

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Walter & Emma Entzian Farm Inventory Number: PG: 74B-62
 Address: 18509 Central Avenue (MD 214) Historic district: yes no
 City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20774 County: Prince Georges
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Bowie
 Property Owner: City of Bowie Tax Account ID Number: multiple
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): multiple Tax Map Number: 71
 Project: Intercounty Connector, REF-21 Agency: SHA
 Agency Prepared By: ICC Team
 Preparer's Name: Elizabeth Roman Date Prepared: 3/22/2011
 Documentation is presented in: _____
 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)*

Description:

The Walter and Emma Entzian Farm (PG: 74B-62) is a former agricultural property located at 18509 Central Avenue (MD 214), Upper Marlboro, in a rural area southeast of Bowie in Prince George's County. The roughly trapezoidal-shaped 83.8-acre property is bordered on its north by commercial and residential properties fronting Central Avenue, on its east by Honey Branch, on its southeast by Queen Anne Road Road, and on its south and west by private farm properties. The farm sits just above and overlooking the Patuxent River which lies about 500 feet to its east.

The farmstead is situated along the east property line, several hundred yards south of Central Avenue. The farmstead (Photo 1) contains two dwellings, six domestic outbuildings, two barns, ten agricultural outbuildings and structures, three modern storage buildings, and a farm pond in two adjoining clusters. A tobacco barn and stripping shed are located north of the farmstead. The property is accessed by a farm lane that runs south from the road, past the tobacco barn, through the farmstead, and into the fields to its south. The original farm lane extends north from the two dwellings, but has been cut-off from Central Avenue.

The two dwellings face the original farm lane with other buildings to their south forming a cluster of principally domestic

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buildings. With the exception of the two dwellings, all the buildings and structures in this cluster are in a ruinous condition and overgrown with vegetation due to years of abandonment. Dwelling 1 (Photo 2) is a Cape Cod of brick construction built in 1949 (Tax Records). It faces southeast across the farm lane towards the barn complex. The 1-1/2 story building measures three bays wide by two rooms deep. It has an asphalt-shingled side gable roof with two gabled front dormers and full-width shed rear dormer. It has double-hung wooden windows, flush wood entrance doors, and wrapped plain trim. A gable-roofed sun porch with aluminum siding and jalousie windows extends off the southeast elevation. An exterior brick chimney is also found on the southeast elevation. A front-gable two-car Garage (Photo 3) of frame construction on a slab foundation with steel siding and roofing is located off the southeast rear corner of Dwelling 1.

Dwelling 2 (Photo 4) is located to the southwest of the Cape Cod facing northwest up the original farm lane. This Ranch style dwelling was built in 1962 (Deeds and Tax Records) of masonry construction with stone veneer. The 1-story building measures four bays wide by two rooms deep. It has a low pitched side gable roof with asphalt shingles and closed cornice. It has horizontal 2/2 double hung wood windows, flush wood entrance doors, wrapped trim, and exterior brick chimney. It has a Chicago style window and centered entrance with slate stoop on the northwest-facing façade. A gable-roofed porch with square columns and slab floor extends off the northeast elevation.

Southeast of the two dwellings is a cluster of structures at the location of the original farmhouse. The former yard area is demarcated by wood and wire fencing along the north and east sides and the field edges to the south and west sides. The Cellar (Photo 5) from the original circa 1914 farmhouse (Deeds) is at the center of this cluster. The concrete underground structure was covered with dirt following removal/demolition of the farmhouse before 1968 (PG County aerial photos). On what was the east elevation is a bulkhead entrance with concrete steps and paneled wood door. A Summer Kitchen (Photo 6) is located off the southeast corner of the cellar. The 2-story frame single pen building was built circa 1914 (Deeds) and is contemporary to the original farmhouse that is no longer extant. It has German wood siding, plain wood trim, 2/2 wooden sash windows, and paneled wood entrance door, and poured concrete foundation. Its pyramidal roof with open cornice is covered with metal shingles. A concrete block exterior chimney rises along the east elevation. There is an open shed extending the east side elevation. A second addition or room once extended off the back (south) elevation, evidenced by its exposed poured concrete foundation.

Between the Cellar and Dwelling 2 are the Wood Shed and Smokehouse (Photo 7), both built circa 1950s. The Wood Shed is a single pen 1-story side-gable building of frame construction with plywood siding, and standing seam metal roofing. Resting on the ground surface, it has open entrance centered on its east elevation. The Smokehouse is a small single pen building of frame construction resting on a concrete slab. It has sheet metal for its siding and roofing and also lining its interior walls. A single door enters from the east elevation.

