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Ca. 1865

Ernst-Duncan Farm

Woodsboro vicinity, Maryland

Private

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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:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Agricultural/Subsistence/processing/dairy  
Agricultural/Subsistence/storage/silo  
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn,  
tractor shed

Known Design Source: None



**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Ernst-Duncan Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 10919 Woodsboro Road  not for publication

city, town Woodsboro  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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Bennie E. Duncan, Jr.

street & number 10919 Bennie Duncan Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Maryland 21701

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1119

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 109

city, town Frederick state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

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 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.

This house is a 2 story frame building with a side gable roof of standing seam tin that is situated approximately one mile to the west of Route 505 lying in a hollow between valleys in the vicinity of Woodsboro, Maryland. The principal facade faces south and contains three symmetrical bays. Six outbuildings encircle the main house and serve domestic and agricultural functions.

The principal facade is stuccoed and contains an center door with sidelights which is flanked by 2/2 light windows. The second story is symmetrical to the first with three 2/2 light windows. A one story open porch covers the entry bay with a shed roof and simple, turned columns. The gable roof runs east to west and contains two interior end brick chimneys. The west elevation contains stucco to the gable eaves and then has beaded siding to the peak. A two story ell addition extends from the north elevation and rests on a stone foundation. On its west side, it contains three bays with 2/2 light windows and one first story 6/6 light window with center placement. On its north elevation, the ell is stuccoed to the gable eaves and then german-sided to the peak. The east elevation consists of the main block gable end and the ell extension. The gable end is german sided and has two symmetrical windows of 2/2 lights on two stories with two 4 light fixed windows in the attic. The german-sided ell is recessed from the main block which is flush with a 2 story open porch that covers most of the ell. It is enclosed at the end bay with a 2/2 light window in the second story. Both stories have center door openings; the first floor door with a transom light.

A cluster of domestic and agricultural outbuildings accompany the main house. A one story log smokehouse lies close to the northeast corner of the main house, facing south. The log construction has V-notching; the gable ends are vertical sided. The building rests on a raised stone foundation. The principal facade is comprised of a front gable roofline of standing seam tin with center door placement. Two horizontal posts run through the interior with the ends showing on the side elevations. A small domestic outbuilding adjacent to the smokehouse is one story with a side gable roofline of standing seam tin. Facing south, it is sheathed in tongue and groove siding. The facade has an off-center door opening. A large corral is situated beyond the small outbuilding. It is comprised of concrete block resting on a stone foundation. A side gable roofline of standing seam tin runs east to west. The principal facade, facing south, has side door placement and two window openings with heavy wood lintels.

A barn complex is situated to the southeast of the main house. It includes a main barn, a silo, a dairy, a corral, and sheds. The bank barn has vertical siding and rests on a stone foundation. The gable roof of standing seam tin runs east to west. A two part sliding door opening and peaked window coverings in the siding comprise the main (north) elevation. The interior is mortised and tenoned and has hand-hewn timbers. The one story concrete dairy runs 8 bays in length with its principal facade on the east. It has a gable roofline of standing seam. Openings are composed of 4 light fixed windows. A small tractor shed lies to the northeast of the barn complex. Sitting on a concrete block foundation, it has board and batten siding and a side gable roof of standing seam tin.

# 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
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<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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input 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.

The Ernst-Duncan Farm is a good example of a late nineteenth century agricultural complex. It's dwelling house represents a common vernacular form in the region. A 2 story side gable roof farmhouse with a rear ell addition. A large bank barn with its appendages and several domestic outbuildings contribute to the property's significance as a family farmstead. The property functions as a working farm to present day.

Many family farmsteads similar to the Ernst-Duncan Farm still exist in the Wdsboro vicinity and Frederick County and continue to function agriculturally. The majority of farmhouses on these farms were constructed like this dwelling in a vernacular form that was widely prevalent. The Ernst-Duncan farmhouse, however, differs from the majority of these in retaining original materials on its exterior. (A great number of these houses have been adversely affected by aluminum and vinyl siding.) Its outbuildings also retain much of their original fabric.

