

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

Property/District Name: Hall House Survey Number: WO-475

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 Hall House is located on a 1.28-acre lot located at the southwest intersection of US Route 113 and Pitts Road in the village of Showell, Worcester County, MD. The property, which consists of a single dwelling, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places nor is it located within a National Register-eligible historic district.

The Hall House is a 2-1/2-story, three-bay frame house covered with a gable roof with a central projecting front gable. A single-story shed roof porch extends across the three bays of the front elevation and provides shelter to the central entry. Built ca. 1877, the Hall House is representative of the late 19th-century domestic architecture of the region and does not have the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify for listing under Criterion . 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

Mauro Redwitz 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

Known Design Source: _____

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

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

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-475

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hall House

2. Location

street & number 11633 Worcester Highway _____ 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 Nancy C. Taylor and William & Christina Hall

street & number P.O. BOX 87 telephone no.: (410) 352-5642

city, town SHOWELL state and zip code MD 21862

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. W0-475

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WO-475

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.28

Quadrangle name SELBYVILLE, DE-MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

F

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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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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: 1

The Hall House consists of a two-and-one-half story frame ell plan located on a 1.28 acre lot composing the southwest corner of US Route 113's (Worcester Highway) intersection with Pitts Road in the village of Showell, Worcester County, Maryland.

The Hall House possesses a brick foundation and three interior gable end chimney piles. The asphalt-shingled gable roof displays partial returns and a gable-roofed dormer centered along its main, eastern elevation facing US Route 113. Asbestos shingles serve as exterior cladding. Earlier weatherboard is visible under the asbestos shingles. A two-story, one-bay wide addition occupies the northeast portion of the ell. A one-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch extends westward along the ell's north elevation. A shed-roofed entry hood protects the west gable end's entrance.

Arched fascia boards and turned posts ornament a shed roof porch shading the east elevation. Three symmetrically-spaced bays penetrate this elevation's first story. Two-over-two wooden sash flank a centrally located panel door crowned by a transom. Three two-over-two sash occupy second story bays. The gable dormer displays a peaked-head two-over-two window.

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Associated with late nineteenth century settlement patterns in Worcester County, the Hall House, built circa 1877, documents the growth of the village of Showell following construction of the Worcester Railroad through the county and the erection of a station at the Showell crossroads. Prior to completion of the railroad, the village of Showell probably consisted of a tavern and the National Register-eligible Lemuel Showell House (WO-287). The Hall House appears on the west side of Worcester Highway on an 1877 atlas map of West Berlin District, shortly after completion of the railroad. By the early 1890s nearly 50 persons lived at the village (Touart 1994:292-94).

Containing fair integrity of location, setting and feeling, the Hall House is recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, associations with broad patterns of history. Probably erected in response to construction of the Worcester Railroad in the 1870s, the Hall House reflects the evolution of crossroads communities located at the intersection of major transportation networks during the late nineteenth century.

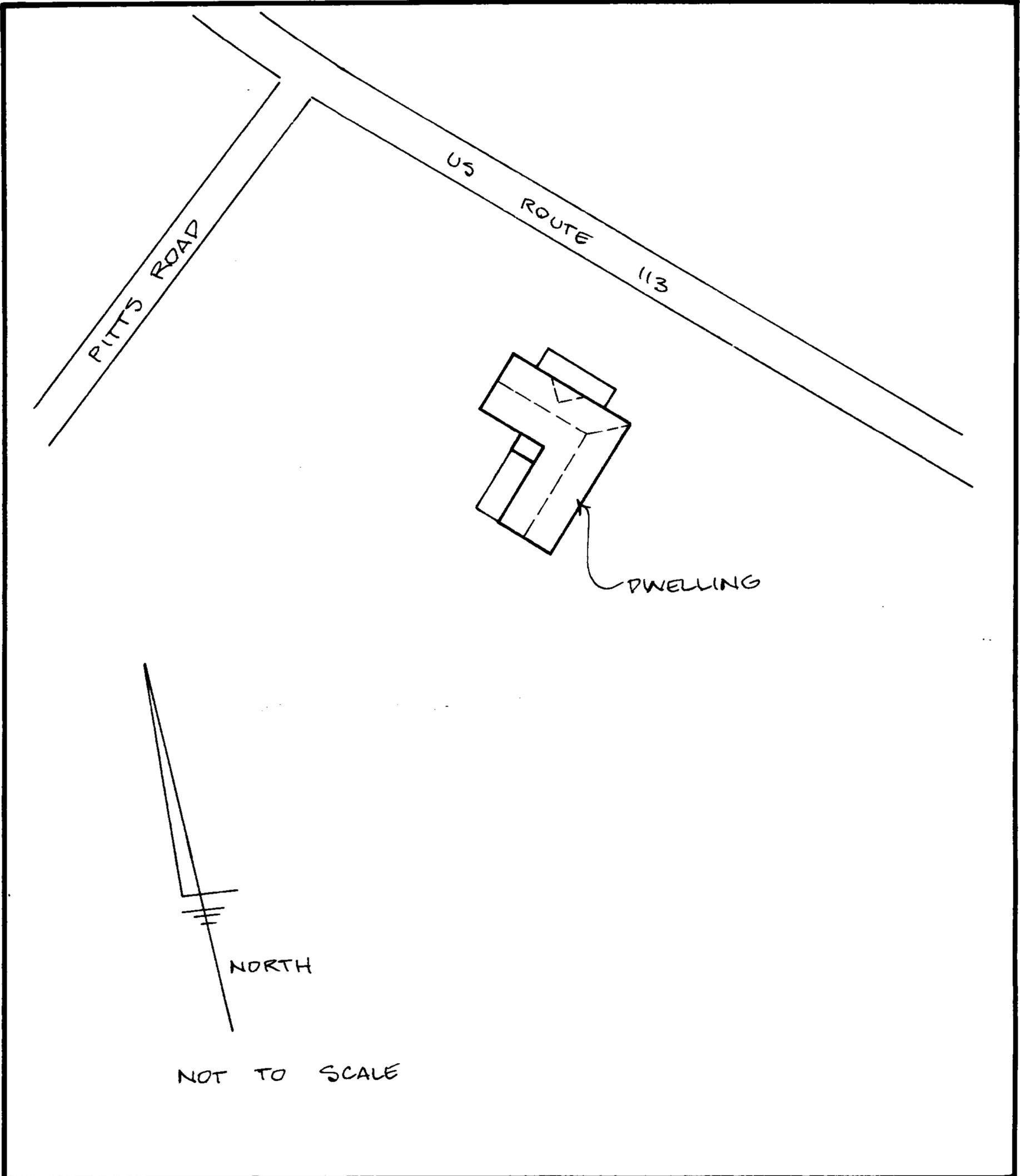
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Board of Commissioners of Worcester County.



