

T-389  
Mullikin Farm  
4215 Old Trappe Road  
Trappe Vicinity  
Ca. 1900-1940  
Private

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Mullikin Farm, currently known as the "Mushaw Home Farm," is one of the few examples of a Talbot County farm developed completely during the twentieth-century and represents an intact collection of agricultural buildings associated with the historically important trend of the self-sufficient general farm in the county. The property was originally sold to George F. Adams by H. A. Towers in 1901. William A. Kirby purchased the property in 1911 from the trustee for the George F. Adams Estate. John R. Mullikin and J. Edward Merrick inherited the property from William A. Kirby in 1919 and lost the property to foreclosure in 1936. A representative of Talbot County sold the property at auction to Mary W. McKnett that same year. Oliver L. Corkran and his wife, Nellie E., purchased the property from Mary W. McKnett in 1944. The Corkrans sold the property in 1952 to Brice H. Barnes and his wife, Alta H. who sold the property to Rumsey L. Seymour and his wife, Gretchen T. in 1968. Harvey Mushaw and Bertha V. Mushaw obtained the property in 1969. The property was originally sold to Mushaw intact, however, after the construction of US Route 50 (also known as Ocean Gateway) the property was divided into two tracts. The descendants of Harvey and Bertha Mushaw are the current property owners.

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## 1. Name of Property

historic Mullikin Farm  
other Mushaw Farm

## 2. Location

street and number 4215 Old Trappe Road N/A not for publication  
city, town Trappe X vicinity  
county Talbot

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

name Timothy R. and John M. Schwaninger  
street and number 4093 Ocean Gtwy telephone  
city, town Trappe state MD zip code 21673-1996

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 846 folio 459  
city, town Easton tax map 54/18 tax parcel 205 tax ID number 119939

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	12	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
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<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	12	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<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.

### **Summary Description**

The Mullikin Farm is located on 19.12 acres of land just to the north of the community of Trappe in Talbot County, Maryland and contains twelve structures. The structures include a residence, play house, carriage house, pump house, granary, three machine sheds, barn, corncrib, hen house, and what appears to be a seed house.

The residence is located approximately 250 feet from Old Trappe Road. A straight gravel access road is located adjacent to the residence and runs in a straight line back to the barn. The agricultural buildings are arranged in a linear plan running from west to east at the rear of the residence. The property is surrounded by cultivated agricultural fields and is an active farm.

### **Residence, ca. 1910**

The residence is a two-and-a-half story wood frame foursquare house, constructed ca. 1910. The building rests on a continuous rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit foundation. The pyramidal roof is clad with asphalt shingles and has two dormers. The hipped roof dormers are located on the west and east façades and have paired three-pane wood hopper sashes. The building has an interior brick masonry chimney.

The west façade is the principle building entry. The walls are clad with horizontal vinyl siding above the basement level. The building is entered through a hinged one panel one-pane wood front door with a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The windows are paired three-over-one wood sashes. The basement has three-pane wood hopper sashes. The front entry porch has a wood plank floor on a rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit pier foundation, four wood Doric columns, and a hipped roof clad with asphalt shingles.

The north façade is clad with horizontal vinyl siding above the basement level. The windows are paired three-over-one wood sashes on the first floor and single three-over-one wood sashes on the second level. The basement has three-pane wood hopper sashes. There are no doors on this façade.

The east façade is clad with horizontal vinyl siding above the basement level. There is a projecting one-story hipped roofed kitchen portion of the building that runs the full width of the house. The building is entered through a hinged one panel one-pane wood door with diagonal bracing. The windows are paired three-over-one wood sashes on the first floor and single three-over-one wood sashes on the second level. The basement has three-pane wood hopper sashes.

The south façade is clad with horizontal vinyl siding above the basement level. The windows are paired three-over-one wood sashes on the first floor and single three-over-one wood sashes on the second level. The basement has three-pane wood hopper sashes. There are no doors on this façade.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

### **Play House, ca. 1940**

The play house, constructed ca. 1940, is a one-story wood frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with horizontal wood siding. The gambrel roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building is entered through a small hinged wood plank door. The square window openings have had Plexiglas inserted. The interior of the building is finished with a linoleum floor and wallpaper.

