

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Change by S. K. Huffer with P. Kelly 1/26/01

Property/District Name: Moneysworth Farm Survey Number: M-13/14

Project: Detention Center Agency: Public Works
/Transportation

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Moneysworth Farm (M:13/14) is eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties under Criterion ^b for its association with several of Clarksburg's leading families: Belt, Willson and Clark. Under Criterion C, it is important as a rare example of 18th century "Tidewater" style architecture, as it evolved in frontier conditions.

The house was built in two sections. The log portion consists of a 1-1/2 story structure which is juxtaposed with a 2-story 19th century Greek Revival frame farmhouse. The "Tidewater" style log portion represents a rare building type in this region, as it is the only remaining example of this style of construction in the Montgomery/Prince George's County area. Contributing outbuilding to the farm complex include a log meat house, chicken coop, orn crib and a shed.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File

Prepared by: Michael Dwyer/Montgomery County

Jo Ellen Freese May 20, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter M. Kuntz 7/11/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

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:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- 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. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Redgrave Farm

AND/OR COMMON
Moneysworth Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
off Route 121 at Route 270

CITY, TOWN Clarksburg VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Landfill

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Montgomery County Telephone #: 279-1000

STREET & NUMBER
Montgomery County Office Building

CITY, TOWN Rockville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4731
Folio #: 487

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by three bay log and frame house faces north.

The log house is a one and a half story structure built on fieldstone foundations facing east. The two and a half story frame addition, attached to the north of the log house, was also built on fieldstone foundations. The north section has light yellow novelty siding and the south section has yellow asphalt shingles.

The present form of the house is in the shape of a "T". The leg of the "T" consists of the earliest section, a low, one-story log house that extends to the west. The main (south) facade is of two bays, with a central doorway and a window in the eastern bay. The exposed exterior walls are visible on this side, and they are formed by massive hewn oak logs, with lime/sand chinking inbetween. The corners of the house are V-notched, and the exterior has been covered with many coats of white-wash. The steeply-pitched gable roof has continuous slope that forms an overhang or porch roof on the south. The rafters for this porch roof are hewn and nailed onto the rafter-ends of the main roof, which are visible here. The main roof extends over the rear (north) section to form a salt-box type of shed roof. The shed is actually a separate log section built onto the main house to form a kitchen. There are brick, double-end chimneys on the exterior east walls, so that both the main section and kitchen shed have large fireplaces. There are two, small, primitive-appearing dormers on the front (south) roof.

The interior, like most early log homes, is quite simple, but there are some interesting ornamental features; there is a carved mantel over the fireplace that has a molded ogee motif, and a narrow shelf below that is separated by short, beaded pilasters. The architraves surrounding the door and window are also hand-beaded. Hardware includes wrought "HL" hinges and latches on the staircase door. The stairway itself has worn oak treads, fastened with rose-head nails. The upstairs is divided into two, small rooms-each with one dormer window. The thick, plastered walls end here at the roofline, and the dormers are set atop the walls. The plaster throughout is in unusually good condition.

The architecture of the log house is that of an 18th century Tidewater" structure, adapted to frontier conditions. The roofline, double-end chimneys and interior features indicate the Southern Maryland background of the builder, while the use of log walls represents a more northern trait and a compromise in an area where few saw mills and skilled joiners existed. Only one other house remotely resembling this structure has been found still standing in all of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. This is the Warfield Log House near Damascus that was dated ca. 1750 by the HABS in 1936. This house is now in a ruinous state, however.

The north (front) porch has a flat roof with a bracketed cornice line and is supported by four chamfered wooden posts. The north (front) door is wooden paneled and is surmounted by a three light transom. The east porch has a shed roof and is now enclosed by glass. Both the east and west doors are board and batten and are hung on iron strap hinges.

(See Attachment Sheet C)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Exploration/ Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES pre 1783

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an excellent example of what happened to the "Tidewater Maryland" style of architecture when it met with the limited resources of the upland frontier.

The "frontier" aspect of the neighborhood is well documented by early accounts. Survey certificates refer to the North-South Old Sinequa Indian Trail here, and this is one of the only areas away from the Potomac River where Indian artifacts have been found in meaningful numbers.¹ This tract of land was traversed by General Braddock's troops in 1755, during their march to Fort Duquesne. This is the area where that trail intersected with an east-west trail, following Parr's Ridge from present Westminster to Mouth of Monocacy. The present main road, Route 355, was the successor to the Sinequa Trail and is the oldest road in Montgomery County. It is mentioned as the Great Road from Georgetown to Frederick-Town in records of the period.

By 1783 John Belt owned this tract called "Moneysworth" and he was assessed in that year for one log dwelling house on it.² The Belts were one of the prominent families in the County, and were among the first to patent land in this area. In 1796 the land was sold to Nathan Thompson, who transferred it to Leonard Williams of Prince George's County in 1804.³

At any rate, it had passed to William Willson of John in the early 19th Century. Willson's family had been active in the formation of Montgomery County, and had served during the Revolutionary War. William Willson of John (as he was spoken of in official documents) had married the daughter of John Clark in 1797. John Clark was the founder of Clarksburg, and had operated a store on the Great Road since about 1780. At his death, William Willson inherited the store and continued to operate it for a period of forty-some years. Prior to this take-over, he had been a youthful merchant in Clarksburg, licensed in 1800 under the name of William Willson and Company. He was a most successful merchant, and a leader in every community affair in that section of the County.⁴ In 1807 and 1810, he was appointed a Judge for the 3rd District.⁵ In 1833, he donated land for the establishment of the Clarksburg Academy, and, in 1857, the land for the Clarksburg M.E. Church.⁶ During all of this time he maintained the farm on the "Moneysworth" tract. He owned several slaves, and was listed as a farmer with a worth of \$10,000, in the 1850 Federal Census. By that time he was 74 years old and his son, Leonidas, was running the old store.⁷

In 1856, the "Moneysworth" farm was sold to Edward Lewis, who sold it to his son, John A Lewis, in 1859.⁸ William Willson of John died in that same year. The Lewis family erected the east section of the house during this period, and retained the earlier log part as a kitchen, etc. The

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (See Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Survey Certificates, Maryland Hall of Records.
Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.
Montgomery County Tax Assessments.
U.S. Census Records.
Boyd, T.H.S., The History of Montgomery County, Md., (Clarksburg, 1879).
Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, (Philadelphia, 1882),
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Vol. II.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 103.047 acres

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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/14/75

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

Redgrave Farm - "Moneysworth Farm"

7. Architectural Description (Continued)

There are six over six double hung windows throughout the log and frame sections of the house. In the frame section, windows are flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. There are two gabled dormers on the east elevation of the log section. In addition there is a round-headed window in each of the east and west gable ends of the frame section.

The log house has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal roofing. The frame section also has a gable roof covered by corrugated metal over wooden shingles. The cornice line of the frame section is boxed and returned. There are two interior brick chimneys.

The north (front) door opens into a central hallway. An open-string double run stairway ascends from north to south along the east interior wall. This stairway has a turned newel post and balusters. West of the hall is the dining room and east of the hall is the parlor. At the south end of the hall is a door leading into the log house which is two steps lower than the frame section. The log house is now used as a kitchen. At the southeast corner of the room there is a door which opens up the closed string single run winding stairway to the second level.

