

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

QA-529

PROPERTY NAME: Pemberton Farm
ADDRESS: 113 Pemberton Farm Lane, Queen Anne, MD 21657
OWNER: William B. Messix, III
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 30
PROJECT: MD 404 from US Route 50 to Denton Bypass
SITE VISIT BY: Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.
NAME: Wendy Zug-Gilbert

INVENTORY NO. ~~CAR-529~~
TAX MAP NUMBER: 68
AGENCY: MD SHA
DATE: July 2001

ELIGIBILITY RECOMMENDED	ELIGIBILITY NOT RECOMMENDED										X
CRITERIA:	A;	B;	C;	D							
CONSIDERATIONS:		A;	B;	C;	D;	E;	F;	G;	NONE		
IS PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?							YES;	X	NO		
IS DISTRICT LISTED?		YES;	X	NO							
NAME OF DISTRICT:											

DOCUMENTATION ON THE PROPERTY/DISTRICT IS PRESENTED IN:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION:

Summary Description:

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Significance:

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PREPARED BY: Wendy Zug-Gilbert, Principal Investigator, Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.

Maryland Historical Trust Review													
Eligibility recommended						Eligibility not recommended:						X	
Criteria:	A;	B;	C;	D	Considerations:	A;	B;	C;	D;	E;	F;	G;	None
Comments:													
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services						<i>Andrew Lewis</i>			Date			<i>09/25/01</i>	
Reviewer, NR program						<i>Blumentz</i>			Date			<i>9/27/01</i>	

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**QUEEN ANNES COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

SURVEY NO.: QA-529
NAME: Pemberton Farm
LOCATION: 113 Pemberton Farm Lane, Queen Anne, MD 21657-1508
DATE: 1861-1891
ACCESS: Private

DESCRIPTION:

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Holt Farm
other Pemberton Farm (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 113 Pemberton Farm Lane n/a not for publication
city, town Queen Anne X vicinity
county Queen Annes

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

name William B. Messix, III
street and number 113 Pemberton Farm Lane telephone n/a
city, town Queen Anne state MD zip code 21657-1508

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Annes County Courthouse tax map and parcel 68-30
city, town Centerville liber/ folio CWC83:754 and CWC41:262

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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing <u>10</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing <u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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.

Pemberton Farm is a 149-acre property located in southern Queen Annes County on the north side of Maryland Route 404. It is situated on a slight rise between a woodlot and fields, and consists of a farmhouse, a meat house, a pump house, two barns, a loafing shed, a shop, a milking parlor, and a dairy (milkhouse). Unlike other farms in the area, Pemberton Farm still operates as a dairy farm.

The farmhouse is a two-and-a-half-story, L-shaped dwelling consisting of a five-bay main block with a rear kitchen wing of the same height. A one-story addition is located in the rear ell. At first glance, this residence appears to be a symmetrical late nineteenth-century farmhouse; however, upon closer inspection, it may have actually been constructed in two phases. The eastern three-bay portion of the structure has six-over-six sash windows consistently throughout. The western two-bay portion has two-over-two sash windows throughout. If this house were constructed in two phases, then the eastern section would be the older of the two and its plan would have originally been side-hall. The western two bays and the rear ell may have been added later, giving the appearance of a symmetrical façade. The interior brick end chimneys are also dissimilar, further suggesting multiple construction phases. The structure is covered with vinyl siding, has an asphalt-shingle roof, and sits on a brick foundation. A small gabled porch roof at the front entry is supported by squared posts. A bay window has replaced the two first-story windows on the eastern section of the façade.