### **Carriage House, ca. 1910**

The carriage house is a two-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a continuous rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The front-gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal with two lightning rods. The building is accessed through a

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sliding wood plank door. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor. The second floor is accessed via an enclosed staircase.

### ***Pump House, ca. 1930***

The pump house is a one-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The western half of the building, which covers the well has open walls on the north and south façades. The building rests on a continuous poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The front-gable roof is also clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the east façade that has been clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The windows are four-pane wood awning sashes. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor.

### ***Granary, ca. 1920***

The granary is a one-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The front-gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the north façade that has been clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor.

### ***Machine Shed, date unknown***

The machine shed is attached to the west façade of the barn. It is five bays wide and is of timber frame construction. The building has recently been enclosed. The shed rests on a combination pier and continuous rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The offset side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The building is accessed through four metal roll-up doors and a hinged four pane four-pane wood door. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor.

### ***Barn, ca. 1910, 1940, 1960***

The barn is ten bays deep with a hayloft and an addition which creates an "L" shape. The structure rests on a rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit foundation with poured concrete piers. The bottom three-feet of the walls are constructed of rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry units with the upper portion clad with a combination of six-inch vertical wood planks and corrugated metal. The cross-gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal over corrugated metal and has seven lightning rods. The barn has a hay hood on the south gable end. The doors are hinged wood plank with diagonal bracing with some Dutch doors of the same construction. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor and metal animal pens. The space within the "L" has been covered with an open shed roof addition that covers animal pens. The exterior pen wall is four feet tall and constructed of rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry units. The roof is supported by inverted trusses.

### ***Machinery Sheds (4), dates unknown***

A row of four timber frame machinery sheds is located on the east façade of the barn. The sheds are four bays, one bay, one bay, and one bay in size. The sheds rest on a combination pier and continuous rusticated rock-faced concrete masonry unit foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The side and front-gable roofs are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The buildings are open on the south façade. There are no doors or windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.

### ***Corncrib, ca. 1920***

The corncrib is a one-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The front-gable roof is clad with

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corrugated metal and has three ventilators along the roofline. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the north façade that has been clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor.

### ***Hen House, ca. 1930***

The hen house is a one-story light timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The shed roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The building is accessed through a small hinged wood plank door on the east façade. The windows are six-pane wood awning sashes. The interior of the building is finished with a wood plank floor and beadboard on the walls.

### ***Seed House (?), ca. 1920***

The building that appears to be a seed house is a two-story structure with an undivided interior space. The building is four bays deep and rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with asphalt shingles over wood boards. The side gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal and has four lightning rods located along the roof ridge. The building is accessed through hinged wood plank doors on the west façade. Hinged wood plank doors are also located on the second level. There are no window openings. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor. A wood open string stair leads to the second floor.

### ***Machinery Shed, date unknown***

A six bay timber frame machine shed is attached to the north façade of the seed house. The shed rests on a combination pier and continuous poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad with six-inch horizontal wood planks. The side gable roof is clad with corrugated metal. The building is open on the west façade. There are no doors or windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.

## 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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Specific dates** 1900-1914; 1914-1920; 1920-1939 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 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.)

### **Summary Statement of Significance**

Mullikin Farm represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1910 to 1940. The property as a whole is associated with the historically important trend of the self-sufficient general farm in the county. This property is one of the few examples of a Talbot County farm developed completely during the twentieth-century having been constructed during the Early Twentieth-Century Stability (1900-1914) agricultural period, with additions during the World War I (1914-1920), and the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939) agricultural periods. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with a large self-sufficient general farm in Talbot County during these periods.

