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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Morgan Property (Colonel John Miller House) Survey Number: WA -II-1142

Project: Antietam ISTEA Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided by SHA, the Morgan property, a 19.5 acre parcel located on Landing Road, northwest of Sharpsburg, appears to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for architecture. The property is the location of the remains of a nineteenth century farmstead which, based on historic map evidence, may have been owned by an "L. Miller" (and/or "J. Miller") in the early 1860s. The site has been unoccupied for over 40 and the remaining buildings are in poor condition. However, in our opinion, they retain sufficient integrity for listing. The property contains a three part dwelling, two outbuildings and numerous ruins. The house is composed of a substantial stone section to the north, a log section with clapboard sheathing to the south and an infill section composed of stud walls nogged (?) with brick and sheathed with clapboard. (According to SHA, the infill section has "stud walls sheathed with brick" but the photographs do not show any brick. us, we are guessing that SHA meant to say brick nogging.) While SHA says no original sash remains, the photographs show numerous intact sash which appear to be original as well as shutters and doors which also appear to be original. According to SHA, little interior finish remains. However, the house, even in its current poor condition, is of interest as it exhibits a number of significant local building traditions, including stone masonry and log construction and the banked plan of the stone section and raised cellar of the log section. The brick nogging, if present, would be of additional interest as yet another construction method and one which is less common. Germanic influences appear to be present and may lend weight to the supposition that the property belonged to a member of the Miller family, prominent early settlers who came to Sharpsburg from Lancaster, PA, after emigrating to the U.S. from Germany in 1731. The house is also interesting in terms of the evolution of construction and merits further investigation. In addition to the house, a stone springhouse and "remarkably intact" log blacksmith shop remain standing. The ruins of a large barn complex and other outbuildings still provide a sense of the arrangement of the farmstead. The property has high archeological potential associated with its proximity to Antietam Battlefield. The house may have been used as a hospital after the battle.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file

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Elizabeth Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

January 18, 1996
Date

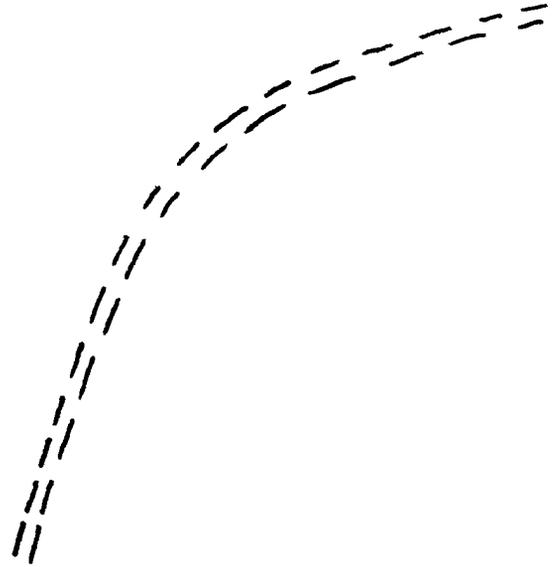
NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Orlando Roberts
Reviewer, NR program

