

G-II-C-092  
Duckworth Farm  
Jennings  
Private

ca. 1890

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON  
Duckworth Farm

**2 LOCATION**  
STREET & NUMBER  
Bear Hill Rd. N side, Bear Hill Rd. approx 1 mi. E of Jennings  
CITY, TOWN  
Jennings  
VICINITY OF  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th  
STATE  
Maryland  
COUNTY  
Garrett County

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
NAME  
Clyde L. Smith  
Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
VICINITY OF  
STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC  
Garrett County Courthouse  
Liber #: 102  
Folio #: 466  
STREET & NUMBER  
Third and Alder Streets  
CITY, TOWN  
Oakland  
STATE  
Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE  
None  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

9-1-0-02

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Duckworth Farm is situated on the N side of Bear Hill Rd., approx. 1 mile E of the town of Jennings. The farm consists of two two-story plank-constructed houses, a frame barn, and seventeen outbuildings.

The ground slopes down from N to S. The houses, main spring, and several outbuildings are situated near the top of a rise and are surrounded by a well-laid-out and beautifully kept flower garden. Farther down the hill to the SW are the farm outbuildings, while to the SE is a frame barn and modern silo. Several springs appear between the outbuildings. The property has a vista to the S of strip-mining operations.

The main house is a gable-roofed, ell-plan dwelling with a symmetrical, three-bay, center door facade. The facade points W and the house rests on a stone foundation. A one-story shed porch fills in the ell at the S and E elevations and a similar porch covers the facade. Asbestos shingles cover the walls and the cornerboards have simple capitals at the cornice line. The roof is covered with corrugated metal, and the roof cornice returns on the gable ends. All windows are one over one sash, with cornices and plain board surrounds.

The house has one interior flue at the junction of the ell with the main block. The roof of the front porch is supported by four square columns with chamfers and simple capitals.

The secondary house lies E and N of the main house, and has a three-bay facade. The facade points S, and the facade door is offset to the W. This house also rests on a stone foundation and has a rectangular plan with a one-story, gable-roofed kitchen addition at the center of the rear (N) elev. A smaller shed addition is attached to the kitchen and main block on the N and E elevations.

The walls of this house are covered with green diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. The windows are all 2 over 2 sash with simple cornices and plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The house has one interior brick flue at the ridgeline of the main block, set W of center. The porch is supported by 4 square posts.

Behind the main house, set into the hillside, are two gable-roofed "caves" or root-cellars. The gable-end facades are constructed of cut stone blocks below vertical boards. The roofs are covered with corrugated metal. These caves are used for storage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
<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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	ca. 1890	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Duckworth Farm is an excellent example of a small working farm. The placement and configuration of the farm buildings and appurtenances typify the small, one-family concern that formed part of Garrett County's economy in the 19th century. With the exception of the silo and one of the outbuildings, all of the farm buildings appear to have been in continuous use since the late 19th century. In many ways, this farm is also typical of the level of domestic technology reached by Garrett County's farmers during the same period. The two caves, which were undoubtedly used to store perishable foodstuffs before the advent of refrigeration, and the washhouse, now used for storage but still completely furnished for its original purpose, are of special interest.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Glassie, Henry. Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1968.

Long, Jr., Amos. Farmsteads and Their Buildings. Lebanon, PA: Applied Arts, 1972.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

August 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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The main spring on the property is situated between the two dwellings, set N of the main house close to the W elevation of the secondary dwelling. Slanting doors, set into the hillside around the spring, provide access to the water reservoir, and a stone retaining wall has been constructed behind the spring. A concrete apron has been laid in front of the spring doors. Pink phlox grows along the back and sides of the spring, and a pet trout lives in the reservoir.

To the N and E of the secondary house are a gable-roofed outbuilding and a shed-roofed outhouse. To the S, down the hill from the secondary dwelling is a frame bank barn, with an overhang or forebay on the S elevation. The barn rests on a stone foundation and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The walls are covered with vertical boards. A modern silo stands just to the E of the barn, a modern cinder-block, gable-roofed outbuilding to the W. A frame granary stands to the NW of the barn.

West of the barn are nine frame outbuildings, all covered with vertical circular-sawn boards. Chief of these is a gable-roofed washhouse. The washhouse is equipped with an interior brick fireplace and flue and retains all of the hardware for its original purpose. It is now used for storage. Also included in the outbuildings are a machine shed, now used as a garage, a corncrib set on buckets, two chicken houses with runs, a pigpen and an outhouse. To the E of the houses are two more frame outbuildings, undoubtedly used for storage.

