

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

Property/District Name: Dixon/Dudderer Houses Survey Number: F:7-131

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. 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

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

The property designated the Dixon/Dudderer Houses includes buildings located on two separate parcels (historically one) southeast of Urbana. The property, south of Rte 355 is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Dixon/Dudderer Houses property includes a complex of buildings on two contiguous parcels of land consisting of a mostly mid-20th-century farmstead and two frame dwellings from the last quarter of the 19th century. The property was originally one large parcel, owned by John Rine, a local tavern keeper. The two houses were built by descendants of Rine, the Dixons.

The two houses, located across from one another, are both two-story, three-bay frame dwellings. They sit upon low foundations and are covered with gable roofs. The Dixon House (House #1) is set within a complex of seven agricultural buildings, including a large, gambrel roofed dairy barn, and all of which date to this century. The Dudderer House (House #2) was built in 1873 for Mrs. Dudderer by her mother, Mrs. Charles Dixon. The original two-story, three-bay dwelling was significantly expanded during the early decades of this century by Charles T. Dudderer, a barn builder.

The Dixon/Dudderer Houses lack the architectural distinctiveness and integrity to qualify them for listing under Criterion C. Though the property emerged in the late 19th century and represents the growing agricultural development of Frederick County, the properties are common examples of their type and no longer retain sufficient integrity of setting to qualify for listing under Criterion A. The area across the road from the dwellings, once part of the farm, has been commercialized for use as a betting parlor and greatly detracts from the overall setting and historic feeling of the "place." The property is associated with the Dixon family, a locally known Frederick County family whose place in American history is less than minor, and is therefore not eligible under Criterion B.

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

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Kimberly Prothro Williams September 26 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Peter R. Furtz 9/30/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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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 Adaptation

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: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

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**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Developmental Period (s):** Modern  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

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

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Buildings

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Functions and Use:**  
Domestic/single dwellings/residences  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barns

**Known Design Source:** None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-7-131

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dixon-Dudderer Houses

and/or common Geisler-Stup Houses

## 2. Location

street & number 3384 and 3390 Urbana Pike (MD 355) N/Anot for publication

city, town Urbana \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county 21701

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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 checked="" 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 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 Mrs. Merhle Geisler and Mrs. Eleanor Stup

street & number 3384 and 3390 Urbana Pike telephone no.: <sup>3</sup>874-2302  
Unknown

city, town Urbana state and zip code Maryland 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse (1) 412

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street & number (1) 73

folio (2) 358

city, town Frederick state Maryland

## 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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**Condition**

excellent  
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deteriorated  
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 unexposed

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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
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Specific dates	1883, 1930	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1



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**Dixon-Dudderer Houses**  
**Urbana, Frederick County**

**Continuation Sheet 7.1**  
**Description**

The properties on which the Dixon and Dudderer houses are located were carved out of the large Dixon property called "Many Makes One". The original house (Dixon House), ca. 1855, associated with one of the earliest generations of the family in the area is located on the southside of MD 355 and has been unsympathetically remodelled as the Peter Pan (a.k.a. Cracked Claw) Restaurant (F-7-73). It is a betting parlor.

By 1822 John Rine was operating a tavern on the opposite side of the Urbana Pike from the Dixon-Dudderer Houses in the general vicinity of the Cracked Claw restaurant. In 1848 he died and willed the property to his two daughters May Dronenberg and Lucy Dixon (Wills, Liber TS 1, Folio 42). In 1850 the land was divided, resulting in the acquisition of land by Thomas and Lucy Dixon.

Both the Dixon and Dudderer Houses were constructed for the Dixon descendants--the house now owned by Mrs. Geisler was built by Mrs. Lucy Dixon for her grandson and the house just west of it was constructed by Mrs. Charles Dixon for her daughter Mrs. Dudderer. Only the later house was retained in family ownership after the turn of the twentieth century. It is owned by Ms. Eleanor Stup.

**Dudderer House**

This house (dwelling 2 on sketch map) located at 3390 Urbana Pike, was constructed in 1873 for Mrs. Dudderer by her mother Mrs. Charles Dixon. It is a large, multi-part, vinyl clad structure oriented to the north and very close to the roadbed of the Urbana Pike. It originated as a simple two and one-half story, two-over-two structure with an ell on the south rear wall, now the location of a heavily remodeled kitchen. The gable roof, paralleling the flank of the structure, is interrupted by two gable end chimneys set inside the end walls. A one story, full width porch, carried on simplified Dork style columns, shelters the entrance, which projects beyond the forward plane of the structure on the first level. There are Queen Anne style windows in the angled side walls of this projection.

