

HA-1265

Earl Wagner Barn  
Churchville Road  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

This barn, with a stone foundation and board-and-batten siding, dates from the time the Booth family owned the property. Junius Booth, head of the family famous on the American Shakespearean stage in the 19th century, purchased the farm in 1824. The Booths lived in a log house until they built Tudor Hall (HA-117) in 1853, and the barn probably dates to that period. Although portions of the exterior stone walls have been replaced, much of the original barn is extant. This frame and stone barn with hand-hewn joists, tapered posts and rafters, and tenoned and nailed beams is typical of those built in the early part of the 19th century in Harford County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON  
Earl Wagner Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
north side Churchville Rd. (Md. Rte. 22), west of Thomas Run Rd.

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE  
Md.

COUNTY Harford

**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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Earl and Hazel Wagner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 515  
Folio #: 1114

STREET & NUMBER  
40 South Main St.

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air,

STATE  
Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Earl Wagner barn, located on the north side of Churchville Rd. (MD Rte. 22) west of Shucks Rd., is of frame and stone construction with a gable roof. The first story is stone, the second story frame with board-and-batten siding, and there is a frame and concrete block addition with a shed roof on the west side.

Most of the north wall has been replaced with concrete blocks, and there are three four-light windows, a door, and a window which has been boarded up.

The east end is two bays wide with a Dutch door in the north bay, flanked on the south by a square window. The door has long pintel hinges and the boards are 1-3/4" thick. In the center of the second story is a doo<sup>w</sup>ay, flanked on the south by a corn crib which has slatted boards.

On the interior, the first story has three horse stalls along the east wall and a new partitioned area in the northeast corner. The joists are hand-hewn with the bark still on them, and the posts have cut nails. The tops of the posts are cut on a slant, so that a wedge can be placed between the post and brace. Imbedded in the backs of the stalls are wood beams with holes for the harness pegs.

In the second story, the corn crib is in the southeast corner, and has <sup>a</sup>slatted floor; the west section is used for storing hay. The beams are hand-hewn; the rafter are sawn and are tapered with the narrower end at the top. The collar beams are tenoned into the rafters and secured with cut nails.

Also on the property is a frame house built in 1915, a corn crib, and a barn built in the early 20th century.

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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			

SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Part of the neighboring Booth Farm (HA-117, Tudor Hall) at one time, Junius Brutus Booth bought the property from the Hall and Woolsey families in 1824.

Junius Booth (1796-1852) was the head of a family famous on the American Shakespearean stage in the 19th century. He came to America from England in 1821 with his wife Mary Ann Holmes. Their sons, Edwin (1833-1893) and John Wilkes (1838-1865) also became actors. (However, John Wilkes Booth was more famous as the assassin of Abraham Lincoln.) The next owner was Samuel Kyle, who bought the property in 1878, and when he died in 1893, the land was divided up among his heirs, and then sold out of the family in 1918.

It is impossible to fix a date to the barn, but its construction indicates that it may have existed simultaneously with the log house the Booths lived in before Tudor Hall was built in 1853. Although portions of the exterior stone walls have been replaced, much of the original barn is extant. This frame and stone barn with hand-hewn joists, tapered posts and rafters, and tenoned and nailed beams is typical of those built in the early part of the 19th century in Harford County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Mill Records of Harford County

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 Ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

