

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes  
no

Property Name: Dorsey Sheds Inventory Number: M:23-156

Address: off Damascus Rd. btw Howard Chapel Rd. and Hipsley Mill Rd. Historic district: yes  no

City: Brookeville Zip Code: 20833 County: Montgomery

USGS Quadrangle(s): Sandy Spring

Property Owner: Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Tax Account ID Number: 02724114

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 442 Tax Map Number: HW 32

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: MD Department of Natural Resources

Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Associates, Inc.

Preparer's Name: Edie Wallace Date Prepared: 9/9/2014

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, M:23-156, "Dorsey Sheds."

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

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

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Statement of Significance

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The Dorsey Sheds are in very dilapidated condition and are no longer associated with the Howard tenant farm house (demolished). They therefore lack physical and historic integrity and are not considered eligible for the National Register under Criteria A or C. They are not associated with the life or work of a significant individual in local, state or national history and are therefore not considered eligible under NR Criterion B. Criterion D was not evaluated.

History and Context

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Seiger  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/18/14  
Date

NA  
Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

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### **Capsule Summary**

#### **Dorsey Sheds**

**MIHP #M:23-156**

**Off Damascus Road between Howard Chapel Rd. and Hipsley Mill Rd.**

**Brookeville vicinity, Montgomery Co., Maryland**

**Date: 1920s**

### **Description Summary**

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

historic Dorsey Sheds (preferred)  
other Freeman Barns; Pleasant Retreat

## 2. Location

street and number off Damascus Rd. btw Howard Chapel Rd. and Hipsley Mill Rd.     not for publication  
city, town Brookeville   X   vicinity  
county Montgomery

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

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
street and number 580 Taylor Ave. telephone  
city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse tax map and parcel Map HW32, P. 442  
city, town Rockville liber 7634 folio 100

## 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 at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> structures
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		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u> Total
		<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:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>  0  </u>	

**Condition**

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          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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**Physical Description**

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Although the property once contained a large house and another barn or agricultural building, now all that remains is a two-part wooden equipment shed/crop barn and a metal equipment shed on a concrete slab. The wooden sheds appear date from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, perhaps the 1920s. They are in very deteriorated condition and could not be examined closely on the interior due to dangerous structural instability. The metal equipment shed likely dates from the 1970s. A rectangular wood framed addition is attached to the south end of the metal building.

The wooden sheds stand on the west side of the access road, opposite the metal shed on the east side. Older property plats and aerial photographs show a third barn or shed to the north of the current wooden shed and a large L-shaped house to the northeast of the metal shed. The site of the house today is marked by a clump of trees. A 1957 aerial photograph shows a wooden shed in the location of the current metal one, the house and the additional barn or shed. The 1986 plat drawing shows the current metal equipment shed, the current wooden sheds and the third barn or shed. The house is not present.

The two-part wooden shed consists of a three bay open fronted equipment shed forming the north section, the south section is a partially collapsed one story wood crop barn with open front entrance bays installed later. Both buildings, which are attached have shed roofs sloping down to the west, with the open bays on the east side. A short shed roof shelters the entrances along the east side. The buildings are framed with circular sawn square posts and beams and covered

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with vertical board siding. Portions of the east wall of the southern section have board and batten siding. The roofing material is channel drain sheet metal over earlier asphalt shingles.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates none known

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1920s

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property approx. 46.7 acre  
Acreage of historical setting approx. 5 acres  
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Howard Sheds survey boundary follows the 46.7-acre parcel boundary found in MC DB 7634, p. 104 (see attached plat as Boundary Map).

The surveyed boundary follows the legal parcel outline and is inclusive of the historical setting of the Dorsey farmstead.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paula Reed, PhD, architectural historian; Edie Wallace, M.A., historian		
organization	Paula S. Reed & Associates, Inc.	date	Sept. 8, 2014
street & number	1 W. Franklin St., Suite 201	telephone	301-739-2070
city or town	Hagerstown	state	Maryland

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  
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   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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### Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> John Milner Assoc., "Josiah Henson HSR," 2008, p. 3.

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<sup>8</sup> 1870 U.S. Population Census.

<sup>9</sup> MC DB EBP 12, p. 47.

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<sup>11</sup> MC DB JA 60, p. 14.

<sup>12</sup> MC DB 845, p. 3.