Jan. 19, 1996.
Date

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Dwelling



Blacksmith Shop

Remains
of Meathouse



Springhouse

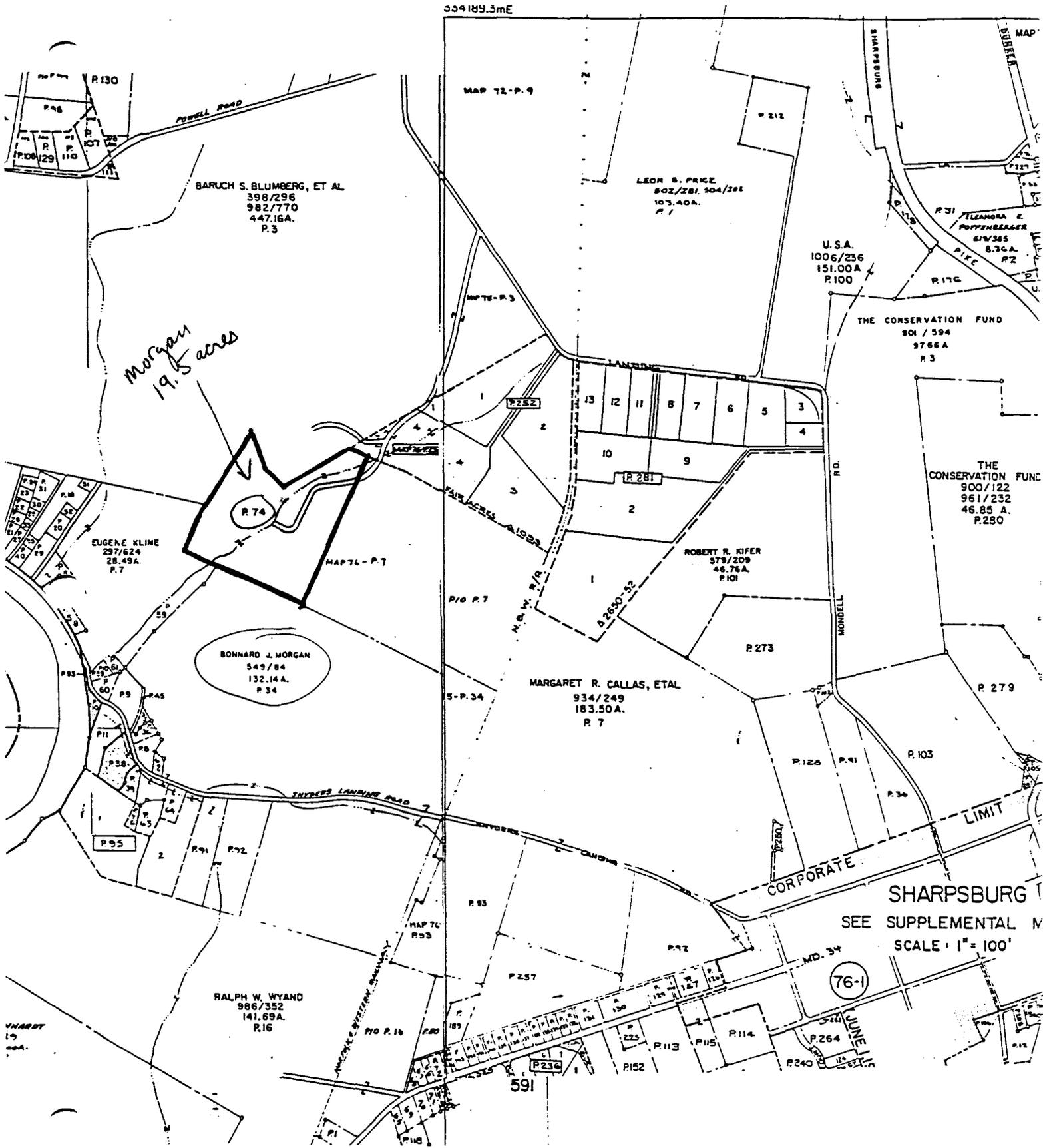


Remains
of Barn

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Col. John Miller House
Sharpsburg Vicinity
Sketch Plan - Not to Scale

059189.3mE



Morgan
19.5 acres

BARUCH S. BLUMBERG, ET AL
398/296
982/770
447.16A.
P.3

LEON S. PRICE
802/281, 304/281
103.40A.
P.1

U.S.A.
1006/236
151.00A
P.100

THE CONSERVATION FUND
901/594
9766A
P.3

THE CONSERVATION FUND
900/122
961/232
46.85 A.
P.280

EUGENE KLINE
297/624
28.49A.
P.7

BONNARD J. MORGAN
549/84
132.14A.
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MARGARET R. CALLAS, ETAL
934/249
183.50A.
P.7