Charles T. Dudderer, who was a barn builder, greatly expanded the structure with a series of additions that he executed in the early decades of the twentieth century. The ell was raised to a full two and one-half stories, and a semi-octagonal bay constructed on the north elevation. The bay is surmounted by a cross gable with a rounded window near the apex of the roof.

The ell was extended across the full width of the rear of the structure, with an identical cross gable and semi-octagonal bay in the side (east) wall. This section on the southeast was further expanded with a one story addition surmounted by an open

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Description

porch at the second level, which was in turn expanded again by a shed roof one story addition which terminates on the south with a screened porch.

The original two room structure was expanded on the east as well by a one story high porch with multiple six-over-six windows and a door centered in the north elevation. The entire structure is supported on a mortared fieldstone foundation. A small board and batten shed is located south of the end wall, and a vinyl clad garage is located off the southwest corner. A large brick chimney was constructed outside of the first ell addition.

This simple, ordinary vernacular structure is quite common in the area and apart from the Queen Anne windows, is entirely unremarkable. Because of extensive remodelling, especially of the kitchen located in the ell, removal of walls because of various expansions, use of composition shingles on the roof, and the extensive cladding of the exterior with vinyl siding, this building fails to convey a strong association with the past.

Dixon House

The Dixon property is a 14.23 acre remnant of a farm which was ten times larger as late as 1924 when it was owned by Willard Keller. Reputedly built by Mrs. Lucy Dixon for her grandson Samuel, it passed out of the Dixon family in 1893. The current owner Mrs. Geisler, acquiring it in 1937, found the farm in total disrepair with only two buildings remaining which pre-dated her acquisition--the dwelling and a small cow barn which has been converted to a residence. The bank barn was moved to the property by Mrs. Geisler's father, Mr. Gladhill, shortly after the sale, and the remaining buildings (barn, dairy, garage and dairy, etc.) were constructed after 1945. The integrity of the property was further eroded by a fire which occurred in 1973 and partially destroyed the main dwelling. The kitchen was enlarged to include a back porch, with a bedroom on the second level. The owners removed the center hall during their tenure on the property.

The dwelling is a two-and-one-half story tall, ell shaped frame structure on a fieldstone foundation. It is set within a complex of seven agricultural buildings. The structure has been clad with vinyl siding and some new pre-fabricated windows have been installed. The north facing entrance facade is three bays wide with a full width one story porch sheltering the centered entrance. A cross gable with a round headed window near the apex is in turn centered over the middle bay. The east end wall, or gable end, of this principal block is blank except for the round headed window near the roofline. The west end wall is the location of windows in the first and second stories of the south bay, also surmounted by two round-headed windows in the attic

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level. A large, two-story ell is positioned on the south, or rear of the principal structure, and continues the plane of the west end wall. A small bulkhead entrance to the basement is sheltered by a small frame addition to the rear. Considerable alteration of this structure has occurred. A wall vertical element, possibly a duct, has been framed in on the entrance facade next to the door and many original windows have been replaced.

The agricultural outbuildings fan out in an arc behind and south of the dwelling. A large dairy barn, with gambrel roof, ventilators and silos plus a concrete block dairy, constructed around 1945, are located amid fenced pasture southeast of the dwelling. Behind the house is the large bank barn, constructed of heavy members, which is built into a hill on the west. This barn, with its gable roof paralleling the flank of the structure (oriented north-south), is accessed by a ramp on the east. A small structure is appended to the east wall and projects to the east perpendicular to the barn. Southwest of the house is a six-bay long garage, a part of which has been converted to commercial space. Further southwest of the house is the original small cow barn which has been converted to a residence. Covered with asbestos shingles and a standing seam metal roof, it is a rectangular structure oriented north-south with the gable roof paralleling the flank of the structure. It has been expanded on the south gable end with a shed roofed enclosed porch, and on the north with a shed roofed open porch. An addition along half of the west wall on the flank of this heavily modernized one-story building has also occurred.

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This complex of buildings, located on two contiguous parcels, ~~are~~ are composed of a mostly mid-twentieth century farmstead and two modest, altered frame dwellings dating to the late nineteenth century. They are located on the eastern edge of the rural village of Urbana, on property formerly owned by John Rine, a local tavern keeper, who maintained his business on the north side of the Urbana Pike, probably across from these two houses. In 1848, as a result of the bequests in John Rine's will, the land passed to his two daughters. Lucy Dixon, one of the daughters, constructed the more southerly of the two houses for her grandson and Mrs. Charles Dixon, another descendent, constructed the other house for her daughter. Thus these two frame dwellings are significant for their association with the locally prominent Rine and Dixon families.

