

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

Property/District Name: Hensley/Amos Farm Survey Number: WO-463

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 Hensley/Amos Farm is located on the east side of US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) approximately four miles north of Snow Hill in Worcester County, MD. The property, which includes 31 acres of cultivated farmland, contains a frame dwelling, a frame office, two frame barns, a concrete block silo, a concrete block garage and shed. The property is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed ca. 1900, the dwelling is a 2-1/2-story frame building with an L-shaped plan and a cross gable roof. It is a representative example of a rural dwelling form with vernacular Queen Anne detailing such as the diamond-paned window and corbelled chimney caps. Six contributing domestic outbuildings and associated agricultural buildings are located east of the main house and stand in deteriorating condition. A large concrete block barn, built in the early to mid-20th century, is characterized by its gambrel roof and attached silo and forms the focus of the agricultural buildings. The buildings forming the Hensley/Amos Farm lack the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify them for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. As a complex, the farm is representative of the small, late-19th to early 20th-century farmsteads in Worcester County. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

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

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Kimberly Prothro Williams March 13, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Orlando Padilla March 27, 1996.  
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; Agriculture/Subsistence/barn

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Functions:	Single-family farm dwelling; Agricultural storage; Animal facility
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-463

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hensley / Amos Farm

**2. Location**

street & number 6144 Worcester Highway \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Frank Leo Hensley & Margaret Dean Amos

street & number P.O. Box 14 telephone no.:

city, town Newark state and zip code MD 21841-0014

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move

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

See Continuation Sheet

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      Unknown                      **Builder/Architect**      Unknown

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.

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**CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7**

The Hensley/Amos Farm, located on the east side of US 113 approximately four miles north of Snow Hill, contains a frame dwelling, frame office, two frame barns, cinder block silo, cinder block garage, and a cinder block shed. Most of the 31-acre parcel is planted in corn. A dirt drive leads from US 113 to the building complex, approximately 500 feet east of the highway.

Constructed circa 1900, the two-and-one-half story, cross-plan, frame dwelling, clad with blue asbestos shingles over weatherboard, sits on a brick foundation. An asphalt shingle cross-gable roof with closed pediments in the north, west, and south gable ends covers the dwelling. Corbelled brick chimneys are located on the east, south, and west ridges. Windows throughout the building consist predominantly of one-over-one double-hung wood sash, with a smaller number of two-over-two and six-over-six double-hung sash. A one-story wrap-around porch covers the southwest corner of the dwelling. One-story enclosed porches are located in the northeast and southeast elbows of the house.

The west, or main, elevation includes a central door and a one-over-one window in the first story of the main block; an additional door leads into the west elevation of the cross-wing. The hipped-roof wrap-around porch with turned wood posts and brick pier foundation covers these bays. The second story includes two one-over-one double-hung wood sash. The west gable end contains a modified Palladian window, consisting of paired one-over-one sash topped with a semi-circular light.

The south elevation contains a centered one-over-one window in each of the first and second floors, and a small two-over-two window in the gable end. A diamond-shaped Queen Anne window is located in the first story of the main block. The enclosed porch in the southeast end of building contains paired modern casement windows and a central door. Two one-over-one windows light the second story of this wing.

A one-story shed-roof addition is appended to the east elevation. Clad in vertical wood siding and sitting on a brick foundation, the addition contains a central door in the east elevation. The main block of the dwelling includes a single window in both the first and second stories. A small two-over-two window lights the east gable end.

The hipped-roof enclosed porch in the northeast corner of the dwelling contains a door in the east elevation and a band of six six-over-six double-hung wood sash in the north elevation. The north elevation of the main block includes two windows in the second story of the northeast end, one window in both the first and second stories in the cross-wing, and one window in the both the first and second stories of the northwest end. A small two-over-two window lights the north gable end.

Contributing outbuildings on the parcel include six structures related to the agricultural history of the property. These buildings were most likely constructed in the early twentieth century, during the farm's period of significance.

A three-bay wide cinder block garage is located northwest of the dwelling. The one-story rectangular plan building has a gable roof over the two western bays, and a hipped roof over the eastern bay. A brick exterior chimney rises along the northwest corner of the building.

East of the garage stands a cinder block silo with a tin cap, a one-story cinder block shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof, and a one-story frame office with a gable roof. The office, clad in weatherboard, contains a two-over-two window in the west elevation, and a panel door in the four-foot deep extension to the south end.

A large, two-story gambrel-roof frame barn with a one-story side aisle stands at the northeast corner of the building complex. The wood-plank gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles and beginning to cave in. Clad with asphalt shingles over weatherboard, the barn sits on a concrete block and brick foundation.

A one-story frame barn is located at the southeast corner of the building complex. A standing-seam tin gable roof covers the central portion of the barn, clad with asphalt shingles and corrugated tin over weatherboard. Shed-roof side aisles are appended to the east and west elevations of the building.

