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CAPSULE SUMMARY
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Middleton-Biggs Farmstead
6425 Allentown Road
Temple Hills, Prince George's County, Maryland
c. 1875
Private

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Constructed c. 1875, this one-story, three-bay vernacular single-family dwelling is set on a solid foundation (material not visible). Three-bays wide and one-bay deep, the wood-frame dwelling is clad with aluminum siding. The dwelling is capped by a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves and cornice returns. A central-interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof and has a corbeled brick cap. The central bay of the façade (southeast elevation) contains a single-leaf, paneled wood door with nine lights. The end bays of the façade contain 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 9/9 vinyl muntins. Square-edge wood surrounds complete each opening. A one-story ell extends from the southwestern bay of the rear (northwest) elevation of the main block. Given its form and materials, this ell is likely original to the main block and has the same material treatment. A front-gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles, caps the ell and is embellished with overhanging eaves and cornice returns. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the ell and has a plain cap. The ell is two-bays wide and four-bays deep.

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Middleton-Biggs Farmstead
other	

2. Location

street and number	6425 Allentown Road	__	not for publication
city, town	Temple Hills	__	vicinity
county	Prince George's		

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

name	William T. Biggs, Jr.				
street and number	6025 Biggs Farm Place			telephone	
city, town	La Plata	state	MD	zip code	20646-5531

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Prince Georges' County Courthouse			liber	15430	folio	119
city, town	Upper Marlboro	tax map 98	tax parcel	69		tax ID number	06 0473942

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
_____district
__X__building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
__X__private
_____both

Current Function
__X__agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
__X__domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
8	1	buildings
		sites
1	3	structures
		objects
9	4	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
X_ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead is located at 6425 Allentown Road in Temple Hills, Maryland. The property includes a single-family dwelling, which is sited on a slight grassy rise at the northeast corner of Allentown Road and Brinkley Road. The property includes mature trees and shrubs. A concrete walkway connects the front porch of the building to the public concrete sidewalk that lines Allentown Road. A gravel and dirt driveway leads from Allentown Road northwestward past the northeast (side) elevation of the primary dwelling before winding southwestward towards Brinkley Road. Cultivated fields are located to the northwest and northeast of the single-family dwelling. In addition to the primary dwelling, the property includes a well, shed, storage shed, and a garage. The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead also extends to the southeast corner of Allentown and Brinkley Roads. This level tract is partially under cultivation. Gravel covers the northwestern corner of the tract. This parcel includes a secondary dwelling, produce stand, two carports, office, two sheds, and prefabricated shed.

PRIMARY DWELLING

Constructed c. 1875, this one-story, three-bay vernacular single-family dwelling is set on a solid foundation (material not visible). Three-bays wide and one-bay deep, the wood-frame dwelling is clad with aluminum siding. The dwelling is capped by a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves and cornice returns. A central-interior brick chimney pierces the ridge of the roof and has a corbeled brick cap.

The central bay of the façade (southeast elevation) contains a single-leaf, paneled wood door with nine lights. The end bays of the façade contain 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 9/9 vinyl muntins. Square-edge wood surrounds complete each opening.

The southwest and northeast (side) elevations are each marked by a single window opening containing a 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 9/9 vinyl muntins. Each opening is accented by a square-edge wood surround.

A one-story ell extends from the southwestern bay of the rear (northwest) elevation of the main block. Given its form and materials, this ell is likely original to the main block and has the same material treatment. A front-gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles, caps the ell and is embellished with overhanging eaves and cornice returns. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of the ell and has a plain cap. The ell is two-bays wide and four-bays deep. A replacement single-leaf, paneled wood door with nine lights marks the southernmost bay of the southwest (side) elevation. The three flanking window openings contain 1/1 vinyl-sash windows with false 9/9 vinyl muntins. Each window opening has a square-edged wood surround. A second replacement single-leaf wood door with nine lights is located in the westernmost bay of the rear (northwest) elevation. The flanking opening contains paired 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 4/4 vinyl muntins. A single opening pierces the upper gable end and holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 4/4 vinyl muntins. Square-edge wood surrounds finish the window openings.