The Dixon-Dudderer Houses are marginally significant as examples of rural dwellings in Frederick County that were built by a prominent local family (Dixon). In addition, their construction reflects the growing agricultural development of Frederick County during the late 19th century. The region anticipated agricultural expansion of the hinterlands because of improved transportation networks provided by the C&O Canal (and Potomac Canal), new road network that focused on turnpikes between agricultural center and market or port, and the railroads, such as the B&O, in providing access to these same markets.

They are within the Piedmont geographic region, within the town of Urbana, adjacent to the former Frederick and Urbana turnpike (Route 355), and ca. five miles south of Frederick. Agriculture in Frederick County centered around the production of grains and cereals, and the county was the largest producer of wheat in the country by 1790. New and easier transportation modes made the region attractive for settlement, and the lands around Urbana were noted as highly productive and well improved. Crops grown in Urbana included: wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes and tobacco.

The Dixon-Dudderer Houses have been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A, B, and C. This evaluation was made according to the Maryland Historical Trust's Statewide Historic Contexts. They may be considered significant under Criteria B for their association with the Dixon family. However, the houses do not appear to be eligible for listing regardless of the criteria as they no longer retain their integrity of design, material, workmanship, feeling and association. Modern additions have changed their footprint and other alterations to the buildings in the form of replacement windows and the composition shingles on the roof give the appearance of buildings more contemporary than nineteenth century farmhouses. The properties therefore, do not appear eligible

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under Criterion C for their architectural significance. In addition, the Dixon farm has been decimated in size and currently can be characterized as a mostly mid-twentieth farm on a ca. 14 acre parcel. While farming was an important enterprise in Frederick County, these particular houses do not appear to be especially significant in the context of county agriculture. There are other farmhouses in Frederick County that better exemplify this occupation, and that retain more of their historic integrity. The Dixon-Dudderer Houses, therefore, do not appear to qualify under Criterion A for their association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns history, nor Criterion B or C. Evaluation under Criterion D must await archeological studies.

