

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

PROPERTY NAME: Willoughby Farm **INVENTORY NO.** T-1151
ADDRESS: 30319 Queen Anne Highway, Queen Anne, MD 21657 (Wye Mills vicinity)
OWNER: Lloyd C. Pahlman
TAX PARCEL NUMBER: 06 **TAX MAP NUMBER:** 2
PROJECT: MD 404 from US Route 50 to Denton Bypass **AGENCY:** MD SHA
SITE VISIT BY: Archaeological and Historical Consultants, Inc.
NAME: Wendy Zug-Gilbert **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; 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 *Andrew Lewis* **Date** *09/25/01*
Reviewer, NR program *[Signature]* **Date** *9/27 01* *[Signature]*

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**TALBOT COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

SURVEY No.: T-1151
NAME: Willoughby Farm
LOCATION: 30319 Queen Anne Highway, Queen Anne, MD 21657 (Wye Mills vicinity)
DATE: c. 1900
ACCESS: Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Willoughby Farm (preferred)

other Pahlman Farm

2. Location

street and number 30319 Queen Anne Highway n/a not for publication

city, town Queen Anne vicinity

county Talbot

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

name Lloyd C. Pahlman

street and number 30319 Queen Anne Highway telephone n/a

city, town Queen Anne state MD zip code 21657

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse tax map and parcel 2-06

city, town Easton liber 867 folio 681

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	7
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	buildings
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

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.

Willoughby Farm is located on Maryland Route 404 near the crossroads village of Willoughby in Talbot County, Maryland. Constructed circa 1910, the farm occupies a 664-acre tract that includes a farmhouse, garage, a barn, a pumphouse, two machinery sheds, and a large wooden corncrib. The farmhouse faces MD 404 to the north, and except for the garage, all outbuildings are situated to the south of the house. The property's fields surround the Willoughby farmhouse and agricultural buildings. A private drive connects the farm with MD 404.

The farmhouse is an early twentieth-century, two-and-a-half-story, vernacular dwelling with a modern two-story addition on its façade (northern gable end). The original part of the structure was two bays in width and two rooms in length. The front addition added an additional room to the structure's length. The house is of frame construction on a brick foundation with concrete-block supporting the addition. The original part of the house is sided with asbestos, has boxed eaves, and a steeper-pitched roof; the front addition is sided in vinyl, is slightly shorter in height, and has a shallower slope to the roof. Both roofs have asphalt shingles and brick chimneys. A one-story, shed-roofed mudroom entry is located on the rear (south) elevation and may have been an original component of the house. A tall exterior brick chimney is located on its west elevation. Windows are modern one-over-one replacement sash, some with six-over-six inserts.

The outbuildings consist of a garage, a barn, a pumphouse, two machinery sheds, and a large wooden corncrib. The garage is an elongated one-story structure with a concrete-block foundation, board-and-batten siding, and a standing-seam metal roof. It has batten doors on the south and west elevations, two sliding doors on its south elevation, and a variety of fixed-pane windows on its south elevation. The pump house is a small concrete building situated south of the house. The farm's agricultural buildings are all situated on the east side of the semi-circular farm lane. The barn and the two machinery sheds are frame buildings with metal siding, concrete-block foundations, and metal gabled roofs. The corncrib is a large, gable-front, frame structure on brick piers with a 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 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 1900-1940 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates circa 1900-1940

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

An 1858 map shows the Willoughby Farm land in possession of T. Eliason, with a house along the border between Talbot and Queen Annes Counties (Dilworth 1858). A map dated two years later shows the T. Eliason improvements close to the corner of Church Road and the present-day Route 404 (Strong 1860). The current buildings on the Willoughby Farm are twentieth-century replacements of that earlier farm complex. The buildings' concrete-block foundations indicate a twentieth-century date of construction. A 1904 quadrangle of the area (surveyed in 1902) shows the Willoughby Farm complex (USGS 1904).

The current Willoughby Farm was established in the early twentieth century just as 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. The fact that none of the outbuildings associated with the farm's earlier occupation are extant may indicate the growing trend of the period to reuse materials from earlier buildings to construct the newer, more task-specific buildings necessary for twentieth-century agricultural practices. It appears that the outbuildings located on the farm date to that early twentieth-century period of reconstruction.

Prior to this period (and after the Civil War), the agricultural economy of Talbot County, which had been based in tobacco during the eighteenth century and then grain crops during the early nineteenth century, became diversified. During the mid-nineteenth century, the eastern shore of Maryland was an important agricultural area producing crops for marketplaces in Annapolis, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. Agricultural diversification was characterized by the industrialization of agriculture, the beginning of mechanized farming, and the emergence of strong regional urban markets (Lanier & Herman 1997:178). Additionally, 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.

