

**Queen Anne's County  
Historic Site Summary Sheet**

Survey No: QA-506  
Name: John Littig House  
Location: 1110 Bloomingdale Road, Queenstown, MD  
Access: Private  
Date: ca. 1894

Description: The John Littig House is a simple, altered, ell-shaped frame house with a rear addition perpendicular to the main block. The one other structure which contributes to the historicity of the property is a much-altered, aluminum-sided smokehouse. The property is located on a two-acre parcel which is a remnant of a large farm which likely originated as a tenant farm in the late nineteenth century, built by the absentee landlords who inherited the property from the owners of Bloomingdale (QA-4) across the road from it.

Significance: The John Littig House is a much-altered simple, ell-shaped frame dwelling with a rear addition perpendicular to the main block that is a common architectural type in rural Maryland. It lacks significant architectural distinction and has lost considerable integrity because of the destruction of original outbuildings, except for a smokehouse, and alteration and loss of original fabric on the dwelling itself. It was likely constructed and operated as a tenant farm in the late nineteenth century by absentee Harris family descendents but lost this early association with the neighboring property of Bloomingdale with the sale of the property by the Harris heirs in the early twentieth century.

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| Eligibility Recommended _____               | Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u> |
| Comments: _____                             |                                       |
|   |                                       |
| Reviewer, OPS: <u><i>Ch. E. Under</i></u>   | Date: <u>10/8/98</u>                  |
| Reviewer, NR Program: <u><i>B. Hunt</i></u> | Date: <u>12/18/98</u>                 |

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. QA 506

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Littig House

and/or common Potter House

## 2. Location

street & number 1110 Bloomingdale Road N/A not for publication

city, town Queenstown \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Queen Anne's

## 3. Classification

| Category                             | Ownership                                 | Status                                     | Present Use                            |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district    | <input type="checkbox"/> public           | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum            |
| <input 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> no                | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:            |

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

name Richard and K. F. Potter

street & number P.O. Box 21 telephone no.:

city, town Wye Mills state and zip code MD 21679

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber CWC 88

street & number folio 649

city, town Centreville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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|   |                                       |   |   |                    |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> fair                 | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |                    |

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

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

# 8. Significance

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates ca. 1895 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  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.

See Continuation Sheet 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records, Queen Anne's County

# 10. Geographical Data

Inventoried  
Acreage of nominated property ca. 2 ACRES

Quadrangle name Queenstown

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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| A | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|   | Zone                 | Easting              | Northing             |

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| B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|   | Zone                 | Easting              | Northing             |

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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| state | code | county | code |
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| state | code | county | code |
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**John Littig House**

**Queenstown**

**Queen Anne's County, MD**

**Description**

**Continuation Sheet 7.1**

**Description Summary:**

The John Littig House, built in 1894, is a simple, altered, ell-shaped frame house with a rear addition perpendicular to the main block. The property is located on a two-acre parcel which is a remnant of a large farm which likely originated as a tenant farm in the late nineteenth century, built by the absentee landlords who inherited the property from the owners of Bloomingdale across the road.

**Description:**

The John Littig House, built in 1804, is located on a two-acre plot of land at 1110 Bloomingdale Road in, Queen Anne's County, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It is reached by means of a long drive extending westward from Bloomingdale Road. There is one other resource on the property that contributes to the historicity of the site aluminum-sided, much-altered smokehouse, with a cluster of six noncontributing modern metal and wood structures behind it.

The simple, altered frame house is ell-shaped with a rear addition perpendicular to the main block. It is clad with aluminum siding, and all of the fenestration is replacement vinyl one-over-one sash. The main block is two and one-half stories in height supported on a brick foundation. Its roof is side-gabled, with interior brick chimneys inside of the north and south gable ends. The east (principal) elevation has three bays, with a cross gable over the centered entrance. A one-story full width porch has replacement railings and supports. The contemporary replacement door has sidelights and a transom. Immediately above it at a second level is a set of paired windows topped with a squat one-over-one sash windows near the apex of the cross gable.