### **Historical Background**

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Whitaker, James H. *Agricultural Buildings and Structures*. Reston, Va.: Reston Publishing Co., 1979.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of surveyed property 19.12

Acreege of historical setting 19.12

Quadrangle name Trappe, MD Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as current boundary as described on Talbot County Tax Map 54, Grid 18, Parcel 205. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

## 11. Form Prepared by

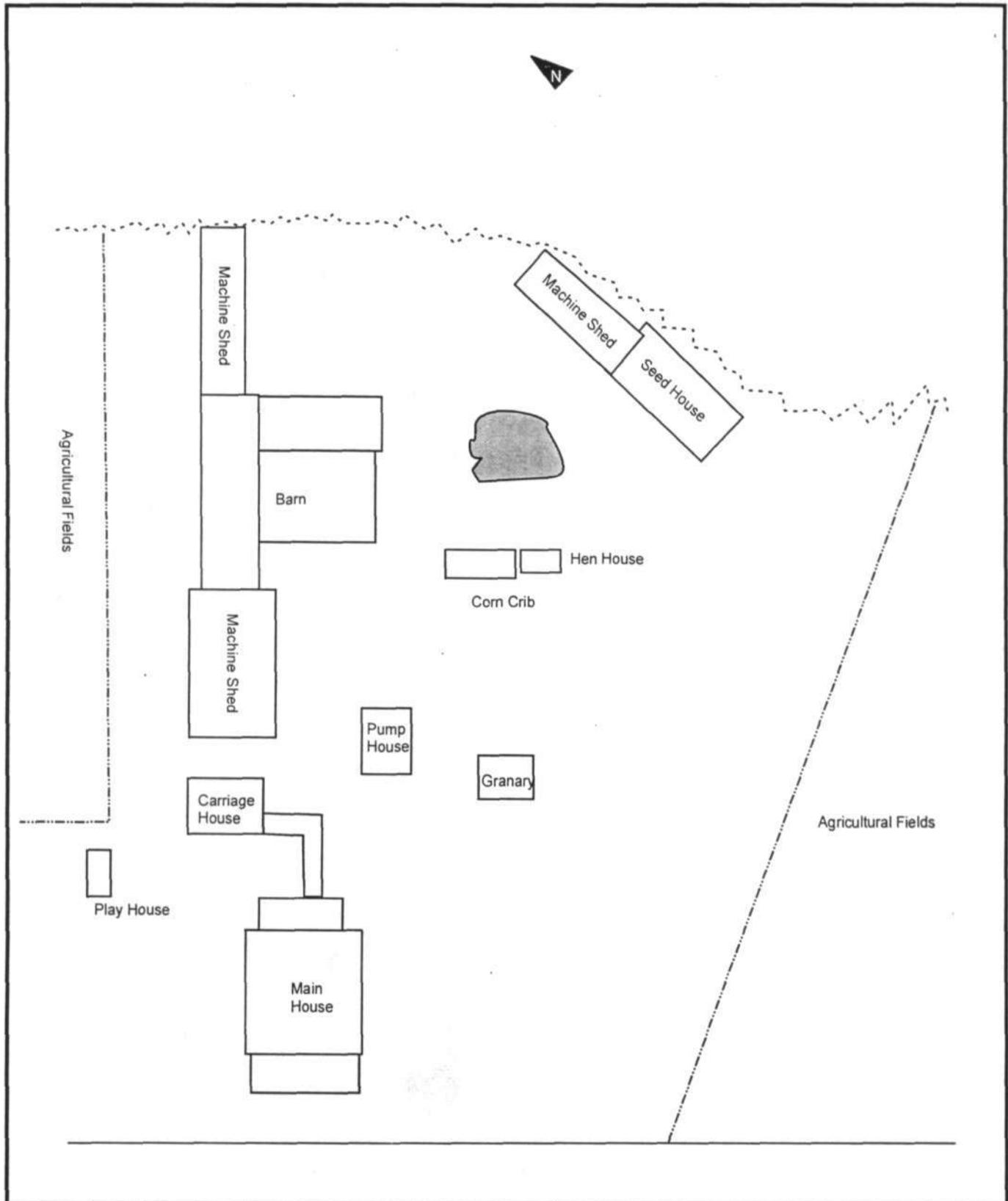
