

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

Property/District Name: Walsh House Survey Number: WO-468

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 Walsh House is located on the south side of Ironshire Road, approximately 50 yards west of its intersection with US Route 113 in Worcester County, MD. The property is situated on a 2.75-acre lot and includes a primary residence and an associated shed. The property is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed ca. 1870, the Walsh House is an imposing two-story, three-bay frame dwelling covered with a gable roof and featuring elaborate Italianate-style detailing. The facade, divided into three bays, has a central entry with a one-story entry porch dominating it, and a bracketed wood cornice. The front porch has a gable roof supported by square posts and is characterized by its Italianate detailing featuring scalloped bargeboards and brackets. The windows retain pilaster surrounds, but have lost dentils or brackets that once adorned their lintels. A one-story wing has been added to the main dwelling. The house is in deteriorating condition. A one-story frame shed stands southeast of the Walsh dwelling.

The Walsh house provides an excellent example of a late-19th-century, two-story, three-bay farmhouse that deviates from the norm in its use of elaborate Italianate detailing. However, the house is in deteriorating condition and lacks the architectural integrity necessary to qualify it for listing under Criterion C. Further, 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

Prepared by: Stuart Paul Dixon/Historian, Inc. for SHA

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

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Olavud P. Davis March 27, 1996
Reviewer, NR program Date

Handwritten signature

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 (Alleghany, 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

Known Design Source: _____

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-468

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Walsh House

2. Location

street & number 9650 Ironshire Station Road 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	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 Charles Eugene & Patricia Bryan Walsh

street & number 9650 Ironshire Station Road telephone no.: (410) 641-3305

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 1 West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-468

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-468

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
<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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<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.

See Continuation Sheet

WO-468 (KCI #7)
Walsh House
Worcester County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Village
Historic Functions:	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

WO-468 (KCI #7)
Walsh House
Worcester County
Page 7.1; Description

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

Located on the south side of Ironshire Station Road approximately 50 yards west of its intersection with US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) in Worcester County, Maryland, the Walsh House consists of a two-story, center hall/single pile dwelling with a one-story rear wing, and a one story shed, situated on a roughly 2.75 acre lot of grass and vegetable gardens. Asphalt shingles sheath the dwelling's gable roof while asbestos shingles form the current exterior wall covering. Layers of wood shingles and weatherboard are visible underneath the asbestos siding. A brick foundation supports the house. Brick interior chimney piles penetrate both gable ends.

Richly ornamented, the Walsh House displays three symmetrically-spaced bays along its main, north elevation facing Ironshire Station Road. Six-over-six wooden sash flank a central four-panel door with five-light sidelights and a decorative transom grill. Additional ornament above the transom consists of dentils and brackets. An elaborate, one-story entry porch enframes the central entry of the north elevation as well. Scalloped bargeboards and brackets decorate square posts and pilasters supporting the porch's gable roof. Additional embellishment consists of paired brackets in the eaves above windows and corner boards. Windows retain pilaster surrounds but have lost dentils or brackets that once adorned their lintels. Six-over-one sash occupy most first story windows while second story fenestration primarily consists of six-over-six sash. The two gable peaks contain four-light casements. The wing possesses one-over-one sash.

A one-story, frame shed stands southeast of the Walsh dwelling. Asphalt roll sheeting encases the shed's gable roof. A shed roof addition has been appended to the shed's east elevation. Weatherboard covers both portions of the shed.

WO-468 (KCI #7)
Walsh House
Worcester County
Page 8.1; Significance

Erected circa 1870, the Walsh House retains good integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship and feeling, and reflects architectural motifs popular in Worcester County during the late nineteenth century. Borrowing from a number of prevalent styles, ornamental finish on the Walsh House clearly mirrors Worcester County's domestic architecture vocabulary of the late 1800s.

Imitating Italianate trends, paired brackets in the main elevation's eaves define three symmetrically-spaced bays. Paired brackets are repeated on the gable ends. Ghost of dentils and/or brackets also remain on most window surrounds. Sidelights and a decorative transom indicative of Gothic Revival and Italianate domestic architecture in Worcester County have been utilized on the Walsh House. The use of elaborate bargeboards on the dwelling's entry porch borrows from Queen Anne architectural motifs (Touart 150-161).

Reflecting these trends in the county's domestic architecture of the late nineteenth century, the Walsh House is recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion C, embodiment of a distinctive period of construction.