The north elevation of this principal block has only one window in the forward bay, probably due to the removal of at least one of the original windows. The south elevation has the more normal arrangement, with the regular fenestration of two windows at both the first and second levels.

A full two-story ell projects from the south bay of the rear elevation. With a slightly lower roofline, this section has a brick chimney inside of the rear (or west) end wall. A one-story shed-roofed one-bay long addition, with a secondary entrance, is located on the south elevation. The north elevation of the ell is the location of a short, two-light, replacement casement window over the bulkhead entrance to the basement.

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There is only one original ancillary building remaining on the site—a much altered, aluminum-sided smokehouse located behind the house. A number of noncontributing structures are located to the west of the house as well—frame garage and metal and frame small sheds and a small horse stable, converted from a garage.

The house is located on a two-acre parcel that was subdivided from the surrounding agricultural land with a sale occurring about a quarter-century ago. It was likely constructed in 1894 as a tenant farmhouse on land that John Littig received from his wife, Sarah Littig (Will Record, JHB44/97 of 1883). They were residents of Baltimore. Sarah Littig (a.k.a. Sally Littig) in turn had inherited the land, called "Church Farm," after the death of her great aunt, Sally Harris, in 1880. Sally Harris was the owner of Bloomingdale (QA-4), which is located to the east of the Littig House on the other side of Bloomingdale Road. It is likely that John, who resided in Baltimore with his wife in the 1880's before her death, constructed it to rent as the dwelling on a modestly sized tenant farm, which continues to be a practice common in the area to this day.

The property passed to the children of Sarah Littig in 1905, who also resided in Baltimore (Land Record SS 10/110, June 8, 1911). They sold it out of the family to a Philemon Golt in 1911. It was subsequently auctioned in 1957 and has had a quick succession of owners ever since.

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**Description  
Continuation Sheet 7.3**

**Chain of Title**

|  |      |                                    |   |
|--|------|------------------------------------|---|
| Holton Rhodes, Jr.   | to   | Richard Potter<br>2 acres          | CWC88/649<br>11/6/1974                  |
| Dorothy Connelly   | to   | Holton Rhodes, Jr.                 | CWC10/148<br>8/28/68                    |
| Holton Rhodes, Jr.   | from | Dorothy Connelly                   | CWC10/149<br>8/28/68                    |
| Ann Starkey  | to   | Holton Rhodes, Jr.<br>290.73 acres | CWC34/81<br>4/9/68                      |
| Holton Rhodes, Jr.   | to   | Ann Starkey                        | CWC34/77<br>4/9/68                      |
| Wye River Farms  | to   | Holton Rhodes, Jr.                 | TSP65/170<br>3/8/62                     |
| Wlm. Herdy   | to   | Wye River Farms                    | TSP53/218<br>1/27/60                    |
| Queen Farm, Golt Farm, Church Farm<br>290.73 acres   |      |                                    |   |
| James Thompson, Tr.  | to   | Wlm. Herdy                         | TSP36/394<br>8/1/57                     |
| Equity Court Auction, \$37,000<br>270 Acres (180 acres tillable) Littig Farm<br>James E. Golt Leager vs. James E. Golt Leager, Jr. |      |                                    |   |
| Katherine Philamone<br>Leager  | to   | James E. Golt<br>Leager, et. al.   | Will Record<br>NSD1/328<br><br>11/16/43 |
| Philemon Golt<br>(died 1919)   | to   | Sarah Leager<br>Katharine Leager   | Will Record<br>WTB1/191                 |

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**Description**  
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|  |    |  |   |
|--|----|--|---|
| Louise Sloan<br>and Sarah Neale<br>of Baltimore                          | to | Philemon Golt<br>\$13,500                                      | SS10/110<br>6/8/11  |
| Church Farm, Chapel Farm, Littig Farm<br>313 acres, part of Bloomingdale |    |  |   |
| John Littig  | to | Louise Sloan<br>and Sarah Neale<br>of Baltimore<br>Chapel Farm | JEG8/515<br>12/8/1905                                     |
| Sally/Sarah Littig<br>(lives in Baltimore)                               | to | John Littig  | Will Record<br>JHB44/97<br>11/28/1883                     |
| Sally Harris   | to | Sally/Sarah Littig   | Will Record<br>WAJ1/304<br>1878<br>Orphans Court NAJ1/304 |