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organization	URS Corporation	date	12-08-03
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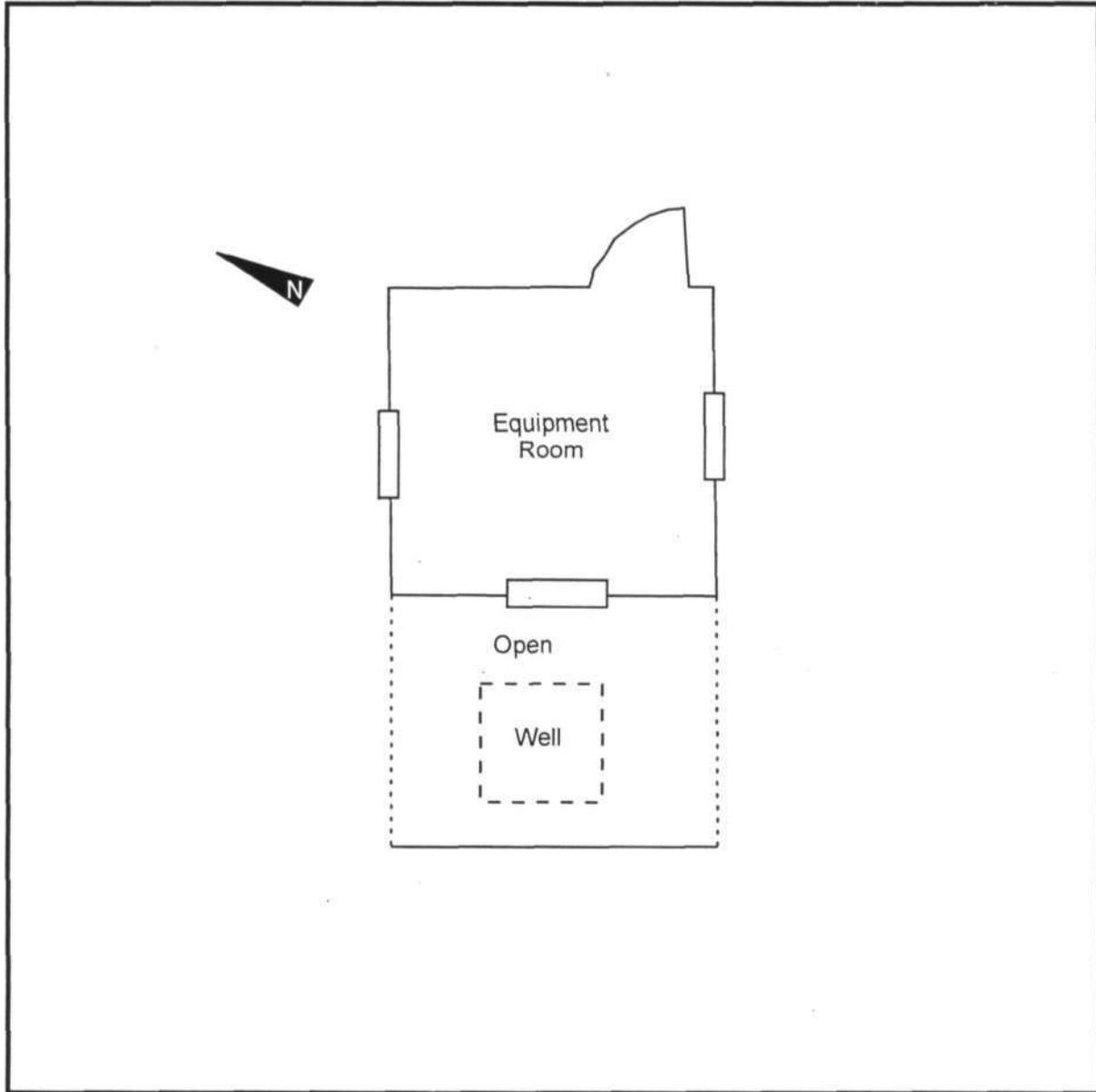
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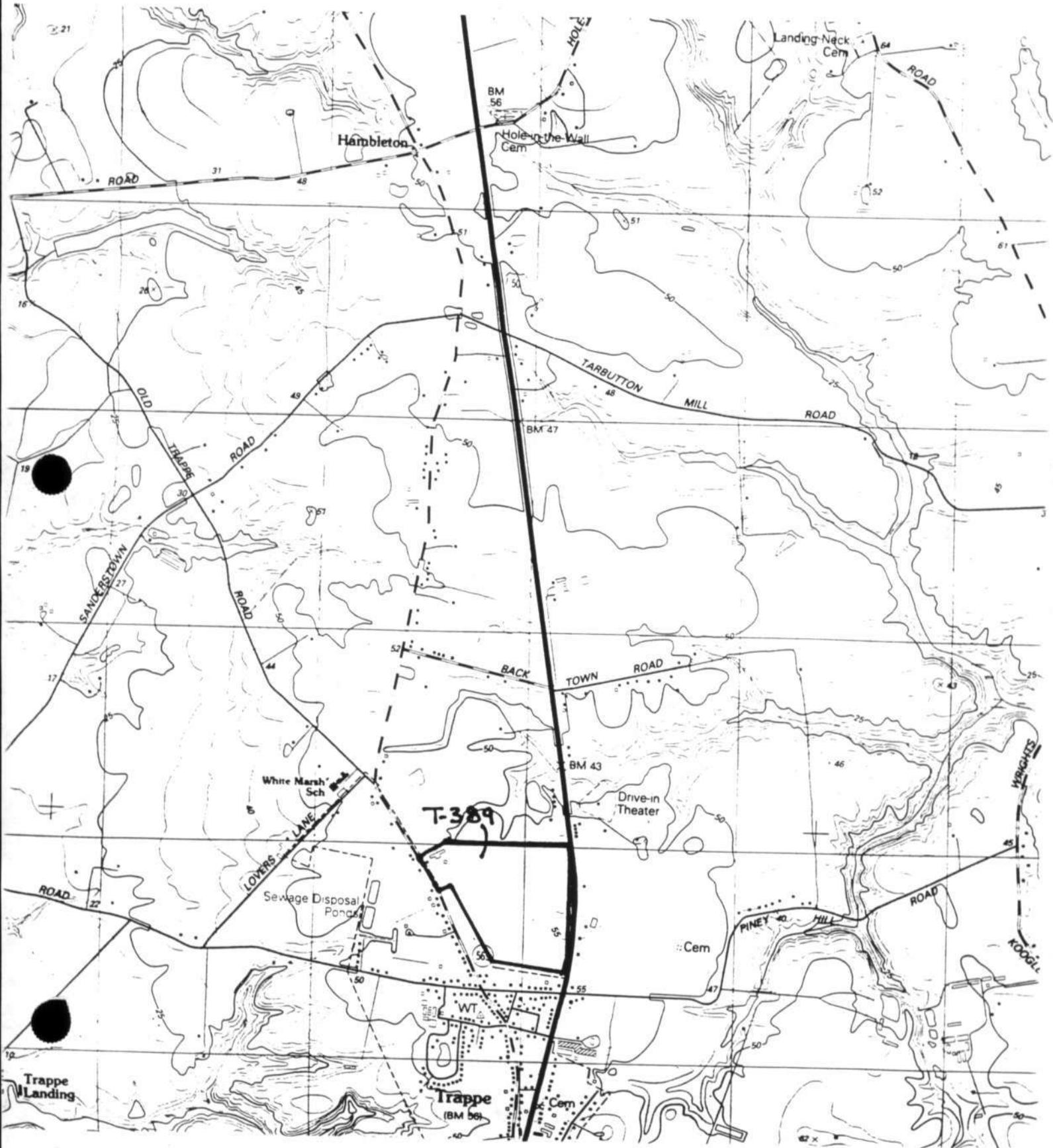
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Site Plan - 2003