The property's outbuildings date to the late nineteenth/early twentieth-century. Directly behind the farmhouse is a frame gable-roof meat house with a shed-roof addition on its northern side wall. The agricultural buildings are located north of the farmhouse and are organized such that the larger buildings form the perimeter of the farmyard in which the smaller buildings are situated. The west side of the farmyard is framed by a large barn and a loafing shed, both of which were built in the 1930s. Both are frame with metal roofs. The gambrel-roofed barn is covered with vertical planks, has a hay hood on its south end, and has a large addition on its north end that substantially increases the size of the structure. The north end of the farmyard is formed by a smaller, more recent barn. Referred to as the 'colt barn,' the frame structure sits on a concrete-block foundation and has plank siding and a metal-covered gabled roof. Smaller outbuildings within the middle of the farmyard include the milking parlor, dairy (milkhouse), and shop, all of which were constructed during the first half of the twentieth century. The milking parlor is a concrete-block structure with a gabled metal roof. The dairy and shop are frame structures on concrete-block foundations and are covered with wood siding and have metal gable roofs. The dairy has a tall brick chimney with an arched hood on its eastern side wall. The east side of the farmyard is framed by a pumphouse and a corncrib/wagonshed. The pumphouse is a low concrete-block structure with a metal roof. The corncrib/wagonshed is a frame building with a gable-front metal roof.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 c. 1861-1891 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates c. 1861-77; 1891-1940

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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Historic Narrative

Pemberton Farm is named for the late seventeenth-century settler John Pemberton, who received 600 acres as payment for bringing a dozen settlers to Maryland (Messix 2001). A late nineteenth-century record of prominent Maryland eastern shore residents suggests that the Jump family acquired the property before the 1840s (Chapman 1898). This publication indicates that in 1840 Stephen P. Jump, a Queen Annes County magistrate, was born on a tract of land called the Pemberton Resurvey (Chapman 1898). An 1860 map of Queen Annes County shows S.P. Jump as the owner of a property located on the north side of the road between Hillsboro and Wye Mills (Strong 1860). Jump retained ownership of the property through 1877, at which time a residence slightly to the west and closer to the road appears as the dwelling of J. Holt (Lake, Griffing and Stevenson 1877). The Holt House appears to be in the location of the current Pemberton Farm and may be the earlier, eastern part of the farmhouse. If this is the case, then a portion of the farmhouse on Pemberton Farm dates between 1860 and 1877. It is not known if this dwelling was a separate property or a tenant house on the Jump Farm, which was no longer in existence by 1905 (USGS 1905). Given the current name of the farm, it is likely that the property being inventoried on this form was a part of the original Pemberton Resurvey.

Queen Annes County's tax records indicate that the farmhouse was built in 1891. The current owner claims that during remodeling of the interior, he found an 1891 bill-of-sale for lumber apparently used in house construction (Messix 2001). Historical maps and architectural features of the dwelling indicate it was likely built during the last half of the nineteenth century (Strong 1860; Lake, Griffing and Stevenson 1877). It may be that the bill-of-sale was for lumber used to construct the western two-bay addition or the kitchen wing.

During the period in which the farmhouse on Pemberton Farm was constructed, the primary crops grown in Queen Annes and Talbot counties were feed grains, such as wheat, oats, and rye. Other important products included Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, hay, orchard produce, wool, and butter (Agriculture Census Schedules 1880). Agricultural diversification after the Civil War was characterized by the industrialization of agriculture, the beginning of mechanized farming, and the emergence of strong regional urban markets (Lanier & Herman 1997:178). In addition, the extension of the Maryland & Delaware Railroad to neighboring Hillsboro in 1868 provided a high-speed transit for formerly untransportable produce. Produce such as berries, cherries, peaches, and perishable vegetables as well as small game and animals including partridges, wild duck, geese, rabbits, and poultry could be shipped farther and faster (Preston 1983:234). Eggs and oysters were other major products.

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Historic Narrative (continued)

In the late nineteenth century, Queen Anne's Railroad was chartered to connect Baltimore with the Atlantic coast. By 1896, a single track bisected Pemberton Farm, isolating approximately 25 acres on the north side of the railroad. The railroad track between Queenstown and Queen Anne was in service until 1976 when it was abandoned and the track was removed for salvage (Hayman 1979:168). Stations were established at Willoughby and Queen Anne, at approximately equal distances from Pemberton Farm. This line serviced the growing number of canneries in this portion of the Eastern Shore region.