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**Statement of Significance**  
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**Significance Summary**

The John Littig House is a much-altered simple, ell-shaped frame dwelling with a rear addition perpendicular to the main block that is a common architectural type in rural Maryland. It lacks significant architectural distinction and has lost considerable integrity with the destruction of original outbuildings, except for a much-altered smokehouse, and alteration and loss of original fabric on the dwelling itself. It was likely constructed and operated as a tenant farm in the late nineteenth century by absentee Harris family descendents but lost this an early association with the neighboring property of Bloomingdale with the sale of the property out of the Harris family in the early twentieth century.

**Significance.** The Littig House is a common architectural type in rural Maryland. It lacks significant architectural distinction and has lost considerable integrity because of loss of original outbuildings, except for a much-altered smokehouse, and alteration and loss of original fabric on the dwelling itself. Despite an early association with the neighboring property of Bloomingdale both physically and legally because of joint ownership by the Harris family heirs in the nineteenth century, the association with Bloomingdale was weakened with its conversion to use as a tenant farm by absentee landlords, and lost altogether with the sale of the property by the family in 1911. It has gone through a succession of rapid sales in the last half of the twentieth century, including an auction. Because of the material changes in the farmstead and because there is little significant association of the farm with significant historic events or persons, the John Littig House is recommended not eligible for listing under Criteria A, B, or C.

The John Littig is situated southwest of Queenstown on US 50, the main ancestral road leading from Queenstown to the southern counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Queenstown served as the seat of Queen Anne's County from 1706 until 1782, when Centreville was chosen as county seat. Queenstown, however, retained its importance as a center for local trade during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The John Littig House was constructed during the period of Industrial/Urban Dominance (AD 1870-1930), during which the economy of Queen Anne's County was based primarily on agricultural goods, such as grains and fruit, and some agriculture-related industries, such as canneries. John Littig House was the principal dwelling on a large tenant farm which likely produced agricultural goods for subsistence and sale. The expansion of the regional transportation network, with rail and steamboat service, provided the residents of

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Queen Anne's County easier and more rapid conveyance of agricultural products to industrial centers, such as Baltimore and Philadelphia. Steamboat service was available from Queenstown to Baltimore beginning in 1820 until 1916. In 1896, railroad service also became available locally. The Queen Anne's Railroad initially operated between Queenstown and Denton, but was extended to Lewes, Delaware in 1898. There were several stops in the vicinity of the project area, such as Bloomingdale, and Wye Mills. In 1902, the line was expanded from Queenstown to Love Point on Kent Island, and also north from Queenstown to Centreville. The railroad became the dominant means of transportation during this period, and encouraged settlement and creation of towns, though many of these failed (Wesler et al. 1981).

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN  
DATA**

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore (Queen Anne's County)

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-  
1930 A. D.)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes: Architecture

