

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

Property/District Name: J.T. Mumford House Survey Number: WO-467

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 J.T. Mumford House occupies a 3.9-acre tract of land on the east side of Shire Drive, south of the town of Ironshire, in Worcester County, MD. The property includes a dwelling and several associated and contributing outbuildings. The property is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Labelled "J.T. Mumford Res." on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, the house is a two-story, four-bay frame dwelling covered with a gable roof. Two doors occupy the central two bays in the first story, while 1/1 windows light the outside bays and 2/2 windows are found in the second-story openings. The house is clad with wood shingles and features a hipped-roof enclosed porch on the facade.

Several domestic outbuildings, both contributing and non-contributing, surround the house and form a tightly knit and cohesive group of related structures. Of the outbuildings, six are considered contributing and include a frame double shed, a summer kitchen, a privy, a tractor shed, a corn crib, and a shed/stable. The frame summer kitchen is clad in weatherboard and has a tin roof and a brick foundation. The main elevation has a panelled door and a 2/2 window. A small, one-story house (presently an antiques store) probably dates from the late 19th or early 20th century, but is considered non-contributing because it has been moved to its present site from another location.

Although the Mumford property is a good, cohesive example of a ca. 1870 farmstead that retains many of its original domestic outbuildings and conveys the type of farmstead that was associated with the 19th-century towns of Worcester County, the property is not architecturally distinctive and does not qualify for listing under Criterion C. The farmstead is representative of the small farms of the county, and is not the site of an important agricultural event nor is it 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

Prepared by: Margaret A. Bishop/Architectural Historian, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 17, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Oliver B. Smith 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; Domestic/secondary structures/kitchen/privy/corncrib; Agricutlure/Subsistence/animal storage facility

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

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-467

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic J.T. Mumford House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 8114 Shire Drive  not for publication

city, town Berlin  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	<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 Edwin Dale & Catherine G. Hastings

street & number 8114 Shire Drive telephone no.:

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

**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

Survey No. W0-467

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Survey No. WO-467

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
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<input 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.

See Continuation Sheet

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. W0-467

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.90

Quadrangle name Berlin

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
 514-7600

WO-467 (KCI #6)  
J.T. Mumford House  
Worcester County

Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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 and secondary domestic structures; Agricultural storage and animal facility

Known Design Source: None

**CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7**

Located along the east side of Shire Drive, south of the town of Ironshire, the J.T. Mumford House stands approximately 400 feet west of US 113. The 3.9-acre parcel contains a frame dwelling, garage, summer kitchen, privy, chicken house, tractor shed, corn crib, stable, and pig sty. A frame cottage, which appears to have been moved to its present location east of the house, serves as an antiques store. A modern produce stand is located along US 113 at the eastern edge of the property.

The two-story frame dwelling, clad in wood shingles painted red, sits on a brick foundation. An asphalt shingle gable roof with boxed cornice covers the main block and rear ell. A shallow shed roof wing projects from the south elevation. Two shed roof additions, including an enclosed porch, are located in the northeast elbow. A smaller addition to the east end of the ell is constructed of rusticated concrete block with a shed roof. An enclosed hipped-roof porch is appended to the west, or main, elevation. Brick interior end chimneys rise through the north and south ends of the main block; a third chimney is located in the center ridge of the ell. Windows throughout the dwelling consist of a mixture of multi-light double-hung wood sash with simple wood surrounds.

The west, or main, elevation contains four bays in both the first and second stories. Two doors occupy the central two bays in the first story; one-over-one double-hung wood sash light the outside bays. A partial-width, one-story enclosed porch with asphalt shingle hipped roof covers the two central bays. The porch is enclosed with a continuous band of six-over-six double-hung wood sash broken only by the nine-light and panel door in the west elevation. The second story of the west elevation contains four two-over-two double-hung wood sash.

The south elevation contains a single bay in both the first and second stories of the main block. The shed roof bay contains paired two-over-two windows in both stories and single two-over-two windows in the east and west sides of the bay. The southeast end of the ell contains two single windows on the first story, and a four-light window in the second story.

The east elevation of the ell includes a four-over-four window in both stories. The rusticated concrete block addition is located at the juncture between the ell and the enclosed porch appended to the north side of the ell. A four-light and three-panel door leads into the porch.

The north elevation of the main block contains two four-light casement windows in the gable end. A two-over-two window lights the shed roof junction, while the enclosed porch in the northeast elbow contains a band of five two-over-one windows. A panel door provides access to the rusticated stone addition.

