

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

Property/District Name: Hales Farm/Edward Mariner Farm Survey Number: WO-283

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: 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)

The property historically known as Hales Farm and commonly referred to as the Edward Mariner Farm, is located on the east side of US Route 113 in the vicinity of the small village of Showell, Worcester County, MD. The property, which includes a large mid-19th-century farmhouse, a log corncrib and a smokehouse is considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

According to the MHT form on the property, Hales Farm was built ca. 1864 by Matthew Hales, who purchased 440 acres and included parts of several tracts known as "Atkinsons Conclusion," "Conclusion," and Benjamin's Security." The property was farmed by Matthew Hales who is listed in the 1870 U.S. census as "farmer," and remained in Hale family ownership until 1894.

The farmhouse is a large, two-story, five-bay, center-passage frame dwelling. Set upon a brick foundation, the dwelling is covered with a gable roof, clad with asphalt shingles, and features a 1-1/2-story rear kitchen wing. Although the house has been altered somewhat with aluminum siding and a later front porch, the building retains its basic integrity with much of its original mid-19th century detailing. Especially distinctive is the unusual amount of dentiled molding that trims the windows, cornice and front room mantels.

The property, including the farmhouse and the log corncrib and smokehouse, survives as an excellent example of a mid-19th-century farm complex as found in Worcester County and rural Maryland. The building is a good example of its type and retains its integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, association, feeling and location and is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian, 6/30/1989

Kimberly Prothro Williams April 10, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Charles P. Smith 4-15-96.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

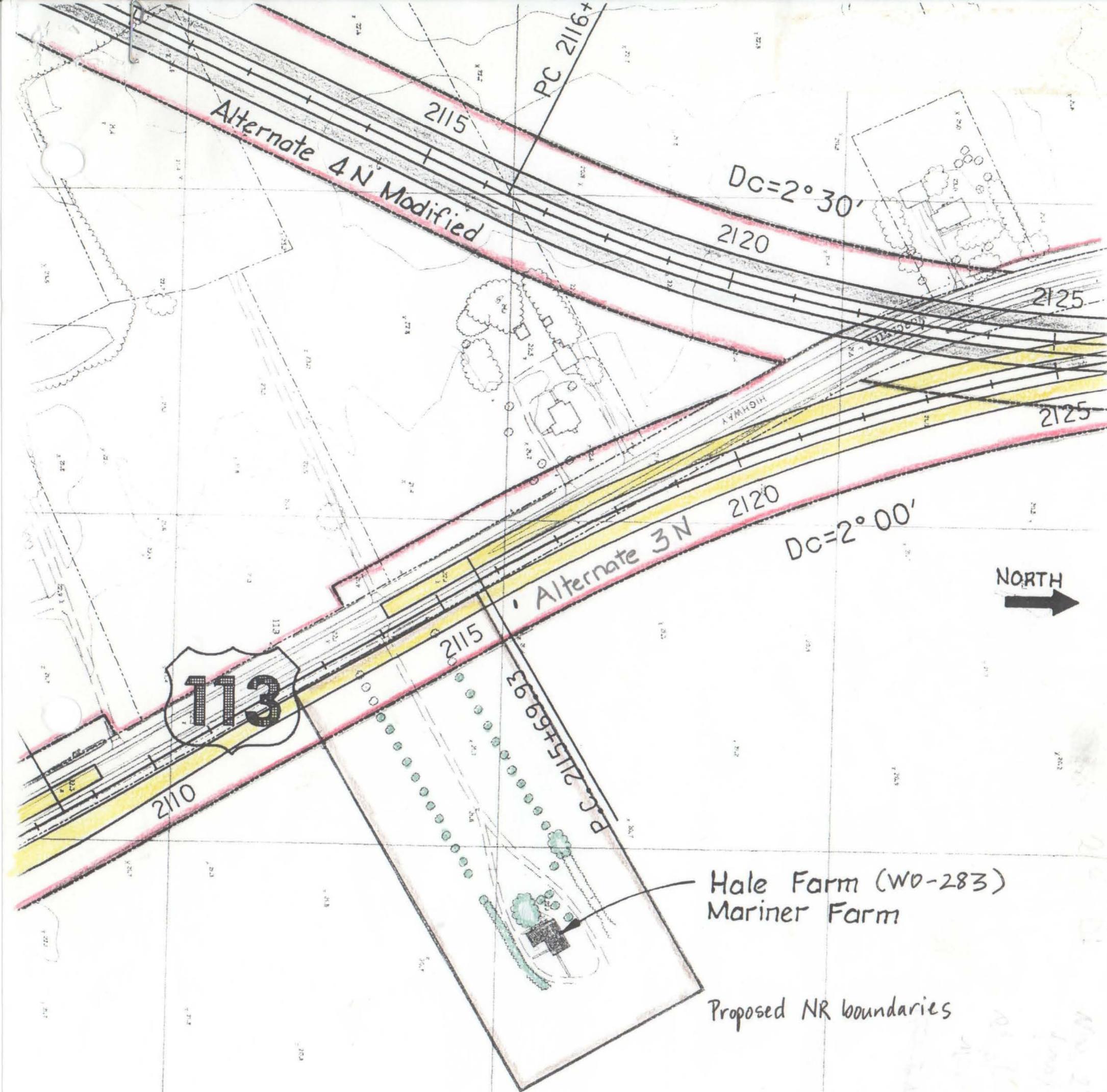
V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling;
Subsistence/Agriculture/smokehouse, corncrib