A row of structures are situated south of the Cellar, Wood Shed and Smokehouse, along the north edge of the fields at the south of the property. These include: a frame Shed (Photo 9) with plywood sheathing and roof; four wire Corn Cribs (Photo 9); and a front-gable Tractor Shed (Photo 10) of frame construction with corrugated metal siding and roofing. All these structures date from the 1950s and early 1960s, as they appear on the 1965 aerial of the region.

The two circa 1950s barns are located east of the dwellings, facing into a former concreted barnyard (Photo 10). The complex dates from circa 1950s (Deeds; PG County Aerials). The Bank Barn (Photo 11) is a three-bay timber frame structure on a concrete foundation with a gambrel roof. It faces southwest onto the barnyard, with its cellar level exposed along that elevation. It has vertical board siding and corrugated metal roofing. Double sliding doors enter the upper level from a shallow ramp on the northeast elevation. The cellar is separated into stalls for livestock, with the south half concreted for dairy cattle. A Straw Shed addition of frame and plywood construction on a poured concrete foundation extends off the southeast end of the Bank Barn. Located along the northwest edge of the barnyard is the Barn/Stable (Photo 12). This is a transverse barn of light frame

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construction with a front facing gable roof and side shed. It has hinged doors that enter the northeast and southwest elevations. Other structures near the barnyard include: a second Garage (Photo 13) of concrete block construction on a slab foundation with corrugated metal front-facing gable roof and plywood gable ends; a steel Windmill, and a steel elevated Water Tank.

Along the farm lane east of the barn complex is a row of three storage structures (Photo 14). At the north end is a steel stave Silo with conical standing seam metal roof constructed circa 1960 (PG County Aerial 1965) The Storage Barn and Machine Shed were constructed after the City of Bowie acquired the property. Both are of pole construction on poured concrete slab foundations with steel siding and roofing. The Storage Barn is located at the site of the original circa 1914 barn on the property, which no longer extant by 1965 (PG County Aerial). Also installed by the City of Bowie since 1988 is the pre-fabricated plywood Shed located near the Bank Barn (Photo 11).

Located along the farm lane north of the farmstead are the Tobacco Barn and Stripping Shed (Photo 15). The Tobacco Barn is a transverse barn of timber frame construction on a concrete pier foundation. It has a gable roof with open cornice and corrugated metal roofing. It has hinged vertical board siding and a gabled cupola to provide ventilation during drying of the tobacco. Hinged doors enter the center aisle from each end of the building (southeast and northwest elevations) of the building. The Tobacco Barn dates from the 1930s as it appears on the 1938 aerial of the area. Off its south corner is the Stripping Shed built circa 1950s. This concrete block single pen building has a side gable roof covered with corrugated metal, concrete slab foundation, and block chimney stack. It is lit by multi-pane steel sash set into the block walls. A modern hollow core steel door enters the building on its northeast elevation.

The topography of the property is gently undulating with Honey Branch along the eastern edge of the property. Mature forest demarcates the edges of the property, separating it from the adjoining properties. Open fields extend across the property (Photo 16). These former agricultural fields are planted in grasses that are cut for hay by a local farmer. A mid-twentieth century Farm Pond (Photo 17) is located east of the dwelling again the Homey Branch. No pastures are found on the property. Wire fencing is found only in the area of the original farmhouse yard and around the farm pond. No field edge fencing is present. A review of the 1938 and 1965 aerial photographs of the area reveal that the open areas of the farm were cut into multiple crop fields, with pasture in the field to the south of the farmhouse. Multiple farm lanes that are no longer present once connected these fields to the farmstead.

Significance:

Walter and Emma Entzian established this farm in 1916 (Entzian n.d.). Both were German immigrants that came to the United States with their parents in the late nineteenth century. Walter's father Rudolph settled in the Mitchellville area in 1909, operating a farm about one mile north of this one off Queen Anne Bridge Road. (PG County Deeds) Rudolph purchased farms for each of his four sons, including this one for Walter in 1916. The farm had been in operation by another German family, Alvin and Hedwig Hollman, for two years at the time of the Entzian's purchase. A review of the 1938 aerial photo of the area shows the farmhouse, summer kitchen, main barn, tobacco barn and several other outbuildings. The fields are planted in a variety of crops, verifying Walter's listing in the 1930 US Census as a general farmer. Other farmers in eastern Prince George's County usually specialized in one crop, usually tobacco or market produce (O'Donnel 1996; Spero et al, 1996; Kresisa et al. 2009), with many neighbors listed as truck farmers in the 1930 census.

