

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

Property/District Name: Calvin E. Davis House Survey Number: WO-473

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 Calvin E. Davis House is located on the south side of Carey Road, approximately two miles north of Berlin in Worcester County, MD. The 1.18-acre property includes a frame dwelling and three frame outbuildings. The property is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1936, the house is a 1-1/2-story frame dwelling presented in a Colonial Revival style with craftsman detailing. The house is set upon a low brick foundation and is covered with a steeply pitched gable roof, with two gable dormers on the front slope. A steeply pitched gable roofed entry vestibule projects from the facade of the dwelling and defines its entrance, while a double-door garage is recessed from the main block of the house, but attached to it. The garage features double car doors with strap hinges and paired, 6/6 windows. The dwelling is a good example of the early to-mid-20th-century "colonial cottage," a dwelling type that characterizes much of the residential architecture of the period and which was widely available through pattern books and catalogs. Although it survives as an intact and fine example, the building type is ubiquitous on the East Coast and well-represented in the region and is thus not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C.

The Calvin E. Davis House was built by Calvin E. Davis and currently owned and occupied by his son. The house is not associated with any persons or events significant to our past and is 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 KCI Technologies, Inc. for SHA

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

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Quanda Ridout v March 15, 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

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern Period (A.D. 1930 - Present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Functions:	Single-family dwelling
Known Design Source:	Calvin E. Davis

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-473

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Calvin E. Davis House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10344 Carey 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 Calvin Edward & Mary S. Davis

street & number 10344 Carey Road 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

depository 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 _____

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1936 **Builder/Architect** Calvin Edward Davis, Sr.

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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.18

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

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
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Mechanicsburg, state PA 17055

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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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The Calvin E. Davis House is situated along the south side of Carey Road, approximately two miles north of Berlin. Located about 600 feet east of US 113, the 1.18-acre property contains a frame dwelling, three frame outbuildings, and a small garden.

Built in 1936 by the current owner, the one-and-one-half-story, colonial-style frame dwelling, clad in wood shingles painted white, rests on a brick foundation. Asphalt shingle gable roofs cover the dwelling and its attached garage. Gable-roof dormers are located in the north and south slopes of the dwelling's roof. All of the gable roofs have crown molding at the cornice. A brick chimney rises through the center of the main ridge. A gable-roof entry extends from the northwest corner of the north, or main, elevation. Windows throughout the dwelling and garage consist of six-over-six double-hung wood sash which retain their original wood screens and storm windows.

The north, or main, elevation contains three bays in the first story, including a pair of windows at the northeast corner, a six-light casement in the central bay, and the projecting gable-roof entry at the northwest corner. Brick steps lead to the arched opening of the entry; the door is inset approximately two feet. Two symmetrically placed gable-roof dormers light the upper story. The north elevation of the attached garage contains a pair of windows at the junction between the house and the garage, and a pair of six-light and three-panel doors with strap hinges.

The west elevation of the dwelling contains a pair of windows in the northwest corner of the first story, and a smaller window in the gable end. The west elevation of the garage includes two windows in the main story and a louvered vent in the gable.

The south elevation of the dwelling contains a pair of windows in the enclosed portion of the rear porch, and a door under the open section of the porch. A small window is located east of the door. Two symmetrically-space gable-roof dormers light the upper story. A small balcony is located atop the rear porch. The decorative railing around the balcony features pyramidal topped square wood posts, square balusters, and cross pieces. A door leads into the south elevation of the garage.

The east elevation of the dwelling contains a small window in the south corner of the first story, a pair of windows in the north corner, and a window in the gable end.

Two shed-roof frame outbuildings on the property were also constructed by Mr. Davis. The first shed, which stands south of the garage, is clad with board-and-batten siding and sits on a brick and concrete block foundation. The building contains double hinged doors in the north elevation, and six-over-six windows. The second shed, constructed of plywood and

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corrugated tin, stands southwest of the first shed. The north elevation contains a sliding door at the west end and two regular doors at the east end.

The third outbuilding on the parcel, a frame shed with an asphalt shingle gable roof, concrete block foundation, and shed-roof addition on the west end, was moved to its current location southwest of the dwelling from a neighboring farm.

The dwelling has experienced virtually no exterior alterations since its construction in 1936 and stands as an excellent example of a locally-designed vernacular interpretation of a colonial-style cottage.

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The Calvin E. Davis House is a well-preserved example of a mid-twentieth-century colonial-style cottage with excellent integrity of association, design, feeling, location, materials, setting, and workmanship. According to the owner's son, the dwelling was designed and constructed by his father, Calvin E. Davis, Sr., in 1936. During the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, mail-order houses and pattern books enabled residents in rural areas of the country to build popularly-styled dwellings, such as Queen Anne cottages, Bungalows, Four-Squares, and Colonial Revival houses. Mr. Davis, a carpenter and painter by trade, drew upon the emerging Colonial Revival style of architecture, which featured six-over-six windows and gable-roof dormers, in the design of his dwelling. The attached garage employing similar stylistic details also dates the building to the 1930's, an era when the automobile influenced the configuration of various types of architecture.

The Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland State Highway Administration have determined the Calvin E. Davis House eligible for listing on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion C, as the embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction.

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PROPERTY LINES ON THIS MAP BASED ON TAX PARCEL MAPS

TO US 113 →

CAREY ROAD

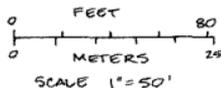
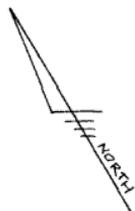
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1.18 Acres

POWELLING

GARAGE

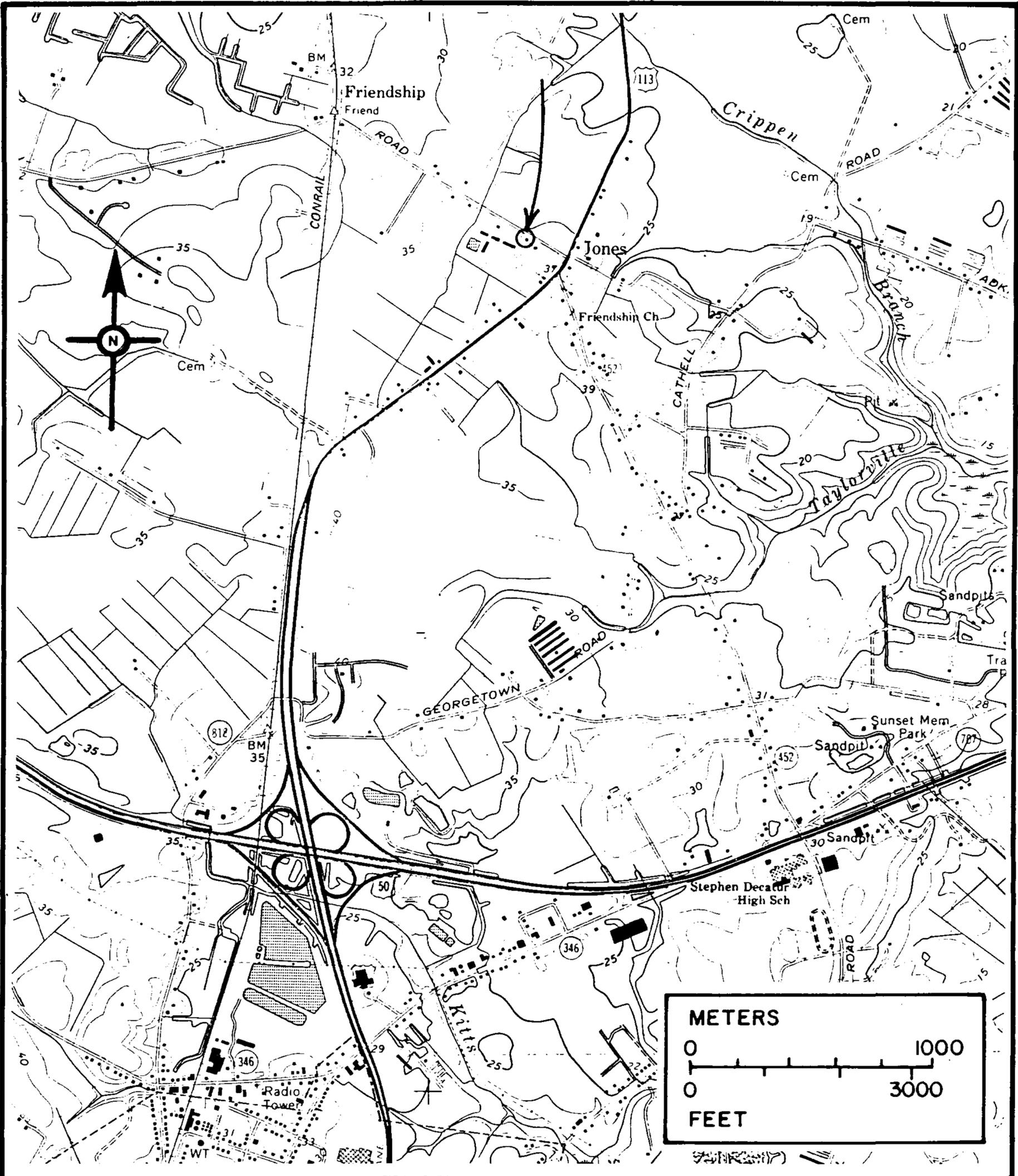
TAX PARCEL
BOUNDARY

SHEDS



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Calvin Davis House (KCI-13)
North 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 Calvin Davis House (KCI-13),
 North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD.



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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS

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W0473 (KCI #13)

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

NORTH ELEVATION

2/2