

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:22-43 (PACS 9.2) Construction Date: Circa 1925

Name: William Basil Mobley Property

Location: Muncaster Mill Road, Redland vicinity, Montgomery County

Public/Agriculture/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The William Basil Mobley Property consists of a 1-story 3-bay cottage and a 2½-story 3-bay dairy barn located east of Muncaster Mill Road in the Redland vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1925, the house has shed additions on the south, east and north sides. The barn, constructed around the same time, has wings on the east and west elevations as well as two silos.

Significance:

The William Basil Mobley Property is located on farm land that belonged to Walter Mobley during the early twentieth century. Upon his death in 1936, Walter Mobley left his dairy farm and tenant house to his son, William Basil Mobley. The will states that the father and son had operated the dairy farm together, and that the son constructed and lived in the tenant house. William Basil Mobley held the property until 1961, when he sold 172.4 hectares (426 acres) to Redland Inc. Two months later, Redland Inc. sold the property to Paul Wartzman and Saul M. Schwartzback. In 1966, 12.75 hectares (31.5 acres) of the property were acquired by the Montgomery County Board of Education. At that time, the property became known as the Laytonia High School Site, although no school was ever constructed. The Board of Education sold the property to Montgomery County in 1996. The land is currently leased to a fire wood business.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic William Basil Mobley Property (preferred)

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number Muncaster Mill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Redland vicinity of congressional district

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 checked="" 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"/> education	<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 checked="" 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"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Montgomery County

street & number 101 Monroe Street telephone no.:

city, town Rockville, MD state and zip code MD 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 14440

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 234

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 3

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

The William Basil Mobley Property consists of a 1-story 3-bay cottage and a 2½-story 3-bay dairy barn located east of Muncaster Mill Road in the Redland vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1925, the house has shed additions on the south, east and north sides. The barn, constructed around the same time, has wings on the east and west elevations as well as two silos.

The cottage has a concrete-block foundation and originally had wood weatherboard siding. Much of the weatherboard is now covered in modern particle board and sheets of asphalt. The front-gable roof is covered in standing-seam metal and has a central, concrete block chimney. Another chimney is located at the northeast corner. The 6/6 double-hung windows have wide wood surrounds.

A particle board shed with a door opening covers the western two bays of the south, or front elevation. A window is located east of the shed. A vertical strip of weatherboard and a break on the slope of the roof indicate the beginning of a shed addition on the east side of the house. The shed has a single window on the south elevation.

The west elevation has two symmetrically placed windows on the main block. Another window is located on a rear shed addition.

The north elevation has two shed additions covered in sheets of asphalt. The first addition covers the width of the house. The smaller second addition is centered on the north side of the first addition. There is no fenestration on this elevation.

On the east elevation, the shed addition runs the length of the house and is covered in sheets of asphalt. The addition has two symmetrically placed windows.

This cottage has three additions and an enclosed porch. The original facade is only visible on the west elevation.

The barn is located west of the cottage. The barn has a raised concrete-block foundation with wood weatherboard above. The gambrel roof is covered in standing-seam metal and has flared eaves. Many of the 6/6 double-hung windows are missing or boarded.

On the south elevation, the first story has an earth ramp leading to the second story. A window is located on each side of the ramp at the first story level. Large, double batten doors are located at the top of the ramp. Another set of doors is located in the gambrel peak. A window is located on each side of these doors.

The west wall of the barn has a row of evenly-spaced, double-hung windows. Two metal silos are located immediately west of the barn. Between the silos, a 1-story wing constructed of concrete block projects from the barn. The wing has a gable roof and a single window on the west elevation.

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The north elevation has double batten doors in the center of the first story. A window is located on each side of the doors. Another set of doors is located in the gambrel peak. A window is located on each side of the doors.

The east wall of the barn has a row of evenly-spaced, double-hung windows. A 1-story, concrete-block wing with a gable roof projects from the center of this elevation. The wing has an off-center entry on its east wall. A wood frame shed is located in the southeast corner where the wing and the barn meet.

The wood shed is an addition, but the barn otherwise retains its original form. Several windows and doors have either been replaced or are missing.

A 1-story wood frame shed is located northeast of the barn and northwest of the house.

The William Basil Mobley property is located east of Muncaster Mill Road. Although the house and barn are surrounded by trees, the property is mostly open space. The surrounding lands are used for agricultural purposes and parkland. Suburban commercial and residential properties are located southwest of Muncaster Mill Road.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Circa 1925

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: A B C D E F G
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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The William Basil Mobley Property is located near the Redland community. The late-nineteenth century crossroads of Redland, which included its own store, post office and blacksmith shop grew as a community with the completion of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad. The railroad extended through Derwood, 3.21 kilometers (2 miles) west of Redland. By 1889, a second railroad station was constructed in Derwood, replacing an earlier "waiting shed," which served as a commuter stop, as well as a freight and baggage station. The station also had an office for handling agricultural and dairy products, in support of the local agricultural industry.