A one-story porch spans the facade and extends the length of the southwest (side) elevation of the main block and ell before continuing three-bays across the rear (northwest) elevation of the ell. The porch is set on a solid concrete foundation and is capped by a half-hip roof covered with asphalt shingles. Although historic aerial photographs indicate that a wraparound porch has been present since at least 1949, the porch foundation is relatively new. Overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends complement the roof. Turned wood posts support the roof and are embellished with sawn wood brackets.

A one-story addition, constructed c. 1915, is located in the elbow of the main block and ell. The addition has the material treatment of the main block and is capped by a shed roof of asphalt shingles. Overhanging eaves finish the roof. An exterior-side brick chimney rises on the northeast (side) elevation and has a plain brick cap. Two window openings mark the northeast elevation and each holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash window with false 9/9 vinyl muntins and a square-edged wood surround. A single opening pierces the rear elevation and also holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash with false 9/9 vinyl muntins.

WELL

A dug well is located west of the primary dwelling and was likely constructed c. 1875. A square slab, comprised of aggregated concrete, caps the well. An iron water pump marks the center of the slab and is painted red.

SHED #1

A one-story, two-bay shed is located northwest of the well and is sited west of the primary dwelling. The shed is believed to have been erected c. 1920 based on its construction materials. The wood-frame shed is clad with batten wood siding, which is partially covered with asphalt sheets. A shed roof, covered with corrugated metal, caps the shed and is finished with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. A single-leaf batten wood door is located in the northeastern bay of the façade (southeast elevation) and has a square-edge wood surround. The flanking opening has been altered and holds a six-light wood awning window with a square-edge wood surround.

DOMESTIC OUTBUILDING

A one-story, two-bay storage shed, constructed c. 1920, is located northeast of the well and shed and is sited northwest of the primary dwelling. Based on its from and materials, the storage shed was constructed c. 1920. The shed has a rectangular form and is set on a solid poured concrete foundation. The wood-frame storage shed is clad with batten wood siding, which has been mostly covered with asphalt siding. Corrugated metal covers the front-gable roof, which is accented with overhanging eaves. An interior-end brick chimney rises from the rear (northwest) elevation and has a plain cap. A single-leaf opening pierces the façade (southeast elevation) and holds a deteriorated wood door. A square-edge wood surround finishes the opening. A two-light wood

awning window with a square-edge wood surround also fenestrates the façade. A two-light awning window with a square-edge wood surround is located on the southwest (side) elevation but is missing panes of glass. A single-leaf batten wood door and six-light wood awning windows fenestrate the northeast elevation. Each opening has a square-edge wood surround. An opening to the north of the door opening is missing its sash.

GARAGE

A one-story, two-bay garage is located north of the primary dwelling and is northeast of the gravel and dirt driveway. Based on its form and materials, this garage can be given a c. 1930 date of construction. Set on a solid concrete block foundation, this concrete block building is capped by a front-gable roof. Asphalt shingles cover the roof, which is accented with raking wood boards. The façade (southeast elevation) is parged and the upper gable end is partially clad with plywood. Two vehicular openings mark the façade and each opening holds a set of double-leaf batten wood doors. A window opening in the upper gable end is infilled with plywood and has a square-edge wood surround. The southwest (side) elevation is fenestrated with a single-leaf, paneled wood door with four lights and a two-light metal awning window. A concrete lintel surmounts the door and window openings.

SECONDARY DWELLING

This one-story single-family dwelling is located at 5515 Brinkley Road and was likely a tenant house. This vernacular building originally had a shotgun form and based on this form and its materials, can be given a c. 1875 date of construction. The building is noted on the 1878 Hopkins map. The building is composed of a one-story, one-bay front-gable main block, with a front porch, a one-story addition extending from the northwest elevation, and a one-story addition on the rear elevation. Set on a solid foundation, this wood-frame building has a smooth stucco finish. A steeply-pitched front-gable roof caps the building and is covered with asphalt shingles. A boxed cornice finishes the roof. An interior brick chimney with a concrete cap pierces the northwestern slope of the roof.

A single-leaf opening marks the façade (northeast elevation) and holds a paneled wood door with lights. A square-edge wood surround frames the entry, which is sheltered by a one-story, one-bay porch. The half-hip roof of asphalt shingles has turned wood post supports. The southeast (side) elevation is pierced by two openings; each holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash window that is framed by a square-edge wood surround.

