

HO-754

William Meade Farm  
12955 Frederick Road, West Friendship  
Howard County, Maryland

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# Maryland Historical Trust

Inventory No. HO-754

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William Meade Farm  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 12955 Frederick Road  not for publication  
 city, town West Friendship \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity  
 county Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Howard County Maryland  
 street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15-42  
 city, town Ellicott City liber 3759 folio 211

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____		
					<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <u>1</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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On the northwest elevation, the first story has a flush door set to the north and a window to the west. All of the windows are boarded up. There is a one-story hip-roof porch that has asphalt shingles. The wood deck is rotted, and there is wood soffit, as well. The porch has four boxed wood posts with two horizontal rails that have two short vertical posts between each pair of boxed posts. The second story has two windows.

The southwest elevation has a window opening in the foundation, the first story, and the second story. The one-story addition has a CMU foundation, asphalt shingles over bead-board siding, and the shed roof slopes down to the southwest. The southwest elevation of this addition has a double window to the west and a four-panel door to the south. The southeast elevation of this addition has a double window opening. The southwest elevation of the ell has no opening on the second story.

The southeast elevation of the main block has no opening on the second story. The southeast elevation of the ell has a window in the center on the first story, with a one-story shed-roofed projecting bay to the east. This bay has asphalt shingles over German siding. The second story of the ell has window in the center and another set to the south. The northeast elevation has a window opening in the foundation of the main block. Both the first and second stories have two windows, one in the ell and one in the main block.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates                      n/a    Architect/Builder                      n/a

Construction dates                      c. 1925

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The 1878 Hopkins atlas does not show a farm in this location, but apparently one existed by 1905, when Robert Enos bought the land for \$2,600. Rand McNally's early twentieth-century map of Howard County shows the long farm lane back to this property, also indicating that it had been created by this time. The farm changed hands numerous times until purchased by William Meade in 1918. At this time there was 89 acres being cultivated, 12 acres in pasture, and 15 acres in timber. The house was only valued at \$300, there was no barn, the stable was assessed at \$75, a meat house at \$15, a cow house at \$25, hog house at \$10, hen house at \$15, corn house at \$50, and three sheds at \$15, \$10, and \$15. Four years later the house was only valued at \$200, and there was a barn worth \$150. Shortly after this time, Meade must have built the existing house to replace his. Meade died in 1942 and the following year his widow sold the farm to Perry and Marion Harless. They were probably responsible for constructing most of the existing agricultural buildings. The buildings are abandoned now, but there are pending plans to refurbish them as part of a museum run by the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, Inc.

Notes:

G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Howard County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1878). Rand McNally & Co., Map of Howard County, Maryland, n.d. Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 3, 1918, 1922, Maryland State Archives.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 A

Acreage of historical setting 136.698 A

Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the surveyed area parallel Frederick Road just north of the house and run 150 feet east and west of the house, then run 300 feet south on each side of the house, with a southern boundary south of the barn, closing off the square.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 7/23/2007

