

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: East Stafford Inventory Number: WA-V-009

Address: Corner of U.S. Route 40 and Cohill Road City: Clear Spring Zip Code: 21722

County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Washington County - Clear Spring Quad

Owner: Ralph L. II & Cheryl Weaver Is the property being evaluated a district? NO

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: Martin Farm Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

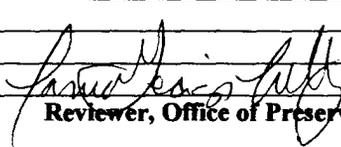
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Nomination Form for the National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service dated August 1973

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on January 15, 2003. The condition of the property appeared virtually unchanged since the preparation of the Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, Nomination Form for the National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service, in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in the Maryland Historical Trust Worksheet, Nomination Form for the National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service, prepared by Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant, of Washington County Historic Sites Survey, in August, 1973. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 15, 2003.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
	<u>6/2/03</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date

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

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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The house is described as

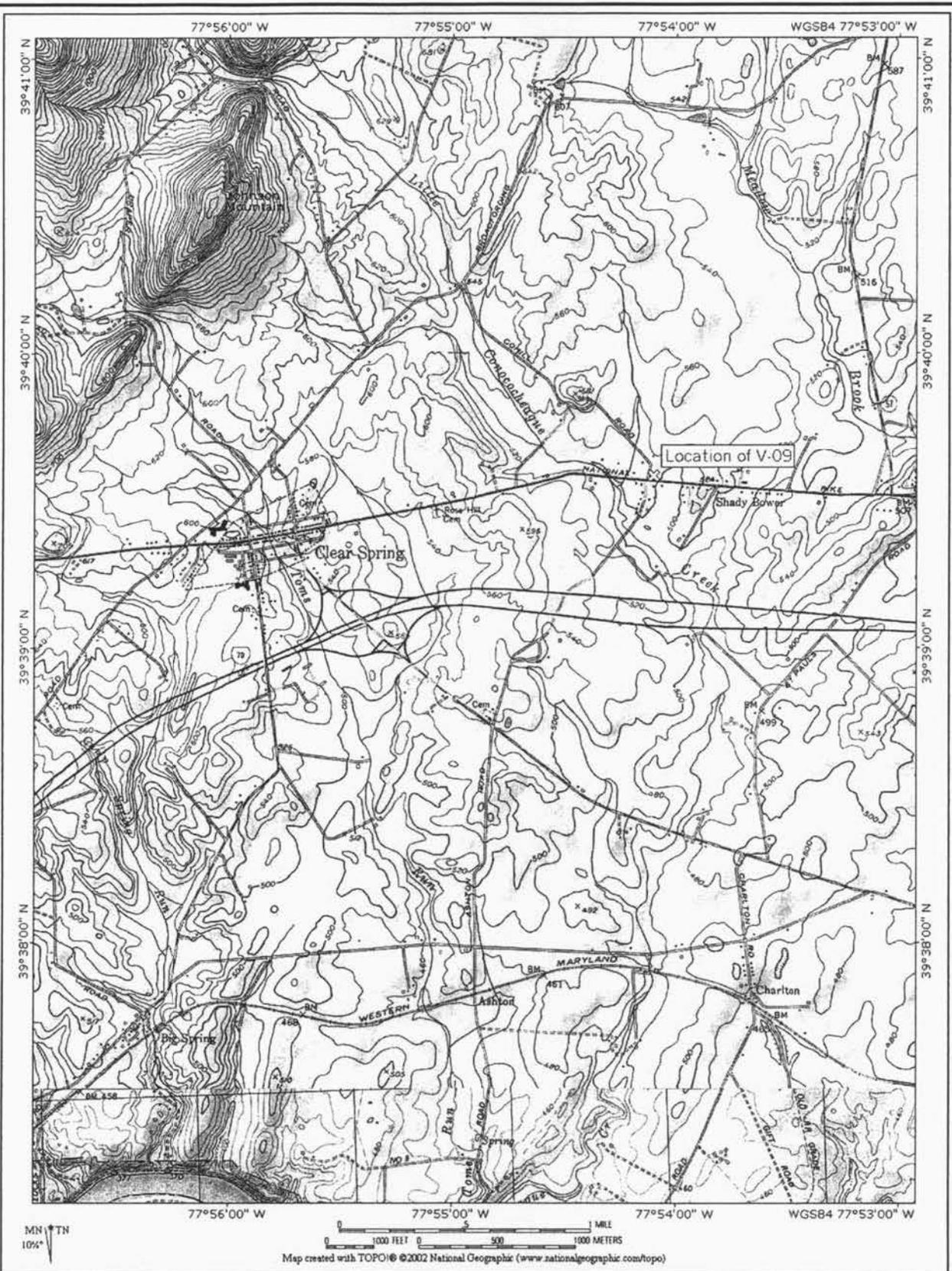
"a three-bay, two-story brick structure [with]... a brick double chimney located in the west gable end of the house... A one-story, four-bay wing covered with wooden siding is attached to the west end of the brick structure... A one-story porch with a low hipped roof extends across the three bays of the front of the house... supported by four plain round doric [sic] columns."