A one-story, full-width addition extends from the northwest (side) elevation of the main block and based on its form and materials was constructed c. 1925. The wood-frame addition has a smooth stuccoed coat and is set on a solid poured concrete foundation. The shed roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has a boxed cornice. An exterior-side brick chimney rises from the northwest elevation and has a concrete cap. A single opening pierces

the façade and holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash window. Two openings fenestrate the northwest elevation and each holds a 1/1 vinyl-sash. All openings are accented by a square-edge wood surround.

A one-story addition extends from the rear (southwest) elevation of the main block and the c. 1925 addition. The addition was likely constructed c. 1930. The German wood siding has been covered with a smooth stucco finish. Asphalt shingles cover the shed roof, which is accented by a boxed overhanging eave. A single 1/1 vinyl-sash window fenestrates the rear elevation and paired 1/1 vinyl-sash are located on the northwest elevation. Each opening has a square-edge wood surround. A bulkhead, which provides access to the basement, is located on the northwest elevation.

A one-story, one-bay entry vestibule extends from the southeastern bay of the rear elevation and has the material treatment of the main block. Constructed c. 1945, this vestibule is capped by a shed roof of asphalt shingles. A single-leaf opening marks the rear elevation and holds a metal storm door. A one-story appendage is located on the northwest elevation. The shed roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

OFFICE

Set on a concrete block pier foundation, this one-story, one-bay building is utilized as an office. Based on its form, materials, and historic aerials, this building can be given a c. 1975 date of construction. Vinyl siding covers the wood-frame structure, which is set under a front-gable roof of V-crimp metal. Overhanging eaves with exposed rafters finish the roof. An off-center single-leaf opening marks the façade (northeast elevation) and holds a paneled wood door. Paired lights originally pierced the upper section of the door, but were replaced with plywood. A square-edge wood surround accents the opening. A paired opening fenestrates the northwest (side) elevation and has been altered to hold four-light vinyl awning windows. The lower portion of the opening is infilled with plywood.

SHED #1

Constructed c. 1955, this one-story, one-bay shed is set on a pier foundation of hollow terracotta tiles. Vinyl siding covers the façade (northeast elevation) of the wood-frame structure and the side elevations are clad with German wood siding. The front-gable roof is covered with corrugated metal and has overhanging eaves with exposed rafters. A double-leaf opening, framed by a square-edge wood surround, marks the façade and holds plywood doors. A nine-light wood awning window pierces the southeast elevation and has a square-edge wood surround.

A lean-to addition extends from the rear (southwest) elevation of the building and has the material treatment of the main block. The addition is not fenestrated.

SHED #2

This one-story, one-bay shed is experiencing structural failure and is in a ruinous state. Based on its form of the building and the condition of materials, this shed can be given a c. 1950 date of construction. The wood-frame shed is clad with German wood siding and is accented by wood corner boards. The shed roof is covered with corrugated metal. A single-leaf opening holding a flush wood door with a single light marks the façade, but the opening has partially collapsed. The side elevations are fenestrated with 6/6 wood-sash windows.

CARPORT #1

A one-story, one-bay carport, constructed ca. 2010, is located southwest of the primary dwelling. The structure is located southwest of Brinkley Road. Thin metal posts support the metal gambrel roof.

CARPORT #2

A one-story, one-bay carport, constructed c. 1990, is located southwest of the primary dwelling and is located across Brinkley Road. The metal gambrel roof is supported by thin metal posts.

PRODUCE STAND

A one-story, four-bay produce stand is located across Brinkley Road from the primary dwelling and was constructed c. 1995. Square wood posts support the front-gable roof, which is covered with asphalt shingles. Metal siding covers the upper gable ends of the structure.

PREFABRICATED SHED

A one-story, one-bay prefabricated shed, used to for produce storage, is located across Brinkley Road from the primary dwelling and is sheltered by the c. 1995 produce stand. Set on a solid concrete slab foundation, this wood-frame building is clad with T1-11 siding. The front-gable roof is covered with metal siding. Double-leaf doors, constructed of T1-11 siding, mark the façade (northeast) and rear (southwest) elevations. Additional fenestration consists of 6/6 wood-sash windows.