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Pumphouse Plan - 2003



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Mullikin Farm  
Trappe, MD USGS Quad (1: 24,000)





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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

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MD SH#0

MAIN house side LOOK NW

1/20



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Multikin Faem  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHIP

MAIN HOUSE FRONT LOOKY NG

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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE CORNER DETAIL NE

3/20



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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE side looking SE

4/20



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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Playhouse 2007 E

5/20



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Mullikin Faem  
Talbot Co. MD  
A. Barnes

B/7/03

MD SHPO

Carriage house front looking N

6/20



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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD STPO

Carriage house back side Lodge SW

7/20



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Mullikin Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHPO

Carriage house back lookg SW

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Mullikin Farm

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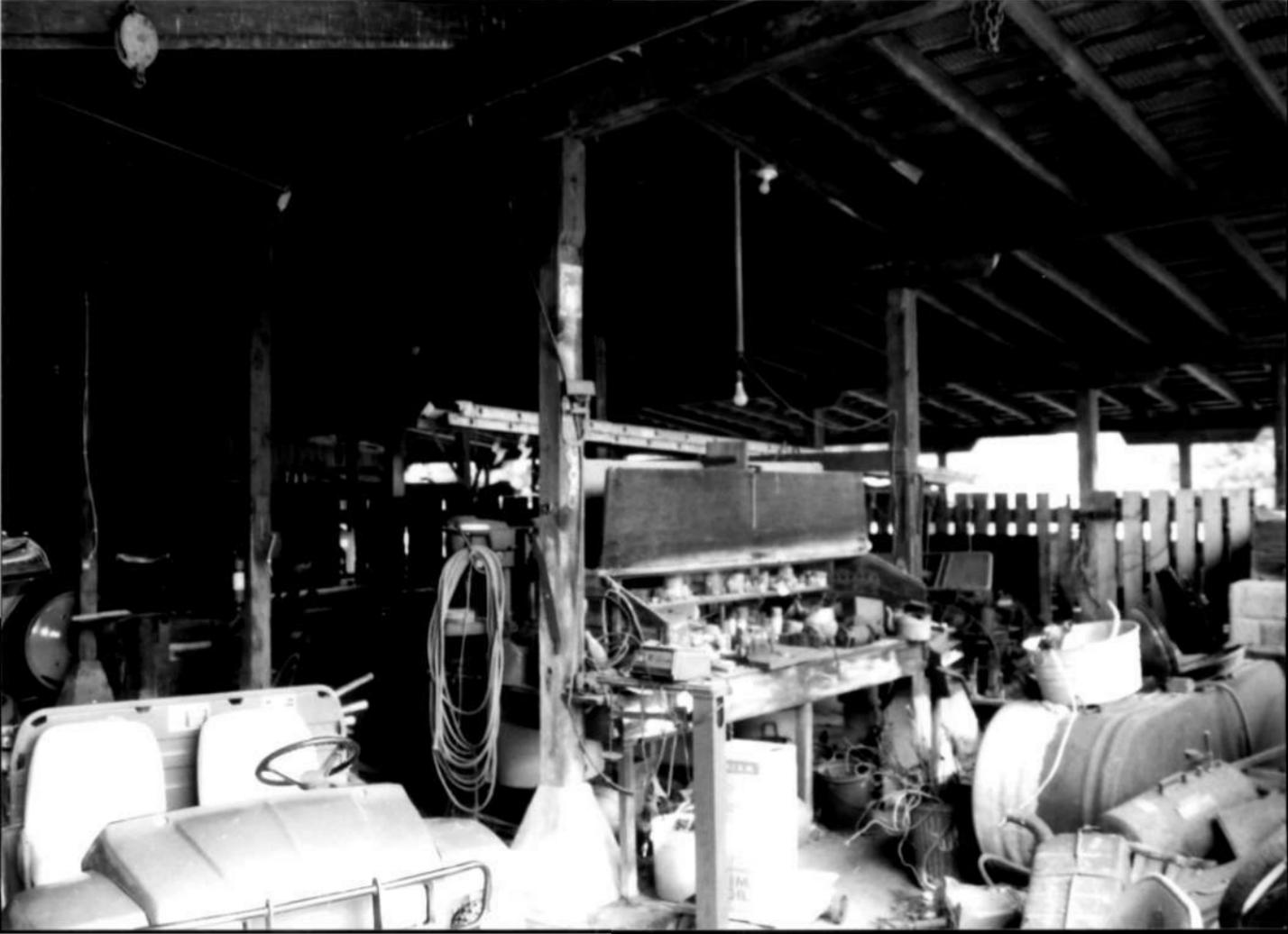
A. BARNES