The building complex of which this house is a part includes several buildings related to agricultural use. It was observed that this property appears unchanged from the description in the attached form. It was also observed that through maintenance neglect the house has deteriorated, including window shutters and the front porch wood railing missing from the original description.

Photographs and text in the 1973 NRHP application indicate that this is a property not only of some elegance, but also with a role in the history of the region possibly extending back to the time of time of Charles Carroll in 1750. For these reasons, and in the hope that better days may lie ahead for this property, it is deemed eligible for registration under Criteria B and C, "Person", and "Design/Construction", respectively.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA  
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03



**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
 Clear Spring, MD Quadrangle  
 SCALE: As Shown



**Property Condition Assessment**  
 WA-V-009\_ East Stafford  
 Clear Spring, MD 21722



EA - STAFFORD RD  
TAKEN BY -  
DATE -  
CLEAR SPRING, MD

EAST STAFFORD WA-V-009  
CLEAR SPRING, MD 21722  
01.03

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

22-03885404

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: East Stafford				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Corner of U.S. Route 40 and Cohill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Route 1, Clear Spring				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Bernard Seibert and William Edward Seibert				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Clear Spring			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 306/266				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #4043				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

East Stafford is located at the junction of Cohill Road and U.S. 40 about 1½ miles east of Clear Spring in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on the east side of Cohill Road and faces south toward Route 40.

The house is a three-bay, two-story brick structure painted white with dark green trim. A brick double chimney is located in the west gable end of the house. Corrugated sheet metal covers the roof. A one-story, four-bay wing covered with wooden siding is attached to the west end of the brick structure.

The walls are laid in common bond above low stone foundations. Decorative brick work consists of flat arches over the window openings and a brick cornice of alternating recessed and projecting headers.

There is little decorative woodwork except for the rather elaborate trim around the front door. The entrance has a wide transom and is flanked by sidelights. On each side of the door are fluted doric colonettes which support the transom. Three short fluted colonettes divide the transom at the center of the door and over each of the lower columns. The door enters into a stair hall.

The windows are very simply framed with decorative work existing only in the flat brick arches at their lintels. Workable louvered shutters flank the six-over-six pane double-hung sashes.

A one-story porch with a low hipped roof extends across the three bays of the front of the house. It is supported by four plain round doric columns.

There is no substantiated date indicating the year that this house was built. The property contains 293 acres and is used for farming. The building complex of which this house is a part includes several buildings related to agricultural use. The large bank barn was featured in National Geographic Magazine in July, 1949.

The buildings are in excellent condition and there is no immediate danger of great exterior alteration or destruction.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Owned by Governor</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>William T. Hamilton</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>during his term of</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<u>office (1879-1884).</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

East Stafford is outstanding as an architectural example and also as part of the "Stafford Hall" farm (Stafford Hall is considered in form WA V-010), a 625-acre tract which was purchased by Governor William T. Hamilton in 1881, during his term in office (1879-1884).

Architecturally, the East Stafford dwelling which may date from between 1830 and 1850 is a well preserved example of a type of house very common in western Maryland as well as in southern Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Such structures are three bays in width with a door in the end bay of the facade. Entrance is generally made into a spacious stair hall. Three bay houses with the end hall may be considered an abbreviated version of the five-bay central-hall farmhouse which differs only by the width of two pairs of additional windows beyond the entrance door. This farmhouse plan is frequently designated as "rural Georgian" in style while the three-bay end-hall structures may be termed "half Georgian."

By the term "Georgian" is meant a house type that is based very remotely upon architecture of the early 18th century in England. There, formality and symmetry are the major features of Georgian architecture. In America building in the Georgian style was prominent in the mid to late 18th century in the coastal areas of the 13 colonies. In the inland areas, Georgian-inspired architecture did not develop until the late 18th and early 19th centuries and examples are frequently found dating quite late in the 19th century.

As it spread to the inland areas, particularly of Pennsylvania and Maryland, Georgian-inspired architecture became the standard farmhouse plan. The style lost much of its formal detail as it was adapted to use in sparsely settled areas. Basic symmetry, however, was retained. The prominent feature of this type of house is the center front door which opens into a stair hall. Two rooms are usually located on each side of the hall, each with an opening into the central passageway. The Georgian-inspired farmhouse is usually five bays in width with chimneys internally placed at each gable end. It is unusual in western Maryland to see such houses with hipped roof and interior chimneys. Very frequently, a smaller version of the five-bay, the half Georgian house, was adopted.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

National Geographic, July, 1949

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **293 acres**

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historic Sites Survey**      DATE: **August, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Annex**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown**      STATE: **Maryland**

**12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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 Signature

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The Georgian inspired farmhouses of brick and stone are landmarks in Maryland, Pennsylvania and surrounding localities.