By the late 1940s, Walter and Emma's sons Ernest and Herman were assisting with the operation of the farm (Entzian n.d.). A new house was built by each brother after their marriage: the Cape Cod house for Herman and his wife Marie in 1949, and the Ranch house for Ernest and his wife Aline in 1962. (PG County Deeds) Following Walter's death in 1958, the farm was left to the two brothers and their mother. The brothers jointly farmed the property for over two decades. A review of the 1965 aerial photo of the

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area shows the two houses, three barns, several mobile homes, multiple outbuildings, and the tobacco barn and stripping shed. Existing buildings at the property built by the brothers include the two barns, smokehouse, wood shed, tractor shed and corn cribs. The brothers replaced many of the small buildings built and used by their parents, as the location and size of the buildings has changed since 1938. They built the two barns extant today, the smokehouse and wood shed, tractor shed, and corn cribs. By 1965, the fields are larger than in 1938 but still show multiple crops planted. This is all evidence of the brothers' continuation of their father's general farming practices that included a variety of cash crops and livestock. In 1972, Herman and Marie moved off the family farm, and two years later Ernest and Aline bought Herman's and Emma's interest in the property (PG County Deeds). Ernest and Aline Entzian continued to farm the property until his retirement in the late 1980s.

Since 1988, the farm has been owned by the City of Bowie (PG County Deeds), who uses it for storage of equipment and materials used during landscaping and road maintenance. During the City's ownership, the farm buildings have been largely abandoned, the crop land left fallow, and new storage buildings constructed.

National Register Evaluation:

The Walter and Emma Entzian Farm is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under any of the four criteria. Unlike the majority of other farmers in the county, the two generation of Entzain's did not choose to specialize in either tobacco or market produce, rather utilizing a mix of crops and livestock in the operation of their farm. This type of general farming was not a significant part of the agricultural economy of Prince George's County during the twentieth century. The collection of buildings is common to those associated with farmers of German descent, including multiple dwellings, banked barn, smokehouse, wind mill, and tobacco barn. However, the loss of character-defining original farmhouse, barn, and active crop land, in combination with the introduction of new buildings during the last two decades, has left the property without integrity of design, material, workmanship feeling and association. This leaves the Walter and Emma Entzian Farm not eligible under Criterion A for agriculture. Similarly, the property is not eligible under Criterion B for association with an individual(s), as the Entzian family is not prominent in the Mitchellville area or Prince George's County. The extant buildings are examples of common and modest building forms of which most are in very poor condition, leaving the property not eligible under Criterion C for architecture. Given that the property dates from the early to mid twentieth century with no information potential, it is not eligible under Criterion D. Note that the area around the farmstead has not been evaluated for archaeological potential under any of the four criteria as part of this effort.

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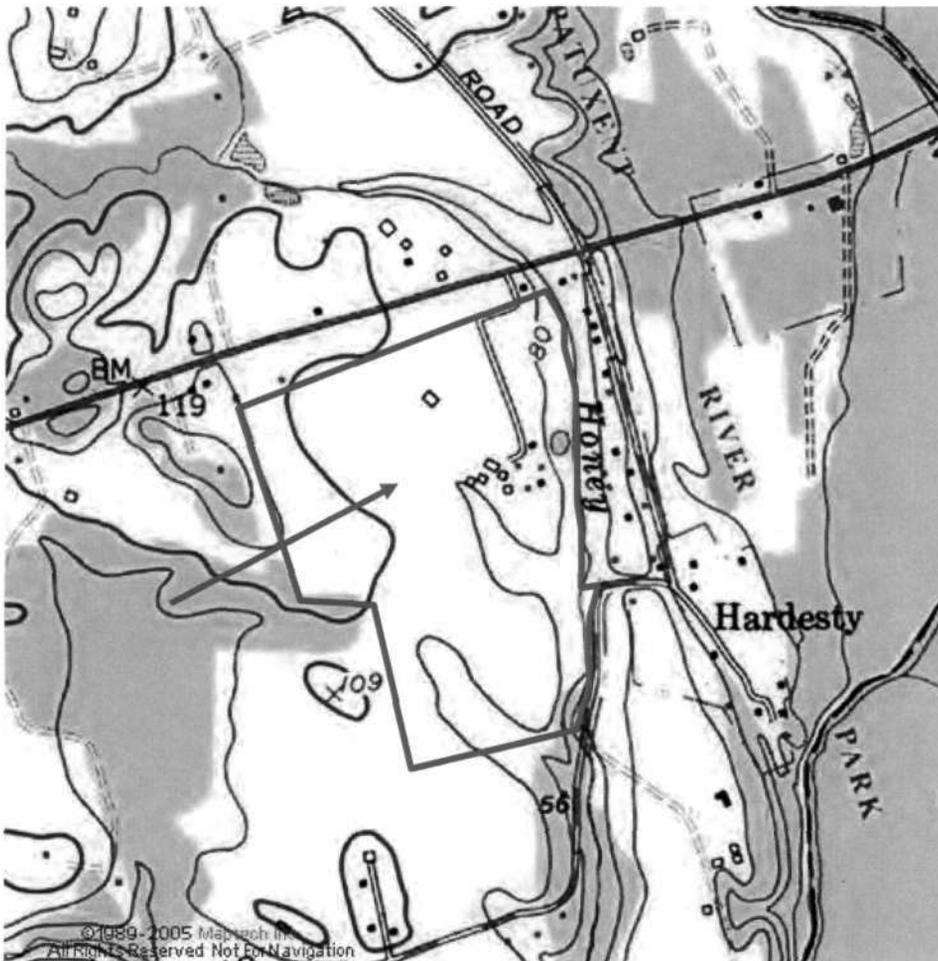
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USGS Location Map

