

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Edward L. Wilkinson Farm Inventory Number: HA-1569

Address: 3747 Rock Run Road City: Level Zip Code: _____

County: Hartford USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen

Owner: _____

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Telecommunications Tower Level MD-F333 Agency: Federal Communications Commission

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

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This main house on this property is an example of the Queen Anne style and was likely constructed in the late 19th century. It retains many elements of its original design including patterned wood shingles, an octagonal tower, cross-gables and extensive porches. The barn associated with this property was likely constructed in the late 19th century. It is a relatively common type of construction. It has a side-gambrel roof with a square tower centered on the roof peak. This property is potentially eligible under Criteria A for its association with agriculture and also under Criteria C as an excellent example of the Queen Anne style of architecture. An earlier survey noted that prominent local craftsman John B. Bailey designed and constructed this Victorian Farmstead.

Noteworthy for combining Queen Anne elements with traditional vernacular house form. Pk.

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Architectural Historian

Prepared by: BL Companies, Harrisburg, PA

Date Prepared: 7 February 2002

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| Comments: _____ | |
| <i>Andrew Lewis</i> | <u>05/04/02</u> |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | Date |
| <i>Bluntz</i> | <u>3/19/02</u> |
| Reviewer, NR program | Date |

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N Elevation, SE View

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SE Corner, NW View



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NE corner. view SW



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E Elevation. W view

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Barn & Main House SW View



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Detail of NE Tower, W View



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E Elevation, W view Door (Detail)



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Detail of porch on W Elevation, View SE



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BARN SE Corner. NW view



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Barn NW corner, view SE



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Barn & House SE corner view NW



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Barn NW corner, view SE



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Detail S Elevation Barn



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Detail NW corner of Barn

SUMMARY

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Edward L. Wilkinson Farm
3747 Rock Run Road
vicinity of Level

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Edward L. Wilkinson Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3747 Rock Run Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Level

STATE

Maryland

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 | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Joseph C. Fender

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3747 Rock Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

___ VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 272

Folio #: 373

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

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

7 DESCRIPTION

5A-561

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <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 _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located on both sides of Rt. 161 where it crosses the Rock Run Road. It occupies a prominent position in what was once Hopewell Crossroads.

The dwelling is a two story frame house decorated with many late Victorian features. The massing consist of a three bay wide two deep main block on a stone foundation with two story projections to both the south and west. The main block has a cross gable facade that faces east while the south wing appears to be an addition (probably added at time of Victorian renovation) it like the rest of the building is covered with German siding.

Both sections are covered with a gable-end slate roof with imitation exposed rafters. The east facade is the entrance side. It is characterized by the cross gable and the full porch on the first story. The fenestration is regular consisting of 2/2 sash with a side entrance in the south bay. The door is of the double raised arch (italianate) type and their are sidelights with a transom. The porch is supported by three chamfered columns and rest on stone piers. The cross gable is vented by a round arch window with a pair of casement panes.

Perhaps the most distinctive feature of this building is the polyzinal tower on the north east corner. Its first story is a 7 bay lighting device for the parlour. Large 2/4 sash allow for a lot of natural light for at least half of the day. The upper portion of the tower contains a sleeping porch made decorative by turned spindles brackets and fishscale shingles. The turret is finished by a shingled cap with pinnacle.

There is a one bay 2-story extension to the west off of the main block. It is curious that this wing has 6/6 sash in the east and 2/2 in the west. It has the same siding, roof, corner mouldings etc. as the rest of the building. Tall 1/1 lights on the southeast corner of the main block are in deference to the south extension. It is likely that it dates from the Bailey renovation. There is an enclosed shed roofed porch that runs along the south end of this wing.

The north side of the house is almost as fancy as the east. It too has a two story polyzinal projection. A three bay 2/2 lights the downstairs and a bracketed overhang provides another sleeping porch above. Its roof is supported by turned columns.

The north end of the main block has the same 2/2 windows as elsewhere in the house and yet another porch. It is a single story two bay porch with chamfered columns supporting a shed roof. The tongue-and-groove floor rests on stone piers and lattice work once covered the cavity.

BARN

Most of the gambrel roofed barns in Harford County appear to be post World War I barns if not post World War II. This barn is an exception, however, and by virtue of its shingles, cut nails and post--and-beam construction is believed to be of the same vintage as the Victorianized dwelling.

(See Description continuation sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 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

Jan. B. Bailey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Wayne L. Nield, II, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

September, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

It is a three bay barn 40'4" long and 30'2" deep in the exterior. It is a post-and-beam structure although the members are circular sawn not hewn. Its exterior is covered with board-and-batten on the first level with wooden shingles in the upper ends of the gambrel roof. The battens are particularly fancy being an ovolo shape as opposed to the more common squared or beveled batten.

These battens are fixed with cut nails.