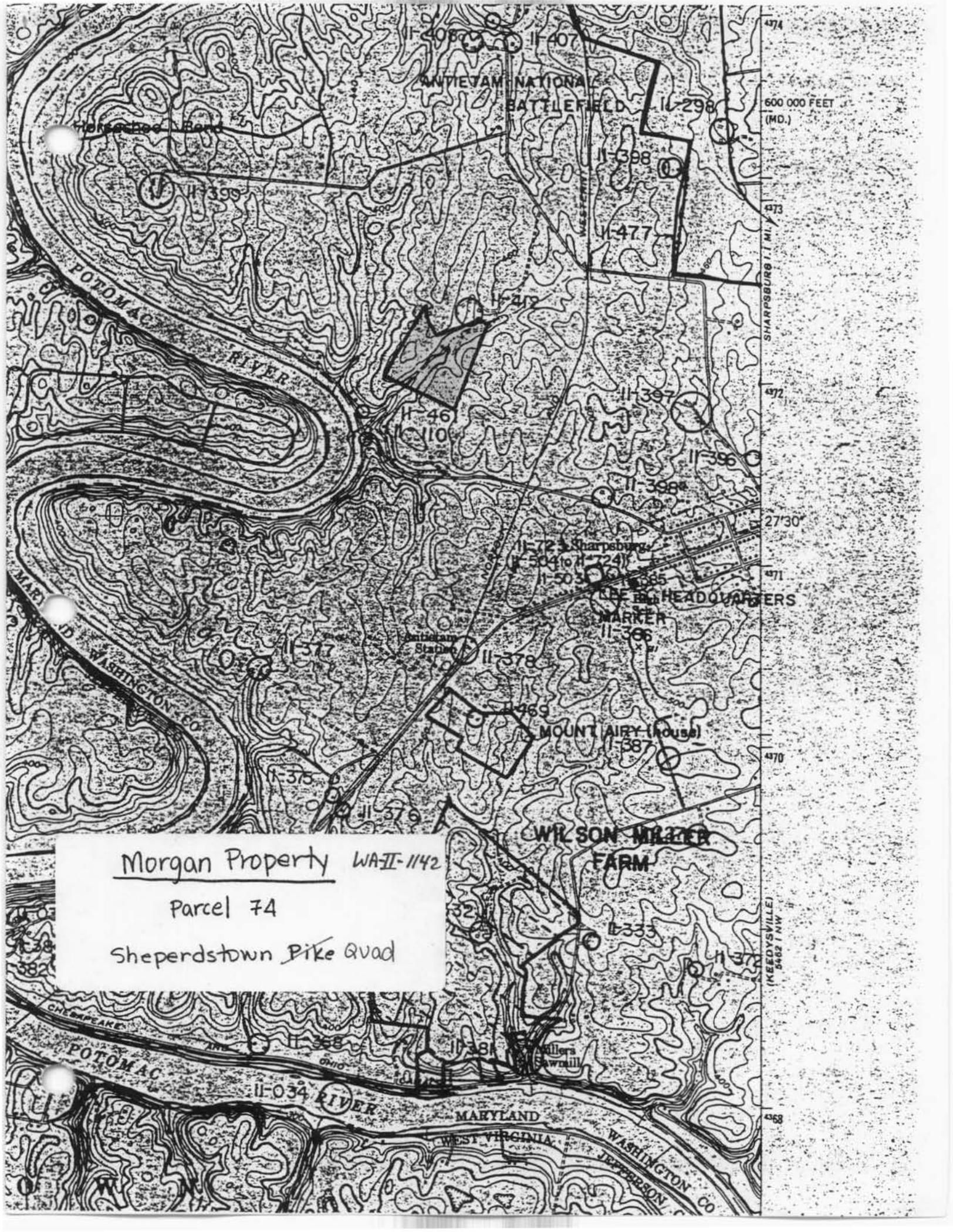
ROBERT R. KIFER
579/209
46.76A.
P.101

RALPH W. WYAND
986/352
141.69A.
P.16

SHARPSBURG
SEE SUPPLEMENTAL M
SCALE: 1" = 100'