The log house has broad flooring while the frame section has random width floors. The walls and ceilings are plaster over lath throughout. Some of the walls are papered. The door frames in the log house are very simple and in the frame section they are molded. In both sections the doors are wooden paneled.

There is a log meathouse nearby.

Moneysworth Farm

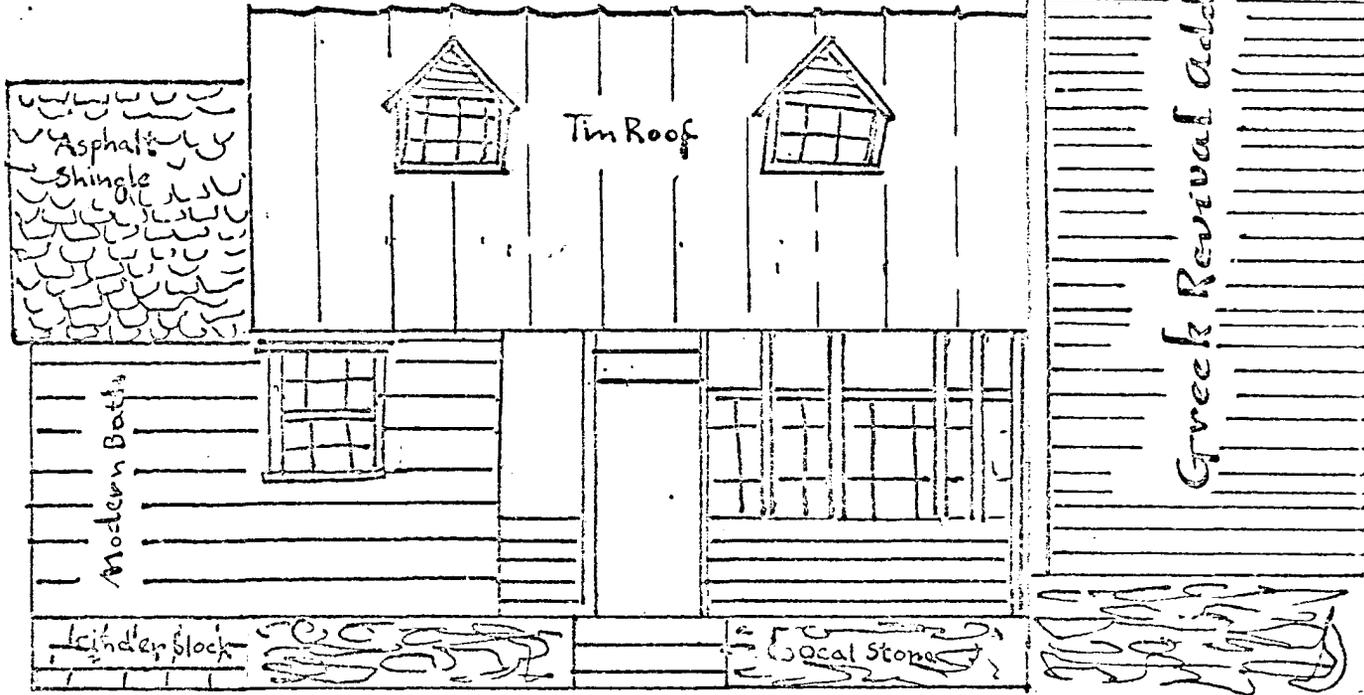
tenure of the Lewis' continued here to ca. 1900, when they sold it to the Cordells of Frederick County.⁹ By this time, a bone mill had been erected on the property. Marshall Day, a black man, remembers that his relatives worked at this mill.¹⁰ His slave ancestors are buried in a cemetery near the house. It is interesting to note that the Lewis family acquired the old Clark/Willson store in Clarksburg, and continued to operate it well into the 20th Century. (The store is still standing.)

In 1948, the Redgraves bought the farm.¹¹ They were an English/Welsh couple who came to this County after World War II, and they ran a dairy operation here for a while. Mrs. Redgrave still lives in the house, Montgomery County now owns the tract, having purchased it for a landfill. A large, white oak, at the springhouse, was declared a Bi-Centennial Tree by The County Forest Conservancy Board.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Survey Certificates, Md. Hall of Records; artifact collections from Russell King, Redgrave & Burkett Farms.
2. 1783 Tax Assessment.
3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., G-292 and M-21.
4. Boyd, T.H.S., The History of Montgomery County, Md., (Clarksburg, 1879) p.p. 100, 101, 124; Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, (Philadelphia, 1882), Vol. II, p.p. 720, 729, 730.
5. Ibid.
6. Land Records, Op. Cit., BS 6/38 (1833); JGH 5/575 (1857).
7. Federal Census-1850. (Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville).
8. Land Records, Op. Cit., JGH 5/201; JGH 7/315.
9. According to Ed Lewis (who would be in his 80's if alive today) his grandfather, Mahlon Lewis, built the front part of the house. Mahlon T. Lewis was the 14 year old son of Edward Lewis in the Census of 1850
10. See Civil Suit "Marshall Day vs. James P. Gleason" filed in Montgomery County, Md. Circuit Court in April, 1975. There is another graveyard mentioned on the property as early as 1827, when Wm. William of John bought the property from Dorothy Williams. The "bone mill road" is spoken of in deeds such as that found in Liber 664, Folio 339.
11. Land Records, Op. Cit., 3461/679.