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city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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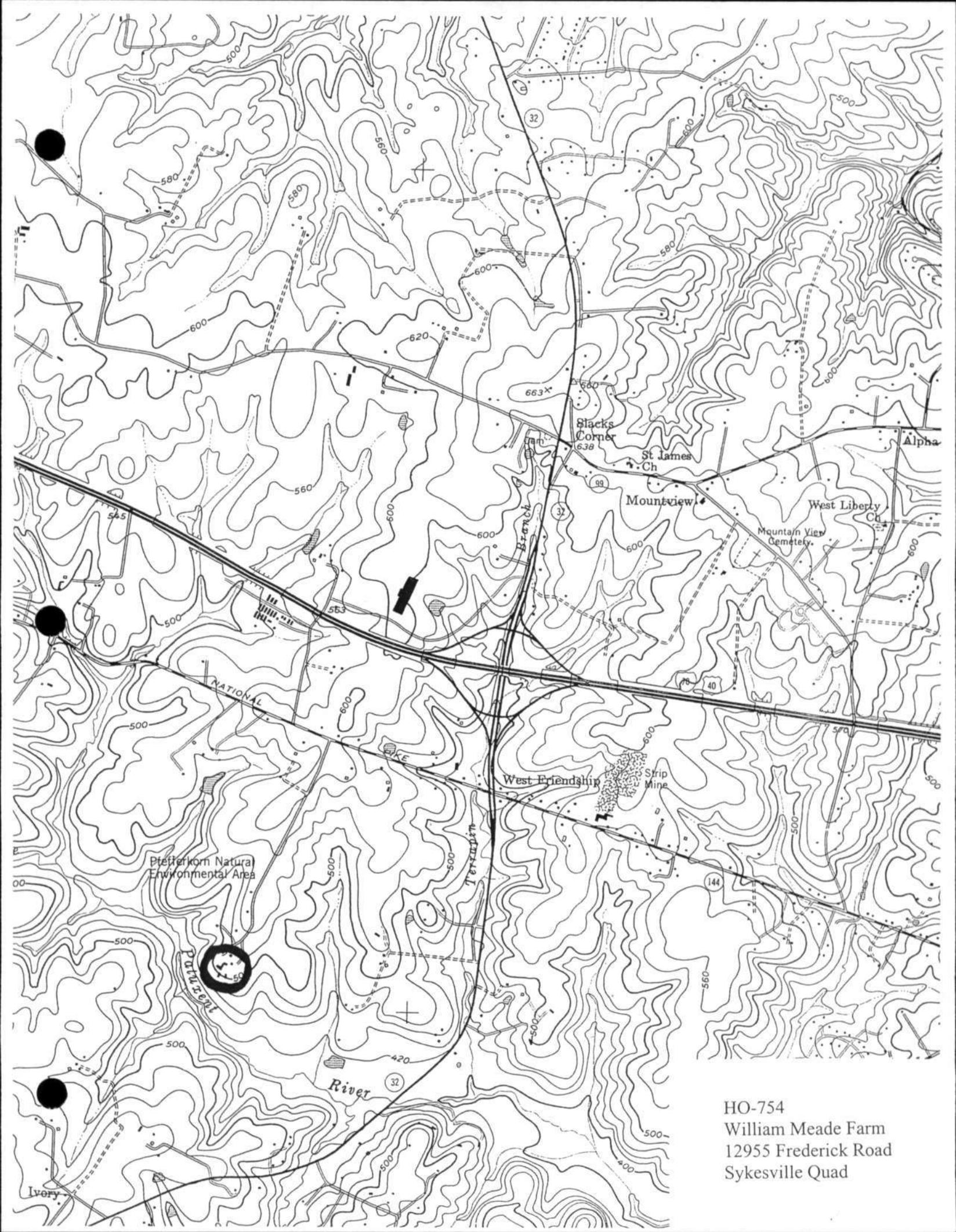
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Roosevelt & Mildred Nixon (H/W)/Howard	Marion Harless/?	2.9.1968	CMP 483-59	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	1)119 A 2)11.6 A	
Marion Harless/Howard	Roosevelt & Mildred Nixon (H/W)/?	11.10.1965	WHH 445-753	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	a)107-5/8 A, -2A, -4A b)17 A c) 3 A d) 119A	1
Marion Harless	Roosevelt & Mildred Nixon	11.10.1965	WHH 445-756				2
Perry & Muriel Harless (H/W)/Howard	Marion Harless/Howard	3.21.1946	BM Jr. 188-591	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	a) 107 5/8 A b) 17 A c) 3A d) ?	"the farm upon which the said Perry Harless resides"  D
Leatha M. Meade, widow/Howard Co. Edith Meade Cross & hus. David S./Balto. Co.	Perry & Muriel Harless (H/W) /?	2.8.1943	BM Jr. 177-132	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	a) 107 5/8 A, -2A, -4A b) 17 A c) 3A d) ?	WDM d 4.22.1942 Will RLP 9-122 A, B & C Oliver & Eliza Cross to Wm. Meade 7.23.1918
John W. & Ida E. Sullivan (H/W) Howard	William E. Meade/Howard	12.18.1930	HSK 140-199	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Meade "is the owner of a certain tract of land located near Shipley's Mill...which tract surrounds the hereinafter referred to property." "the property hereinafter referred to was for many years used in connection with the race and dam in supplying water to Shipley's Mill which is now not in use." P/o one below

