

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic Brandenburg Log Tobacco House

and/or common

### 2. Location

Street & number Mullinix Mill Road at Long Corner Road  not for publication

City, town Damascus  vicinity of congressional district

State Maryland county Montgomery

### 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

Name Jeremiah Brandenburg

Street & number 26360 Mullinix Mill Road telephone no.:

City, town Rt. 3 Mt. Airy state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber VMB 165

436

Street & number folio

City, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

Title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

Date 1976  federal  state  county  local

Repository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

City, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

M.15-16

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure of irregular massing and plan. The sheathing is clapboard. To the west of the house is a summer kitchen with an "A" roof and stone foundation. South of the house is a bankbarn, sitting on a stone foundation. The vertical siding has arched windows, painted on both the front and end facades; there are only two small glazed windows on either side of the sliding doors.

Near the road stands a log tobacco house, one of few left in the County. The logs are joined with inverted V-notches; the chinking is stone. The bottom logs are supported by low stone piers. The gable ends are vertical boards. On the interior, the tobacco poles remain intact; they span the structure, at either end being chamfered and fit between the logs.

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# 3. Significance

Survey No.

M: 15-16

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 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
Check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <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	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Brandenburg Log Tobacco House is significant as a fairly well preserved example of one of the county's remaining tobacco barns. Tobacco was grown extensively through out Montgomery County during the 18th and 19th centuries. It was the single most valuable crop; so valuable that it was used in place of money as a medium of exchange. By 1790, Montgomery County produced 1/5 of the total tobacco grown in Maryland.<sup>1</sup> It was raised less extensively by the mid 19th century when its impoverishing effects on the soil were realized. However, tobacco was still grown in this area (Damascus) until about 1919.<sup>2</sup>

Tobacco could be cured in a barn by two methods. One was to hang the leaves in a tightly sealed barn; the other was to use openings for ventilation, and then to burn fires underneath. The closed method was widely used because it was faster. However, the ventilated method, though slower, resulted in a better, less smokey tasting tobacco. Most of Montgomery County's tobacco barns were thus constructed using unchinked logs, allowing gaps between logs for ventilation. It could be then that the Brandenburg was chinked at a later date so that it could be made more useful once tobacco was no longer raised.

<sup>1</sup> Richard K. MacMaster and RavEldon Heibert, A Grateful Remembrance. Rockville: Montgomery County Government & the Montgomery County Historical Society, 1976, 9. 116.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 242.

# Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:15-16

MacMaster & Hiebert, A Grateful Remembrance.

## 0. Geographical Data

acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 1. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Montgomery County Hist. Pres. Comm. date 2/84

street & number telephone

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET 1602425535

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

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Brandenburg House & Tobacco Barn				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Mullinix Mill Road & Long Corner Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Damascus				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Jerrie E. Brandenburg				
STREET AND NUMBER: Mullinix Mill Road & Long Corner Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Damascus			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	

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CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Untraceable
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> </ul> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 8 Jan 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