WO-468 (KCI #7)

Walsh House

Worcester County

Page 9.1; Bibliography

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side, The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland.* Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, MD.

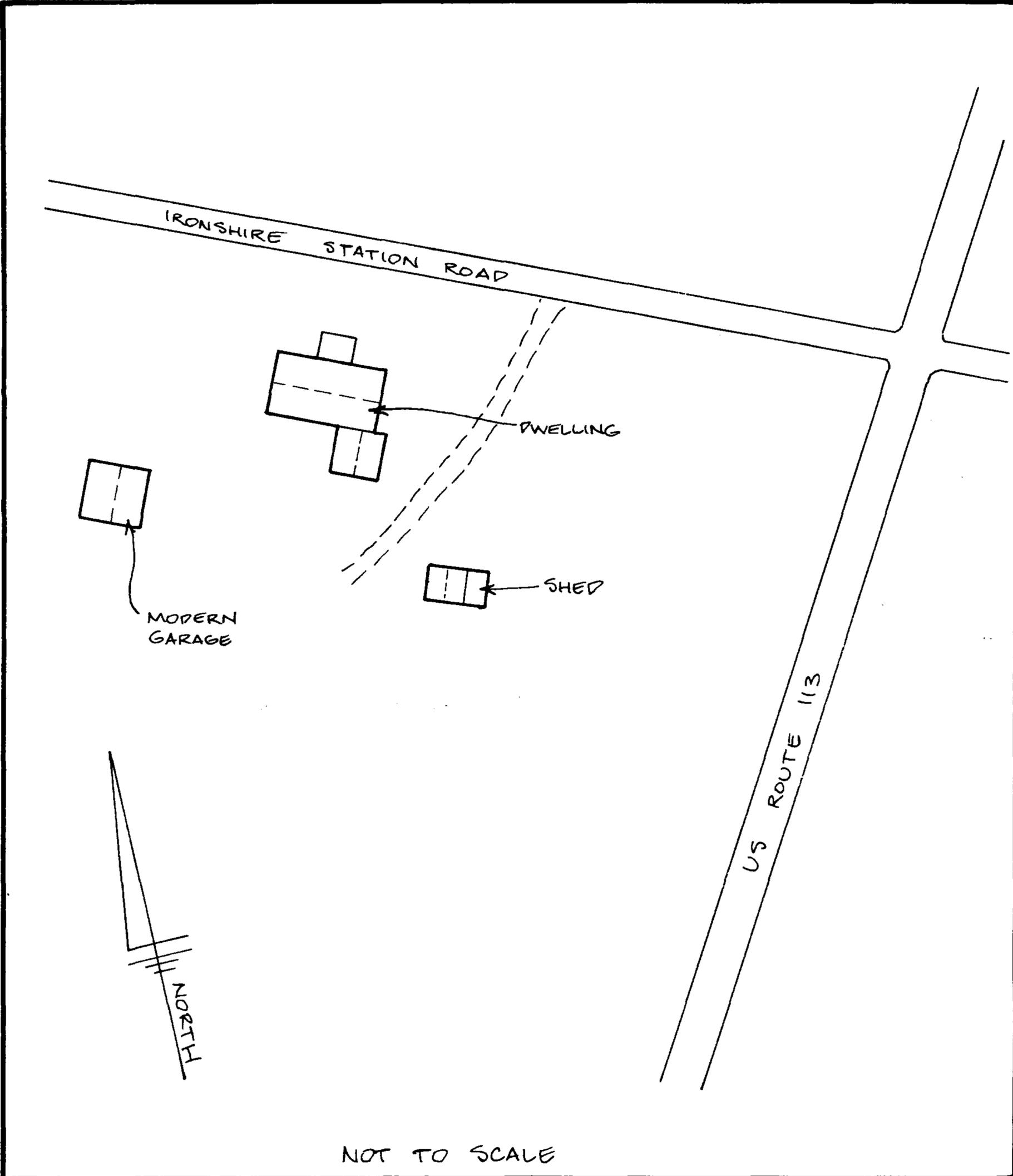
United States Geological Survey

1943 *7.5' Series Quadrangle for Berlin, MD.* On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

1967 *7.5' Series Quadrangle for Berlin, MD.* Photorevised 1981. Reston, VA.