**Resource Type**

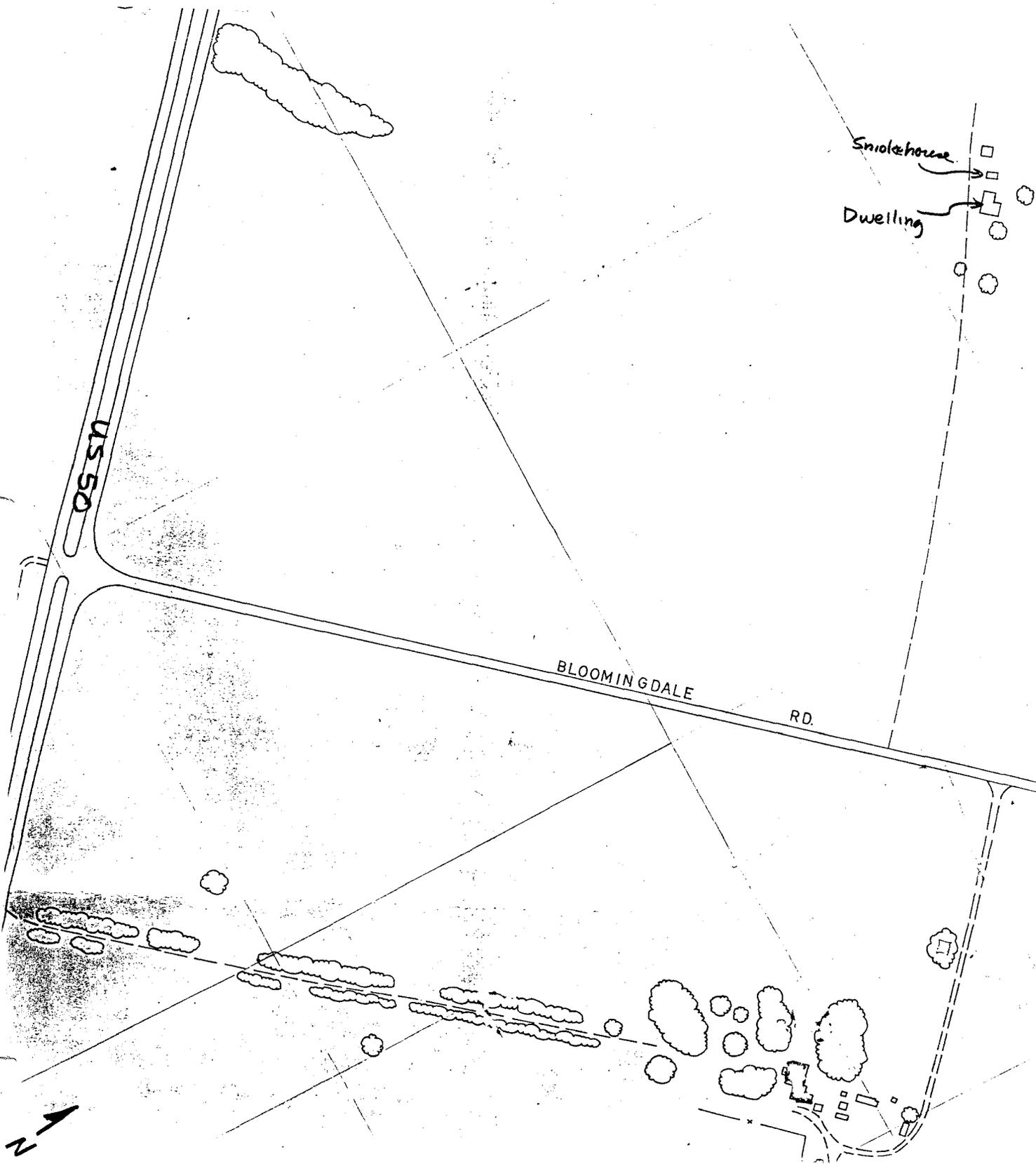
Category: Building(s)

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Domestic: single dwelling  
Subsistence:domestic Outbuilding  
Modern sheds and garage  
(non-contributing)

Known Design Source: None

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Site Plan



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**Location Map-Queenstown Quadrangle**

*WYE MILLS*





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<sup>John</sup>  
~~Sarah~~ Litting House

Queenstown

Queen Anne County

R Suffern 3/98

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MHT has regs

Dwelling - East elevation

1/6



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~~Smith~~ <sup>John</sup> Little House

Queenston

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D10

3/18

Rep # 1114T

Dwelling  
NE corner

2/6



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<sup>John</sup> Sarah Little House

Queens Co. -

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R Suffern - 1110 5th A 3/98

Negs at MIT

Dwelling - 5 or corner

3/6



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<sup>John</sup>  
~~Sarah~~ Little Home

Queerstown

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MP 514A - Peter Suffer  
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negs at MHT

Dwelling  
NW corner  
416



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John  
Sarah Litty House  
Jonestown

R. S. Siffers 3/98

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MP 511A

steps at 177 HT

Smokehouse

South Elevator

5/6



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<sup>John</sup>  
~~Smith~~ Litley Horn  
Queenston

A. Guffner 3/98

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negs at 1M HT

Garage

SE corner

A/C