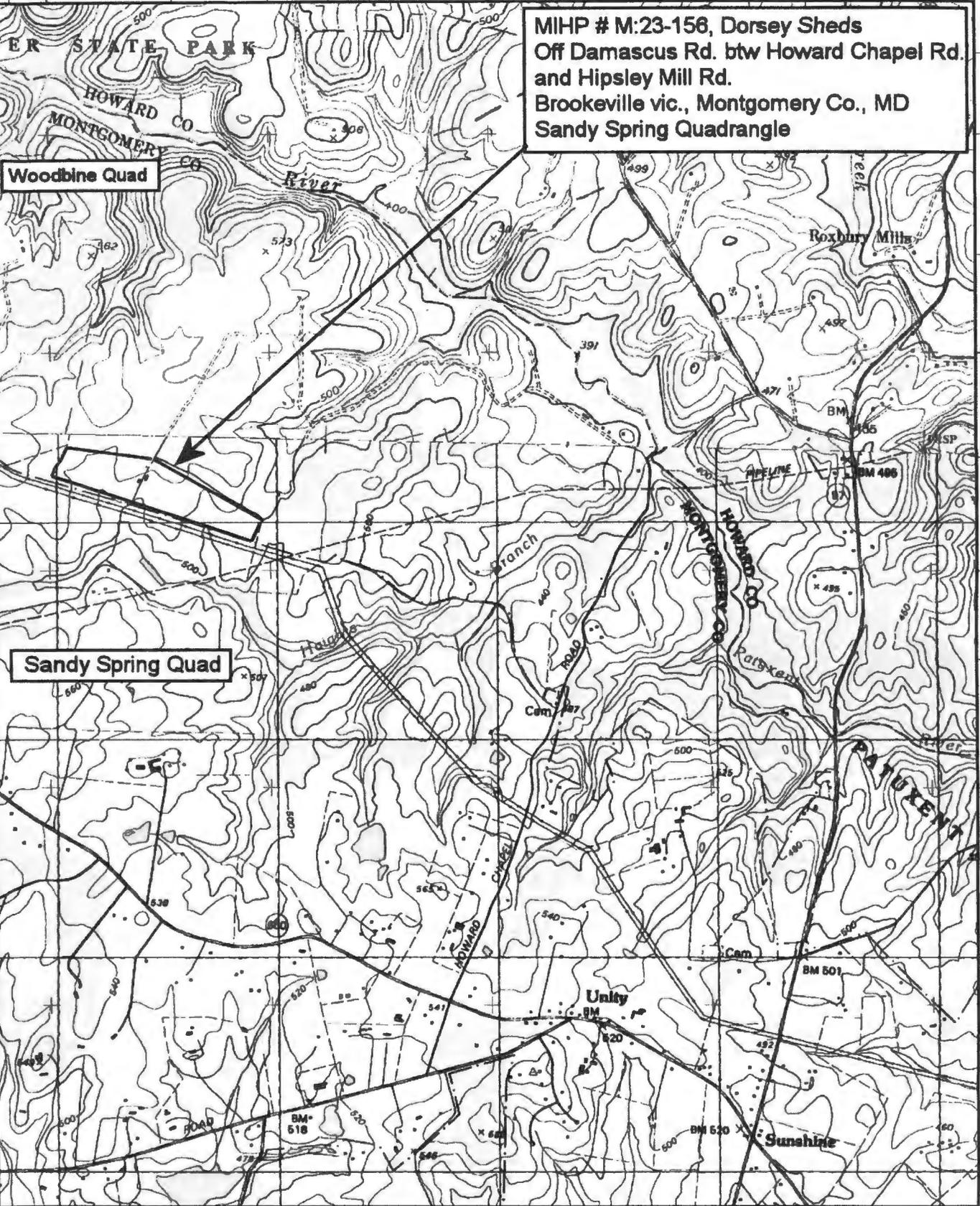
<sup>13</sup> MC DB 1336, p. 427.

<sup>14</sup> MC DB 1510, p. 280.

<sup>15</sup> MC DB 7634, p. 100.