INTEGRITY

The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead retains a moderate level of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship as a result of the application of non-historic aluminum siding, the replacement of the original windows with vinyl sash, the replacement of the entry door on the façade, and the construction of the addition on the northeast (side)

elevation. The property's integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association remains high because the property is still owned by the Biggs family, who began accumulating the current acreage in 1905. Further, the Biggs family still farms the land and the property retains its rural and agricultural character.

The well maintains a high level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials. The structure retains a high level of integrity of feeling, location, setting, and association for its continuing association with the Middleton-Biggs Farmstead.

The domestic outbuilding, shed #1, and garage retain a moderate level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials as a result of their deterioration. The buildings retain a high level of integrity of feeling, location, setting, and association due to their continuing association with the Middleton-Biggs Farmstead.

Shed #2 has a low integrity of design, workmanship, and materials because of its advanced deterioration. The building retains high integrity of location and setting, however, because the building is no longer functional, it has a low integrity of feeling and association.

The property's associated office (c. 1975), carports (c. 1990 and c. 2010), produce shed (c. 1995), and prefabricated shed (c. 1995) are considered non-contributing resources due to their recent construction dates.

Overall, the Middleton-Biggs Farmstead with secondary resources presents a moderate level of integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
X 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
__ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	X other: Local History

Specific dates c. 1875 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates c. 1875

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.)

Statement of Significance

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Historic Context

The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead is located near Camp Springs, Maryland. Camp Springs was originally established in the mid-nineteenth century at the intersection of present-day Branch Avenue (MD 5) and Allentown Road. Camp Springs is located adjacent to and west of Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility. Today Camp Springs is roughly bounded by the Capital Beltway (I-495) on the north, Henson Creek and Cherryfield Road on the west, Kirby Road on the south, Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility on the east, and Wesson Drive on the northeast.

Early maps of the area note that it was originally called "Allentown," in honor of the Allen family, who were large landholders in the community. Martenet's map of 1861 documents a settlement at the crossroads of present-day Branch Avenue and Allentown Road. The small community was comprised of several houses, a Methodist Church, school house, a blacksmith shop, and several stores.[1] By 1878, as documented by the

Hopkins map, the growing community was also known as Camp Spring. The Hopkins map denotes the Camp Spring post office, Methodist Church, blacksmith shop, and many residences, the majority of which were constructed between 1861 and 1878.[2] According to local legend, the community was named Camp Springs by the soldiers fighting in the Civil War who traveled through the area and set up camp near the abundant natural springs.[3]

The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead spans three parcels of land, which presently comprise a total of 7.427 acres. In 1889, Ida J. Merchant purchased the 270-acre "Coolidge Farm" from Julia and Jonathan Murphy.[4] Merchant was born in 1853 in Pennsylvania and her husband, John B. Merchant (born in 1846), hailed from New York. The couple married in 1872 and lived in Pennsylvania. By 1900, John B. Merchant was working Coolidge farm in the Surrat's District of Prince George's County, where he resided with Ida and their two children, Milla R. and Nellie H. Merchant.[5]

Following Ida's separation from her husband in 1905, she and Edgar W. Grimes, a trustee, were conveyed the Coolidge Farm property via a Deed of Separation.[6] Ida retained the property until 1910 and at this time she parceled off an 88.7-acre tract and conveyed it to Benson H. Pierce.[7] She continued to cultivate the remaining acreage, as the 1910 U.S. Federal Census notes Ida as a farmer and the proprietor of a truck farm. Two African-American servants, John Marshall and Rosie Porter, resided with her and helped with the farm and domestic labor.[8]

Benson H. Pierce married Milla R. Merchant in 1908, and by 1910 then couple had moved to Brooklyn, New York. Pierce, a real estate broker, was born in Wisconsin in 1870 and Milla was born 1878 in Pennsylvania before her family moved to Prince George's County, Maryland.[9] The Pierces likely moved shortly following their enumeration in the 1910 U.S. Federal Census because the deed indicates Pierce as a resident of Washington, DC.