During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, many canneries were established in the area. Canners were important commercial enterprises on the Eastern Shore, often backed by big-city businesses, but sometime operated by small local businesses. The area's fertile land, multiple farms, and un-unionized labor created the perfect climate for massive farm production. Queen Annes County canneries packed peaches, peas, tomatoes, and corn (Burton 1986:36). Technological advancements in food preservation and the manufacture of cans fueled the county's canning industries around the turn of the twentieth century. Many small towns had their own cannery with produce provided by the local farms. Canneries were established at Willoughby and Queen Anne. Like most of the surrounding farms, it is likely that Pemberton Farm grew crops for the local canneries. Cannery production peaked in 1920 with subsequent decline during the mid- and latter twentieth century.

By the early twentieth century, significant changes in farming practices ushered in a new period of agriculture. The use of engine-driven trucks and tractors, the importance of hygienic farming standards, and the expansion of truck farming became important trends. Dairy farming became extremely important. The milking parlor and dairy on the Pemberton Farm were built in direct response to this. Also during this period, concrete and concrete-block gained popularity as building materials. Many of Pemberton Farm's current outbuildings were constructed at this time. Pemberton Farm is one of the few active dairy farms along MD 404. The current owners use the 149-acre farm for both pastureland and cultivation of feed crops.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Agricultural Census Schedules, Queen Annes County, 1880.

Burton, R. Lee, Jr.

1986 *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*. Tidewater Publishers, Centreville, Maryland.

Chapman Publishing Company

1898 *Portrait and Biographical Record of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Chapman Publishing Company, New York.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 149 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Ridgely, MD (1973)

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

n/a

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Leslie A. Dyer and Wendy Zug-Gilbert (Principal Investigators)		
organization	Archeological & Historical Consultants, Inc.	date	July 2001
street & number	101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., PO Box 482	telephone	(814) 364-2135
city or town	Centre Hall	state	PA

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Hayman, John C.

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1877 *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Annes Counties, Maryland*. Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Lanier, Gabrielle M. & Bernard L. Herman

1997 *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic*. The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore.

Messix, William B., III

2001 Conversation with William Messix (property owner), July 2001.

Preston, Dickinson J.

1983 *Talbot County: A History*. Tidewater Publishers, Centerville, MD.

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Strong, John G.

1860 *Map of Queen Annes County*.

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1973 *Ridgely, Maryland Quadrangle*. 7.5-minute series.

1905 *Denton, Maryland Quadrangle*. 15-minute series.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000: THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

- X EASTERN SHORE (ALL EASTERN SHORE COUNTIES AND CECIL)
- WESTERN SHORE (ANNE ARUNDEL, CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S, ST. MARY'S)
- PIEDMONT (BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE, CARROLL, FREDERICK, HARFORD,, HOWARD,
MONTGOMERY)
- WESTERN MARYLAND (ALLEGANY, GARRETT, WASHINGTON)

II. CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIODS:

- RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION (A.D. 1680-1815)
- X AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION (A.D. 1815-1870)
- X INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE (A.D. 1870-1930)
- X MODERN PERIOD (A.D. 1930-PRESENT)
- UNKNOWN PERIOD (PREHISTORIC; HISTORIC)