Chain of Title

G-II-C-092 Duckworth Farm  
102/466 From: Henry and Alice Yommer  
4-30-31 To: Clyde L. Smith  
Deed Consideration: \$5,435

75 acres, Military Lot #2110 and part of #2145

47/279 From: Harvey G. and Effie L. Custer  
6-24-04 To: Henry and Alice Yommer  
Deed Consideration: \$1,500

A part of the land known as "Jenkins' farm" comprising 75 acres,  
"with buildings and improvements thereon..."

47/183 From: John T. Blocher  
6-24-04 To: Harvey G. Custer  
Deed Consideration: \$1.00 "and other good and valuable considerations"

"... all their undivided one-half interest in... Jenkins' Farm"  
(200 acres)

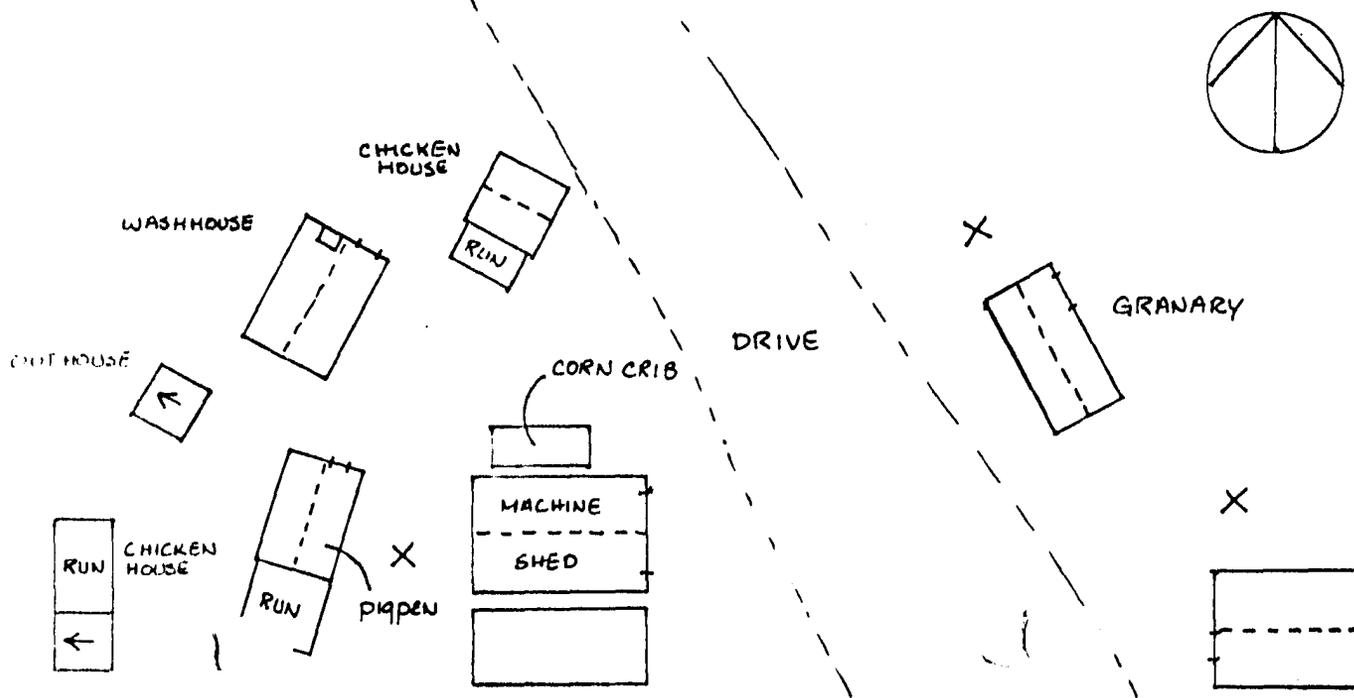
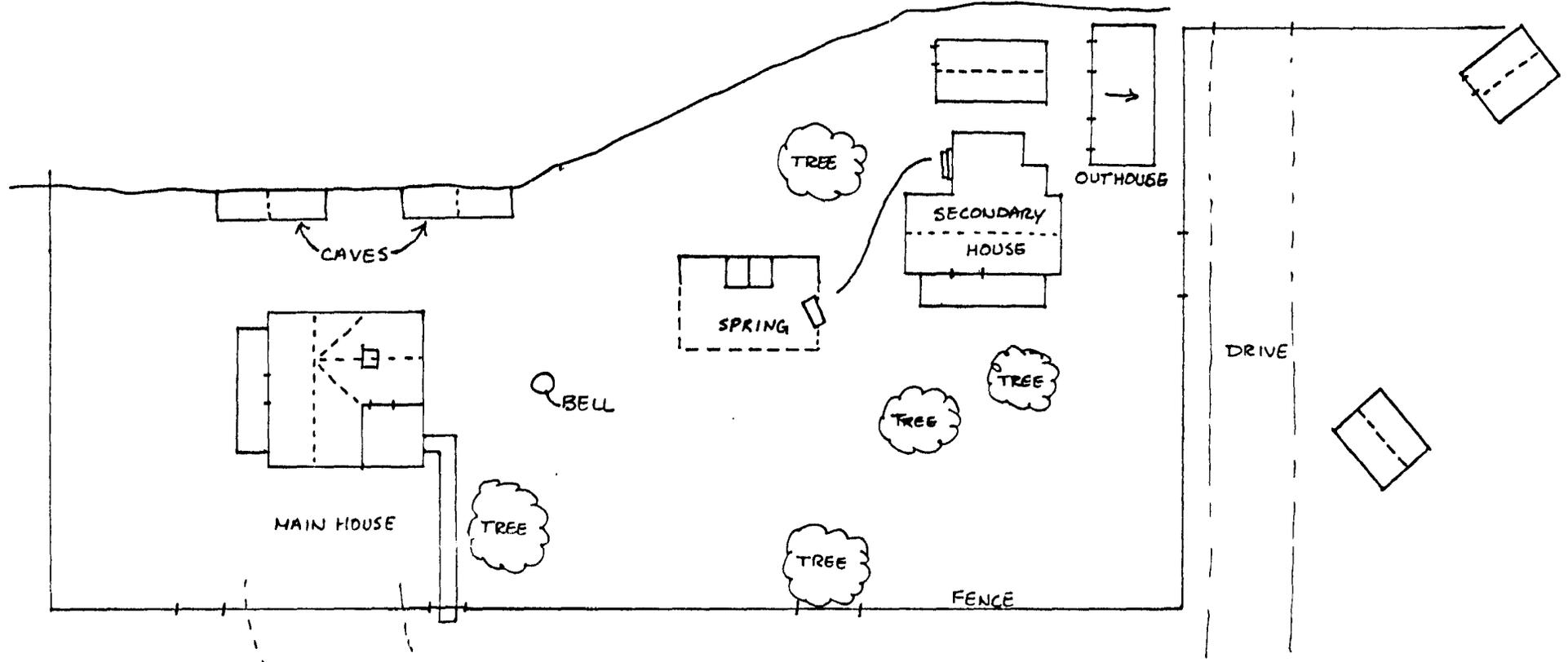
42/127 From: Ralph Engle, Executor of Samuel Engle  
6-24-02 To: John T. Blocher and Harvey G. Custer  
Deed Consideration: \$6,000