Five outbuildings stand north of the dwelling, including a frame double shed with a loft and a corrugated tin gable roof, and a frame two-seater privy with a wood shake gable roof. The frame summer kitchen, clad in weatherboard, has a corrugated tin gable roof and a brick foundation. The west, or main, elevation contains a panelled door and a two-over-two window. Iron grates protect the foundation windows. The remaining elevations contain two-over-two windows and two-light awning windows light the north and south gable ends. A small garden surrounded by a wood and iron fence is located at the south end of the building. A modern garage and a modern metal shed stand at the northern end of the property.

A one-story frame chicken house clad in weatherboard stands east of the dwelling. The building has a corrugated tin shed roof and screened enclosure in the north and south ends. The east and west elevations each contain two six-light windows, while the north and south ends of the building include board-and-batten doors. A partially collapsed tractor shed stands nearby.

East of the chicken house stands a one-story gable-roof frame building that appears to have been moved to its current location. Currently serving as an antiques store, the building, clad in scalloped wood shingles, contains six-over-six windows and sits on concrete block piers. Square shingles indicate the location of a former chimney pile on the west elevation. The interior of the building includes tongue-and-groove panelling and a mantel shelf on the west wall flanked by a board-and-batten door on each side.

At the southern end of the property, bounded by US 113 on the southeast and Shire Road on the southwest, an area enclosed by a wood fence contains a one-story frame cattle shed/stable clad in drop siding and topped with a corrugated tin gable roof. A frame corn crib with a corrugated tin roof and a shed roof pig sty stand between the stable and the dwelling.

The contributing buildings on the property include the dwelling, frame shed, summer kitchen, privy, tractor shed, corn crib, and shed/stable. The remainder of the outbuildings are modern construction, or have been moved to their current locations.

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The J.T. Mumford House is a good example of a circa 1870 farmstead that retains good integrity of association, location, materials, and setting. The dwelling and its associated outbuildings convey the type of farmstead that was associated with nineteenth-century towns, such as Poplartown (now Ironshire), which developed along the main north/south road between Delaware and Virginia during the early 1800s. Poplartown was a crossroad village that served the local agricultural community (Touart 1994:84-85). The dwelling is located at the southern end of Poplartown and labelled "J.T. Mumford Res." on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas of 1877. According to the atlas' directory, J.T. Mumford was a carpenter by trade and owned 50 acres of land in the West Berlin District of Worcester County. The majority of Mumford's property most likely extended southeast of the current parcel and was divided by construction of US 113 around Ironshire in the mid-twentieth century and subsequent transfers of title.

The J.T. Mumford House is recommended for inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, under Criterion A, association with broad patterns or trends, as a representative example of a late-nineteenth-century farmstead with good integrity of association, location, materials, and setting.