III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

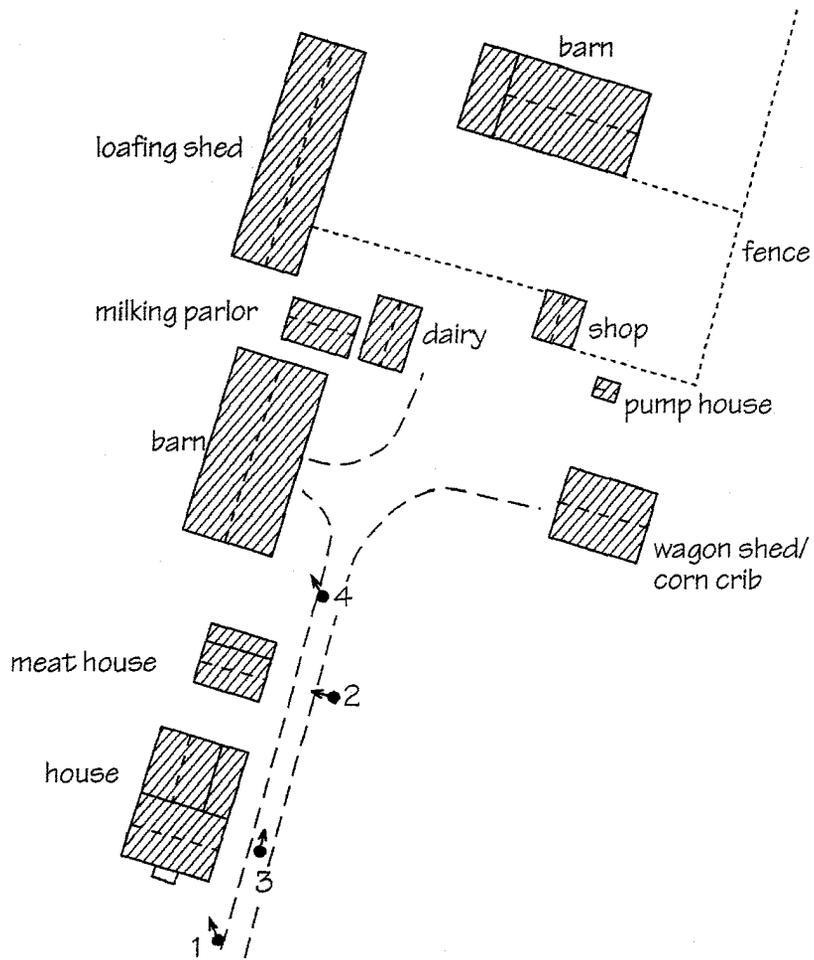
- X AGRICULTURE
- X ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
- ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)
- GOVERNMENT/LAW
- MILITARY
- RELIGION
- SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
- TRANSPORTATION

IV. RESOURCE TYPE:

CATEGORY: farm
 HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: rural
 HISTORIC FUNCTION(S) AND USE(S): farm
 KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: none