The metal roof is probably fairly recent, nailers suggest original roof had wood shingles. The doors read as replacements being batten doors made of vertical tongue-and-groove with wire nails. They have very clever hand made horseshoe latches.

The interior consists of a first level with a central passage and stall areas on either side. Feed troughs separate the three areas. Above this byre is the mow.

The framing consists of thick 7-1/2" posts with braces and plates and sills being mortised and trunneled. The plates are not continuous but scarfed. The 2" X 6" rafters contain a mixture of vertical and circular sawn stuff. There are four posts to the side walls. The two inner posts have 1" metal tension rods running down and connecting them to the joists. These rods probably take the place of the absent - the beams which we would expect in a post-and-beam building.

Air is provided by a centrally located 3 1/2' square louvered cupola. Air and light and access are also provided by a large 9 1/2' wide door in the south end of the mow.

Tenant House

This structure is very much altered and not in good repair. It is at least as old as the main house and barn.

It is a 1-1/2 story frame construction resting on a fieldstone cellar. The original house is 16' deep and 21-1/2' long (doubled in length by a concrete block addition). It is covered with German siding.

The house is three bays wide facing east and one bay deep. The east facade has a full porch the roof of which used to be incorporated into the main roof (as in a bungalow or "tidewater colonial").

(See Description continuation sheet #2)

DESCRIPTION (Continuation Sheet #2)

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In the main room which has been altered it was observed that the studs are mortised into a hewn sill. There are wide random width floorboards and hewn plates. There is an enclosed corner stair in the south west corner. This single downstairs room had two rooms above and kitchen lean-to.

Beneath the house is a full cellar entered by a bulkhead in the south end. It is an unfinished room with rubble walls, dirt floor and exposed puncheons. Most curious is the stone cenical support for the off center interior stove flue. In appearance it is quite like the over hang supports in the barns at HA- and HA- .

HISTORY

Mrs. Leonard Knight aged 75 years lives across the road from the property. She is the daughter of John B. Bailey and has lived all of her life in the house in which she was born. While her father died when she was but 7 years old she remembers him well and the many things which her mother said of him.

Mr. Bailey was a carpenter, cabinet maker, wheelwright and undertaker in Hopewell Crossroads. There are quite a few visual documents remaining in this neighborhood which attest to his skills. These include not only beautiful pieces of furniture but more than one building exhibiting not only skill but a sense of design as well.

Mrs. Knight recalls her mother saying that before she was born (1905) but after her parents were married (c.1895) her father remodeled Edward Wilkinson's house across the street. Mrs. Bailey used to tell the story that the house was "opened up" so you could "see straight through it" and the owners were worried as this opening up was in October.

No one knows if Mr. Bailey used pattern designs or not. The Wilkinson design is so typical of the period but so unlike other Harford County houses that one can not help but feel that Bailey was a skilled designer aware of his times. The turret on the north east corner and the similar projection on the west side are well proportioned, ornate and interesting spaces with an almost fantasy like atmosphere.

Bailey's furniture has this same quality being typical of the period in the use of marble tops, Eastlake-like carvings etc. but still having an appearance unlike the run of the mill every day furniture that now fills the antique shops.