Worcester County 250th Anniversary Committee

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

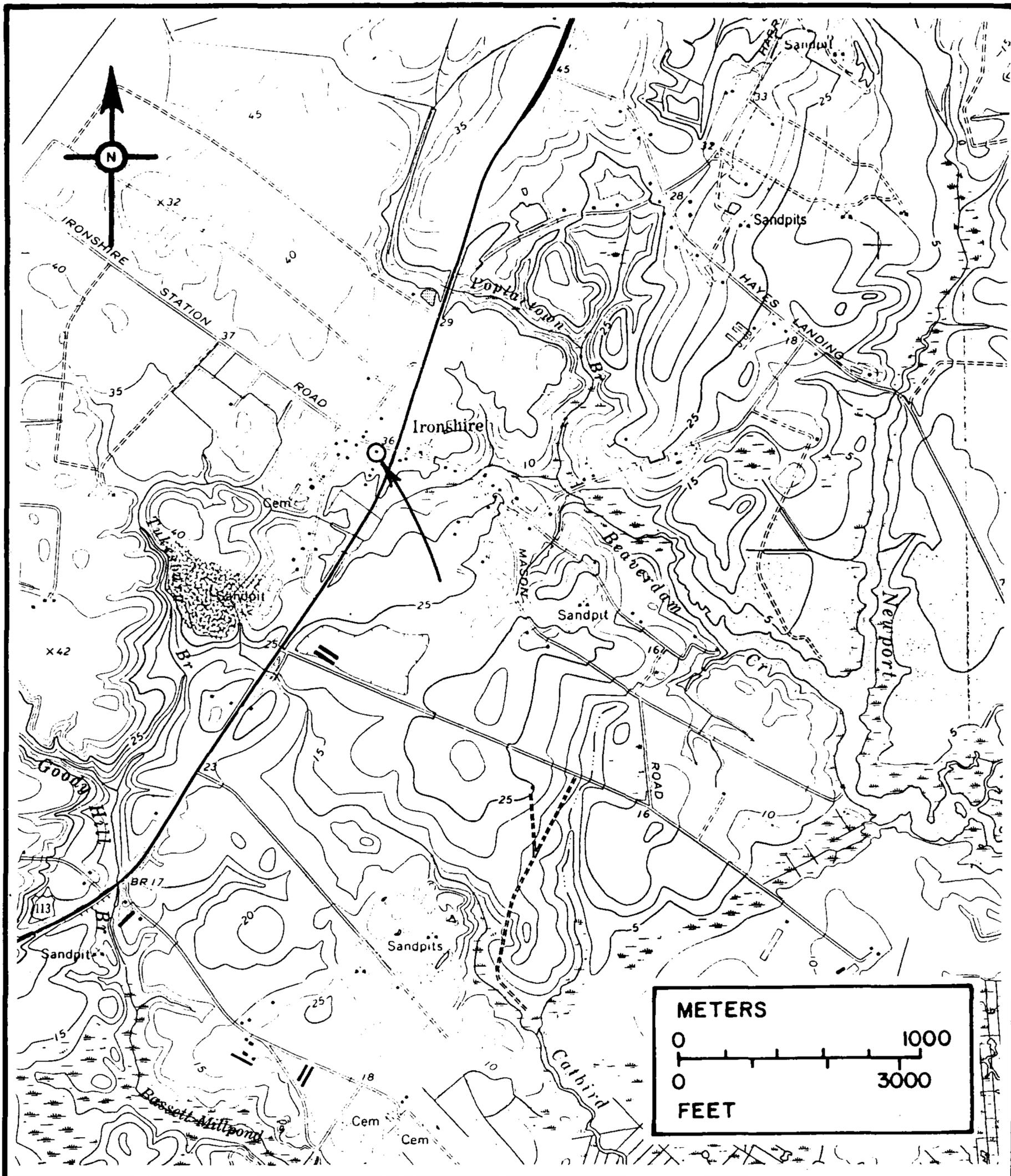


NOT TO SCALE



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Walsh House (KCI-7)
South of Berlin, Worcester County, MD
Berlin, MD Quad Map

WD-468



LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)
 Showing the Walsh House (KCI-7),
 South of Berlin, Worcester County, MD.

W0-468



WO-468 (KCI #7)

WALSH HOUSE

WORCESTER CO., MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS OF SHED

1/3



0044-24

WO 468 (KCI #7)

WALSH HOUSE

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

NORTH PORTICO

2/3



0044-23

WO 468 (KCI# 7)

WALSH HOUSE

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

NORTH & EAST ELEVATIONS

3/3