The majority of the housing in Redland was built in the late-nineteenth century and the community grew to include the post office, blacksmith shop and store, although the primary occupation of the area remained farming. In 1890, the crossroads had a church and public school and a population of fifty residents (Maryland Historical Trust 1975).

Dairy farms, such as the Mobley Property, began appearing in Montgomery County in the mid-nineteenth century. According to the 1860 Agricultural Census, Montgomery County produced 278,141 lbs. of butter and 70 lbs. of cheese. A travel account in 1888 remarked upon the fine Jersey and Alderney stock at John Thomas' Clifton dairy farm near Sandy Spring.

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Area dairy products sold for \$1.00/gallon of cream and \$.50/pound of butter in Washington, D.C. Dairy farming became more common after construction of the Metropolitan line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1873. The railroad provided enhanced access to the Washington, D.C. market. Of the farms within 4.8 kilometers (3 miles) of the railroad over half engaged in dairy production, particularly in the vicinity of Sandy Spring, Colesville and Wheaton. In 1954, 252 farms in Montgomery County supplied 38.6% of Washington, D.C.'s milk, while only a few farms sent milk to Baltimore. However following World War II two factors combined to weaken Montgomery County's dairy industry. First, the rise of land value in response to massive suburbanization resulted in heavier property taxes and in the appeal of selling land to developers. Second, overproduction among U.S. milk producers led to lower prices which often did not compensate for operating expenses. Already in the late 1950s the industry was in visible decline. In 1986, six of the remaining dairy farmers in Montgomery County accepted the U.S.D.A.'s dairy buyout, selling their herds for slaughter. Those who continued to farm converted their operations to hay and grain production (Heibert and McMaster 1976, 241-243; MCHS Vertical Files).

The tenant house at the Mobley Property is an example of a vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1925, the William Basil Mobley Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common type of which better examples exist. Multiple additions and the replacement of exterior materials have seriously compromised the integrity of the tenant house. The integrity of the dairy barn has also been compromised by additions and the removal of original windows and doors. Better examples of dairy farms exist within the project area. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 8/17/95

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 8/3/95

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:22-43 (PACS 9.2)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Gaithersburg, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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

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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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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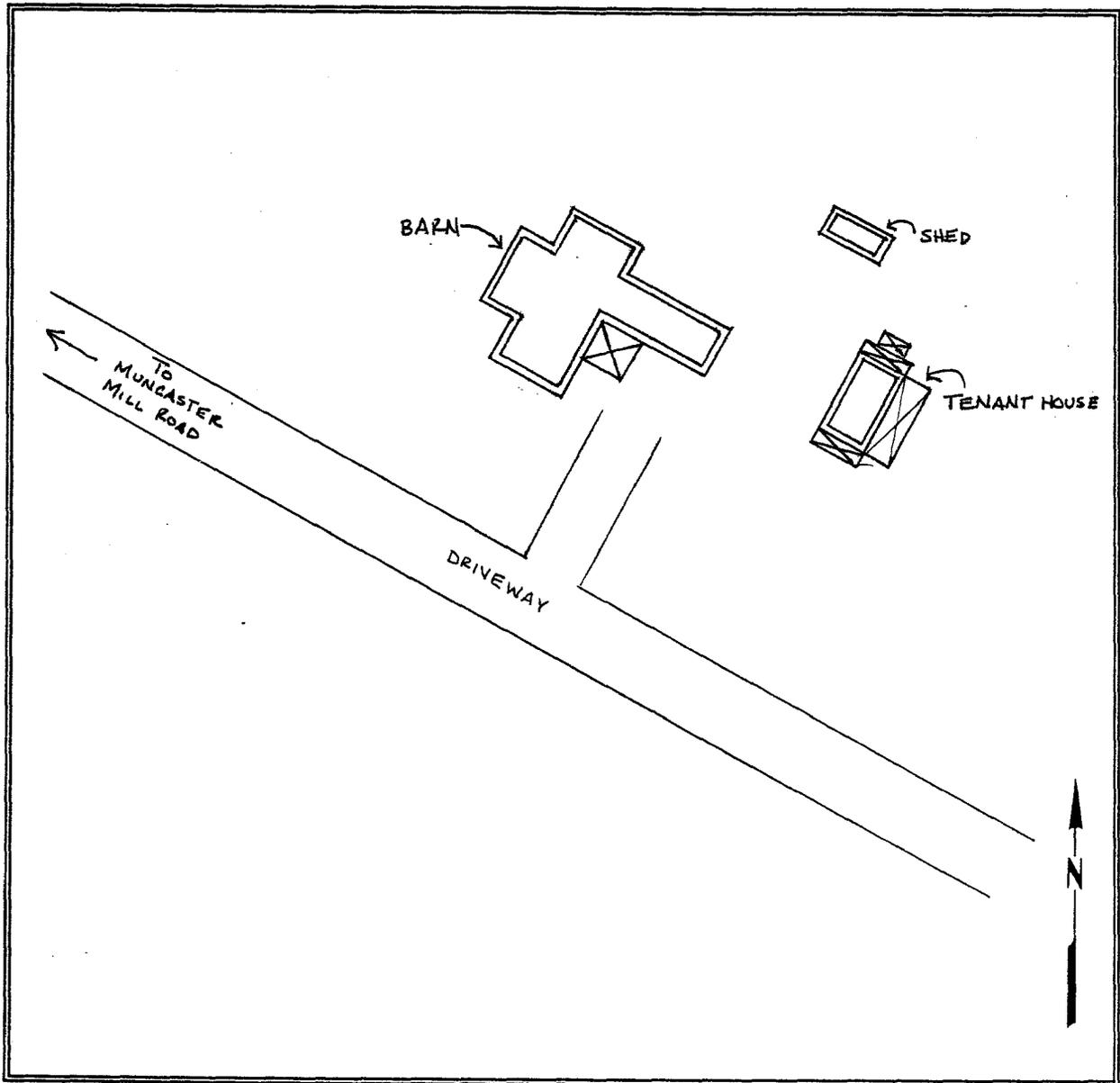
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture
Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