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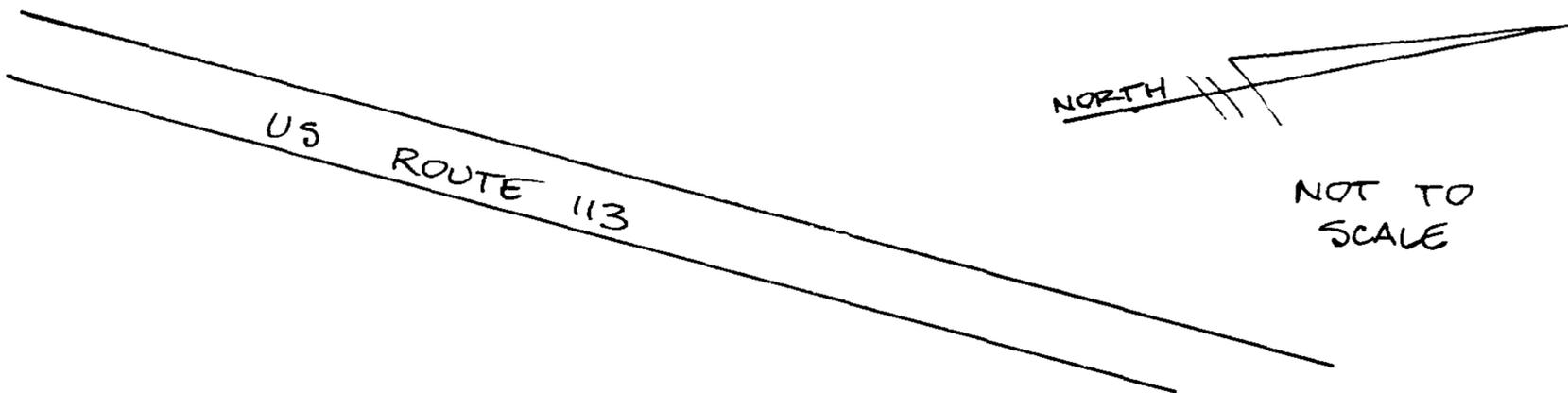
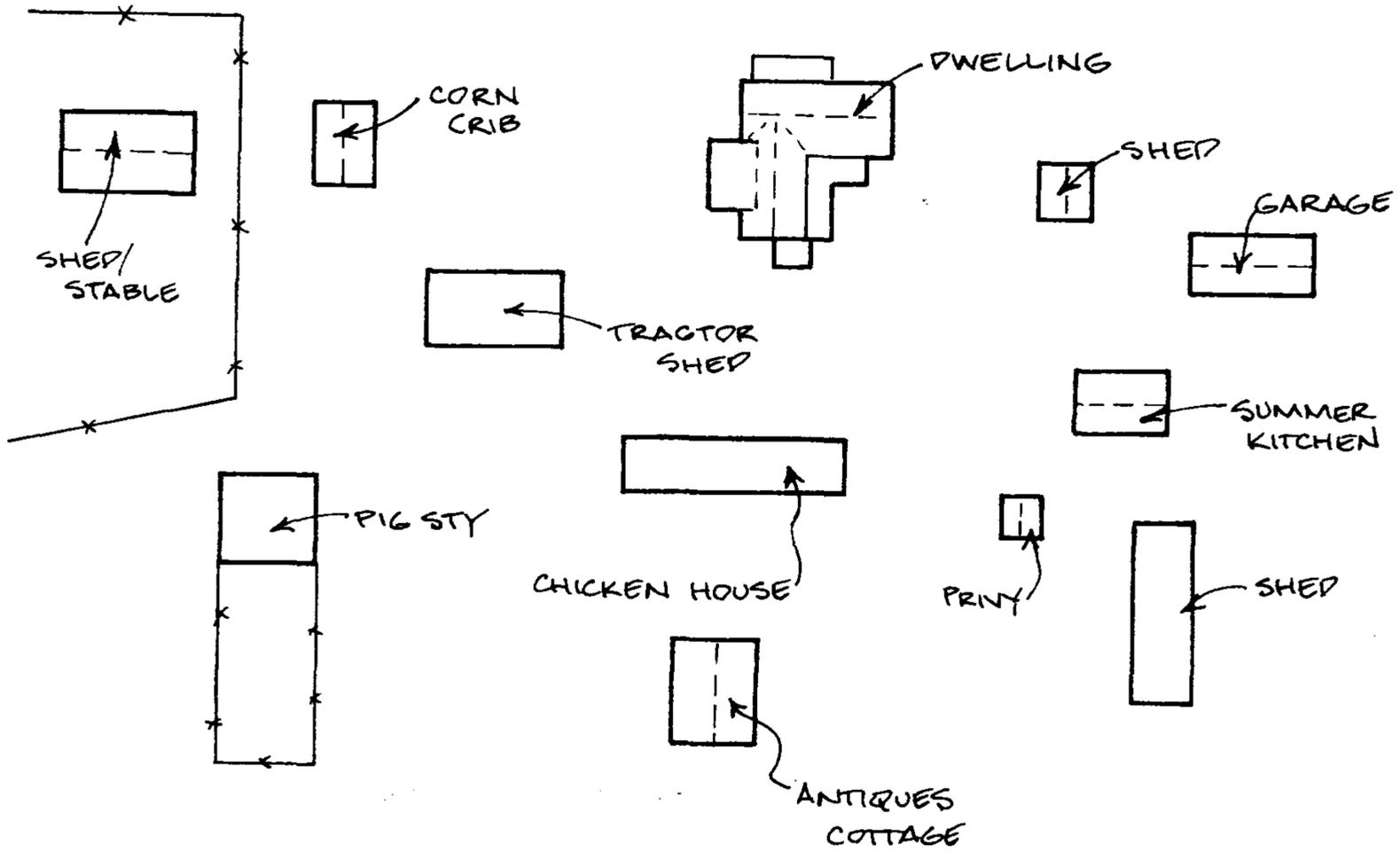
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Worcester County 250th Anniversary Committee

1993 *Articles for Consideration: 250 Years of History, Worcester County, Maryland.*  
Board of Commissioners of Worcester County.