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Parcel 74

Sheperdstown Pike Quad

ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

474
600 000 FEET (MD.)
473
SHARPSBURG 1.1 MI.
472
27°30'
471
470
469
(KEDYSVILLE) 5462 1 NW
468

II-398

II-477

II-219

II-46
II-110

II-397

II-396

II-398

II-723 Sharpsburg
II-504
II-724
II-503

HEADQUARTERS

MARKER

II-366

II-378

MOUNT AIRY (house)
II-387

WILSON MILLER FARM

II-333

II-372

II-381

II-034

MARYLAND

WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON CO

JEFFERSON CO

POTOMAC RIVER

MARYLAND WASHINGTON CO

POTOMAC RIVER

CHEMPEAKE



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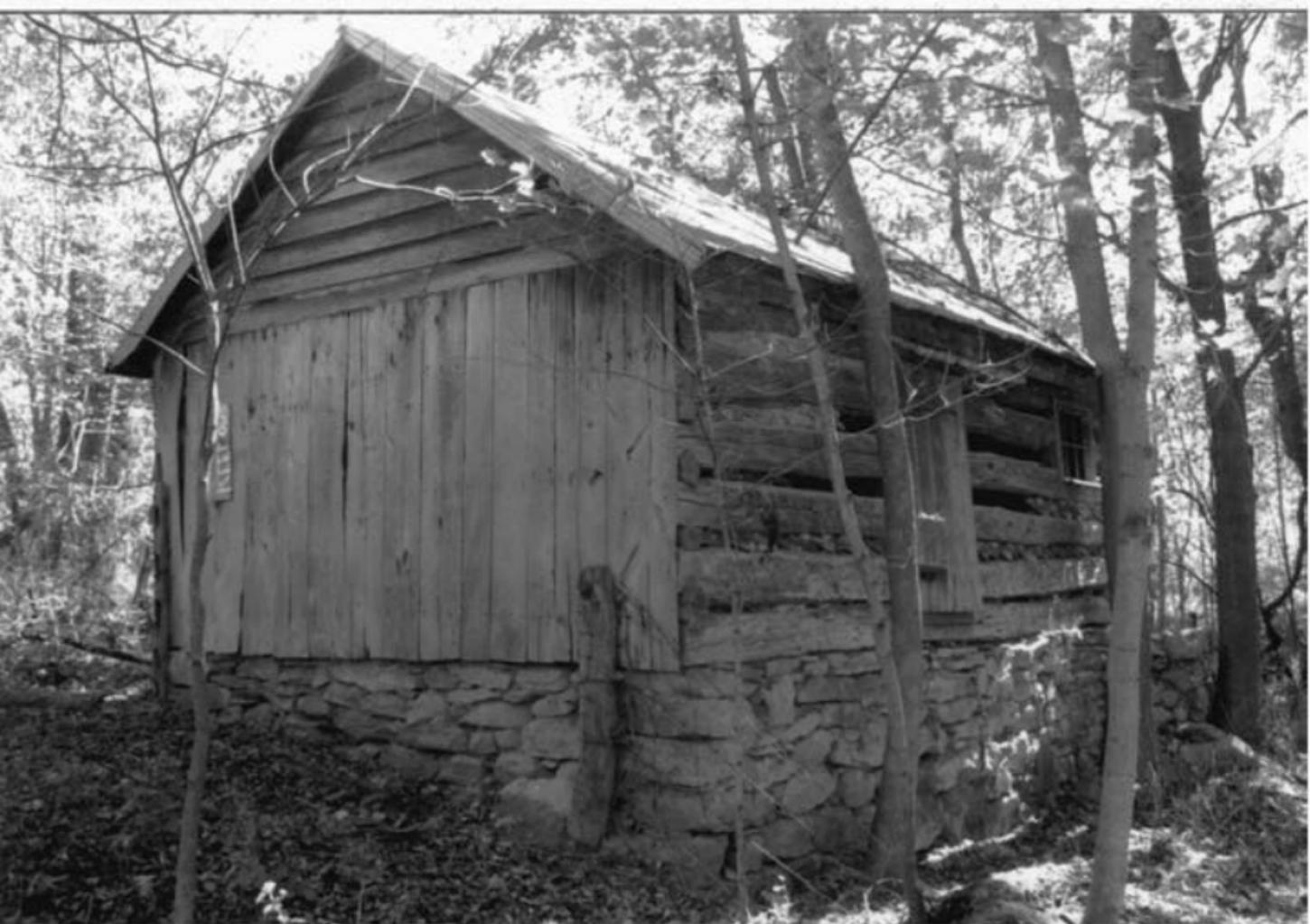
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