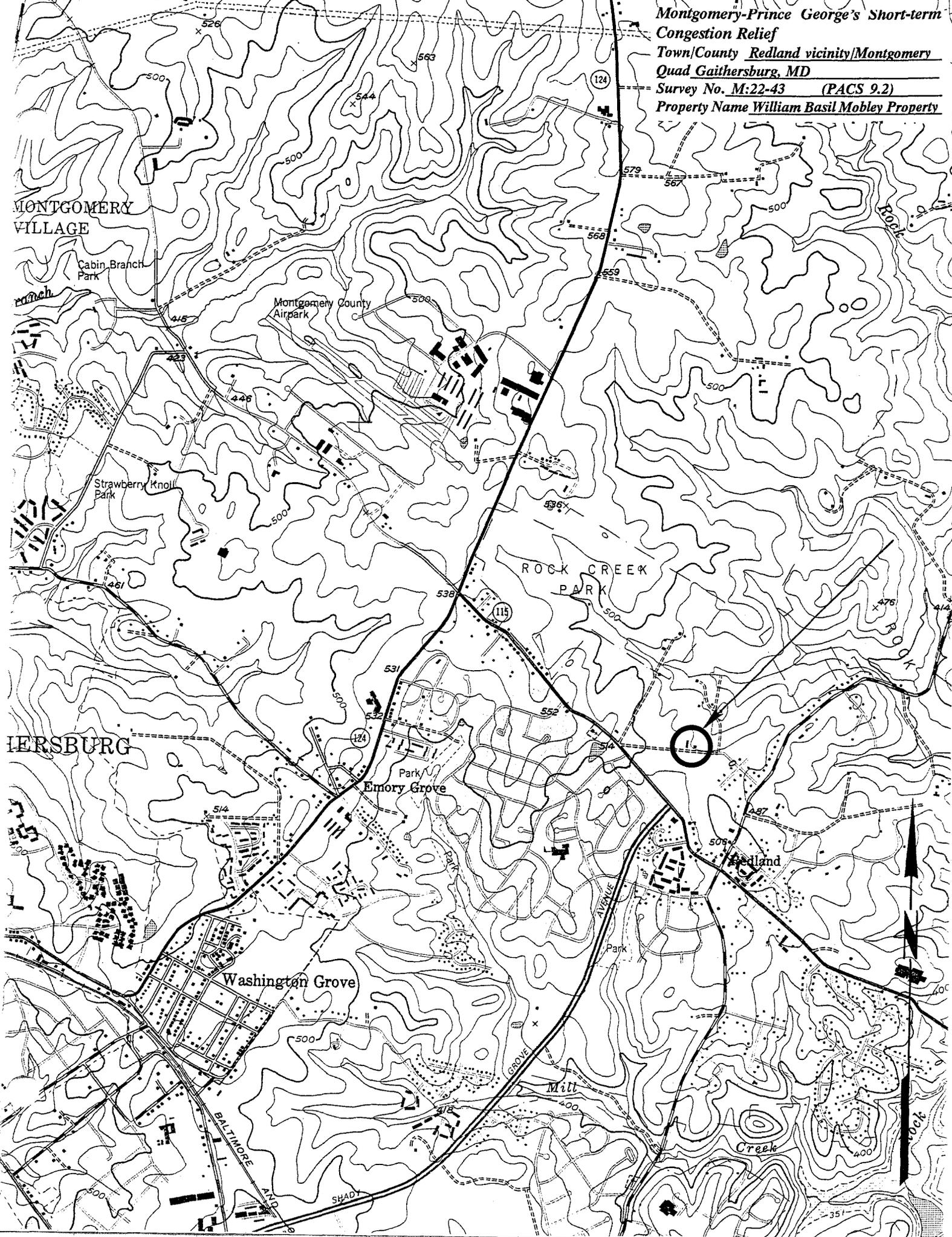
Agriculture
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
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