Known Design Source: _____



113

Alternate 4N Modified

Alternate 3N

Dc=2°30'

Dc=2°00'

NORTH
→

Hale Farm (WO-283)
Mariner Farm

Proposed NR boundaries

2115

2120

2125

2125

2115

2120

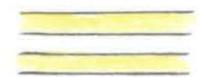
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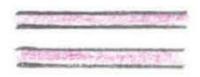
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P.C. 2116+

LEGEND

 - Existing Roadways

 - Proposed Alternate 3N

 - Proposed Alternate 4N Modified

 - Existing ROW

 - Proposed ROW

 - Historic Boundary

 - Historic Structure

 - Remaining Tree Line

WO-283
Edward Mariner Farm
Showell vicinity
private

c. 1860

Historically known as the Matthew Hales farm or by its tract name, "Atkinson's Conclusion," this Showell vicinity property retains a mid nineteenth century farmhouse as well as a frame smokehouse and a log corn crib. The two-story, center hall frame dwelling is thought to have been erected for Matthew Hales after his purchase of a 440-acre farm in August 1864. Acquired for \$3,500 from Moses and Sarah Bowen, the property encompassed also part of other tracts called "Conclusion," and "Benjamin's Security." Matthew Hales, his wife, Eliza, as well as their three children, Jefferson, Florence, and Mary are listed in the 1870 United States census for Worcester County. Designated as a farmer, Hales was assessed with real estate valued at \$5000, a relatively large sum for the time. The Showell vicinity farm remained in Hales family hands until 1894. More recently the farm has been owned by the Mariner family.

Although the house has been somewhat altered through the years with aluminum siding and a later front porch, the frame dwelling retains its basic integrity with much of its original mid nineteenth century detailing. Especially distinctive is the unusual amount of dentiled molding that trims the windows, cornice and front room mantels.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: EDWARD MARINER KARR

MHT Inventory Number: W0-283

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, AGRICULTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURE - INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURES
a. FARMHOUSES

2. OUTBUILDINGS
a. SMOKE HOUSE
b. CORN CRIB
c.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HALES FARM "ATKINSON'S CONCLUSION"

and/or common Edward Mariner Farm

2. Location

street & number East side of US 113 not for publication

city, town Showell vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Edward A. Mariner

street & number US Route 113 telephone no.: 641-2505

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-283

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Edward Mariner farm, known in the nineteenth and twentieth century land records as the Hales farm or "Atkinson's Conclusion" is located on the east side of US Route 113 in the vicinity of the small village of Showell, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1860, the two-story center hall frame dwelling is supported by a continuous common bond brick foundation, and the house is sheathed with aluminum siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a contemporary story-and-a-half frame kitchen wing. Also standing on the property is a frame smokehouse, a horizontal log corn crib and a group of less significant farm buildings.

The west (main) elevation of the house is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The four-panel front door is topped by a two-light colored glass transom, and the entrance is sheltered by a 1950s gable roof stoop. The adjacent windows are distinguished by a dentiled crown molding. Lighting the second floor are five evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows that are also trimmed with a dentiled molding. Stretching across the base of the roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with dentiled bed and crown moldings.

