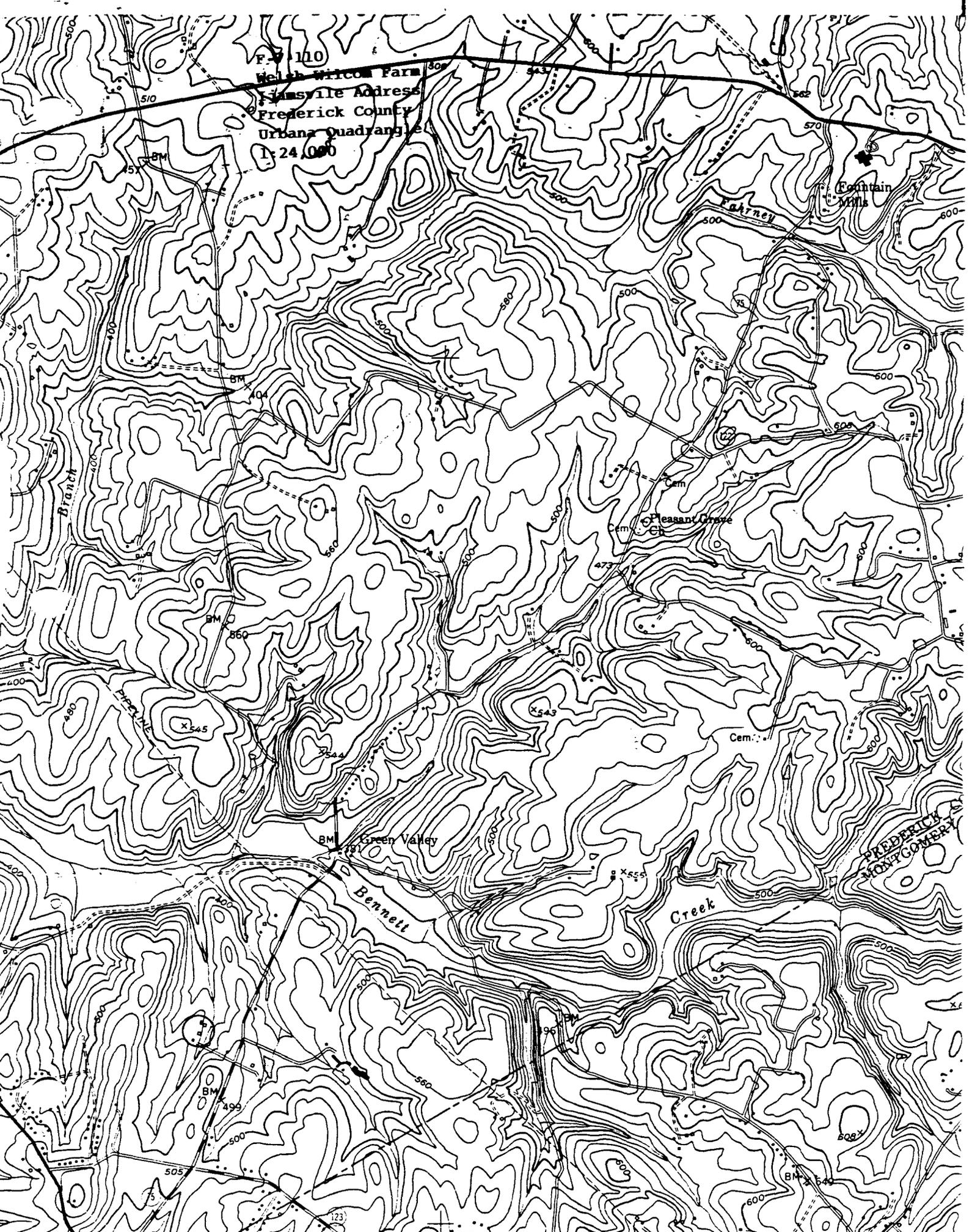
Pleasant Grove  
Cem.

Green Valley

Bennett

Creek

FREDERICK  
COUNTY





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Welsh-Wilcom Farm

Frederick County

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Md State Highway Admin

Dwelling [A]

East Facade

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Welsh-Wilcom Farm

Frederick County

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Dwelling

N.E. Corner



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West Wilson Zarr

Frederick Ctr

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Dwelling

North Facade

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Welsh - Wilson Farm  
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Dwelling

NW Corner

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Premises Dwelling

West Facade

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Welsh-Walton Farm

Frederick City Md

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Panoptical Dwelling

SW Corner

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Principals Building

SE Corner

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~~Springhouse~~ / Meat house

NE Corner

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West State Hwy Johnson

Springhouse / Meathorn

S.W. Corner

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Frederick City Md

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Concrete Block Washhouse

NE Corner

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Welsh-Welton Farm

Frederick City Rd

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Ma State Hwy Administration

Garage, ca 1920

SE Corner

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Welsh - Wilcox Farm

Frederick County, Md

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Md State Hwy Administration

Agriculture Complex [E]

Barn & Machine Shed [E1 and E3]

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Welsh - Wilson Farm

Frederick County

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Mid State Heavy Adm

Frame / metal Machine Shed [E 2]

East Elevation

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Welsh - Wilson Farm  
Frederick County Md

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Mo State Hwy Admin

Concrete Block Gauge [E 3]

S.W. corner

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Welsh - W. Leon Farm

Frederick County

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Concrete Block Truck Cooling Room  
S.E. Corner

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Welsh-Wilcox Farm

Frederick County

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md State Hwy Adams

Secondary Barn [E4]

West

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Webb - Wilson Dam

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and State Army Admin

Secondary Barn

Est + Elevation

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Welsh-Wilson Farm

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~~Coating Barn~~  
Storage Building  
Looking SE.

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Welsh-Wilson Farm

Frederick County

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Md State Hwy Administration

Silo [E 7] and Loafing Barn [E 8]

Looking North



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Welsh-Wilson Farm

Frederick County

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Agricultural Complex [E]

Looking North

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Welsh-Wilcom Dam

Frederick County

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Calf Barn [E 9?]

Southeast Corner

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Conrad Block Tenant Home [K]

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