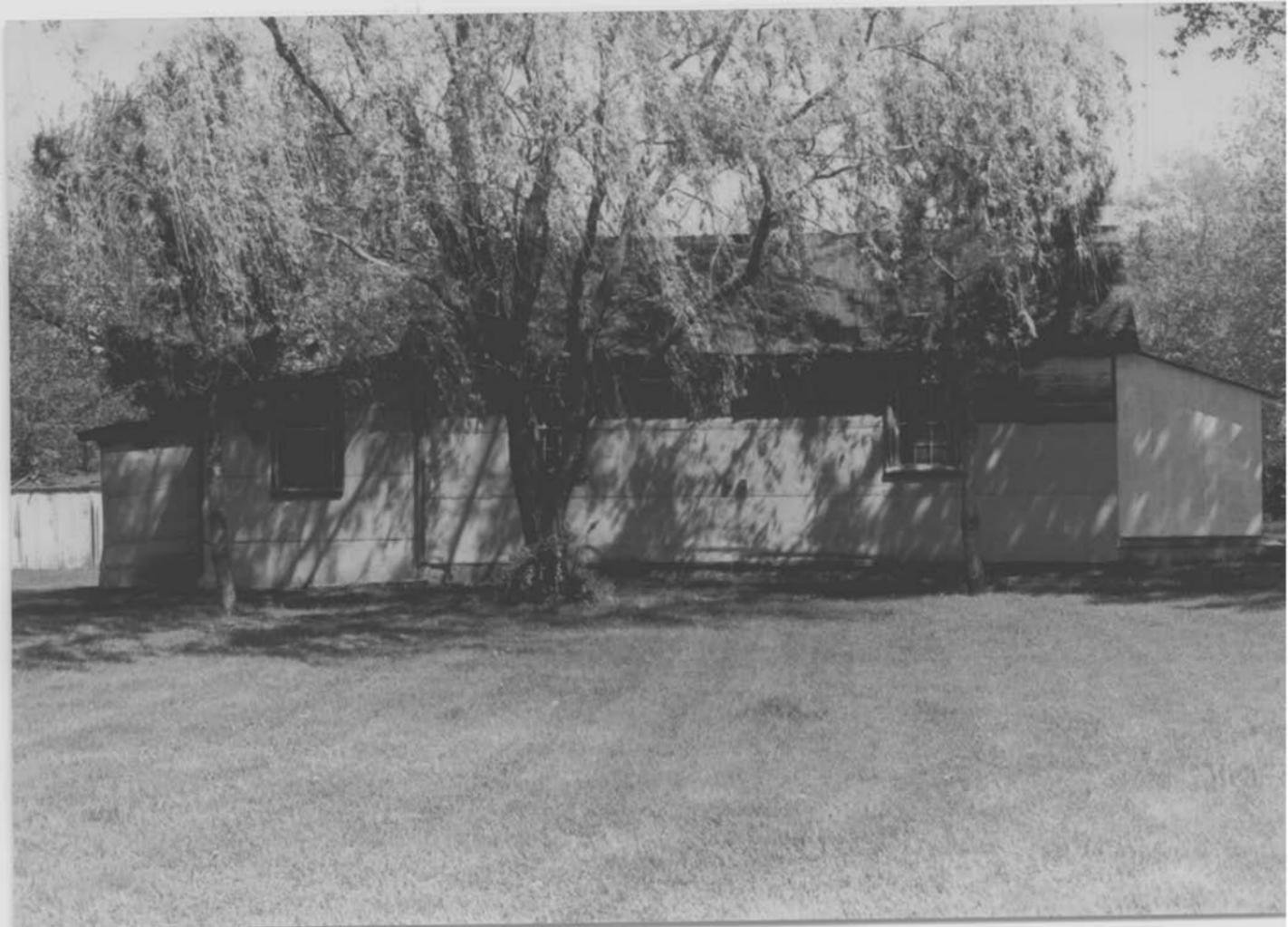
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3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Darsce