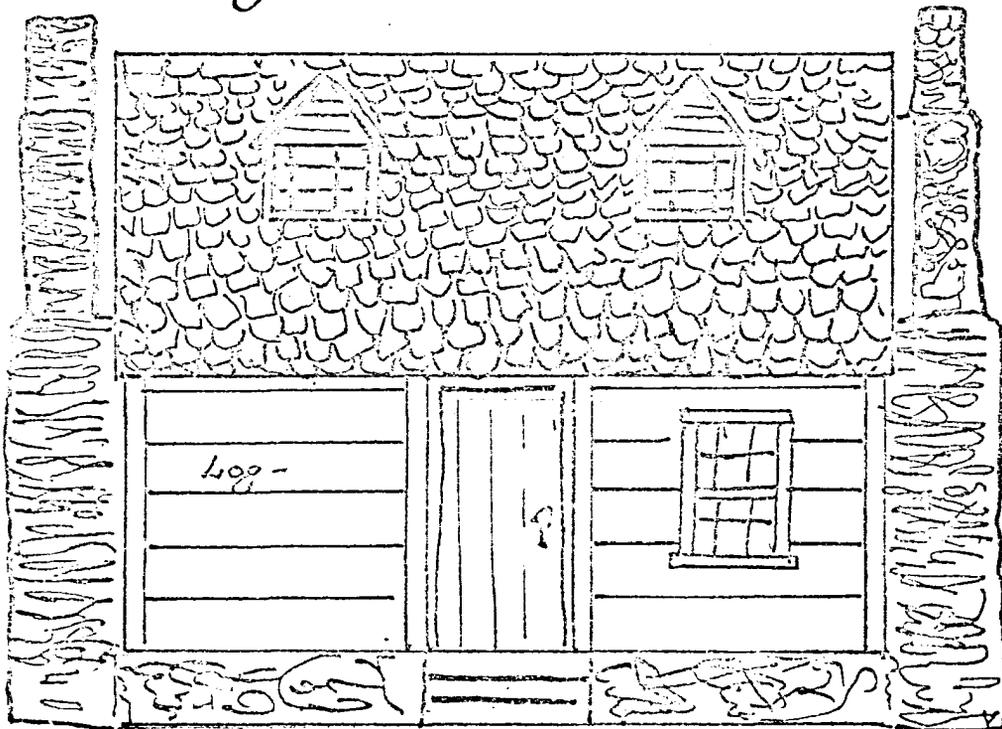
Moneysworth Farm



Redgrave House with additions

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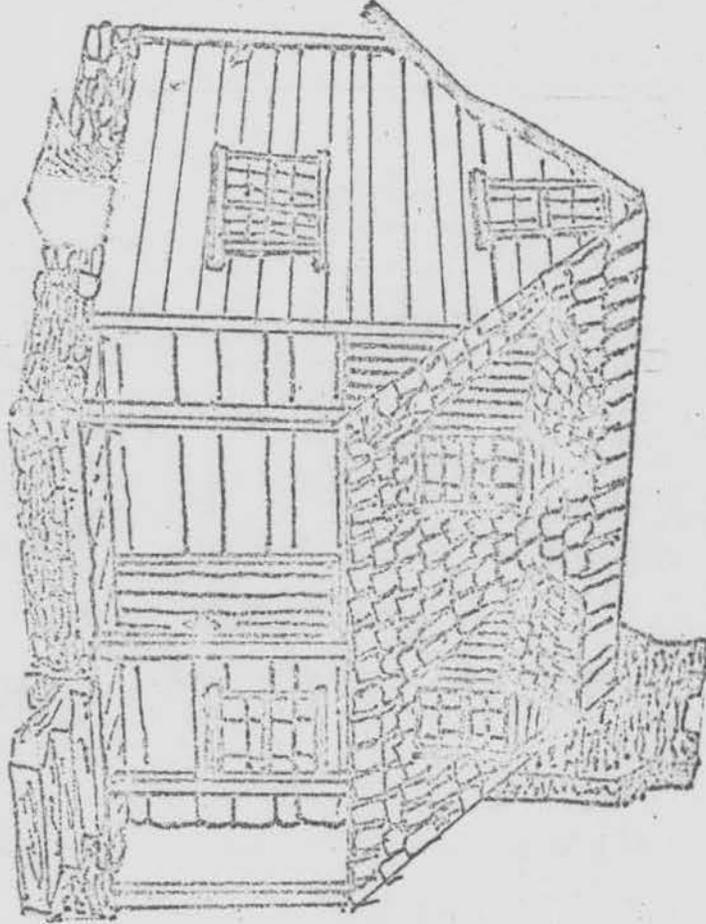
Scale in feet



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Original Tidewater Cottage

Moneysworth
Log Tidewater Cottage



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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 13-14

1. Name Moneysworth Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number 13/14

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 6
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4. Address Off Route 121 at 270, Clarksburg

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership public
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status Occupied
 Accessible No
 Present use residence
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State x County x Local
 Inventory of Historical Sites 1976

6. Date pre 1783

7. Original Owner John Belt

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

c. original location

b. altered

9. Description Moneysworth is important as a example of 18th century "Tidewater" architecture. This three bay by three bay log and frame house was built in two sections: the south section is a two bay by one bay, one and a half story log house which faces east; the north section is three bays by one bay, two and a half stories and faces north. The north section is sheathed in yellow novelty siding; south section has yellow asphalt shingles. The north porch has a flat roof with a bracketed cornice line supported by four chamfered wooden posts. The east porch has a shed roof and is enclosed. Six over six double hung windows, gable roofs. The south wing, east elevation has two.

10. Significance In 1783, John Belt owned the Moneysworth tract, and was assessed for one log dwelling on it. In the early 19th century, William Willson acquired the property. He farmed the land with the help of slaves. A slave cemetery is on the property. He married the daughter of John Clark, founder of Clarksburg, and Clarksburg store owner since about 1780. Willson inherited the store, and operated it for more than 40 years. During that time, Willson donated land for the Clarksburg Academy and the Clarksburg ME Church. In 1856 Moneysworth and the store were sold to Edward Lewis. Lewis and his son, John, operated the store into the 20th century, but sold the house in c. 1900. In 1948 the Redgraves immigrated from England, bought the property and operated a dairy farm. Mrs. Redgrave lives in the house, although the property is now owned by M-NCPPC for the purpose of sewage disposal.

Of additional significance is the large white oak tree at Moneysworth which was declared a Bicentennial Tree in 1976. Moneysworth is an excellent, and one of the two remaining examples of what happened to "Tidewater" architecture when it met with limited frontier resources.

11. Date researched and researcher 1975 Michael Dwyer

12. Compiler
Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled
12/78

14. Designation
Approval

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Redgrave Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: (Willson-Lewis Farm) Moneysworth Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: off Rte. 121 at Rte. 70S				
CITY OR TOWN: Clarksburg				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: A. Philip Brodsky-Realtor				
STREET AND NUMBER: (office) 721 Ellsworth Drive				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): LIBER 3461, FOLIO 679				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: MHT/M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory-Mont. Co.				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974-75 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: M-NCPPC				
STREET AND NUMBER: 5107 Muncaster Mill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The present form of the house is in the shape of a "T". The leg of the "T" consists of the earliest section—a low, one-story log house that extends to the west. The main (south) facade is of two bays, with a central doorway and a window in the eastern bay. The exposed exterior walls are visible on this side, and they are formed by massive hewn oak logs, with lime/sand chinking inbetween. The corners of the house are V-notched, and the exterior has been covered with many coats of white-wash. The steeply-pitched gable roof has a continuous slope that forms an overhang or porch roof on the south. The rafters for this porch roof are hewn and nailed onto the rafter-ends of the main roof, which are visible here. The main roof extends over the rear (north) section to form a salt-box type of shed roof. The shed is actually a separate log section built onto the main house to form a kitchen. There are brick, double-end chimneys on the exterior east walls, so that both the main section and kitchen shed have large fireplaces. There are two, small, primitive-appearing dormers on the front (south) roof.</p> <p>Inside, the house consists of a "living room" and rear kitchen on the first floor. There is a narrow, boxed staircase in the SW corner here. The interior, like most early log homes, is quite simple, but there are some interesting ornamental features; there is a carved mantel over the fireplace that has a molded ogee motif, and a narrow shelf below that is separated by short, beaded pilasters. The architraves surrounding the door and window are also hand-beaded. Hardware includes wrought "HL" hinges and latches on the staircase door. The stairway itself has worn oak treads, fastened with rose-head nails. The upstairs is divided into two, small rooms—each with one dormer window. The thick, plastered walls end here at the roof-line, and the dormers are set atop the walls. The plaster throughout is in unusually good condition.</p> <p>The architecture of the house is that of an 18th Century "Tidewater" structure, adapted to frontier conditions. The roofline, double-end chimneys and interior features indicate the Southern Maryland background of the builder, while the use of log walls represents a more</p>	

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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

northern trait and a compromise in an area where few saw mills and skilled joiners existed.

Only one other house remotely resembling this structure has been found still standing in all of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. This is the Warfield Log House near Damascus that was dated ca. 1750 by the HABS in 1936. This house is now in a ruinous state, however.