In August of 1915, Pierce, with the S. & H. Holding Company, conveyed a 7.05-acre tract of land to Wallace E. Pyles of Camp Springs in Prince George's County.[10] Wallace Eugene Pyles was born in 1879 in the Surratt's District of Prince George's County and was the son of Wallace R. Pyles, a gardener, and Alice J. Pyles.[11] He married Eula V., in 1905 and is documented in the 1930 U.S. Federal Census as a hardware merchant.[12] Around 1912, Pyles constructed his residence at 6208 Old Branch Avenue and conducted a nearby grocery business in a building south of Old Branch Avenue.[13] This intersection, Washington-Brandywine Road and the Camp Springs-Upper Marlboro Road, had been a major crossroads and commercial hub since before the Civil War. By 1930, Pyles had also erected a feed warehouse south of his grocery store. This building was later utilized for lumber storage following World War II when Pyles entered the lumber business.[14] These properties are located northeast of the Middleton-Biggs Farmstead.

The Pyles conveyed a 2-acre parcel of their property to Lee B. Biggs in May 1919 and then a 0.21-acre parcel in October 1924.[15] These two transactions represent the foundation of two-thirds of the current Middleton-Biggs Farmstead. The third parcel, a six-acre tract, came into Lee Biggs' possession in 1905. This six-acre tract, which includes the primary dwelling at 6425 Allentown Road, was originally owned by John V. Pyles. The 1878 Hopkins map indicates that the primary dwelling and the secondary dwelling at 5515 Brinkley Road were owned by "J. Middleton" however, a deed could not be located that connected J. Middleton to John V. Pyles. Pyles, like his father a gardener, was born about 1824 in Prince George's County and married Ellen Sweeney in 1846. He died in 1880 and bequeathed to his daughter, Florence E. Middleton, the six-acre tract and its associated buildings.[16]

Florence E. Middleton was born in Prince George's County about 1857.[17] She married farmer Theodore B. Middleton of Prince George's County, and by 1880 the couple had two children, Cora and Charles V. Middleton.[18] Florence died in June 1884. Following her death, Middleton married Amanda Reed Pyles in 1886. Theodore B. Middleton was the son of Charles S. and Isabella Middleton.[19] A successful farmer, trucker, and dairy man, he served two terms as deputy sheriff followed by two terms as county sheriff. Later, Middleton became a county commissioner and was also a vestryman of the St. Barnabas Church in Prince George's County. He was the proprietor of Manchester Farm (PG: 76A-07) in Camp Springs and here he constructed a residence c. 1888.[20] Manchester Farm, also known as the Middleton House, was located at 5805 Old Branch Avenue, which is northeast of the current Middleton-Biggs Farmstead.

Following the death of Florence Middleton, six acres of her property was willed to her three children: Cora, Charles V., and Nellie. Charles' sisters in turn then transferred their interests in the parcel to him. Charles Vinton Middleton conveyed the property to his father, Theodore B. Middleton, in 1905.[21] In July 1905, Theodore and Amanda Middleton conveyed the six-acre tract to Lee Biggs.[22]

Lee Biggs, a farmer, was born c. 1881 in Prince George's County and married his wife, Lizzie (also known as Elizabeth Louise) in 1902. By 1910, the couple were working their own farm and had three children, Rosie A., Julia F., and William T. Biggs.[23] Louise F. Biggs was born in 1915 and all four children were still living with their parents in 1930 and labored as provision help and farm laborers.[24] Based on its form and materials, it is possible that the one-story addition on the northeast (side) elevation of the ell was constructed c. 1915 to house the growing family. Lee Biggs died c. 1950. He left no will, but his wife administered his estate in 1950. An equal ¼ interest went to his wife and to each of three of his children, Rosie A. Biggs, Julia Dove, and William T. Biggs.[25]

In 1980, Louise F. Miller (nee Biggs), the Personal Representative of the Estate of Julia F. Dove, conveyed to herself, Rosie A. Biggs and William T. Biggs the ¼ interest that Dove had held.[26] Following the death of Rosie A. Biggs in 1986, Louise F. Miller as Personal Representative, conveyed to herself and William T. Biggs, Jr., the undivided interest held by Rosie A. Biggs.[27] The property passed through the hands of various members of

the Biggs family from 1986 until 2001, at which time it came into sole possession of William T. Biggs, Jr., the current owner. Biggs does not reside at the primary dwelling, but uses the acreage for farming purposes and operates a farm stand.