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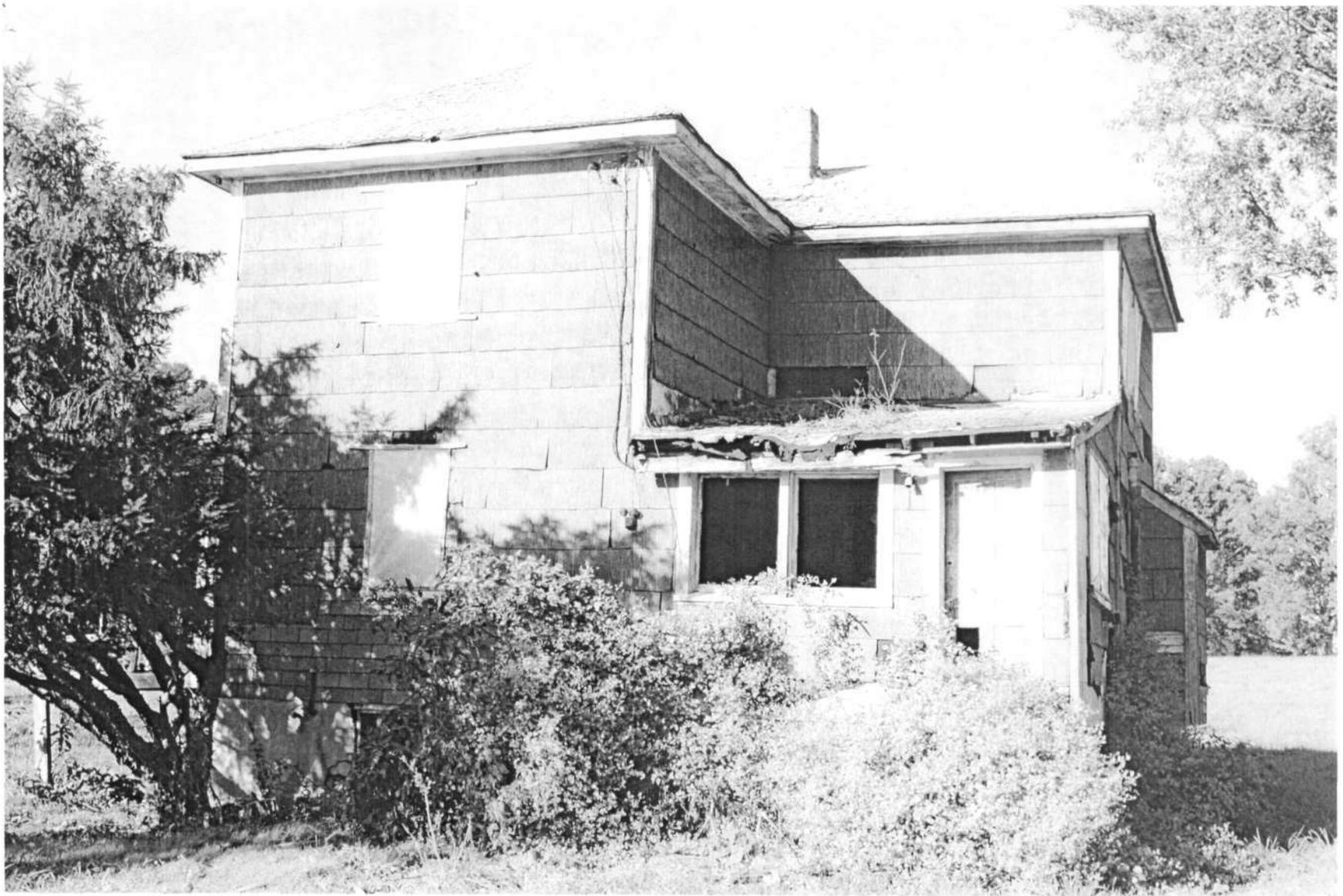
GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Andrew H. Kraft/Howard	John W. Sullivan/Howard	8.18.1924	HBN 121-284	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	2+ A 3/5 A 5-7/16 A	
Oliver P. & Eliza A. Cross (H/W)/Howard	William E. Meade	7/23/1918	HBN 105-532	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	116 A	
James H. Hudson & wf. Nettie I./Howard	Oliver P. Cross/Howard	3.2.1917	HBN 103-148	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	116 A	
Robert D. Enos/Howard	James H. Hudson/Howard	8.2.1915	WWLC 99-453	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	116 A	
Charles R. Amos & wf. Beulah/Howard	Robert D. Enos/?	10.30.1905	WWLC 81-104	Deed - fee simple	\$2,600	?	
Deal Carey & wf.	Charles R. Amoss	4.5.1901	JHO 73-421				