The "newer" house is a two-story, frame section built onto the east end of the cabin. This house faces east and is a three-bay structure with a central doorway. The doorway is framed by an open, one-story portico with a flat roof and dentil cornice and narrow, chamfered columns. The door itself consists of four panels, surrounded by raised moldings. There is a transom light over the door. The tall windows are 6/6, and topped by molded boards. The house is sheathed with German siding. Inside, there is an elegant stairway with turned balusters and newel-post, and the fireplaces (formed on the rear wall by the chimneys of the cabin) are framed by mantels that feature a scroll motif on the fascia board that rests on raised pilasters.

There is a log meathouse nearby.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is probably the only really representative, 18th Century structure still lived in Montgomery County. The 1783 tax assessment shows that the overwhelming majority of homes in the County at that time were log structures.¹ However, with the exception of the Warfield Log House (in a ruinous state), there are almost none of these remaining today that have been documented. The house is an excellent example of what happened to the "Tidewater Maryland" style of architecture when it met with the limited resources of the upland frontier.

The "frontier" aspect of the neighborhood is well documented by early accounts. Survey certificates refer to the Old Sinequa Indian Trail here, and this is one of the only areas away from the Potomac River where Indian artifacts have been found in meaningful numbers.² This tract of land was traversed by General Braddock's troops in 1755, during their march to Fort Duquesne. In fact, the troops stayed in Clarksburgh at Dowden's Ordinary (also a log house of similar construction-no longer standing.)³ The present main road, Rte. 355, was the successor to the Sinequa Trail and is the oldest road in Montgomery County. It is mentioned as the Great Road from Georgetown to Frederick-Town in records of the period.

¹Federal Tax Assessment of 1783-Montgomery County, Md. (Card index at Montgomery Co. Historical Soc.-Rockville.)

²Survey Certificates, Md. Hall of Records; artifact collections from Russell King, Redgrave & Burkett Farms.

³(See photo at Montgomery Co. Historical Soc.-Rockville)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By 1783 John Belt owned this tract called "Moneysworth" and he was assessed in that year for one log dwelling house on it.⁴ The Belts were one of the prominent families in the County, and were among the first to patent land in this area. In 1796 the land was sold to Nathan Thompson, who transferred it to Leonard Williams of Prince George's County in 1804.⁵ It is believed that it was owned by the Clarks of Clarksburg at one time.

At any rate, it had passed to William Willson of John in the early 19th Century. Willson's family had been active in the formation of Montgomery County, and had served during the Revolutionary War. William Willson of John (as he was spoken of in official documents) had married the daughter of John Clark in 1797. John Clark was the founder of Clarksburg, and had operated a store on the Great Road since about 1780. At his death, Wm. Willson inherited the store and continued to operate it for a period of forty-some years. Prior to this takeover, he had been a youthful merchant in Clarksburg, licensed in 1800 under the name of William Willson and Co. He was a most successful merchant, and a leader in every community affair in that section of the county.⁶ In 1807 and 1810, he was appointed a Judge for the 3rd District.

⁴1783 Tax Assessment

⁵Liber G, Folio 292 & Liber M, Folio 21. Montgomery Co. Land Records.

⁶Boyd, T.H.S. THE HISTORY OF MONT. CO., MD. (Clarksburg, 1879) p.p. 100, 101, 124; Scharf, J. Thomas, HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND (Philadelphia, 1882) Vol. II, pp. 720, 729, 730.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833, he donated land for the establishment of the Clarksburg Academy, and, in 1857, the land for the Clarksburg M.E. Church.⁸ During all of this time he maintained the farm on the "Moneysworth" tract. He owned several slaves, and was listed as a farmer with a worth of \$10,000. in the 1850 Federal Census. By that time he was 74 years⁹ old and his son, Leonidas, was running the old store.

In 1856, the "Moneysworth" farm was sold to Edward Lewis, who sold it to his son, John A. Lewis, in 1859.¹⁰ William Willson of John died in that same year. The Lewis family erected the east section of the house during this period, and retained the earlier log part as a kitchen, etc. The tenure of the Lewis' continued here to ca. 1900, when they sold it to the Cordells of Frederick County.¹¹ By this time, a bone mill had been erected on the property. Marshall Day, a black man, remembers that his relatives worked at this mill.¹² His slave ancestors are buried in a cemetery near the house. It is interesting to note that the Lewis family acquired the old Clark/Willson store in Clarksburg, and continued to operate it well into the 20th Century. (The store is still standing and is owned at present by Pat Bradley.)

⁸ Liber BS 6, Folio 38. Montgomery Co. Land Records.
(Note: He also donated the land for the Meth. Episcopal Church in 1857-Liber JGH 5/575.)

⁹ Federal Census-1850. (Mont. Co. Historical Soc.-Rockville)

¹⁰ Liber JGH 5, Folio 201 & Liber JGH 7, Folio 315. Mont. Co. Land Records.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1948, the Redgraves bought the farm. They were an English/Welsh couple who came to this county after WW II, and they ran a dairy operation here for a while. They still live in the house in 1975, and have permission to move it if possible. The County has tentatively selected this tract as the site of a county dump and the house would fall in the center of the fill area. However, there is to be a buffer area, and the Redgraves would like to see the house preserved, if at all possible. A large, white oak, at the springhouse, was recently declared a Bi-Centennial Tree by The County Forest Conservancy Board.¹³