Bowie 1993, USGS Quadrangle Map

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Site Plan

Key-

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| 1 – Cape Cod | 12 – Barn/Stable |
| 2 – Garage | 13 – Garage |
| 3 – Ranch | 14 – Windmill |
| 4 – Cellar | 15 – Water Tank |
| 5 – Summer Kitchen | 16 – Silo |
| 6 – Wood Shed & Smokehouse | 17 – Storage Barn |
| 7 – Shed | 18 – Machine Shed |
| 8 – Corn Cribs | 19 – Prefab Shed |
| 9 – Tractor Shed | 20 – Tobacco Barn |
| 10 – Barnyard | 21 – Stripping Shed |
| 11 – Bank Barn & Straw Shed | 22 – Farm Pond |

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Photo 1

View facing south from farm lane towards the farmstead.
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Photo 2

Cape Cod Dwelling, west (façade) and south elevations. View faces northeast.
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Photo 3

Garage, west (façade) elevation. View faces east.
PG-74B-62_2011-3-9_03

Photo 4

Ranch Dwelling, east and north (façade) elevations. View faces southwest.
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Photo 5

Cellar of original Farmhouse. View facing southwest.
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Photo 6

Summer Kitchen, east and north (façade) elevations. View faces south-southwest.
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Photo 7

Wood Shed and Smokehouse, south and east (façade) elevations. View faces west-northwest.
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Photo 8

Tractor Shed, north (façade) and west elevations. View faces south-southwest.
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Photo 9

Shed and Corn Cribs. View faces southwest.
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Photo 10

View of Barnyard, Barn/Stable and Bank Barn, facing northeast.
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Photo 11

Bank Barn with Straw Shed and Prefab Shed, northeast and northwest elevations. View faces south.
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Photo 12

Barn/Stable, northeast and northwest elevations. View faces south.
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Photo 13

Garage, north (façade) and west elevations. View faces southeast.
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Photo 14

Machine Shed, Storage Barn, and Silo, northeast and northwest elevations. View faces south.
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Photo 15

Stripping Shed and Tobacco Barn, southeast and northeast elevations. View faces north.
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Photo 16

View of fallow cropland, facing south from farmstead complex.
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Photo 17

Farm Pond. View faces southeast.
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View facing South from farm lane towards
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Cape Cod Dwelling, West & South Elevations

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Garage, west elevation

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Ranch Dwelling, east & north elevations

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Cellar of original farmhouse, facing southwest

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Summer Kitchen, east & north elevations

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Wood Shed and Smokehouse, south & east elevations

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Tractor Shed, north : west elevations

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Shed and Corn Cribs, facing southwest

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View of Barnyard, Barn/Stable and Bank Barn,
facing northeast

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Bank Barn with Straw Shed and Prefab Shed,
Northwest & northeast elevations

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Barn/stable, northeast & northwest elevations

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Garage, north and west elevations

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stripping Shed and Tobacco Barn, southeast
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View of fallow cropland, facing south from
farmstead complex

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Farm Pond. View faces Southeast

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