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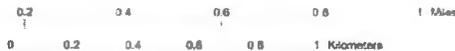
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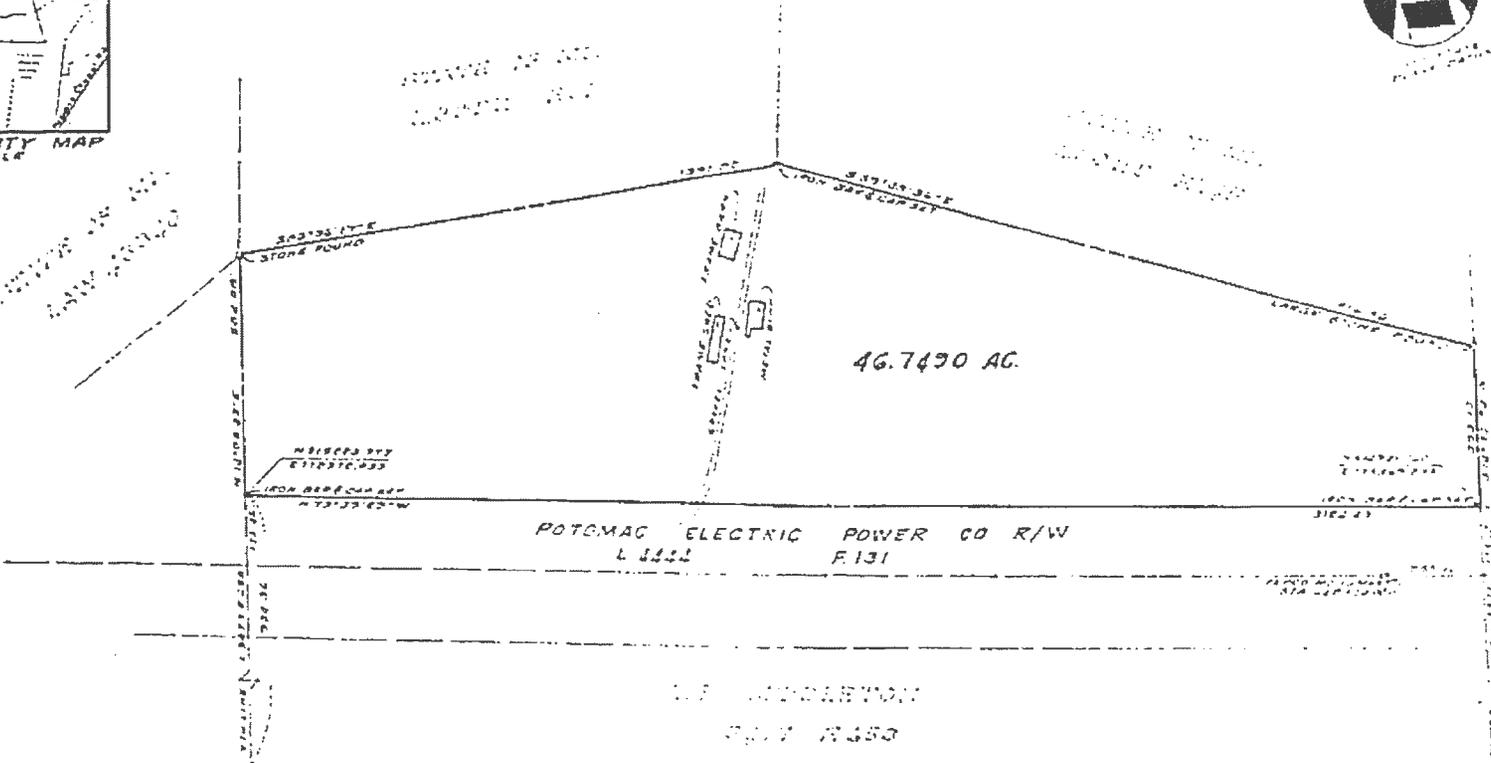
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VICINITY MAP  
 NO SCALE



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**EXHIBIT B**

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the plat, shown hereon, is correct; that it is a survey of part of the land conveyed from Carlisle A. Middleton, to Thomas Blair Middleton and Mary Virginia Middleton, his wife, by deed dated March 8, 1943 and recorded in Liber 14774 Folio 479 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland and that corner markers have been found or set as indicated hereon.