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[1] Simon J. Martenet, "Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1861, Adapted from Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, Maryland" (Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet C.E., 1861).
[2] G.M. Hopkins, "Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, Including the County of Prince George Maryland" (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878).
[3] KCI Technologies, "Camp Springs: Community Summary Sheet" (October 1999), http://www.sha.state.md.us/keepingcurrent/maintainRoadsBridges/bridges/oppe/suburbs/pg_co.pdf.
[4] Julia Murphy and Jonathan Murphy, Trustee to Ida J. Merchant, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 10:733.
[5] 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Surratt's District, Prince George's County, Maryland, Page 9A, Enumeration District 100, Ida J. Merchant.
[6] John B. Merchant to Ida J. Merchant and Edgar W. Grimes, trustee, Prince George's County Land Records, 26:510.
[7] Ida J. Merchant and Edgar W. Grimes, trustee to Benson H. Pierce, Prince George's County Land Records, 61:216.
[8] 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Surrattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland, Roll T624 567, Page 9B, Enumeration District 0069, Image 360, FHL Number 1374580, Ida J. Merchant.
[9] 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Brooklyn Ward 29, Kings County, New York, Roll T624, Series 982, Page 9B, Enumeration District 0929, Image 846, FHL Number 1374995, Benson H. Pierce.
[10] S. & H. Holding Company, Inc. and Benson H. Pierce to Wallace E. Pyles, Prince George's County Land Records, 109:43.
[11] 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Surratt's, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll 513, Family History Film 1254513, Page 187D, Enumeration District 129, Wallace E. Pyles.
[12] 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Spaulding, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll 877, Page 11A, Enumeration District 16, Image 912, Wallace E. Pyles.
[13] Susan G. Pearl, "Pyles Lumber Warehouse and Dwelling House," (PG: 76A-08), Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1984), 8:1.
[14] Wallace E. Pyles is associated with the "Pyles Lumber Warehouse and Dwelling House" (PG: 76A-08). However, the dwelling house, located at 6208 Old Branch Avenue was demolished between 1984 and 1997. As of 1997, the warehouse, located at 6810 Old Branch Avenue, was extant.
[15] Wallace E. Pyles and Eula V. Pyles to Lee B. Biggs, Prince George's County Land Records, 143:99; Wallace E. Pyles and Eula V. Pyles to Lee Biggs, Prince George's County Land Records, 231:49.
[16] John V. Pyles to Florence E. Middleton, Orphans Court of Prince George's County, Will WAJ 1:213.
[17] 1870 U.S. Federal Census, Surratts, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll M593, Series 592, Page 246A, Image 496, Family History Library Film 552091, John B. Pyles.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	6.75		
Acreage of historical setting	7.427		
Quadrangle name	Anacostia	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Middleton-Biggs Farmstead is located in Temple Hills, Maryland, within the vicinity of Camp Springs, on a 6.75-acre tract of land. The property, known as Parcel 69, comprises two sections which are bisected by Brinkley Road. The southeastern edge of the house lot property is bounded by Allentown Road and the southwestern edge is lined by Brinkley Road. The northwestern and northeastern boundaries are lined by a row of trees. The produce stand and its associated buildings are located to the southwest of the house lot property. Brinkley Road forms the northeastern boundary and Allentown Road edges the southeasetern boundary. Trees line the southwestern and northwestern boundaries of the lot. This c. 1875 property is associated with Parcel 69 as noted on Tax Map 98.