East Stafford was part of the 625-acre Stafford Hall until 1906 when Mrs. Clara Hamilton sold 302 acres to William W. Seibert. East Stafford has remained under Seibert ownership until the present day. Stafford Hall served as a summer home for Governor Hamilton and this dwelling appears to have been a tenant house.

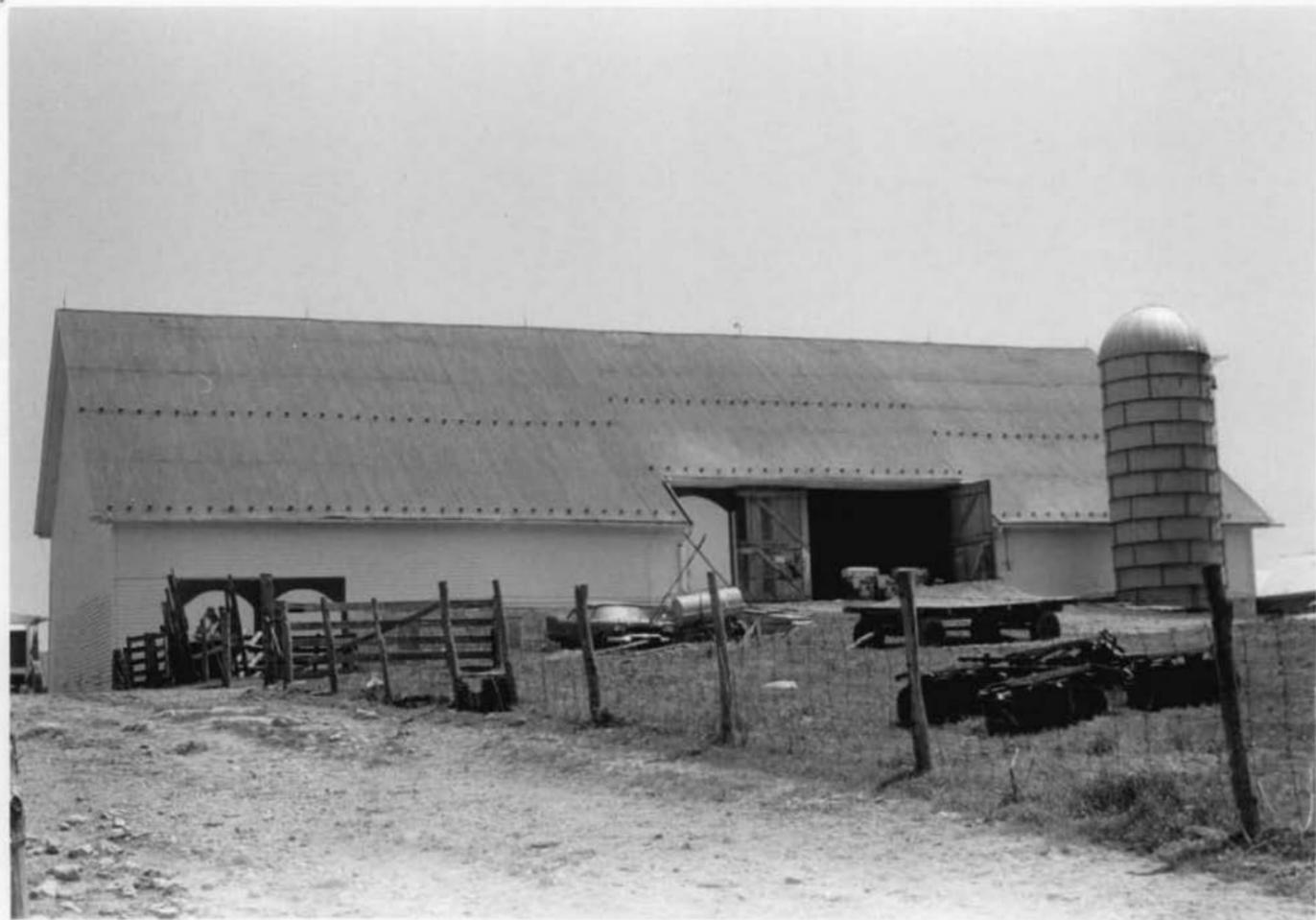
There is evidence that the Stafford Hall and East Stafford land was originally part of a 1,010-acre tract called "Hanover," which was patented to Dr. Charles Carroll on June 10, 1750.<sup>1</sup> Further information about Dr. Carroll's land holdings in Washington County will be found in an unpublished article by Gerald J. Sword, "The Birthplace and Childhood Home of Isaac Shelby in Washington County, Maryland," prepared for John C. Frye, Chairman, Washington County Historical Advisory Committee, 1972.

<sup>1</sup> Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Regional Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1968, p. 985.



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