The gable ends of the main house are largely alike with pairs of six-over-six sash windows on each floor to either side of interior end brick chimneys. Four-pane attic windows illuminate the attic. The eaves extend beyond the gable ends and are trimmed with the same dentiled moldings.

The east (rear) elevation is partially covered by a contemporary story-and-a-half ell service wing. An enclosed shed porch stretches across the south side of the kitchen, and gabled dormers light the second floor. Rising through the roof is an interior brick chimney.

The interior has remained essentially unchanged with bold mid nineteenth century finishes. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail. Four-panel interior doors are framed by molded surrounds, and period mantels trimmed with dentiled moldings remain in the front rooms. The partition that separated the south room from the hall has been removed to enlarge the parlor. The second floor was not seen.

Standing directly behind the house is a single story frame smokehouse with a wood shingle exterior and an asphalt shingle gable roof. A large board door permits entrance through the west side. The eaves are trimmed with a slightly serpentine fascia.

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8. Significance

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Edward Mariner farmhouse is a standard two-story, single-pile frame dwelling built around 1860 with a center hall and a story-and-a-half rear kitchen wing. Although the house has been altered with the addition of aluminum siding, the structure retains its basic integrity with much of its original mid nineteenth century detailing. Also significant to the property is a frame smokehouse and a horizontal log corn crib.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Credit for financing the construction of this two-story Civil War era house is attributed to Matthew Hales, who purchased 440 acres in August 1864 for \$3,500. (GHR 1/348) Acquired from Moses and Sarah Bowen, the farm included parts of several tracts known as "Atkinson's Conclusion," "Conclusion," and "Benjamin's Security." Matthew Hales, his wife, Eliza, as well as their three children, Jefferson, Florence, and Mary are listed in the 1870 United States census for Worcester County. Listed as a farmer, Matthew Hales was assessed with real estate valued at \$5000, a relatively large sum for the time. The Showell vicinity farm remained under Hales family ownership until 1894.(FHP 4/645) During the past half century the farm has been continuously held by the Mariner family.

EDWARD MARINER FARM DESCRIPTION (continued)

Also behind the house is a horizontal, round log corn crib with a asphalt shingle gable roof. Nearly resting on the ground the rectangular structure was erected with a saddle notch.

WO-283
EDWARD MARINER FARM
(HALES FARM)
Showell vicinity, Worcester County, MD

CHAIN OF TITLE

C.W.N. 28/376

Algia R. Mariner
J. Emily Mariner

to

4/5/1949

Reginald D. Mariner
Edward A. Mariner
"Hale Farm" "James Parker Farm"
500 acres

J.E.B. 7/347

Robert F. Duer, Levin C. Bailey,
John L. Sanford, Jr. Trustees

to

6/21/

Algia R. Mariner
"Hale Farm"

O.D.C. 13/436

Carl S. Bonneville

to

3/1/1913

J. Ford Hopkins, Peter A. Wimbrow,
Nutter J. Wimbrow

O.D.C. 11/360

Adial P. Barnes
Lily Glenn Barnes

to

4/2/1912

Carl S. Bonneville

F.H.P. 25/233

Adial P. Barnes, Lily G. Barnes

to

2/17/1906

Michael P. Phalon
\$4,500. However, farm was reconveyed
to Barnes "Hales Farm"

F.H.P. 4/646

Thomas P. Selby and wife

to

3/20/1894

Adial P. Barnes
"Atkinson's Conclusion" "Part of
Conclusion," and "Benjamin's Security"
it being the same property conveyed to
a certain Matthew Hales by Moses Bowen
8/13/1864, GHR 1/348

F.H.P. 4/645

Adial P. Barnes, Trustee

to

3/20/1894

Thomas P. Selby
Decree of Circuit Court 7/19/1887
No. 1117 Chancery Records
Hugh S. Stevenson and Albert M. Bailey
next friends to Matthew Hales

G.H.R. 1/348

Moses Bowen and Sarah Bowen

to

8/13/1864

Matthew H. Hales
440 acres \$3,500 "Atkinson's Conclusion"
"Part of Conclusion," "Conclusion," and
"Benjamin's Security"