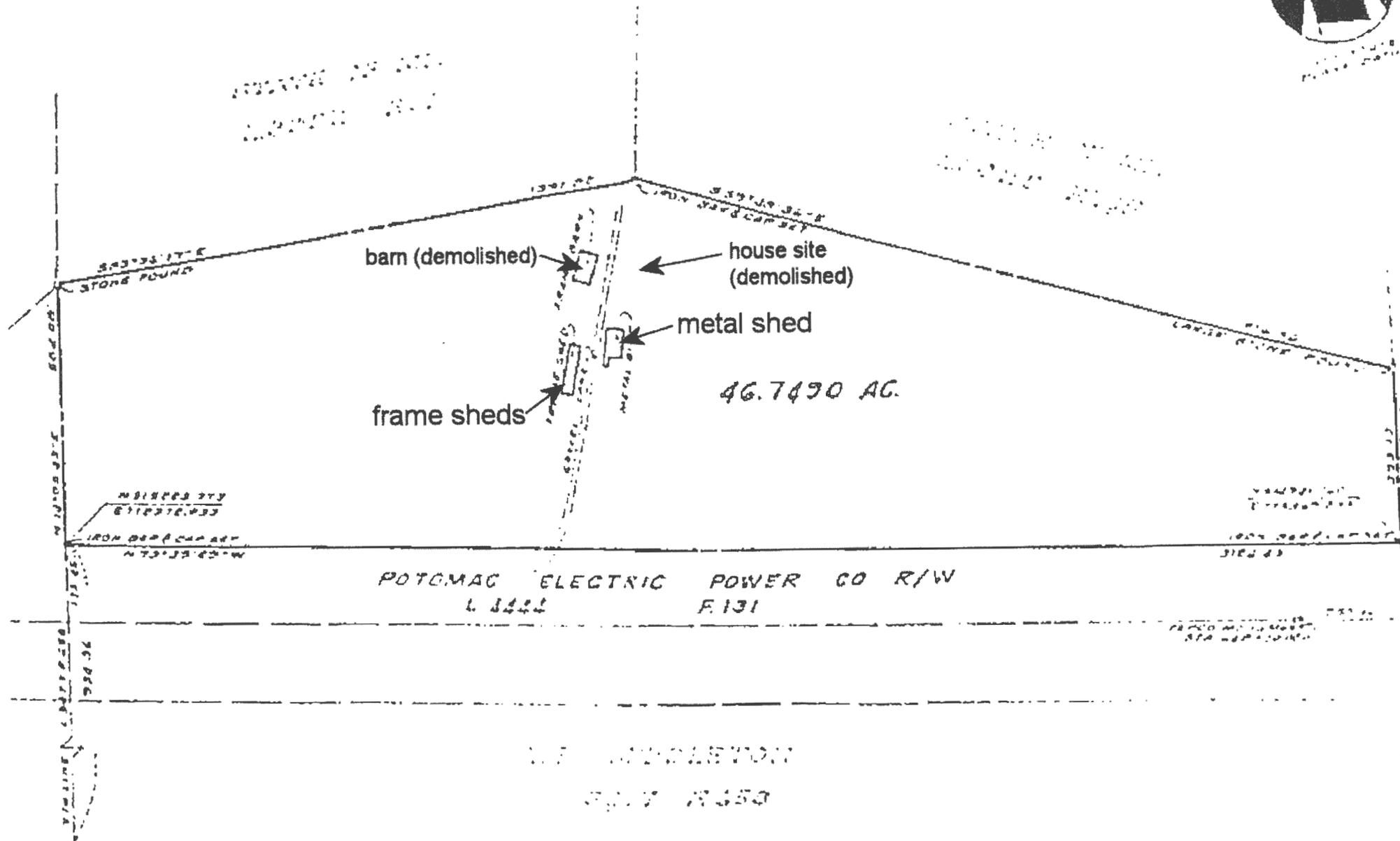
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 Thomas A. Lanier/Maddox

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 PATUXENT STATE PARK  
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**County, State:** Montgomery County, MD  
**Name of Photographer:** Edie Wallace  
**Date of Photographs:** August 2014  
**Location of Original Files:** MD SHPO  
**Number of Photographs:** 15

HP 100 Gray Photo Cartridge  
HP Premium Plus Photo Paper

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_01  
Overall view of frame and metal sheds, view N.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_02  
Overall view of frame and metal sheds, view S.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_03  
Frame sheds, east elevation, view W.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_04  
Frame sheds, east elevation, view SW.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_05  
Frame sheds, east elevation condition detail, view SW.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_06  
Frame sheds, east elevation detail, view W.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_07  
Frame sheds, south elevation, view NW.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_08  
Frame sheds, north and west elevations, view SE.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_09  
Frame sheds, interior detail, view W.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_10  
Frame sheds, interior detail, view toward NW corner.

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Metal shed, north and west elevations, view SE.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_12

Metal shed, south and east elevations, view NW.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_13

Metal shed, interior, view N.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_14

House site (demolished), view NE from lane.

M.23-156\_2014-08-22\_15

Setting, view SW from west side of frame sheds.



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