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7 HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Davis

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6 Md 8HPD

7 HOUSE, EAST ELEVATION

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7 DAIRY BARN, SOUTH ELEVATION

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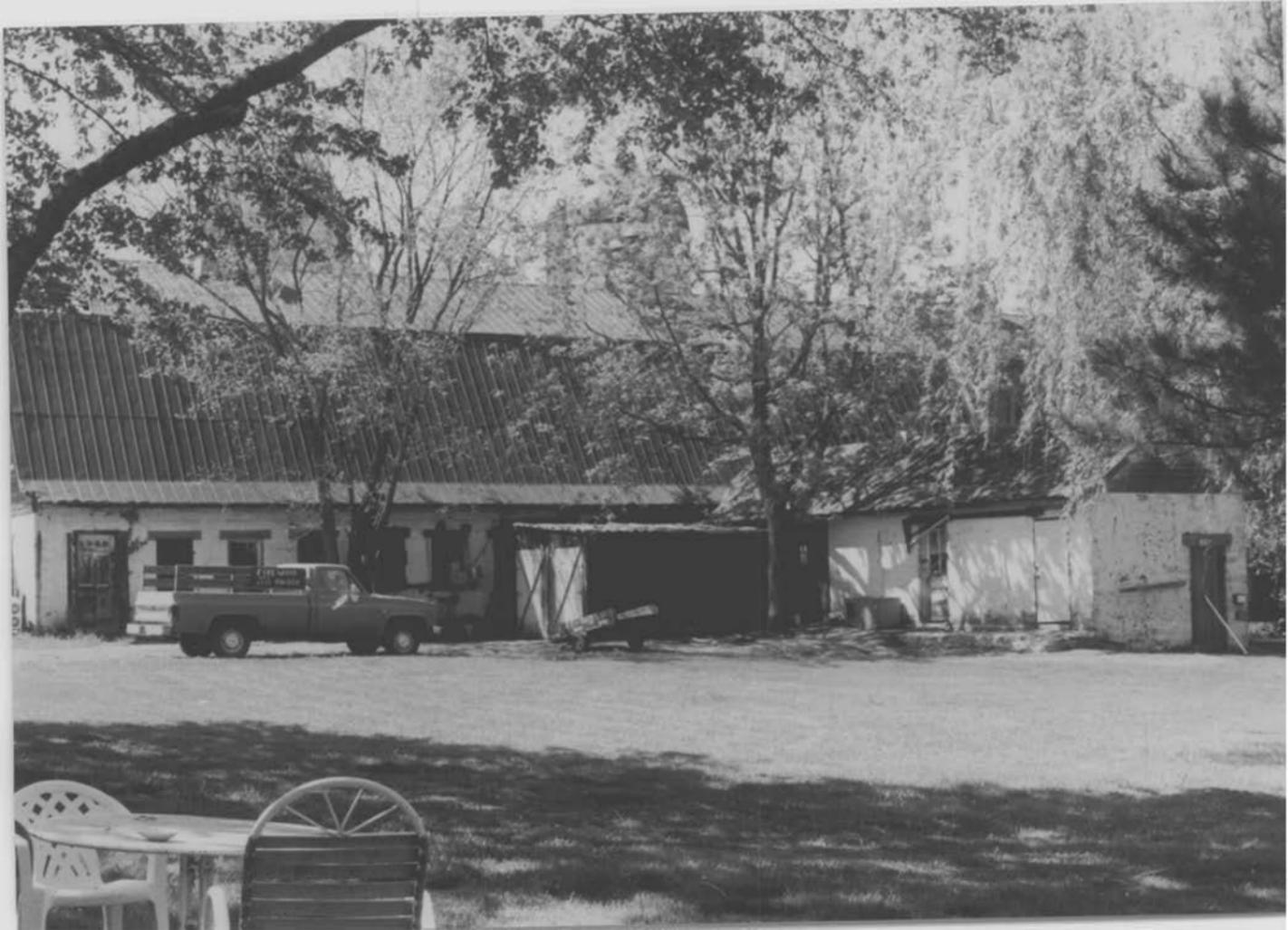
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