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Hall House (KCI-15)
North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD
Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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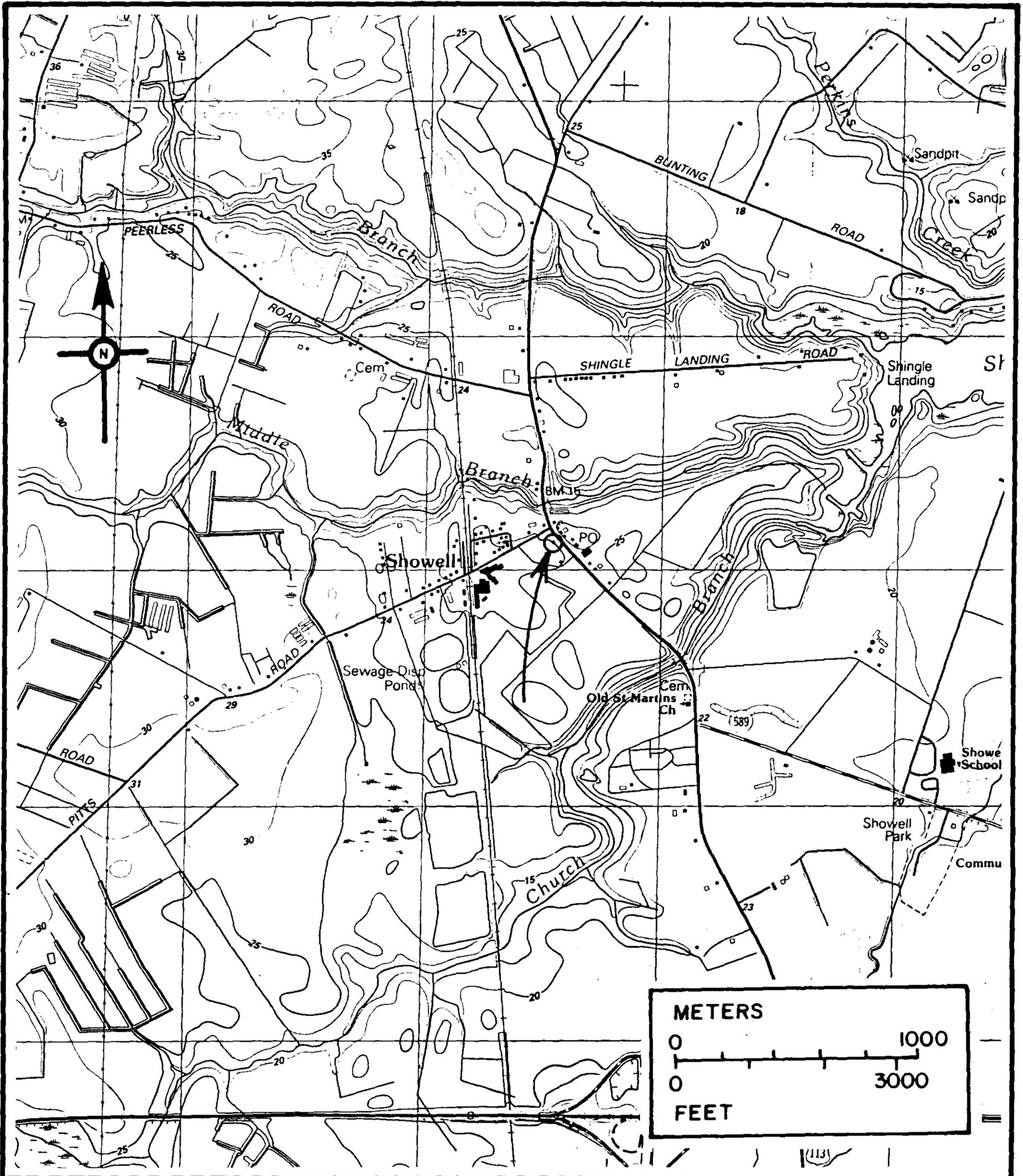


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Section of a Map of West Berlin District, from an
 Atlas Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Lake et al. 1877),
 Showing the Hall House (KCI-15),
 Showell, Worcester County, MD; Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)
 Showing the Hall House (KCI-15),
 Showell, Worcester County, MD.

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HALL HOUSE

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

EAST & NORTH ELEVATIONS

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