- ¹¹ According to Ed Lewis (who would be in his 80's if alive today) his grandfather, Mahlon Lewis, built the front part of the house. Mahlon T. Lewis was the 14 year old son of Edward Lewis in the Census of 1850.
- ¹² See Civil Suit "Marshall Day vs. James P. Gleason" filed in Mont. Co., Md. Circuit Court in April, 1975. There is another graveyard mentioned on the property as early as 1827, when Wm. William of John bought the property from Dorothy Williams. The "bone mill road" is spoken of in deeds such as that found in Liber 664, Folio 339.
- ¹³ Designation of the tree was made by Mr. Tolson, who is actually chief of services.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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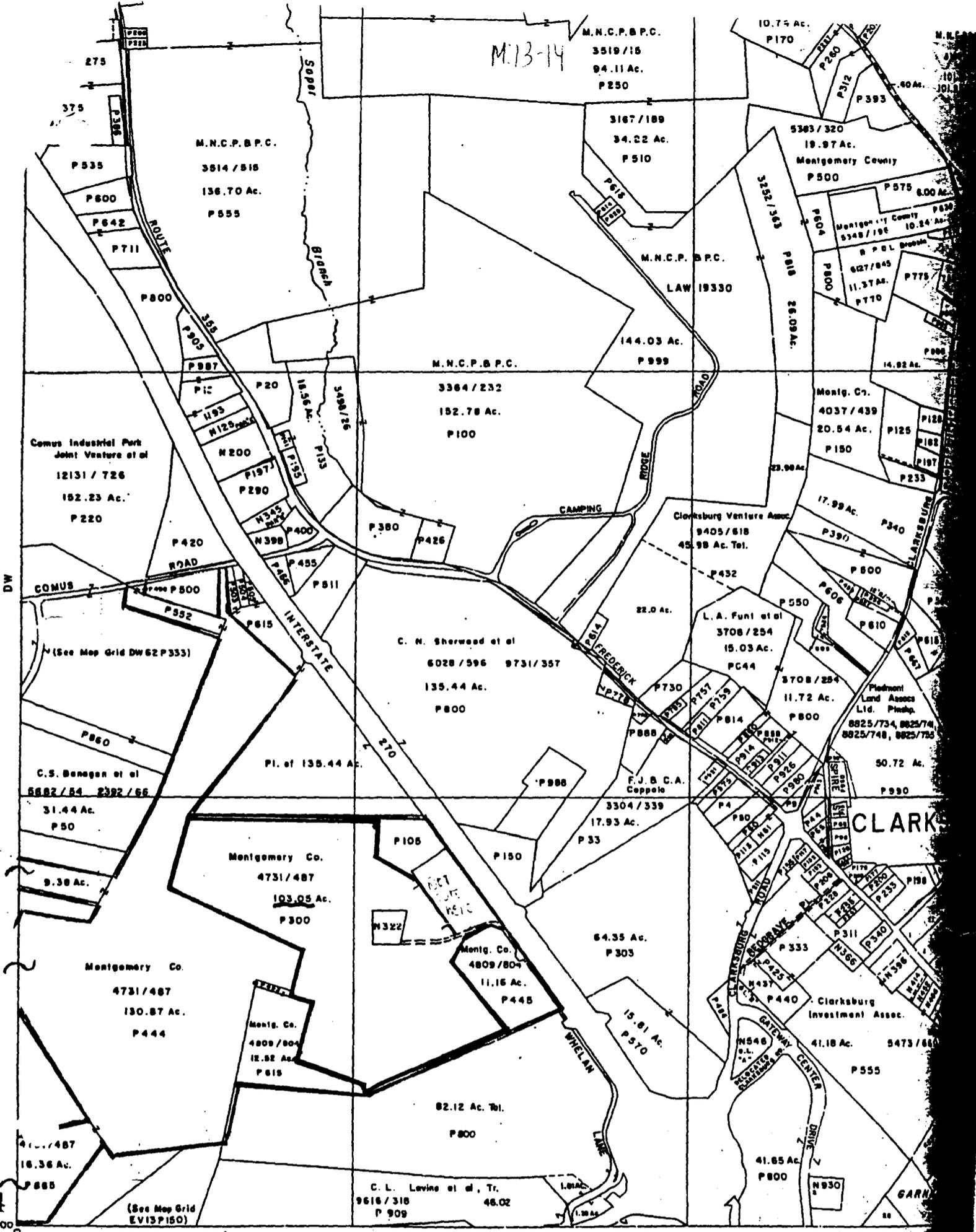
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Whelan Lane
Clarksburg
Montgomery County
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Photographer: Bill Lebovich, September 1996