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Sketch Map-Not to scale

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MD 355

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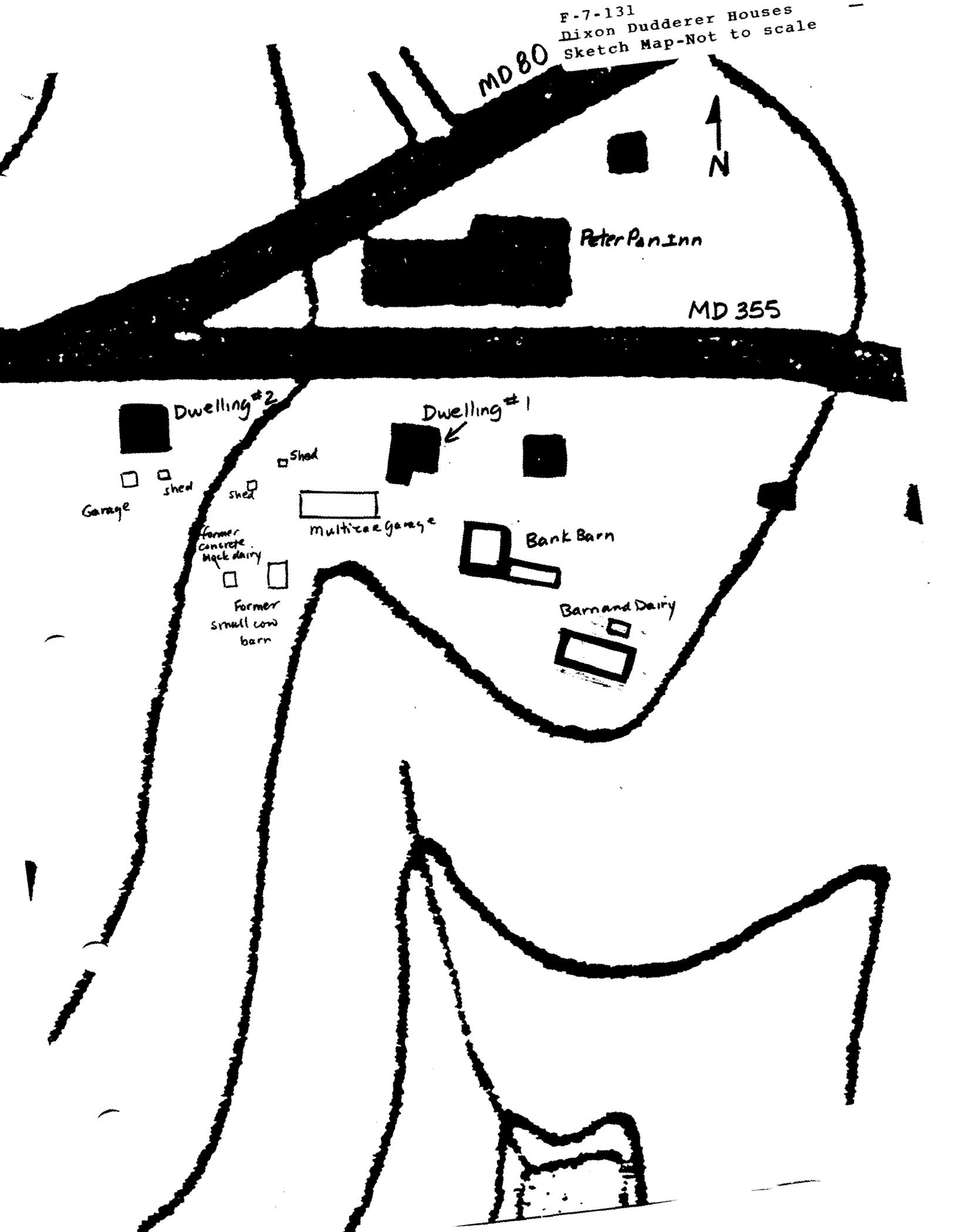
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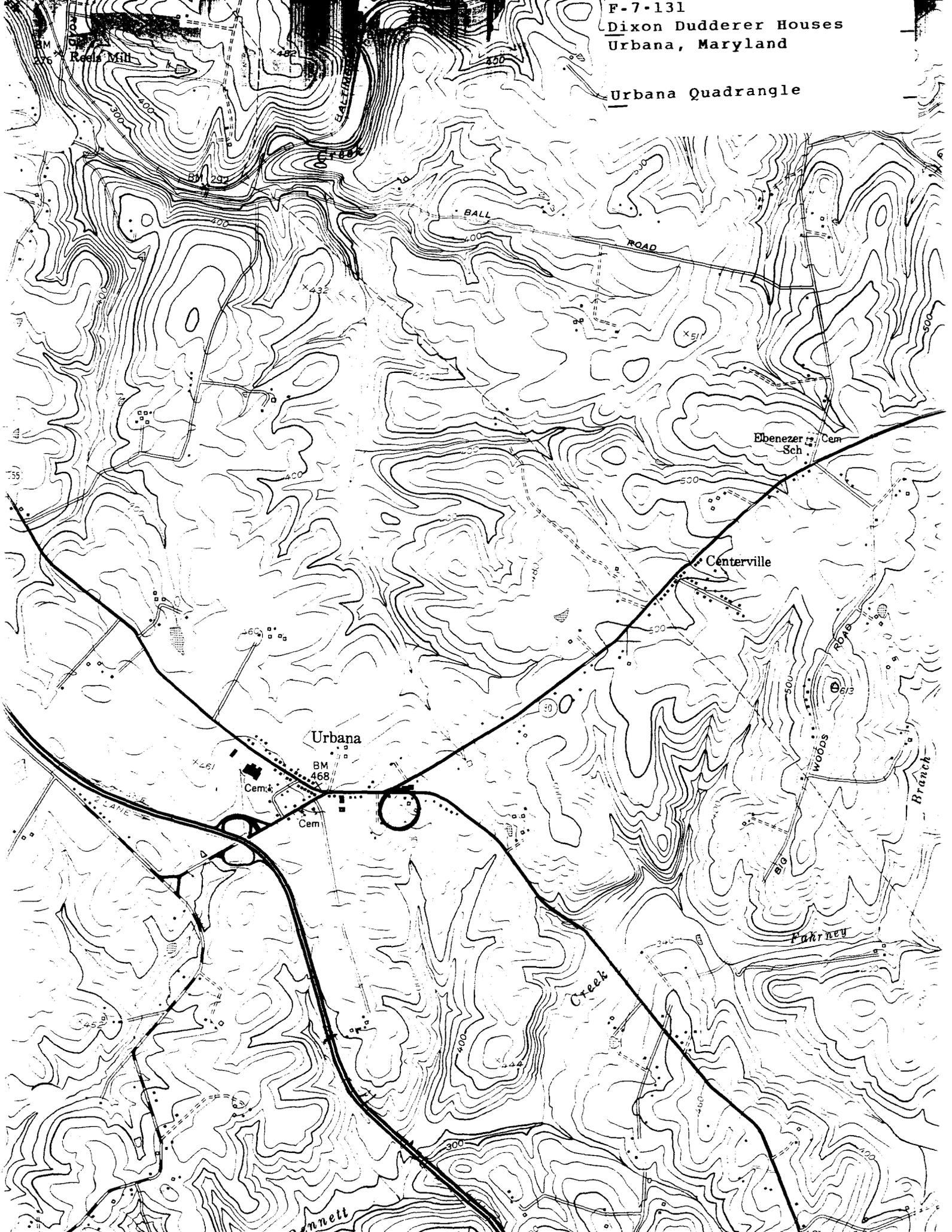
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Urbana, Maryland