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MD SHPO

Animal shelter & TRUSSES LOOK NE

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Animal shelter area Cooly ←

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Mullikin FARM

Talbot Co. MD

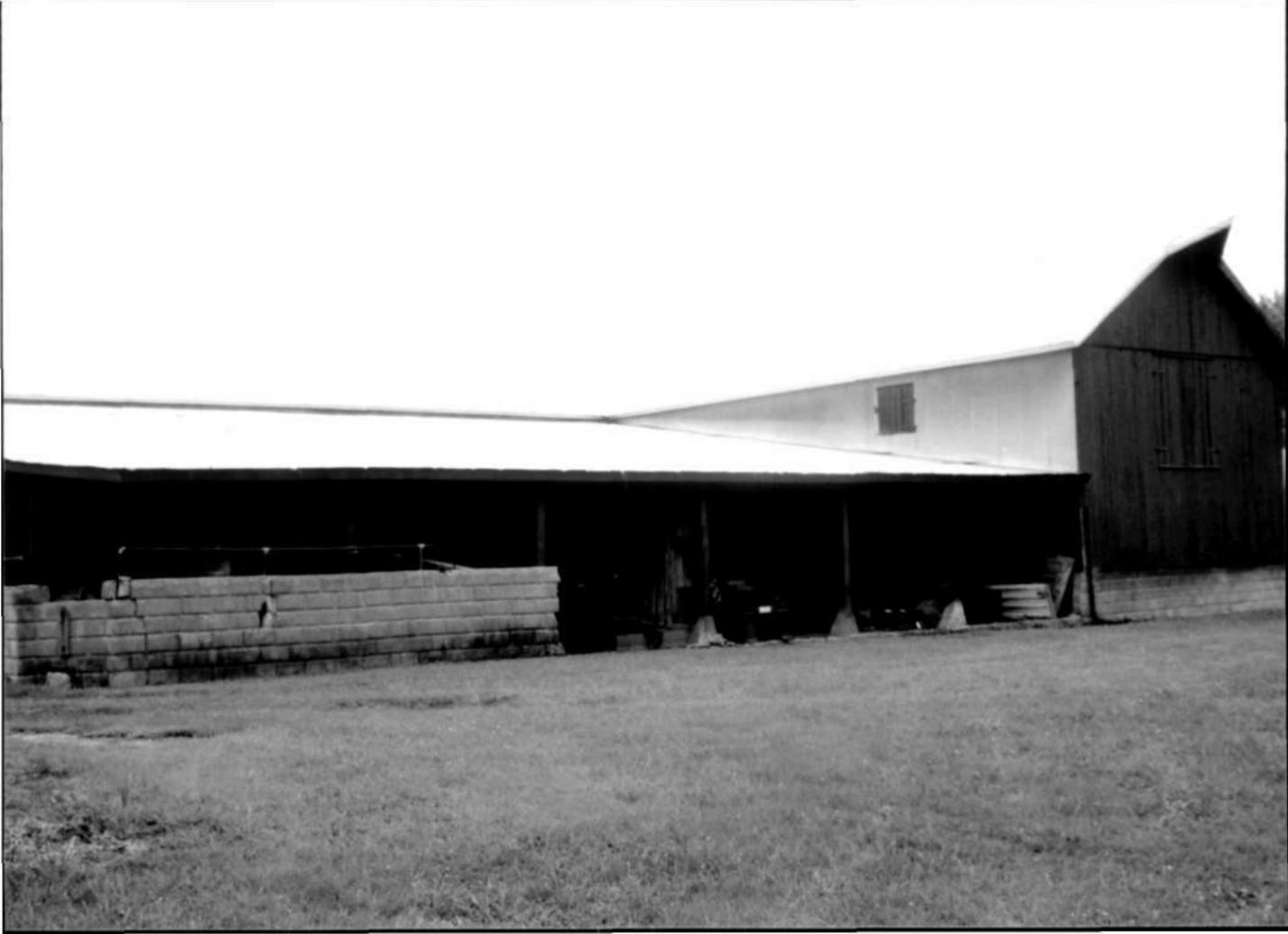
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MD SHPO

Whole barn front LOOK NE

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Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