MARINER FARM CHAIN OF TITLE
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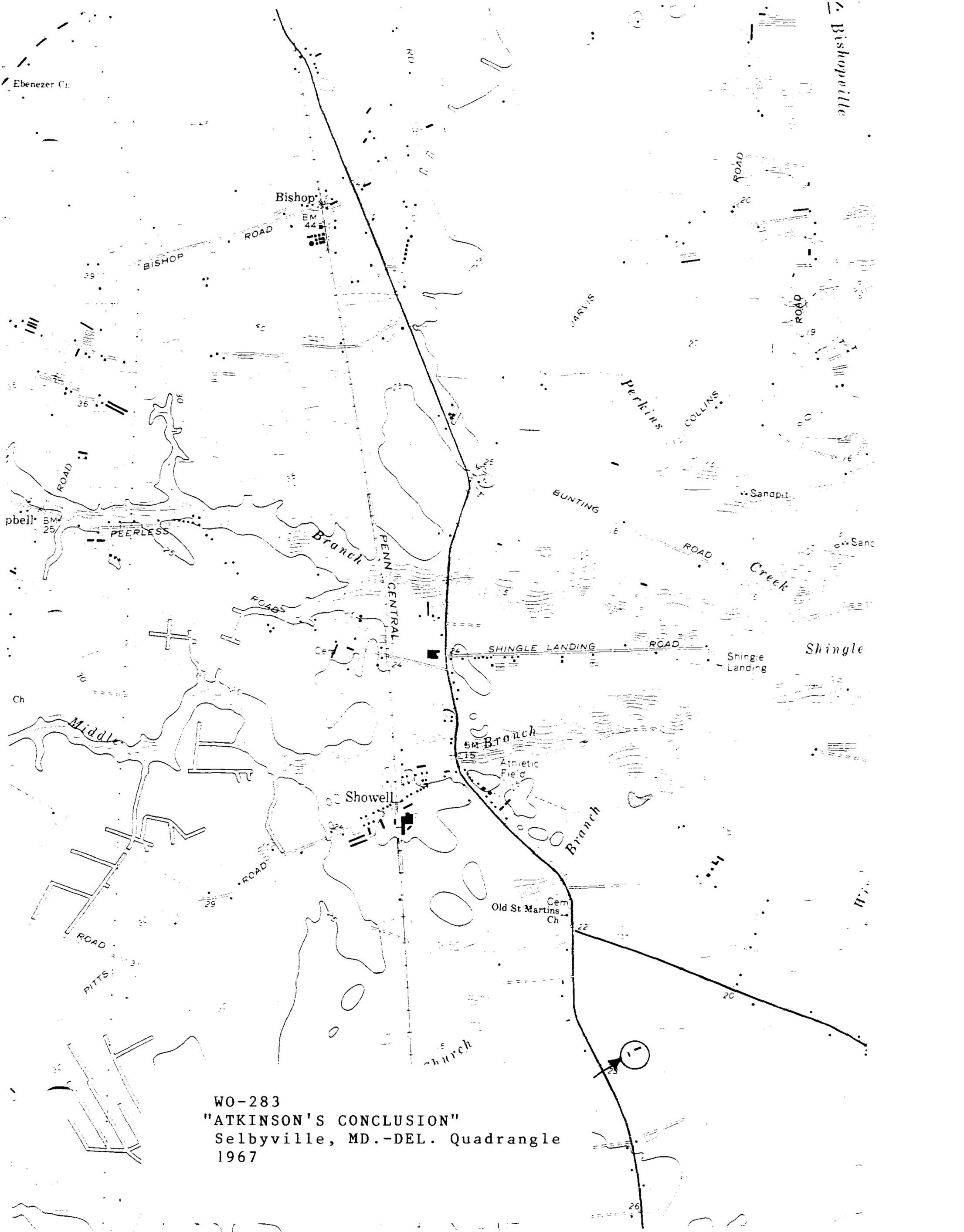
E.D.M. 5/640

Denard Williams, trustee

to

3/3/1854

Moses Bowen
Decree of Circuit Court 6/2/1853
sell lands of James Atkinson, deceased
whereon the said James Atkinson
resided for many years 450 acres



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"ATKINSON'S CONCLUSION"
Selbyville, MD.-DEL. Quadrangle
1967