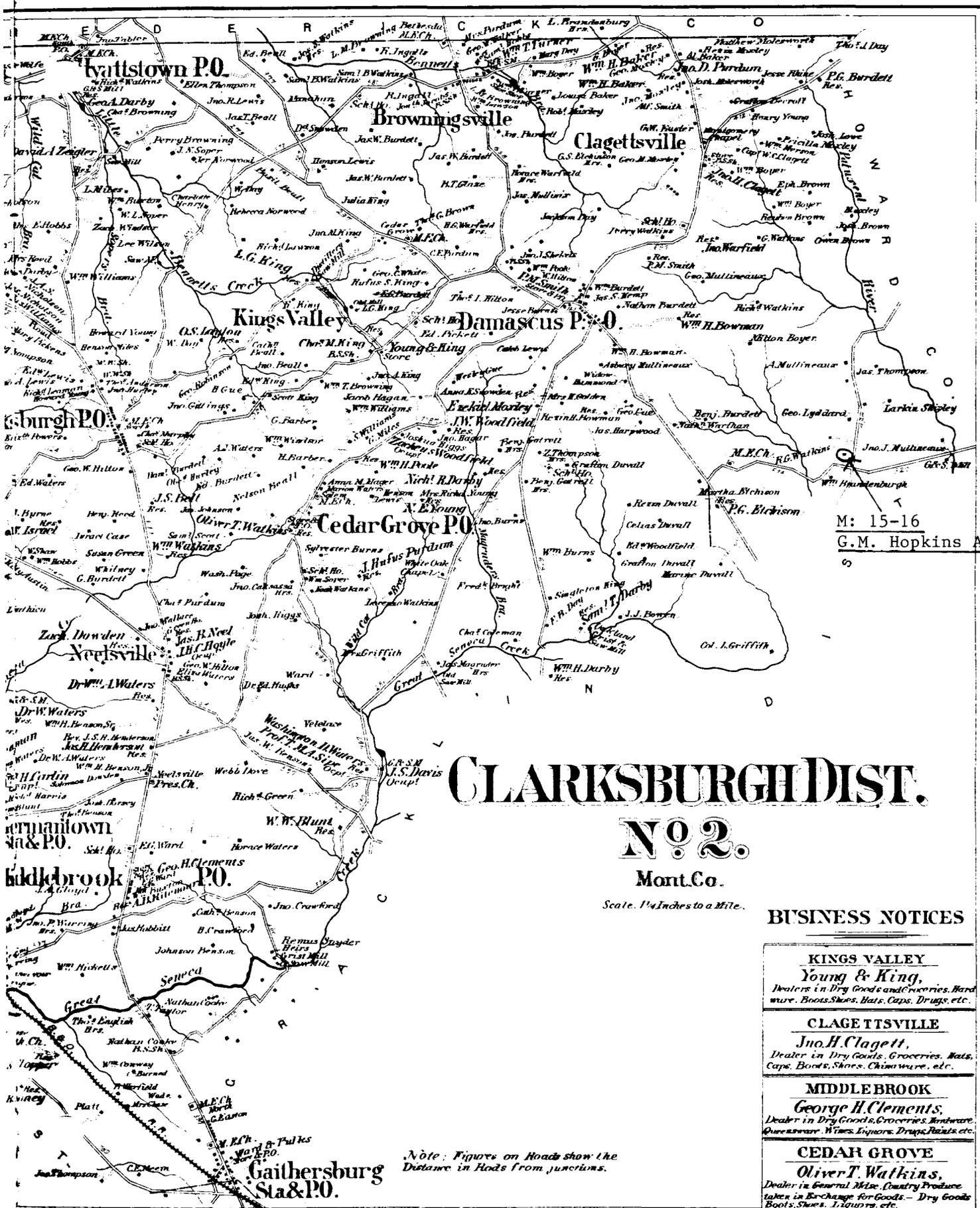
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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 G.M. Hopkins Atlas,  
 1879

# CLARKSBURGH DIST.

## No. 2.

Mont. Co.

Scale: 1/4 Inches to a Mile.

### BUSINESS NOTICES

<p><b>KINGS VALLEY</b>  <b>Young &amp; King,</b>          Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Druggs, etc.</p>
<p><b>CLAGETSVILLE</b>  <b>Jno. H. Clagett,</b>          Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Chinaware, etc.</p>
<p><b>MIDDLEBROOK</b>  <b>George H. Clements,</b>          Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Wines, Liquors, Druggs, etc.</p>
<p><b>CEDAR GROVE</b>  <b>Oliver T. Watkins,</b>          Dealer in General Mfg. Country Produce taken in Exchange for Goods - Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Liquors, etc.</p>

Note: Figures on Roads show the Distance in Rods from junctions.

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 Brandenburg Farm & Log Tobacco Barn  
 26360 Mullinix Mill Road, Damascus  
 Damascus Quad, 1944, PR 1993

4352  
 1.6 MI.  
 FLORENCE  
 4.7 MI TO U.S. 40

17'3  
 4351

4350

4349

4348

434700

312

10'

314

315

316000m E

39°

77°07'30"

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA—1994

LAYTONSVILLE 26 MI  
 OLNEY 86 MI

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

1 MILE



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NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM- BANK BARN

LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER



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NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM - BANK BARN

LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX HILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER



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NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM - TOBACCO HOUSE  
LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md  
FACADE SE  
PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER



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NAME WM. BRANDENBURG FARM

LOCATION MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE SW

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