

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-V-172  
District 23  
Map 22  
Parcel 12  
MAGI # 2213145335

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**Cedar Mill Farm and Tannery Site**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Hicksville Road**

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF **Clear Spring** **6**

STATE

COUNTY

**Maryland**

**Washington**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Cedar Brook Farm, Inc.**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Route # 1, Box 351**

CITY, TOWN

**Clear Spring**

VICINITY OF

**Maryland**

STATE, zip code  
**21722**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **622**

Folio #: **477**

STREET & NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED ← 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The buildings on Cedar Brook Farm include a stone and frame house, a log smoke house, frame bank barn with brick graineries and related agricultural outbuildings. They are situated near Rockdale Run. On the creek once stood a tannery which operated during the 19th century. Artifacts from the tannery have been found in the bed of Rockdale Run west of the house when it changed course slightly. Among these relics were wooden tubs or vats, about 6' X 8' X 8" with plank bottoms. Some of these vats held bark inside.

The house is a two story, three bay stone structure built of roughly coursed local limestone. First and ground story openings are topped with flat arches of angle cut stones. High in the west gable is an arched tablet trimmed with bricks. Apparently it was designed to carry a date but it holds no such information now. In the east end is a round tablet also lined with bricks. All first and second story window frames have been replaced and single pane double hung sashes have been installed. Large wide frames do remain at attic level windows, however.

A side front entrance opens into a stair hall. Interior doors have six raised panels and one door in the parlor has long strap hinges. Window and door architraves are trimmed with cello molding. The three bay frame wing is an addition. Its northernmost room rests on old foundations which enclose a spring.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex probably dates from the early 19th century. The house shows evidence at its exterior and interior of construction during the 1800-1815 period. The old foundations housing the spring may predate the stone section and may have been part of an earlier dwelling. The property is significant for its architecture as an example of period construction and for its association with an early local industry, the tannery.

The property was owned through much of the 19th century and into the 20th by generations of the Troup family. Adam and Samuel Troup purchased the farm in a series of transactions between 1799 and 1831 from John Snavely (Schnebly), John Bowles and Joseph Fiery. Presumably Adam and Samuel Troup established the tannery and built the stone house. The land is part of the grants "Bowles Establishment" and "Three Friends."

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 107.25 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian**

ORGANIZATION

**Preservation Associates**

STREET & NUMBER

**109 West Main Street, Box 202**

CITY OR TOWN

**Sharpsburg**

DATE

**July 1978**

TELEPHONE

**301-432-5466**

STATE

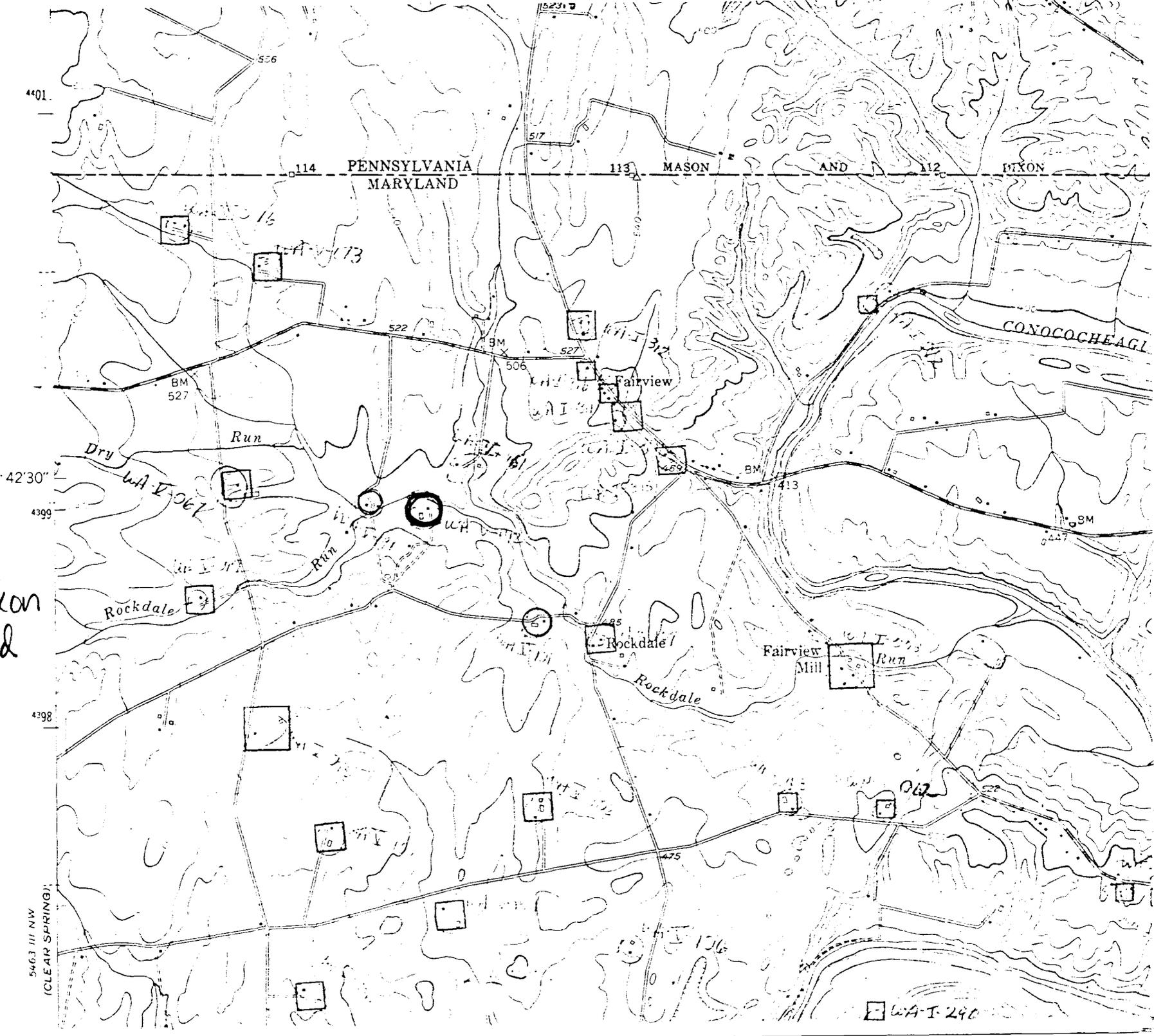
**Maryland 21782**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Mason-Dixon  
Quad