11. Form Prepared by

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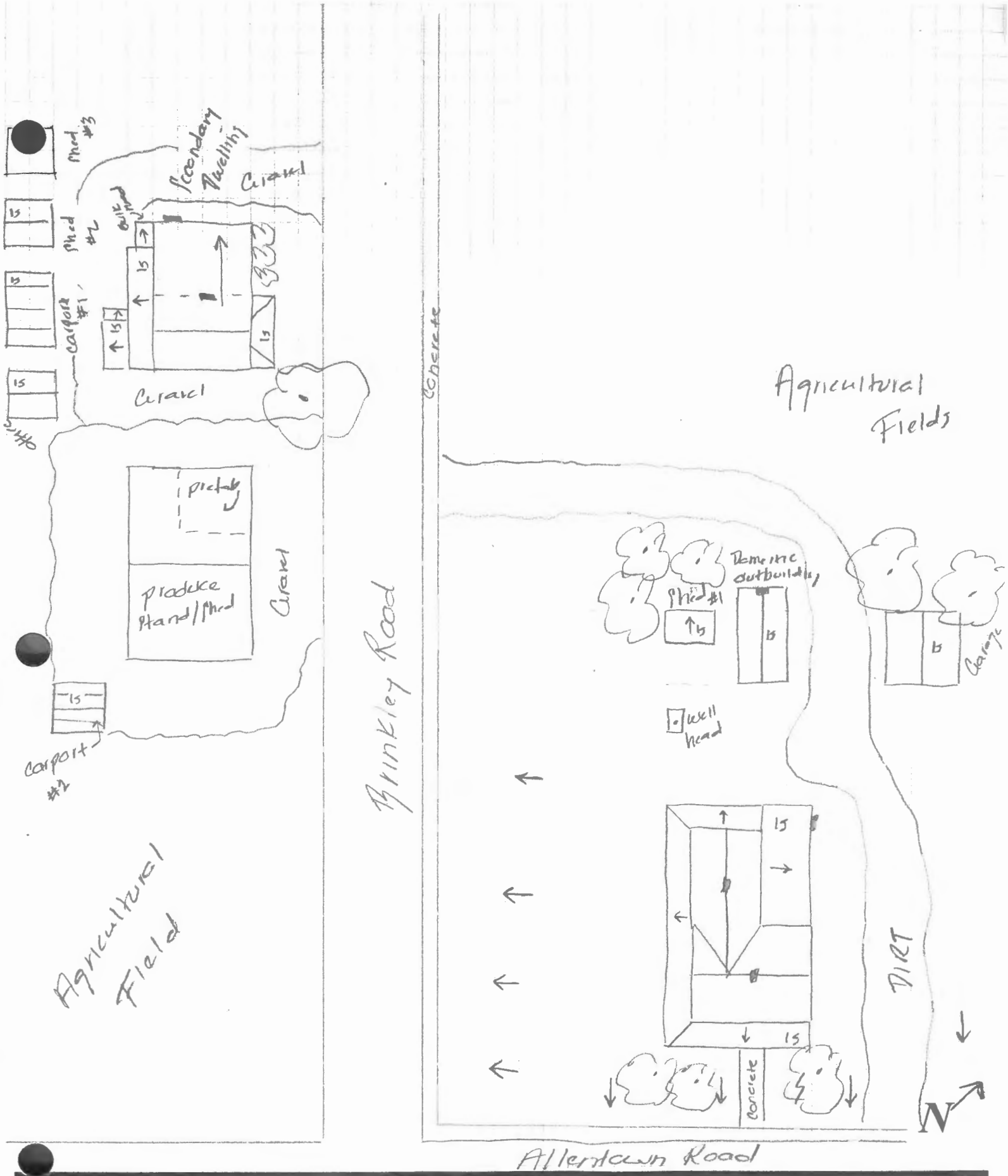