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- 3 Detail of south end of east elevation of farm house
- 4 East and south (side) elevations of farm house
- 5 South elevation of farm house
- 6 Detail of center of south elevation, showing log section
- 7 Detail of porch of log section looking west into bathroom addition
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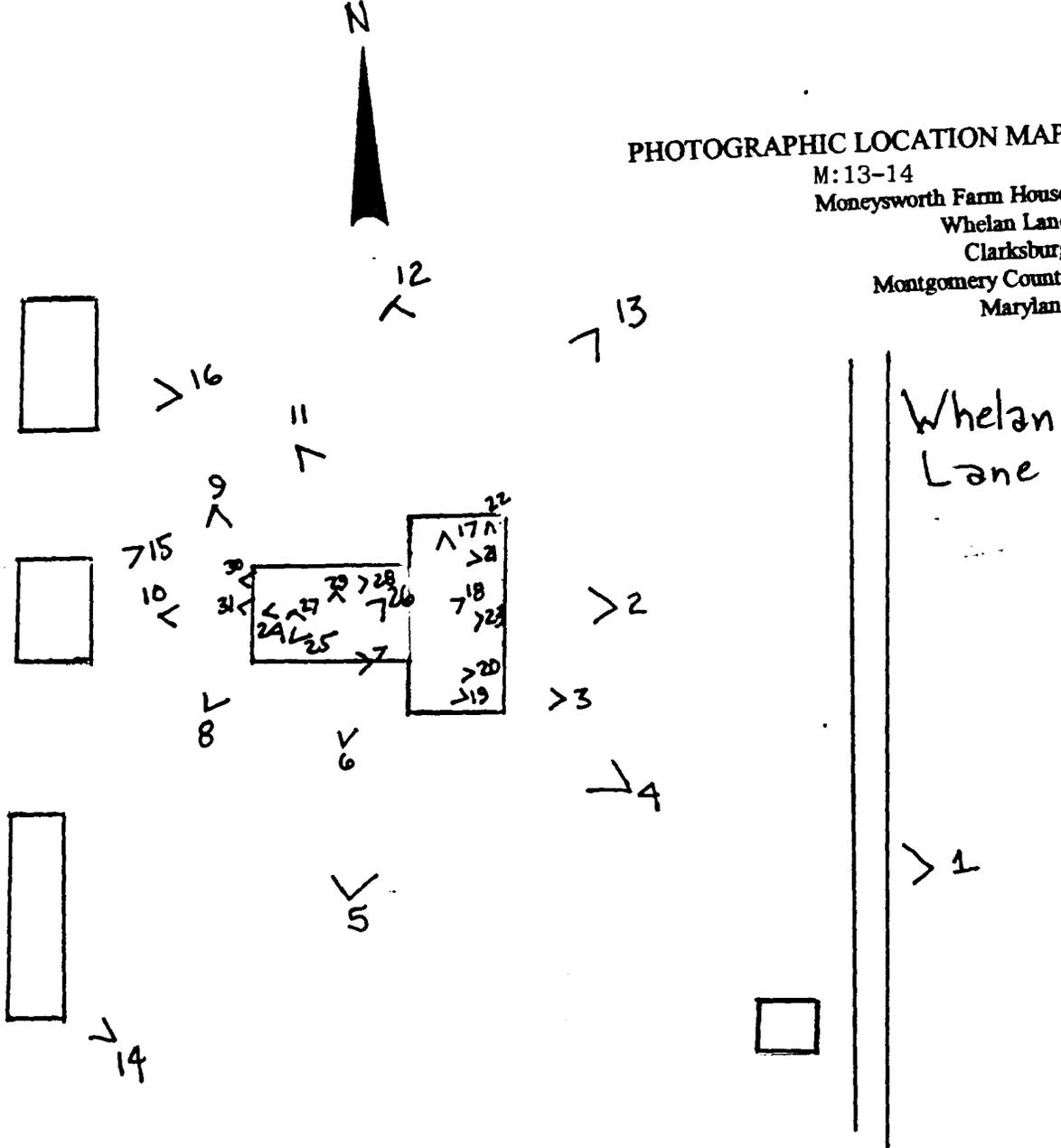