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The Hensley/Amos Farm is representative of a small, late-nineteenth to early-twentieth-century farmstead with good integrity of association, feeling, location, materials, and setting. Typical of Worcester County's agricultural climate at the turn of the century, this modest farm of 31 acres most likely grew feed corn, one of the county's largest crops (Touart 1994:165). The dwelling contains decorative elements of the Free Classic style, a combination of Queen Anne and Colonial Revival, evident in its pedimented gables, the Palladian-influenced window in the west gable end, and the simple turned columns of the porch. The agricultural outbuildings also demonstrate the changing materials and functions of turn-of-the-century farms, including the use of cinder blocks and the appearance of such early-twentieth-century buildings as a silo, tractor shed/garage, and an office.

The Hensley/Amos Farm is recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, association with historic events, specifically the continuing trend of agriculture in Worcester County during the first half of the twentieth century. The farms is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century farmstead that retains good integrity of association, feeling, location, materials, and setting.

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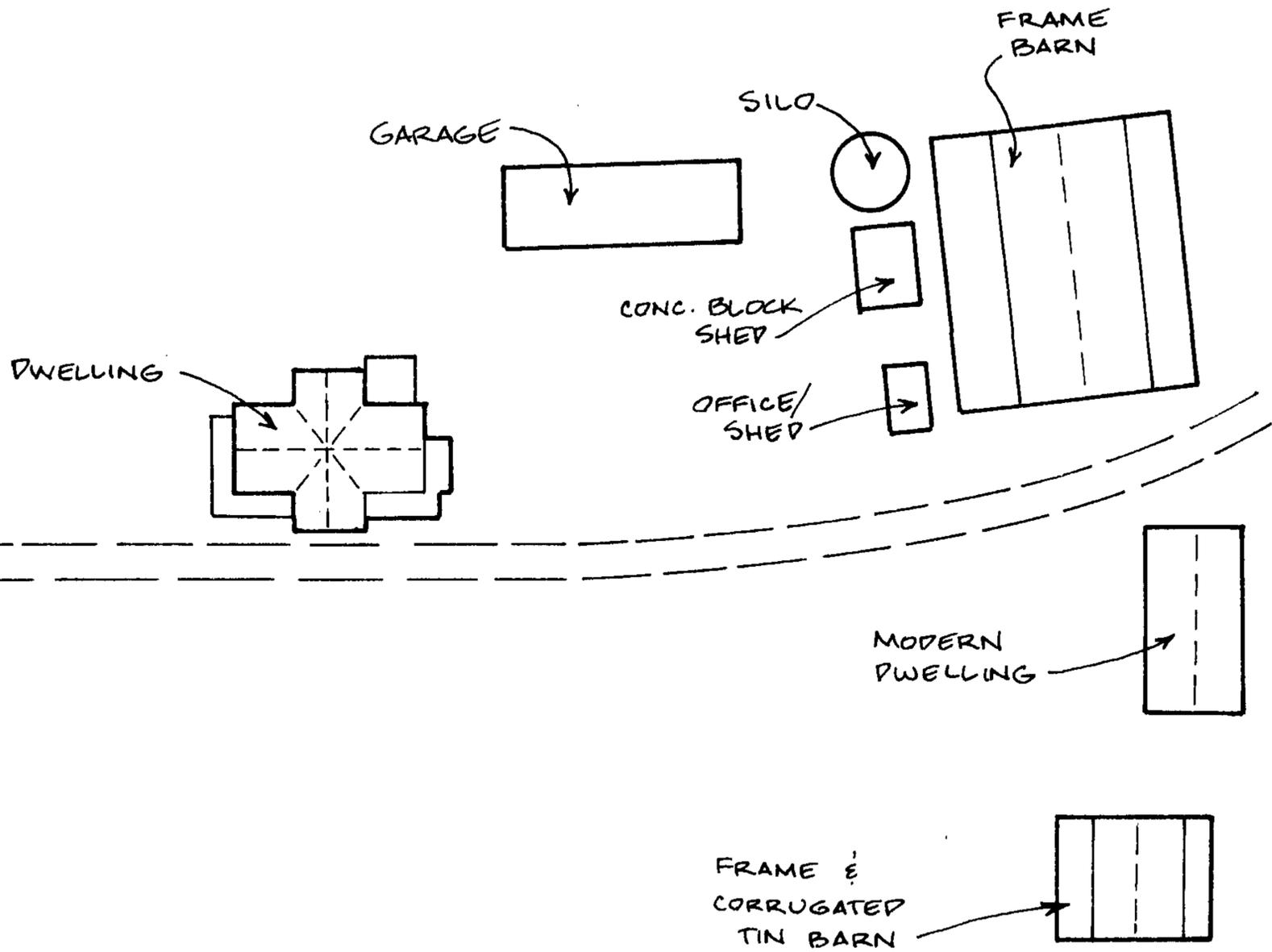
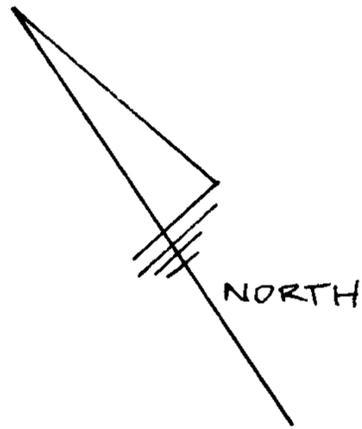
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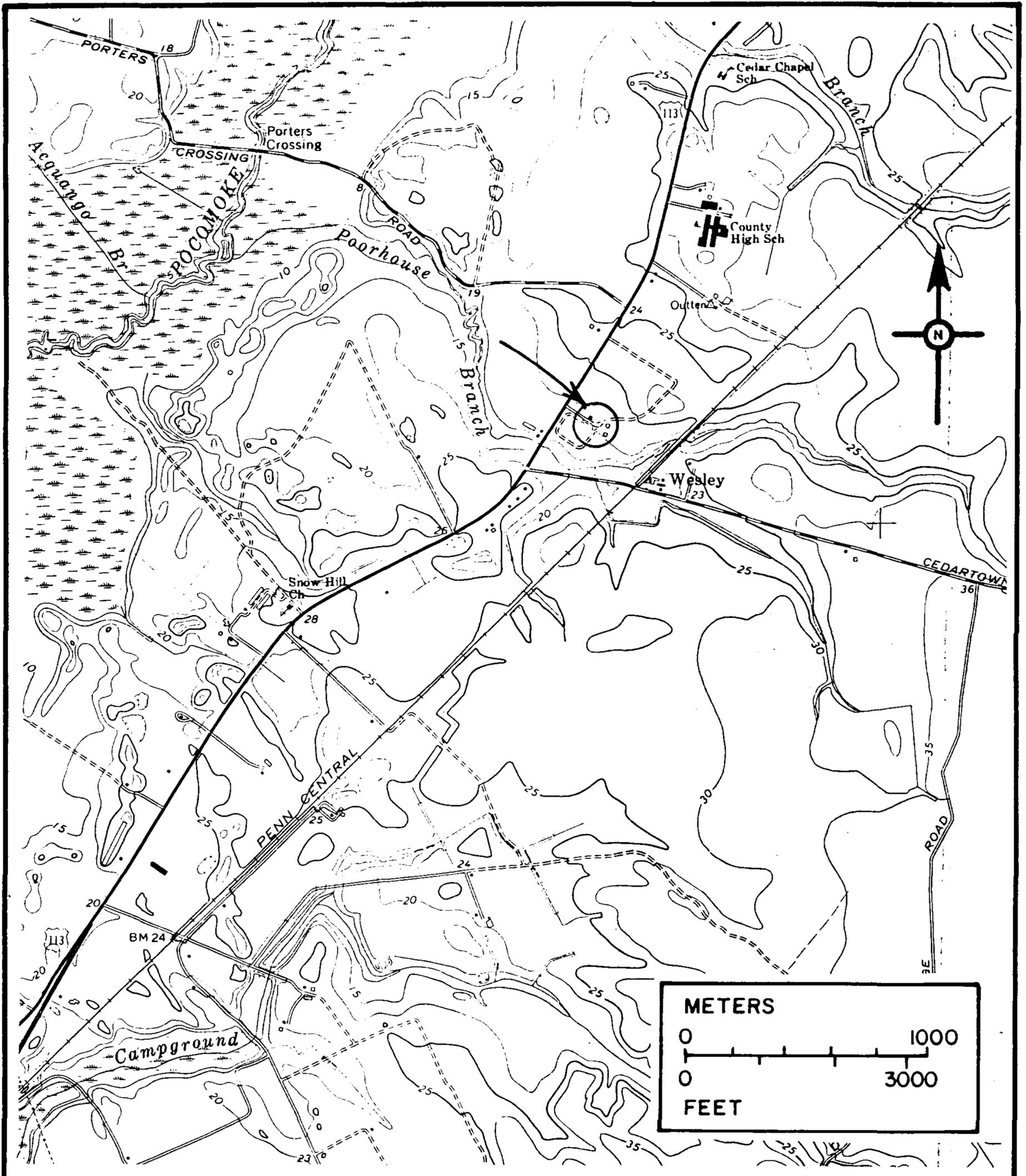
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**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
Hensley/Amos Farm (KCI-2)  
North of Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD  
Public Landing, MD Quad Map

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**LOCATIONAL MAP**  
Section of the 7.5' Public Landing, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)  
Showing the Hensley/Amos Farm (KCI-2),  
North of Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD.

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