The property was probably constructed between 1858 and 1873 judging from the historic maps. In 1873, it was associated with S. Ernst.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-877

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873  
Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 122.57 acresQuadrangle name Woodsboro, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 50, Parcel 38

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

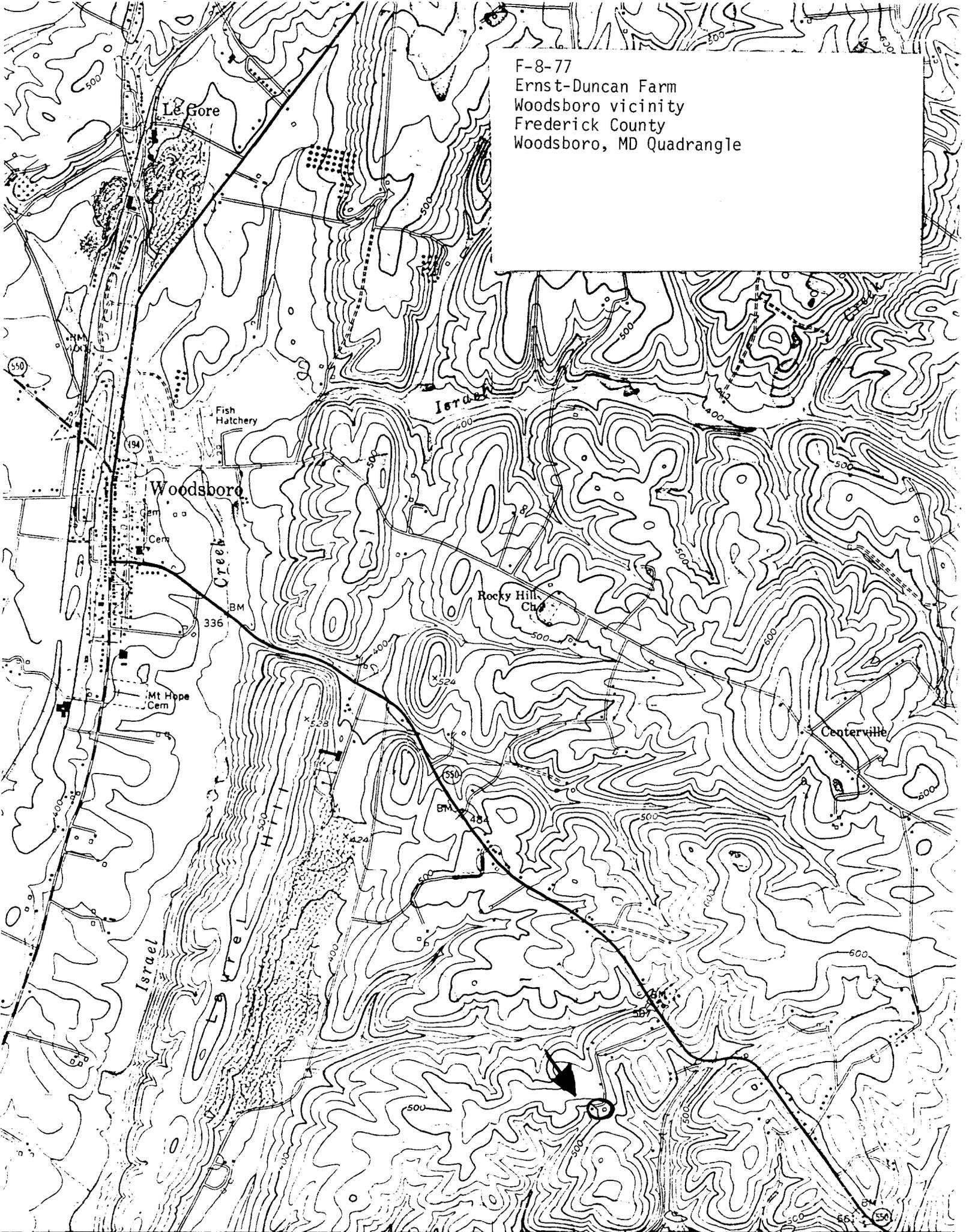
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Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle





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Ernst-Duncan Farm

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Southeast Corner View

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Ernst Duncan Farm -> Smokehouse

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10g Smokehouse / Southwest corner

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Ernst-Duncan Farm → Barn

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Bank Barn  $\frac{1}{3}$  Tractor Shed  
North Elevation 3/3