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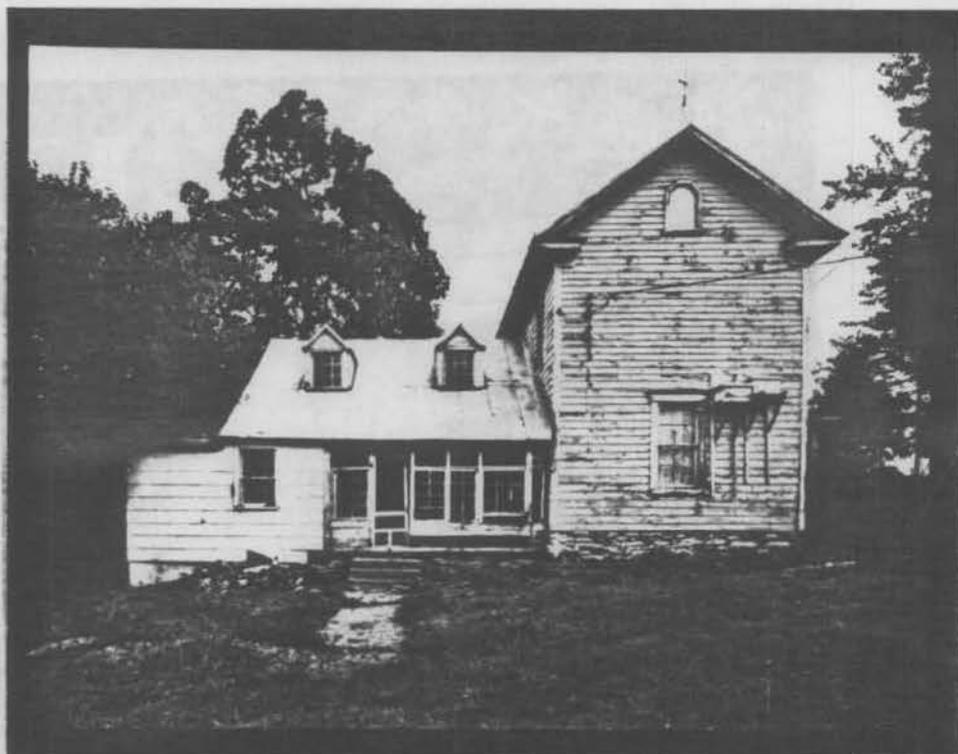
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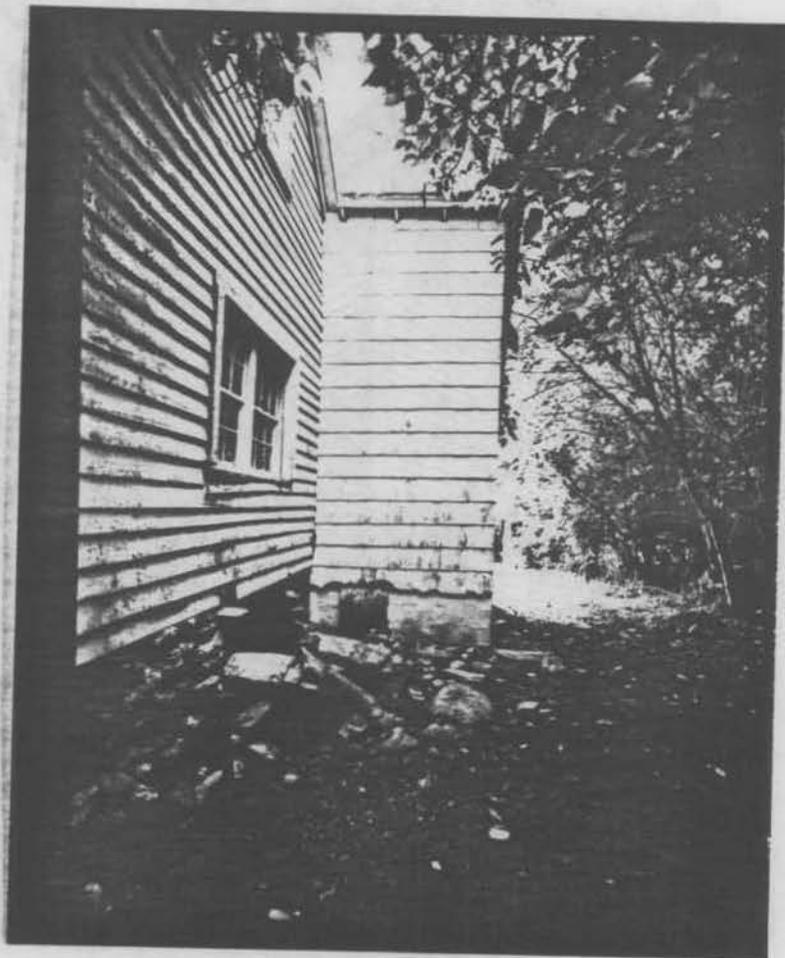
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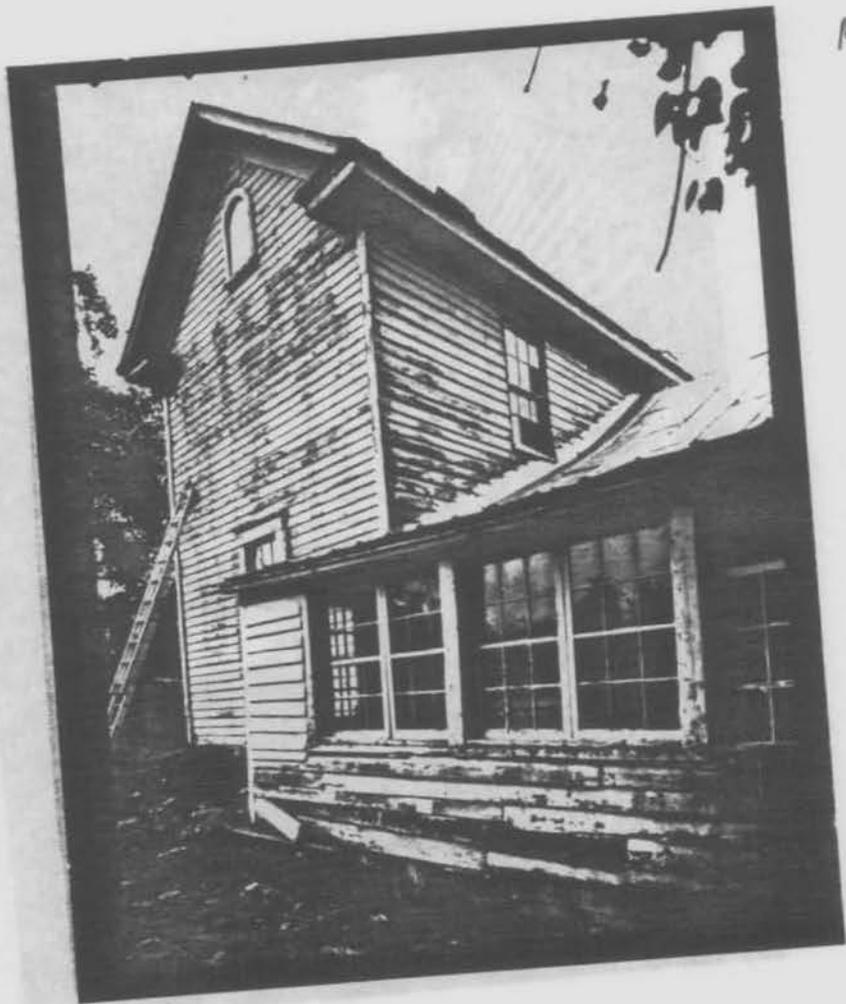
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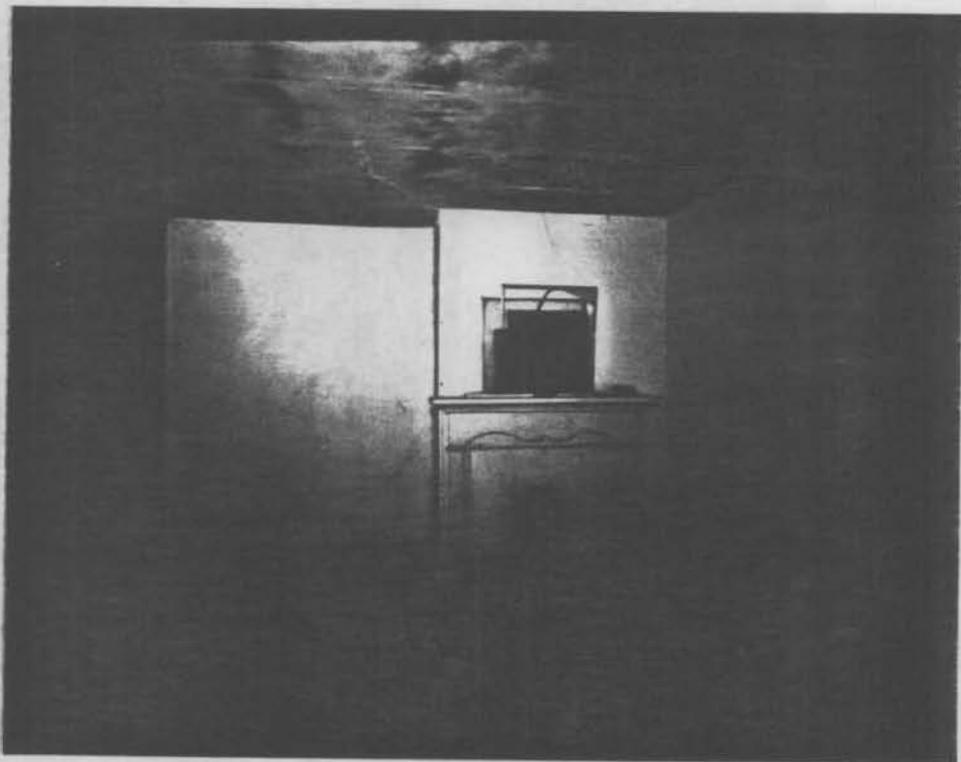
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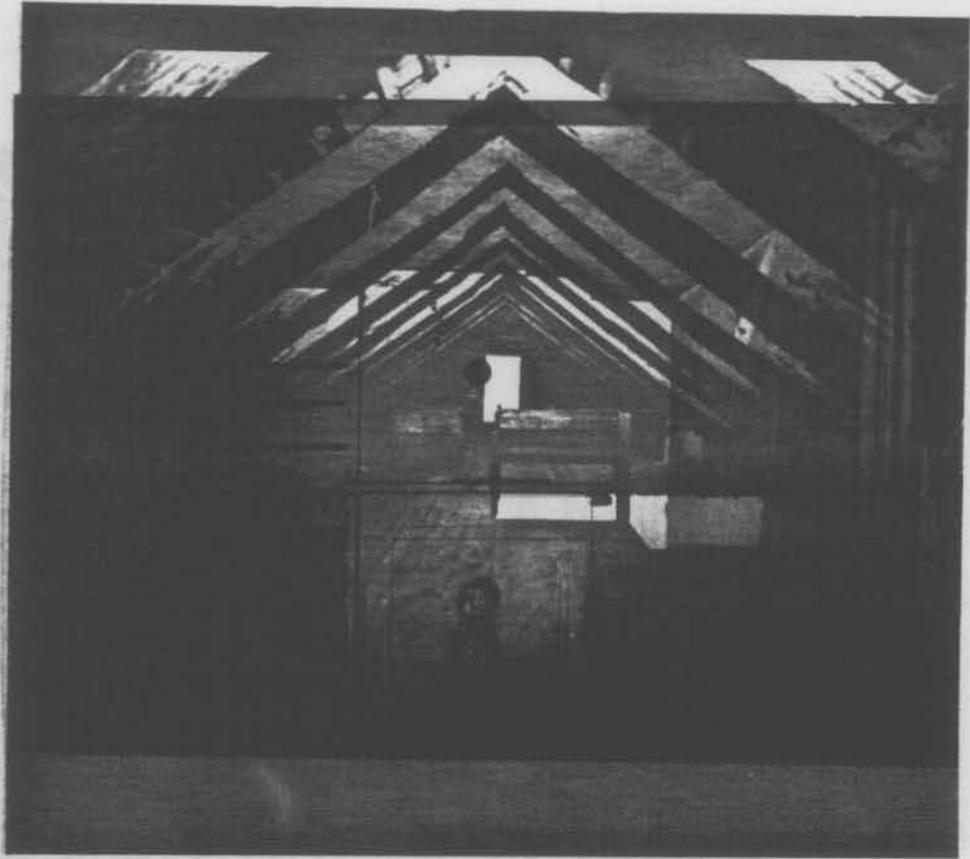