In 1896, a second railroad was constructed through the area (Hayman 1979:118). The Queen Annes Railroad was the last major railroad to be built on the Eastern Shore. It was constructed as an east-west line to service the agriculturally productive region in the upper Eastern Shore. This railroad ran along the north side of Queen Anne Highway between Wye Mills and Denton with stations at

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Historic Narrative (continued)

Wye Mills, Willoughby, Hillsboro, Downes, Tuckahoe, and Denton. A station was established at Willoughby where the railroad crossed Fox Meadow Road. 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 non-unionized labor created the perfect climate for massive farm production. Queen Annes and Talbot 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. It is conceivable that during the early twentieth century, Willoughby Farm grew produce for the cannery at Willoughby. An exact date for the establishment of the Willoughby cannery could not be found; however, it does not appear in a local cannery directory until 1906, owned by J. W. Macklin (Burton 1986:119). This date is corroborated by the 1904 quadrangle, which does not appear to show an industrial complex at the site along the railroad at Willoughby. The cannery at Willoughby canned corn and many of the adjacent farmers grew for this establishment. Production of canneries peaked in 1920 with subsequent decline during the mid- and latter twentieth century.

Currently, Willoughby Farm consists of 664 acres. The acreage is used for the production of corn, soybean, and wheat, like many of the adjacent farms.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Burton, R. Lee Jr.

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

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1858 *Map of Talbot County, Maryland*.

Hayman, John C.

1979 *Rails Along the Chesapeake – A History of Railroading on the Delmarva Peninsula, 1827-1978*. Marvadel Publishers, unknown location.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 664 acres
Acreage of historical setting 664 acres
Quadrangle name Wye Mills, 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
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city or town	Centre Hall	state	PA

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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

III. HISTORIC PERIOD THEMES:

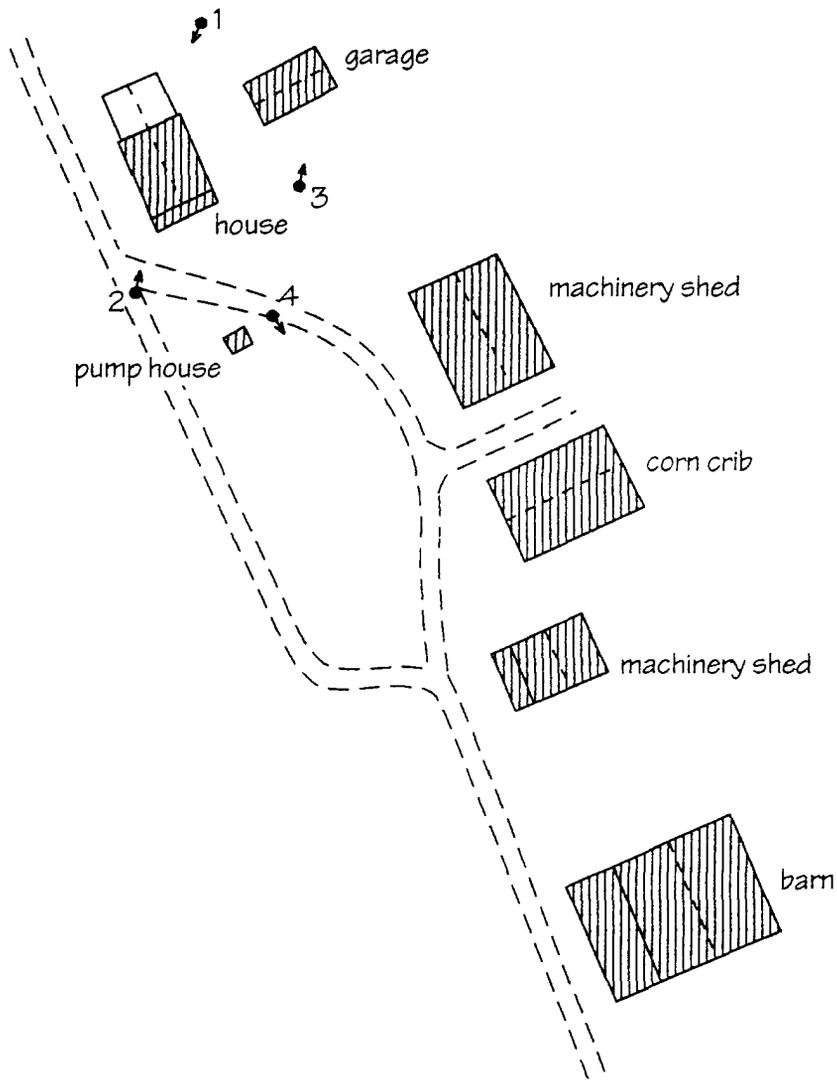
- X AGRICULTURE
- X ARCHITECTURE, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
- ECONOMIC (COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)
- GOVERNMENT/LAW
- MILITARY
- RELIGION
- SOCIAL/EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL
- TRANSPORTATION

IV. RESOURCE TYPE:

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

Willoughby Farm (T-1151)