"Jenkins' Farm Military Lot Numbers: 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144,  
2145, 2111, and 2110 excepting 5 acres of 2140..." comprising 396 acres.

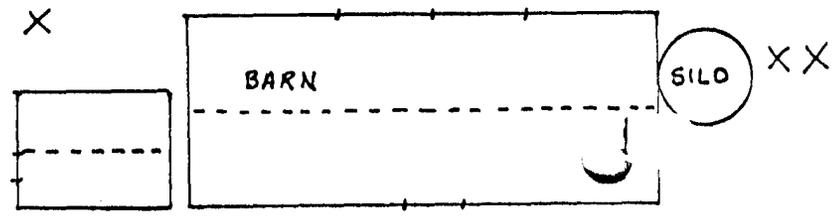
A/254 Last will of Samuel Engle of Grantsville  
6-23-1888 Item # 7:  
Will

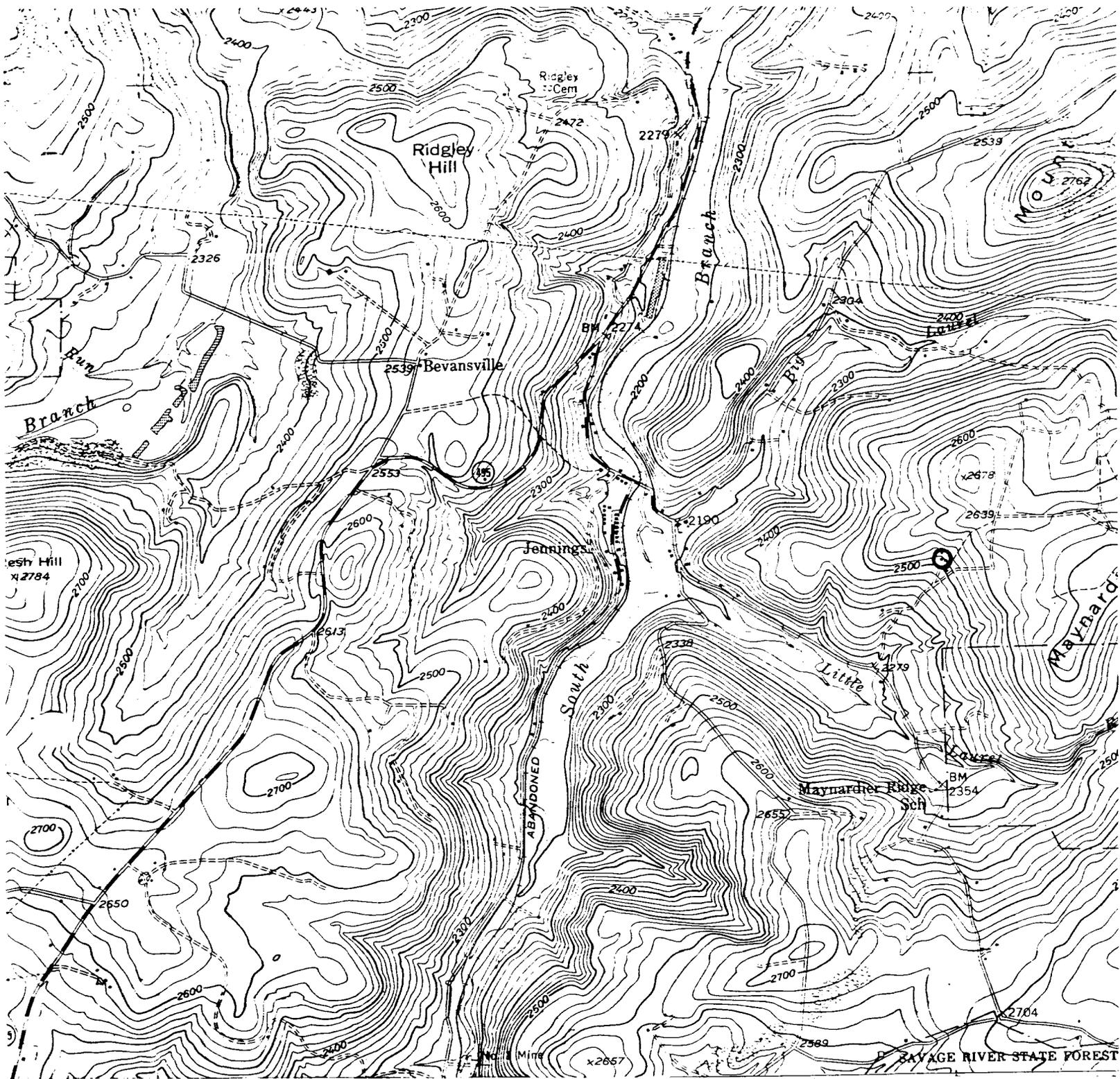
"To my son Ralph, I bequeath and give the Homestead Farm containing  
over 300 acres of land north of Laurel Run, also a tract of land  
containing 53 acres more or less on the east side of Laurel Run called  
Conococheague. Also land enough along the run for a mill seat not to  
exceed 5 acres of land, also all the vessels and fixtures necessary  
for boiling sugar then on the home farm, in consideration of the above  
he shall pay the sum of 8,000 dollars....

"I also reserve for my wife Catherine a comfortable house (without  
maintenance) without cost to her as long as she shall live if she  
desire it."



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 DUCKWORTH FARM - SKETCHPLAN  
 not to scale  
 X = small springs  
 → = direction of downward shed





Grantsville, MD.-PA.  
 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale- 1:24000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Duckworth Farm  
 North side, Bear Hill Rd.,  
 1 mile east of Jennings



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Photo: M. Stinson 28 Aug 1980

1st. house Facade-W elev.



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1st house E elev.



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2nd house W elev, Facade S elev.



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2nd house E & N elevs.



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Caves - S elevs.



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Barn, E & N elevs.