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HO-754 William Meade Farm 12955 Frederick Road House, northeast & northwest elevations  
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HO-754 William Meade Farm 12955 Frederick Road House, southwest elevation  
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HO-754 William Meade Farm 12955 Frederick Road House, southeast elevation  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FOR

HO-754

Property Name: Abandoned Farmstead

Address: Route 144, Parcel D, (Rear of Parcel A), West Friendship, Howard County, MD 21794

Owner: Howard County Government, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD

Tax Parcel Number: 42 Tax Map Number: 15, Grid 16

Project: HO741A21, Opus Wetland Creation (US 29) Agency: MD SHA

Site visit by SHA  Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  No Eligibility not recommended  X

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district N/A

Is district listed? N/A no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  Project Review and Compliance files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:

The abandoned farmstead, dating to the first half of the twentieth century, for the most part, includes a frame, ca. 1930 house, a small frame tenant house, concrete block equipment storage shed, a frame and concrete block barn with extensions, a frame shed and a frame corncrib, plus a concrete block shed and equipment storage shed. In the late nineteenth century the farmland may have been part of a tenant farm, possibly connected with the Milton Shipley House (H-645), located at 2920 MD 32.

This complex of deteriorating and long abandoned buildings is typical for its time frame, and is composed of structures which lack architectural and historical significance. The dwelling is an undistinguished variation of a foursquare structure. It is open to the elements and has been vandalized. The agricultural outbuildings are equally undistinguished in terms of their architectural and structural components and some are very deteriorated. The property, in its current state, lacks any architectural significance and therefore would not meet the National Register criterion C. In addition, it has no known significant association with important persons or events, thus it is not significant under Criteria A, or B. As documented in the archeological report Phase I Archeological Survey, US 29; Hopkins-Gorman Road Wetland Mitigation (Opus Site), the newly identified sit4e 18HO237 is the archeological component of the farmstead, which was also determined to lack significance to warrant inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Rita M. Suffness

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u>SEE PHASE I ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY US 29; HOPKINS-GORMAN ROAD WETLAND MITIGATION REPORT REFERENCED ABOVE.</u>	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>11/30/00</u>
Reviewer, NR program <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>12/6/00</u>

[Signature]

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**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:**