Urbana Quadrangle





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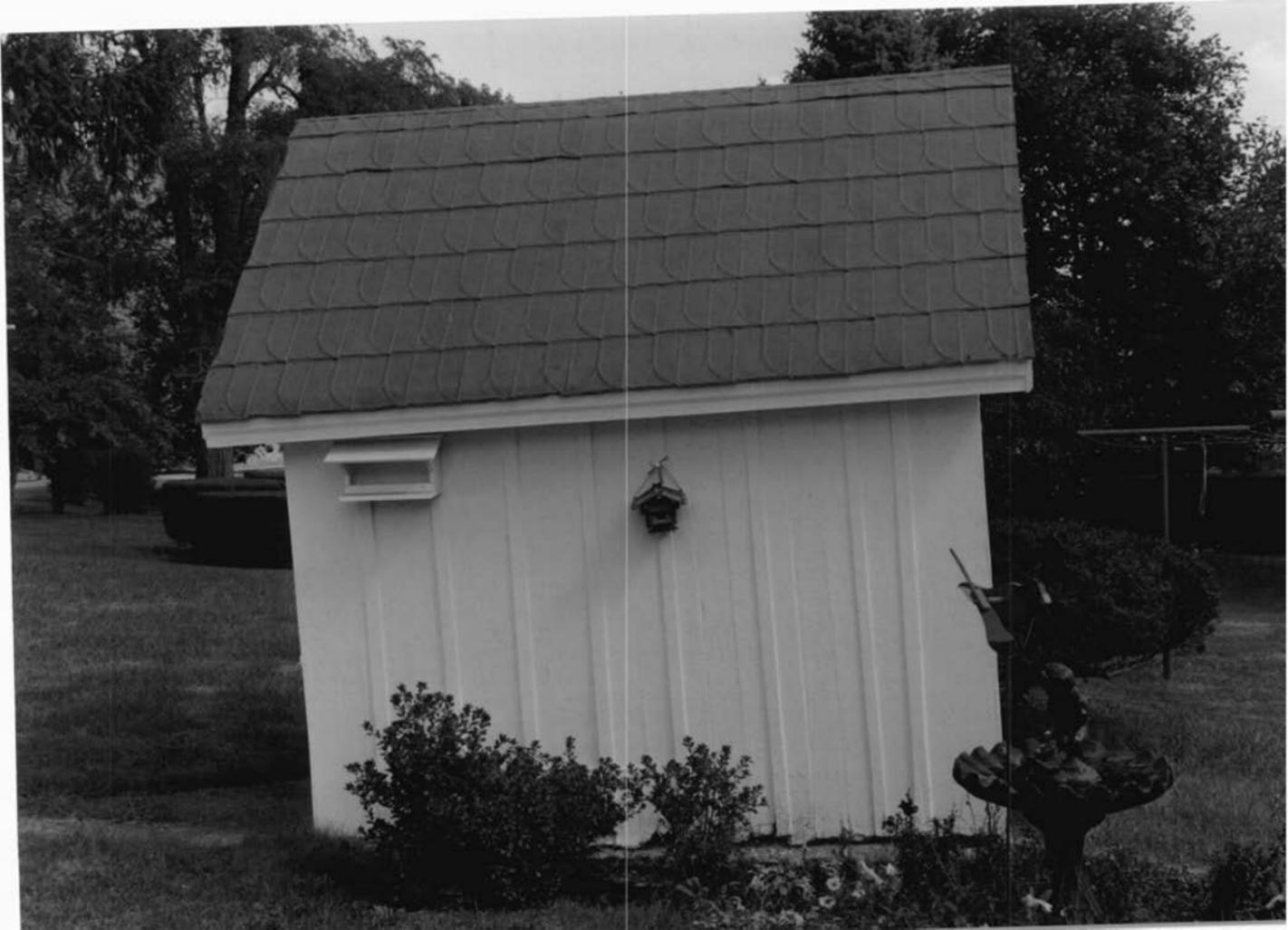
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