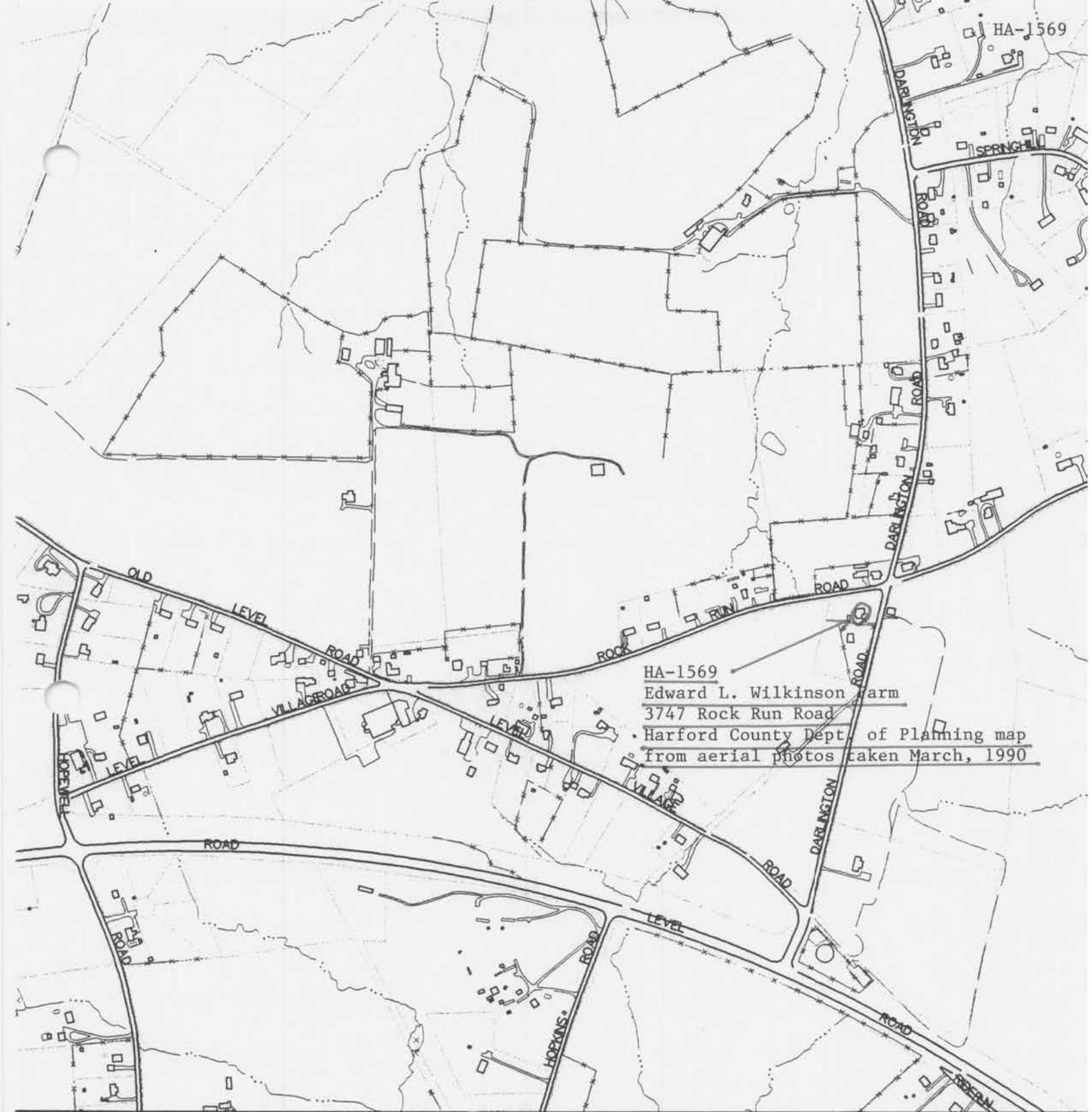
According to William Foard who Mrs. Knight says is more of an authority on the community history because she is only 75 while he is 95 remembers John Bailey well. Mr. Foard recalls him working in his shop and that the cabinet maker was an undertaker as well who could supply his own coffins. Mr. Foard states that they were not made ahead of time, but to order.

According to Mrs. Knight her father married twice in his life, lived all of his life in this community, never drank, and died young in his fifties.

*Land records show Ed. Wilkinson acquiring this property via two transactions in 1880 and 1885. See attachment.

TITLE SEARCH

1. 273/373 August 7, 1942 Grantor: Robert P. Ferrell and wf.
Grantee: Garnet R. Fender and wf.
Acreage: 62 ac.
2. 255/324 March 15, 1939 Grantor: Floyd B. Albert and wf.
Grantee: R. P. Ferrell
via two transactions
1. 142/265 Oct. 11, 1913
2. 155/148 March 20, 1917
3. 155/148 March 20, 1917 Grantor: Noble Hopkins
Grantee: Floyd Albert
Acreage: 8.57 ac. on south side Level-Rock
Run Road beginning at stone marked
"T.B. 1822".....
part of Noble Hopkins - Wm. D. Hopkins
Nov. 15, 1910
mentions graveyard that still exists on
east side of Rt. 161 (house and barn
are on west side)
4. 142/265 Oct. 11, 1913 Grantor: Robert and Minnie Price
Grantee: Floyd B. Albert
Acreage: 54 + ac
5. 125/330 Jan. 9, 1909 Grantor: Catherine R. Wilkinson
Grantee: Robert Price
Willbk. HTB 13/117 (Nov 7, 1904)
Ed. Wilkinson to Wife Catherine
Note: Edward L. Wilkinson acquired this land
under the misnomer of "Edmund" via two
transactions.
 1. 65/422 Nove. 23, 1889
Grantor: Ellen H. Maxwell & husband
Grantee: Ed. Wilkinson
Acreage: 43 ac. acquired via will of Harvey
S. Harlan Sep. 12, 1885. also see
55/16.
 2. 66/119 Dec. 9, 1980
Grantor: Jon. W. Spencer and Wf.
Grantee: Ed Wilkinson
Acreage: 11 ac. being parts of "Spencers
Deliverance" and "Hughes Choice".



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Edward L. Wilkinson Farm
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Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990

Historic Area Maryland

Aberdeen Quad 7.5 Min. Series





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Wayne L. Nield II
Southeast Corner

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Edward Wilkinson Farm
Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 8/80
South



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Edward Wilkinson Farm
Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 8/80
Barn



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Edward Wilkinson Farm
Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 8/80
Tenant House - East



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Edward Wilkinson Farm

Level, Md.

Wayne L. Nield II 8/80

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