IRONSHIRE ROAD



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**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
J. T. Mumford House (KCI-6)  
South of Berlin, Worcester County, MD  
Berlin, MD Quad Map

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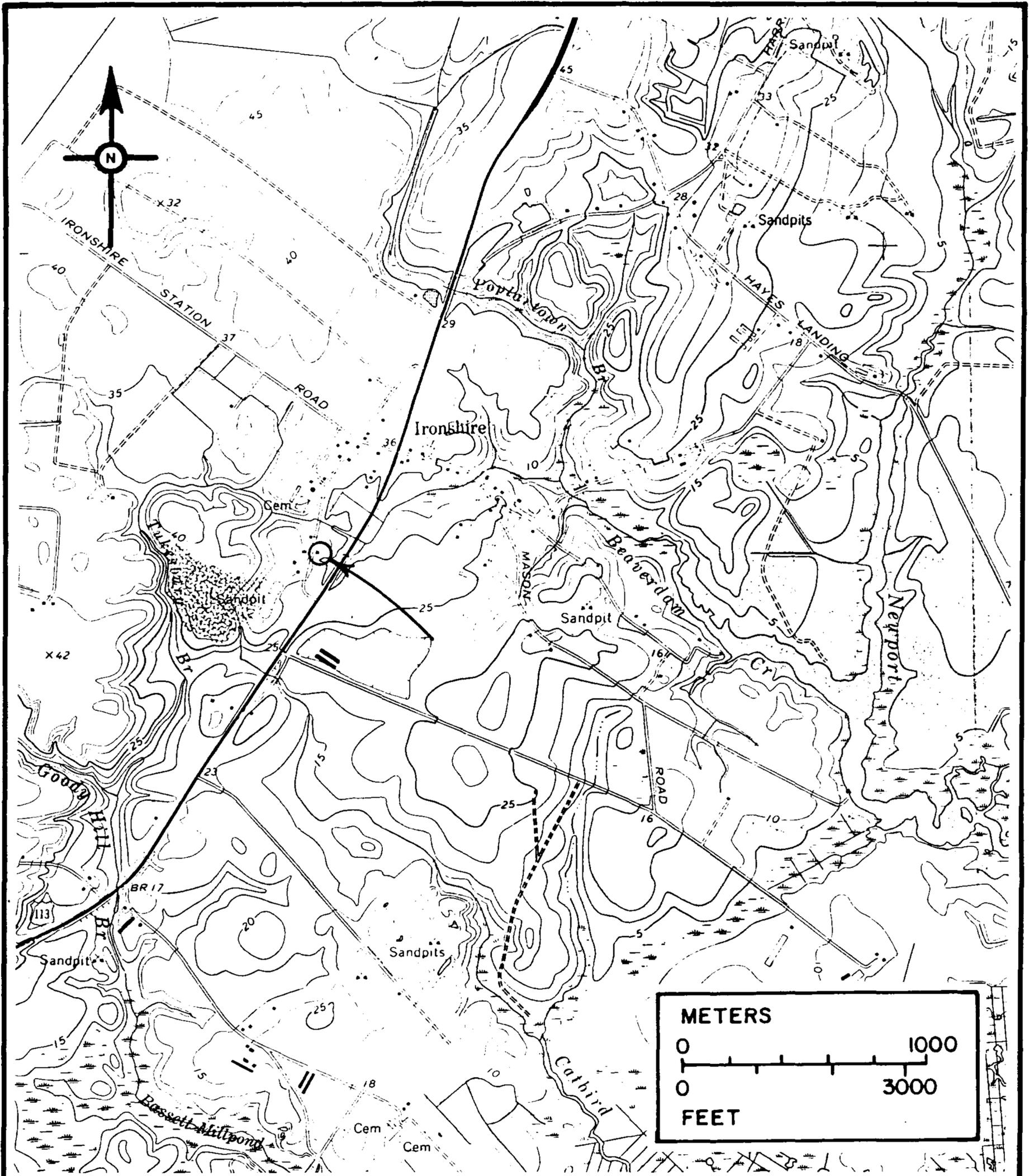


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Section of a Map of West Berlin District, from an  
 Atlas Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Lake et al. 1877),  
 Showing the J. T. Mumford House (KCI-6),  
 South of Berlin, Worcester County, MD; Berlin, MD Quad Map

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**LOCATIONAL MAP**  
 Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)  
 Showing the J. T. Mumford House (KCI-6),  
 South of Berlin, Worcester County, MD.

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J.T. MUMFORD HOUSE

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

WEST & NORTH ELEVATIONS - DWELLING

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SMART DIXON

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SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS - DWELLING

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NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS - CRIB & STABLE

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SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS - SHED AND

SUMMER KITCHEN

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