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MD 57120

Whole barn side wing NE

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Mullikin farm

Talbot Co. MD

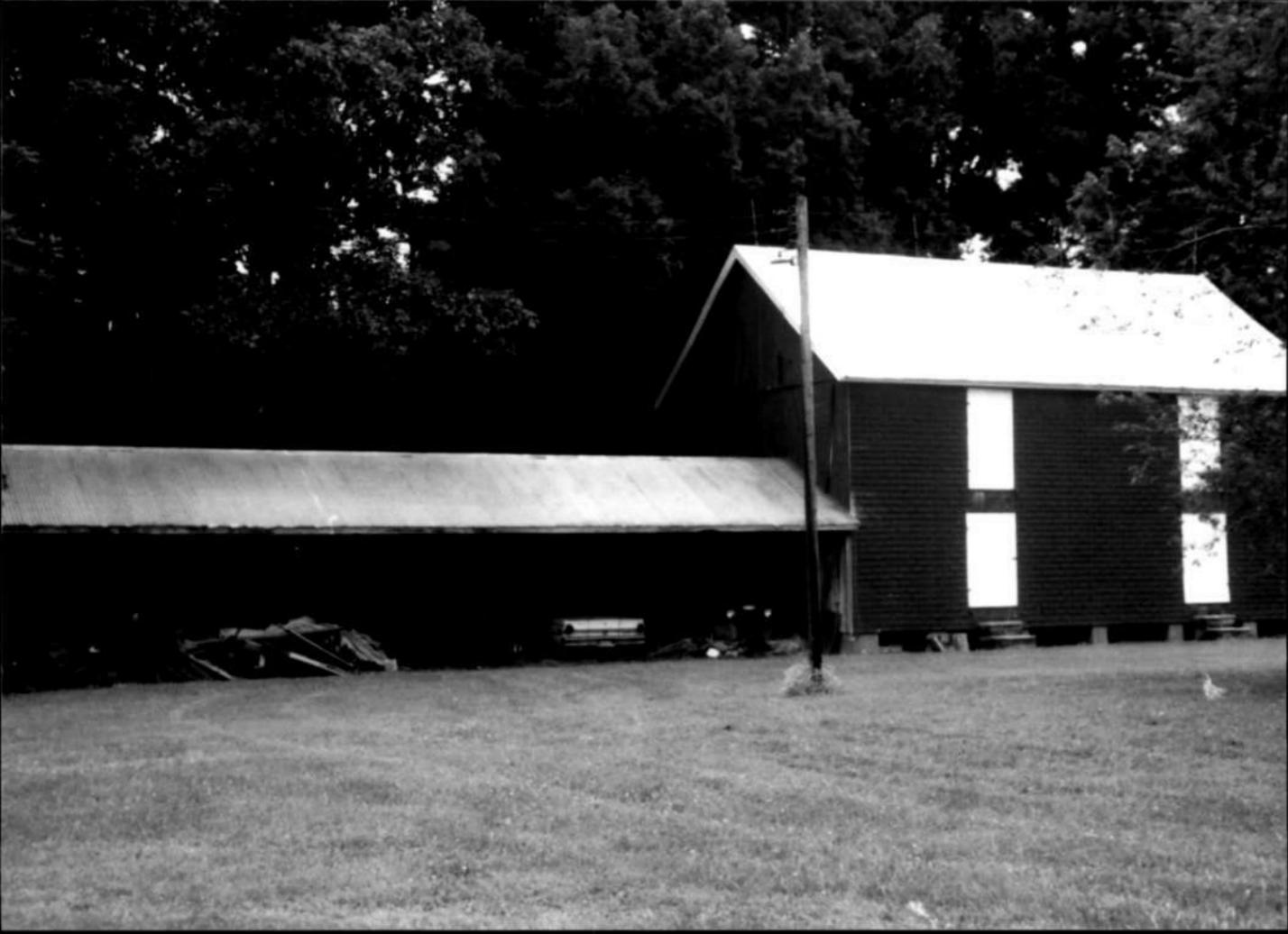
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MD SHPO

Machine shed & seed house LOOK NE

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Mullikin Farm

Talbot Co, MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Machine shed + seed house look SE

14/20



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Mullikin Farm

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Machine Shed (rear) Loop

15/20



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Mullikin Farm  
Talbot Co, MD

A. BARNES

8/17/03

MD54PO

Main house + outbuildings

16/20



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Mullikin farm

Talbot Co, MD

A. BARNES

8/1/03

MD STPD

CORN CRIB + hen house looking SE

17/20



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Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHPD

Granery 2107 SE

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Talbot Co, MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHPO

Graney Looly St

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Mulliken Farm

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A. BARNES

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MDSHPO

FARM complex 404<sup>1/2</sup> ST

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