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Middleton-Biggs Farmstead
6425 Allentown Road
Temple Hills, Prince George's County
c.1875
Tax Map 98, Parcel 69
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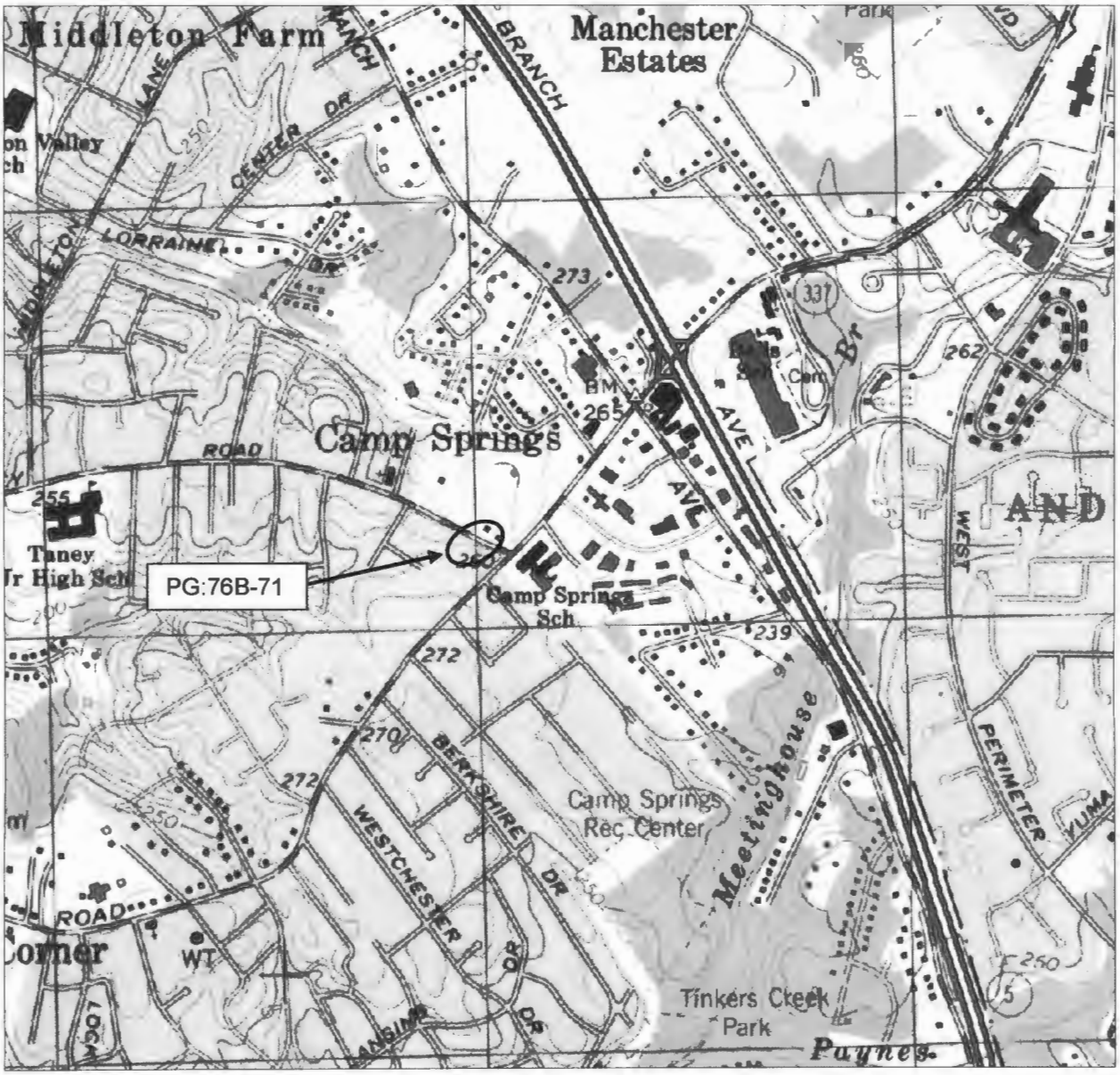
Middletown-Biggs Farmstead
6425 Allentown Road, Temple Hills
Anacostia quad 1965, Photorevised 1979, Bathymetry added 1982



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3.	PG;76B-071_2011-08-01_03.tif	Rear/Side, looking S
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6.	PG;76B-071_2011-08-01_06.tif	Domestic Outbuilding, looking W
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Dwelling, Facade, View looking North
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Prince George's County, Maryland
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Dwelling, Facade, looking West
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MD SHPO
Dwelling, Side and Rear Elevations, View looking South
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Prince George's County, Maryland
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Dwelling, Side and Rear Elevations, View looking East
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Well, Shed, View looking NW
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Domestic outbuilding, looking West
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Garage, View looking North
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Produce Shed, Carport #2, Prefab Shed #2, looking SW
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Secondary Dwelling, View looking South

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Secondary Dwelling, View looking SW
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Secondary Dwelling, View looking East
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Office, Carport #1, View looking South
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Middleton-Biggs Farmstead
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Shed #1 and Shed #2, View looking West
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