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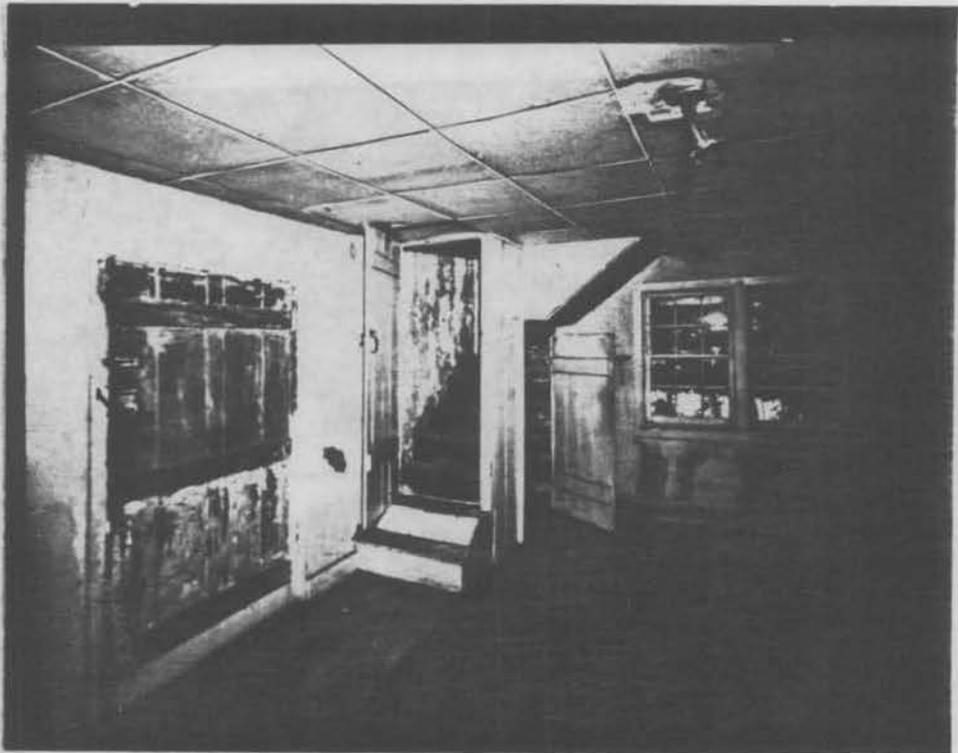
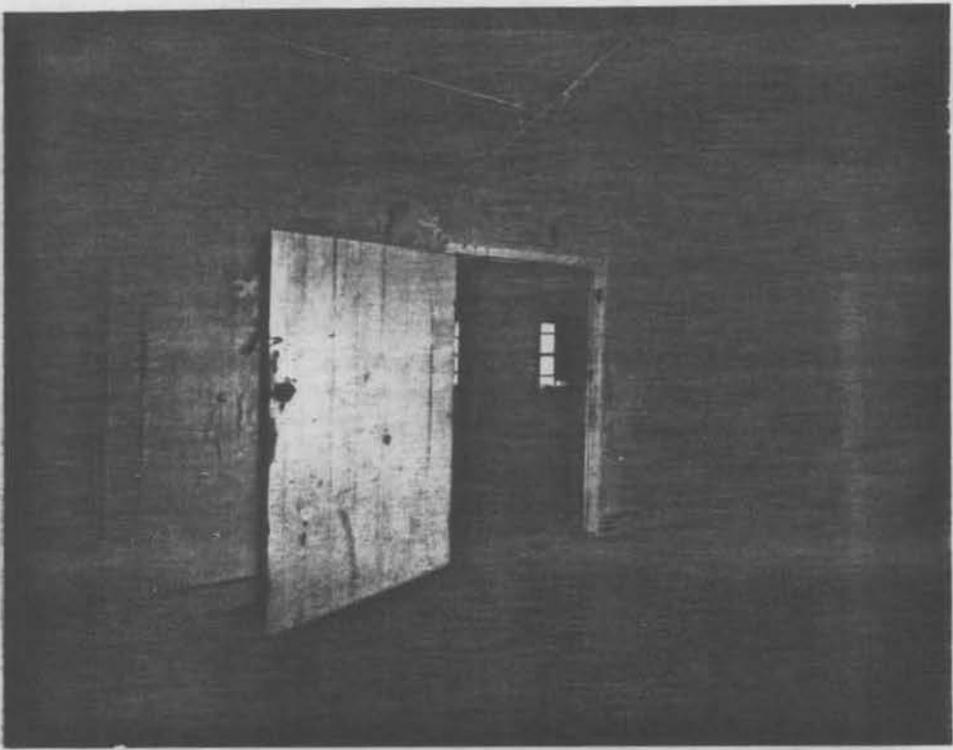
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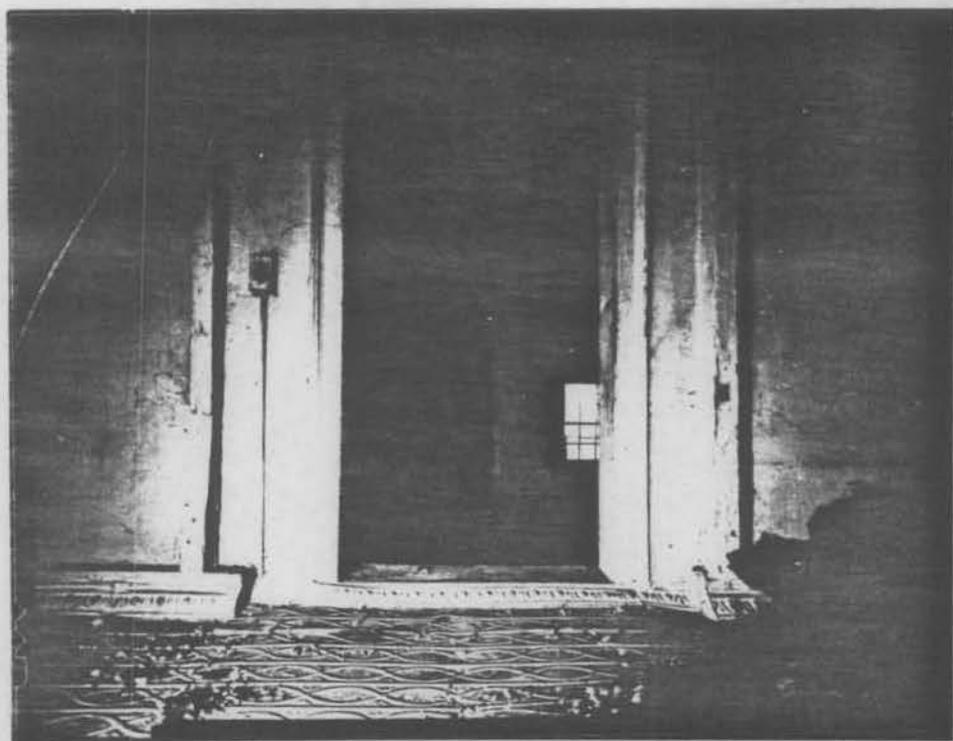
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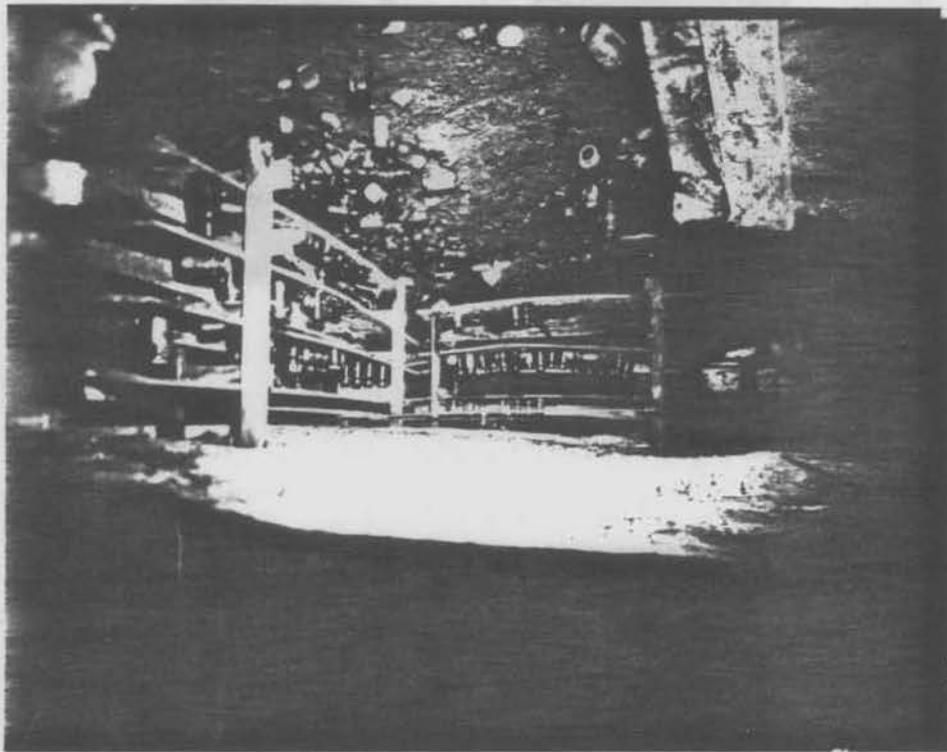
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