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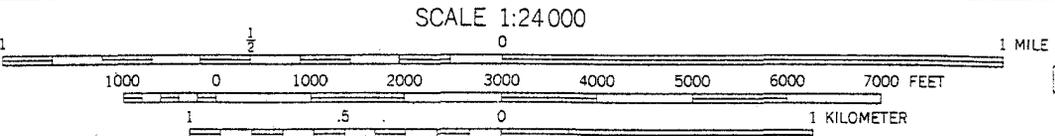
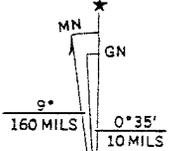
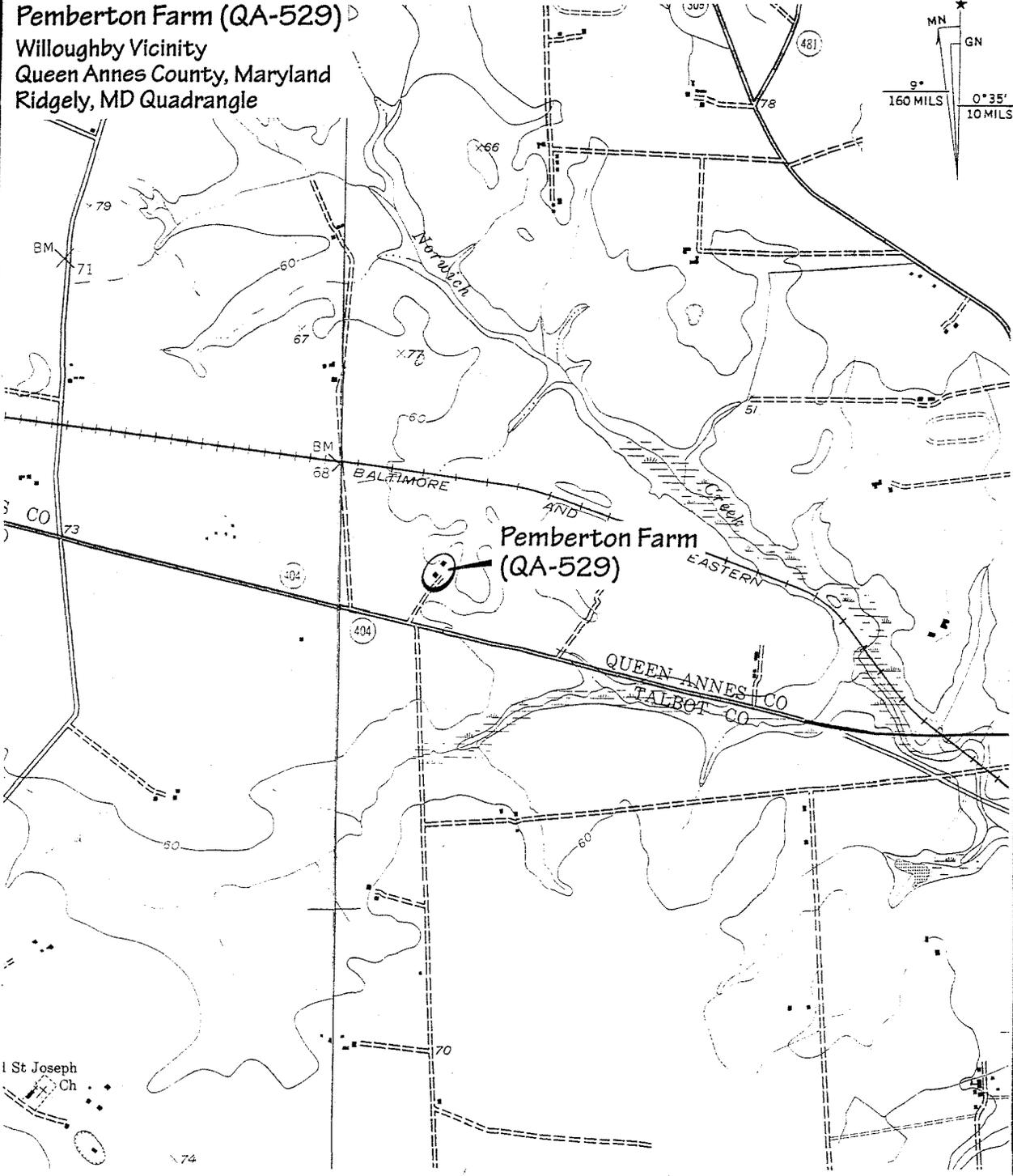
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Queen Annes County, Maryland
Resource Sketch Map



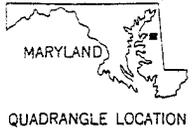
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not to scale



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Willoughby Vicinity
Queen Annes County, Maryland
Ridgely, MD Quadrangle



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Pemberton Farm

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MD SHPO

Farmhouse, facade (south elevation), facing north

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Meat house with addition east elevation, facing west

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Pemberton Farm

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Rita Suffness

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View of farmyard showing corner crib/wagon shed, shop, barn, and dairy,
facing north.

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Pemberton Farm

Queen Anne County, Maryland

Rita Suffness

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MO SHPO

Barn with addition, east elevation, facing northwest.

NOTE: milking parlor at far right

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