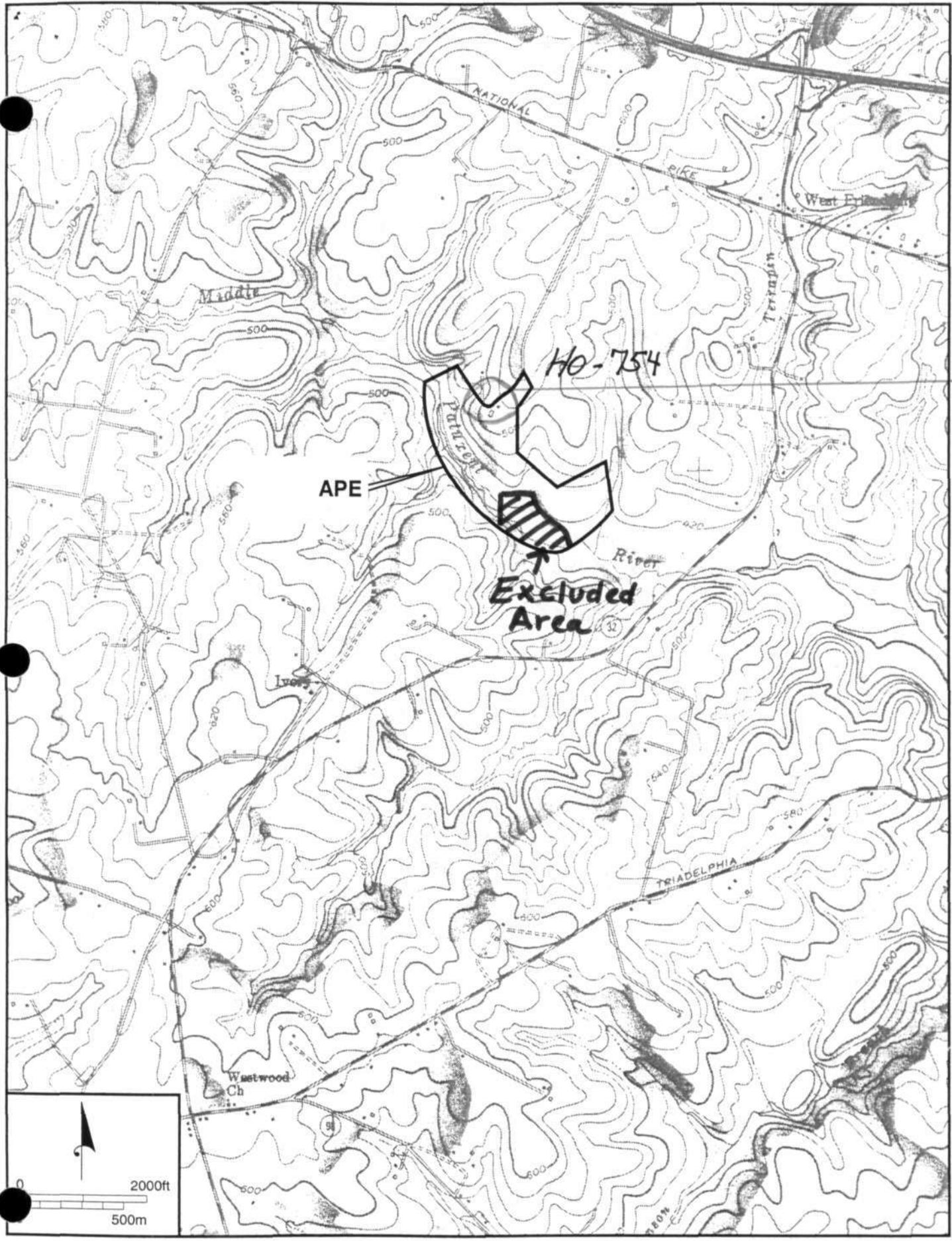
- Rural Agrarian Intensification  A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition  A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance  A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period  A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

Category: Buildings  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Dwellings (Main house and tenant house): Agricultural outbuildings  
Known Design Source: None



ABANDONED FARMSTEAD  
 G. 144, ARCADIA BEST FARMSTEAD  
 (STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED)  
 WITH ARCADIA SITE # 18HO 237

Figure 2. Location of project area (USGS 1957 Sykesville, MD, 7.5' Series Quadrangle, revised 1979, Washington, D.C.).



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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area  
Howard Co., MD

May 11, 2000

BC/KH - JMA

Neg's - MDSHPO

looking E at main house

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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area

Howard Co., MD

May 11, 2000

BC/KH - JMA

Neg's - MDSTPO

looking w at main hov

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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area

Howard Co, MD

May 11, 2000

KH/BC - JMA

Negs - MDSHPo

looking N at south elevation  
closeup of foundation

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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area

Howard Co, MD

May 11, 2000

BC/KH - JMA

Neg's - MDSTPO

looking W at possible  
tenant house

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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area

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BC/KH - JMA

Neg's - MDSHPO

Looking S at Barn

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Pfefferkorn Environmental Area

Howard Co, MD

May 11, 2000

BE/KH - JMA

Neg's MD SHPO

looking W at Outbuilding

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