5463 III NW  
(CLEAR SPRING)



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S.W.

May, 1977

Cedar Brook Farm & Tannery Site

Hicksville Road  
Clear Spring Vicinity

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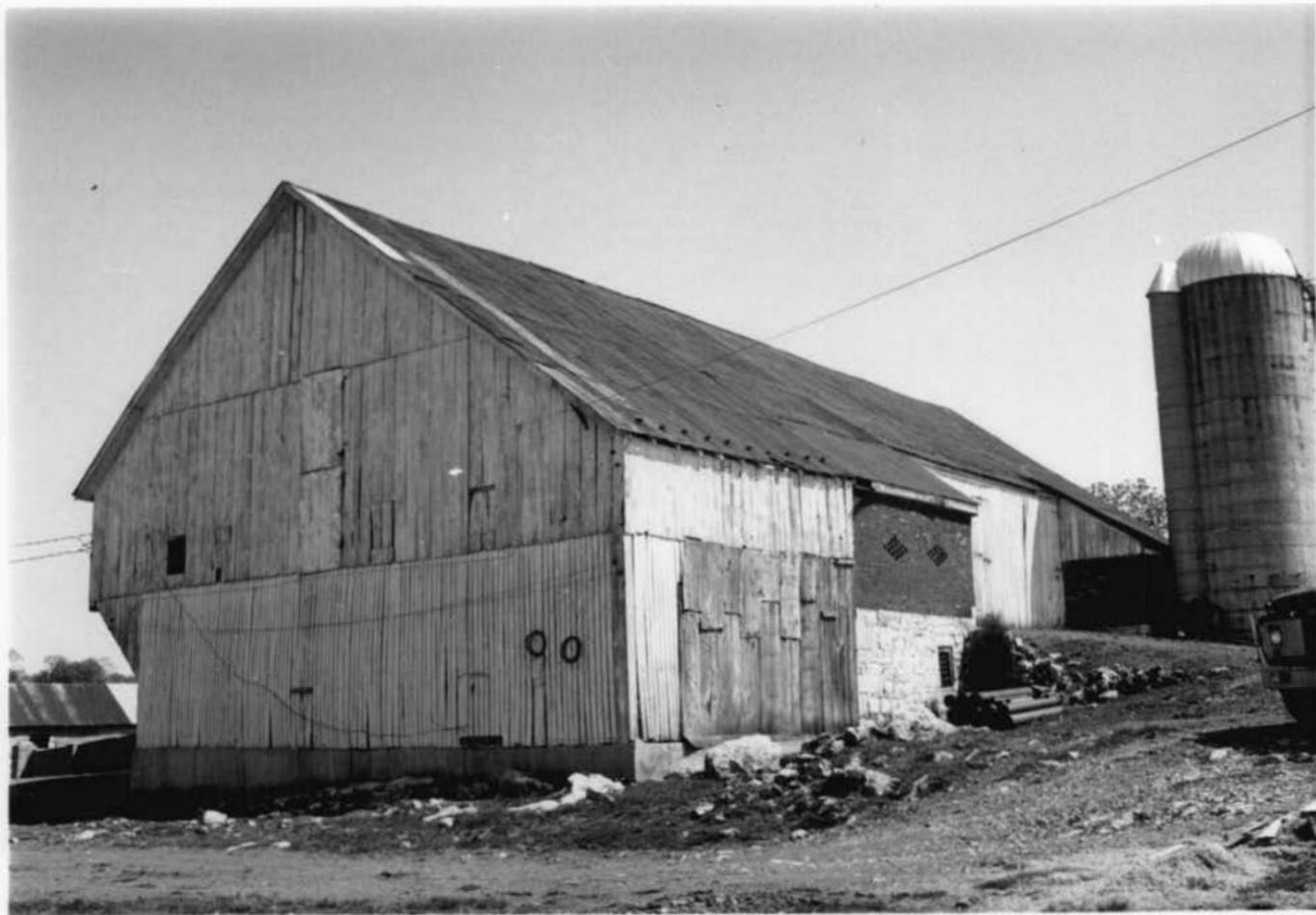
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May, 1977