MD 21014

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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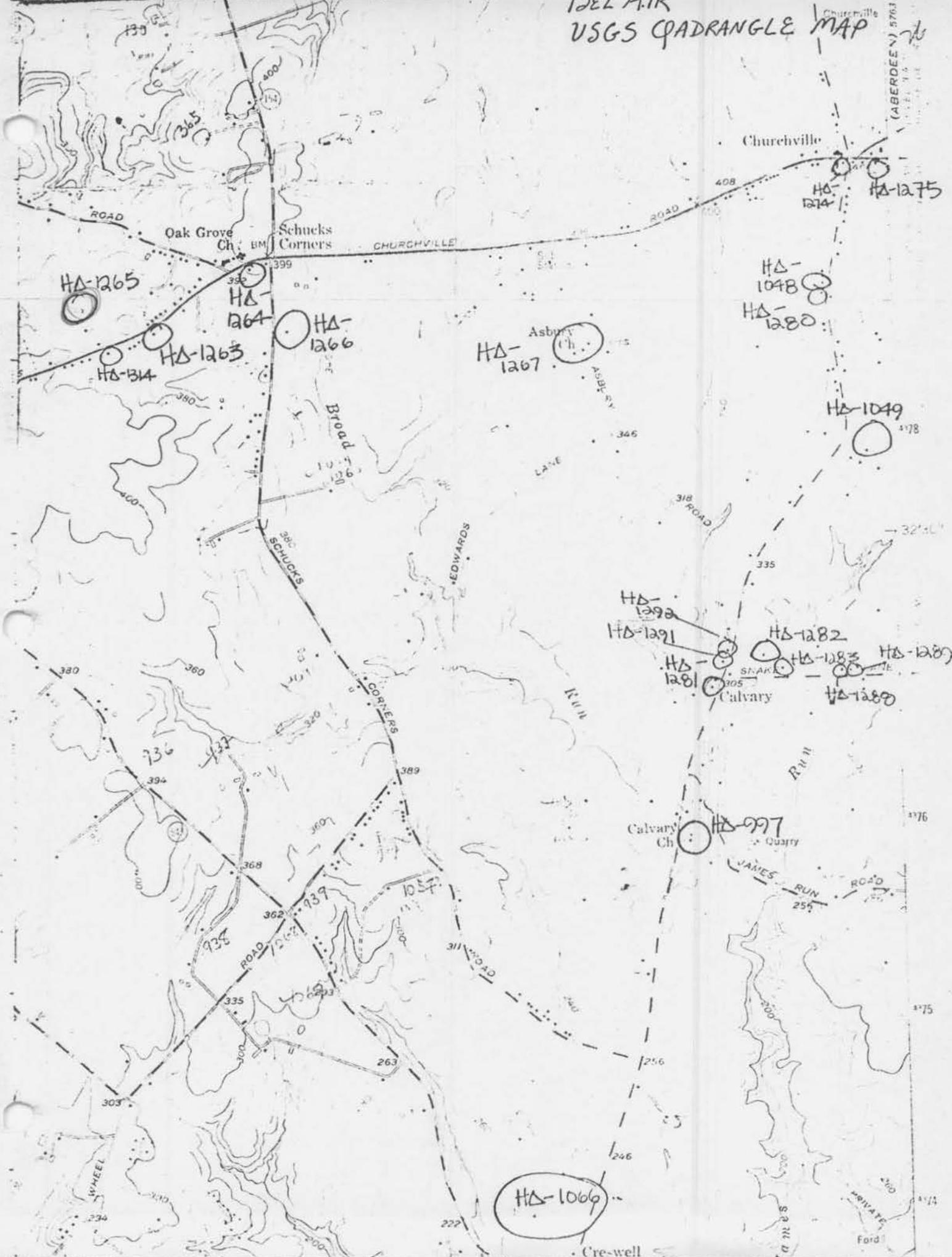
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GRG	515/104	11/18/1958	Grantor: Carl and Helen Todd Grantee: Earl and Hazel Wagner Acreage: 192.537 Acres
SWC	242/329	10/24/1936	Grantor: Fred and Nannie Jennings, Page Jennings, S.F. and Catherine Jennings Grantee: Carl and Eva Grace Todd Acreage: 74-1/2 Acres
DGW	183/490	11/2/1923	Grantor: Anna Kyle and Amos Cooley Grantee: Fred Jennings Acreage: 2.42 Acres (lot surrounding dwelling)
JAR	162/174	12/21/1918	Grantor: Amos H. and Anna K. Cooley Grantee: Fred and Solomon F. Jennings Acreage: 53 Acres, 24 perches
WSF	127/52	4/30/1909	Grantor: Ella V. Mahoney & Grace Kyle Grantee: Anna Kyle and Samuel Kyle Acreage: 46 Acres, 2 Roads and 30 perches "Butterworth's Addition", "Matthew's Neighbor", and "United Lot"
WSF	127/57	4/30/1909	Grantor: Ella V. Mahoney and Grace Kyle Grantee: Anna Cooley Acreage: 8 Acres
ALJ	37/95	4/16/1878	Grantor: Mary Anne Booth Grantee: Samuel A. S. Kyle Acreage:
HD	7/407	6/4/1824	Grantor: Richard W. Hall, M.D.; William D. Hall; Mary Hall, John P. Pleasant and wife Mary, Thomas P. Hall, M.D. Grantee: Junius Brutus Booth Sum: \$733.20

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North side, west end



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