Wye Mills Vicinity
Talbot County, Maryland
Resource Sketch Map



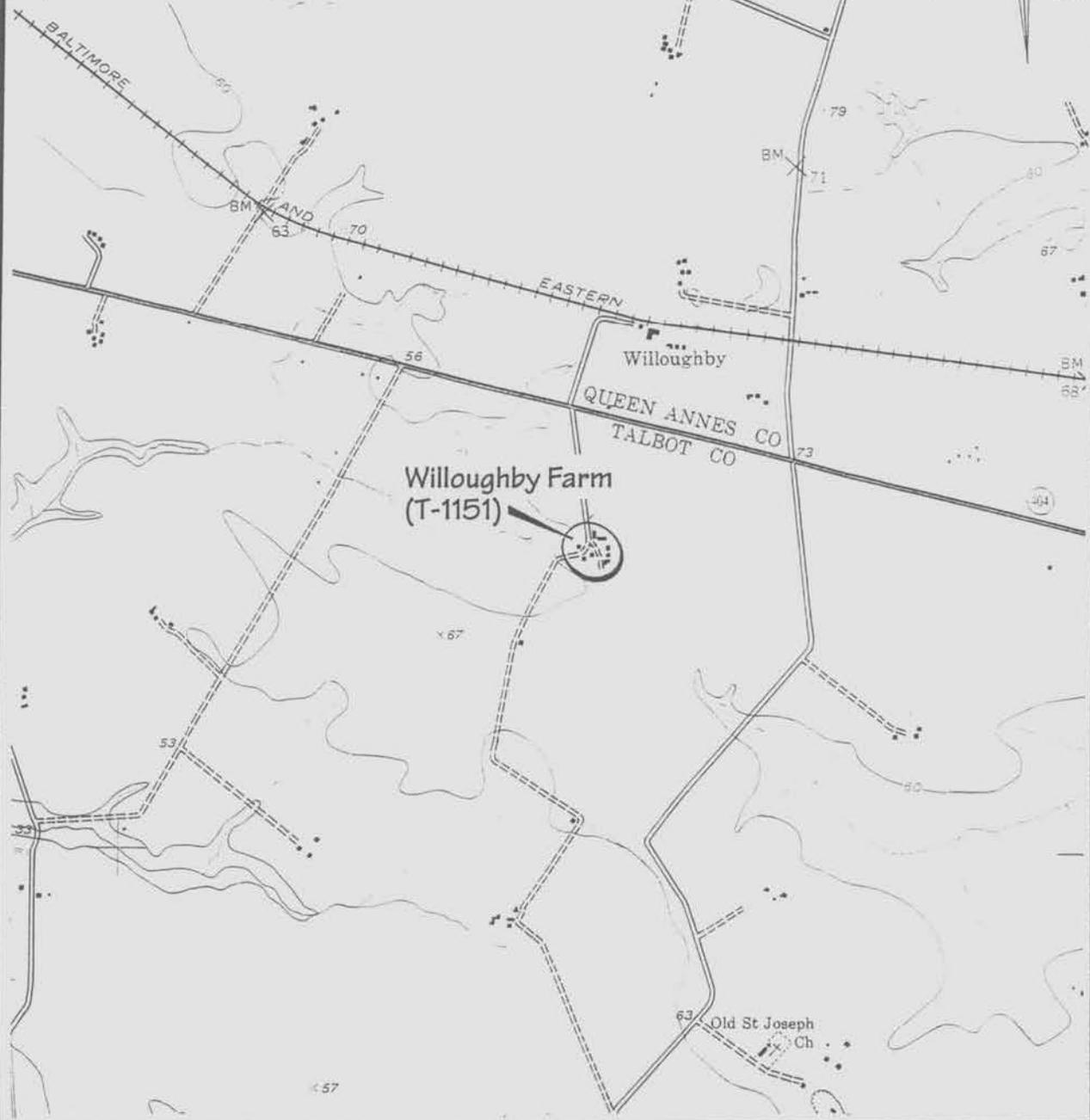
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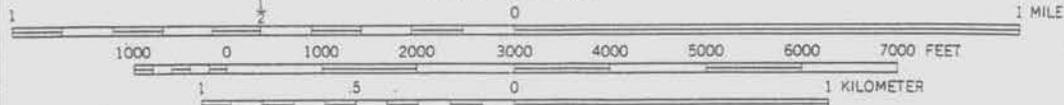


Willoughby Farm (T-1151)

Wye Mills Vicinity
Talbot County, Maryland
Wye Mills, MD Quadrangle



SCALE 1:24 000



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Willoughby Farm

Talbot County, Maryland

Rita Suffness

June 2001

MD SHPO

Farmhouse, east elevation showing addition to facade, facing
south.

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Talbot County, Maryland

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Farmhouse, west elevation and rear gable end, facing north.

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Garage, south elevation, facing north

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Willoughby Farm

Talbot County, Maryland

Rita Suffness

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MD SHPO

Farm buildings (machinery sheds, corncrib, & barn), facing southeast

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