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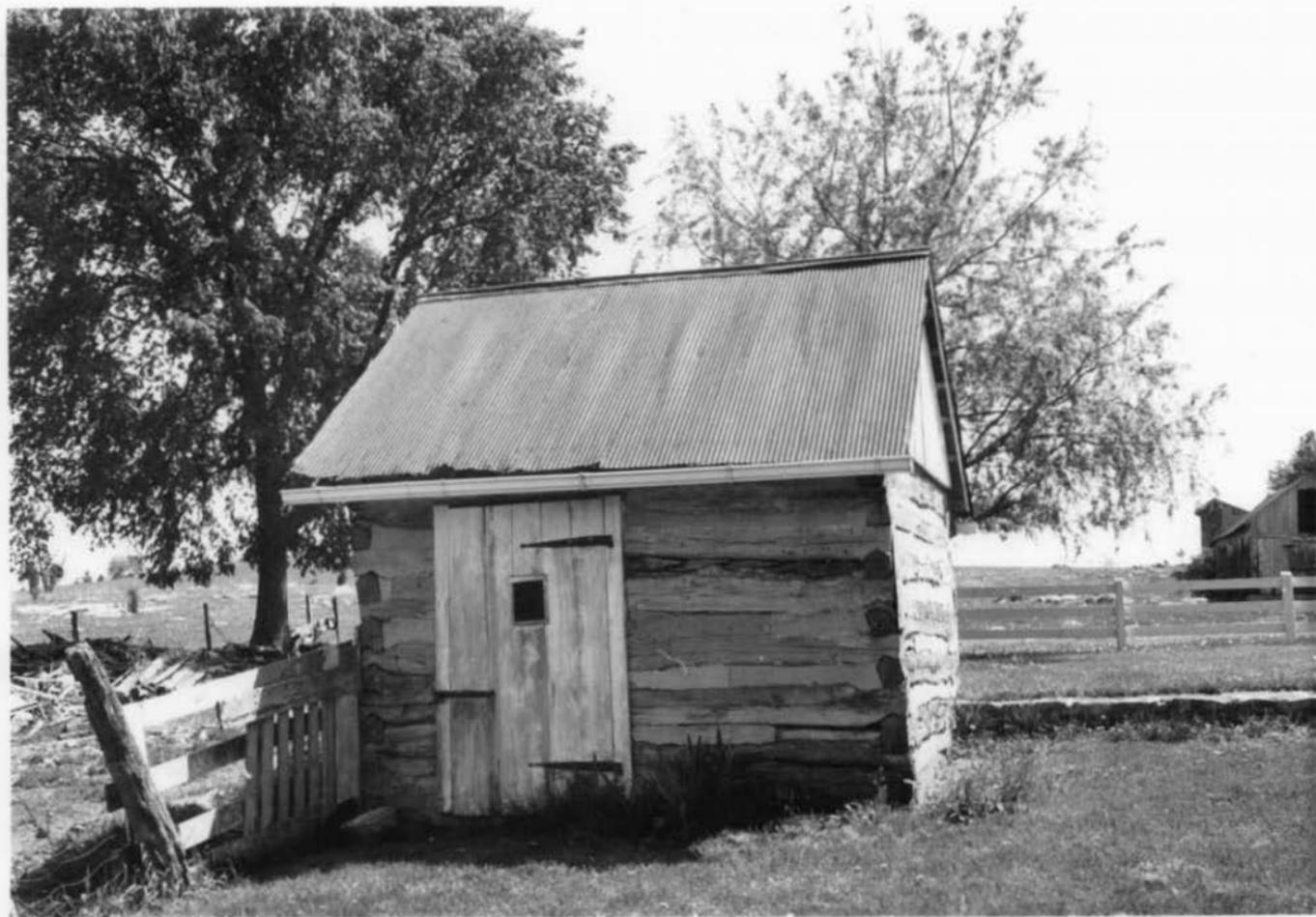


WA-V-172  
Barn N.W.  
May, 1977

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Smokehouse N.W.

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