

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

Property/District Name: Roland W. Beauchamp, Feed Storage Buildings Survey Number: WO-478

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  *Kow 1/7/97. Revised based upon newly-acquired info.*

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 Roland W. Beauchamp Feed Storage Buildings are located on an approximately nine-acre lot along the east side of US Route 113 south of the intersection with Bishop Road in Worcester County, MD. The property consists of ~~215~~ buildings, including two feed storage warehouses, ~~and thirteen single family dwellings, twelve of which are identical worker cottages.~~ The property is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed ca. 1930, the Beauchamp Feed Storage Buildings and associated domestic buildings provided facilities for the storage of grain and other agricultural produce in preparation for shipment to market. The agricultural/industrial complex is located immediately adjacent to the Worcester Highway (US Route 113), a major north-south thoroughfare traversing the county, and provides a prime example of the growing use of trucks as the primary carrier of freight and produce.

The two warehouse buildings are long, low-lying structures of frame construction. One-story in height and clad with weatherboard, the buildings are covered with gable roofs and accommodated with wide, board and batten sliding loading doors. The western and longer of the two buildings stands atop terra cotta pipe piers and displays at least two periods of construction. *The warehouses stand in deteriorating condition*

Twelve, identical, one-story, "shotgun" houses covered with front gable roofs and featuring shed-roof front porches line the east side of the road leading to the warehouses (the Old Stage Road, as indicated in the MHT form). ~~Though not documented, these houses undoubtedly served the workers employed by the Beauchamp Feed Storage Company and are an integral architectural component to the complex.~~ *were moved to the site between 1967 + 1972 and are not part of the warehouse property*

A modest, two-story, one-room plan dwelling stands on the property, though its association to the feed storage buildings has not been documented. Its location between the warehouses and the twelve dwellings, however, indicates that it may have been erected as an overseer's house of some kind. The dwelling may also, however, have pre-dated the feed storage complex, and been incorporated into it. It is presently vacant and in ruinous condition. Further research is necessary to understand the building's relationship to the complex.

~~The entire property, including the feed warehouses and the dwellings, is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion A, for its association with the evolution of truck farming in Worcester County, MD. and Criterion C as an excellent example of the architecture of a mid-20th-century rural agricultural/industrial community, including warehouses and institutional housing.~~ *lack the architectural distinction + integrity*

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files  
*see revised form (1996)*

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

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 21, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Orlando Reinhart March 27, 1996.  
Reviewer, NR program Date  
Peter Reinhart 3/5/97 *Greg Smith*

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): Industry/Processing/Extraction/industrial storage/warehouse; Domestic/single-family dwelling; Domestic/institutional housing

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

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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance      A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture, Economic (Commercial)

Resource Type:

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Functions:	Grain Storage Buildings
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Roland W. Beauchamp, Feed Storage Buildings

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 12560 Worcester Highway  not for publication

city, town Bishopville  vicinity of First congressional district

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 checked="" 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 Oliver J., Jr., and Janice M. Smith

street & number 11609 Cambelltown Road telephone no.: (410) 641-4449

city, town Bishopville state and zip code MD 21813

## 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. W0-478

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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-478

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c. 1930      **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. W0-478

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.58 acres

Quadrangle name Selbyville, DE-MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached Sketch Map

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

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization KCI Technologies, Inc. date 31 July 1995 / Revised Fall '96

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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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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### CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

Located on a 2.58 acre parcel along the east side of US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) south of its intersection with Bishop Road in Worcester County, Maryland, the Beauchamp Feed Storage property consists of two contributing frame buildings surrounded by cultivated fields to the south and east.

Two elongated one-story, gable-roofed feed storage buildings stand parallel to the US Route 113. The western and longer of the two structures stands atop terra cotta pipe piers and possesses a corrugated tin roof. Sheathed with weatherboard, the western building displays at least two periods of construction. The northern half of the building exhibits four sets of X-board-and-batten sliding doors flanked by boarded-up window openings.

Three bays wide, the southern gable end overlooks a scale and weighing apparatus lying immediately to the south of the gable end. Currently composed of a two-over-two wooden sash and two openings obscured by plywood sheets, the south gable end also identifies the building's prior owner in paint across the gable: "Roland W. Beauchamp." Additional lines of painted information located below Roland Beauchamp's name have experienced extensive weathering leaving them indecipherable.

The eastern storage building possesses clapboard siding, a standing seam tin roof and terra cotta pipe piers. Five wooden sliding doors occupy the south end of the west elevation. The northern two bays of the same elevation contain wooden sliding doors protected by gable-roofed entry hoods. A pedestrian door lies between these two sets of sliding doors.

A two-story frame dwelling and a row of 12 cottages were originally thought to lie inside the boundaries of the Beauchamp tract. These buildings actually stand on the parcel immediately adjacent to the northeast. The small two-story, one-room plan frame dwelling has a shed roof, one-story wing. Corrugated tin covers the dwelling's roofs while clapboard sheathes the walls. A slender, interior brick chimney pierces the north slope of the two story portion. Three window openings penetrate the dwelling's west elevation facing Old Stage Road, US Route 113's predecessor route. This house may predate the feed storage buildings located on the adjacent property. The 12 cottages are situated in a row along the east side of Old Stage Road north of the frame dwelling. A resident of one of the homes, Frances Williams, informed surveyors in July of 1995 that the 12 buildings were moved to the site from Ocean City, MD, during the 1970s. Each of these one-story, gable roof houses possess shed-roof screened porches on their west elevations facing Old Stage Road and clapboard siding. One-over-one wood sash occupy most openings.

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The Beauchamp Feed Storage Buildings mirror the evolution of truck farming in Worcester County during the mid-twentieth century. Erected circa 1930, the buildings provided facilities for the storage of grain, coal and poultry supplies in preparation for shipment to market, as well as for retail sale to local farmers. Indicative of the growing use of trucks as the primary carrier of freight, the storage buildings stand immediately adjacent to the Worcester Highway (now US Route 113), a major north-south thoroughfare traversing the county first completed for motorized traffic in 1917 (Touart 1994:179). An associated steam-powered feed mill once stood a short distance northeast of the two storage buildings according to local residents. The function or relationship of a one-story frame dwelling further north of the former mill site is unknown.

An investigation of county land records revealed that Beauchamp acquired a tract of land along the east side of US 113 composing part of the current parcel in 1938 (BB 37-260). State Roads Commission drawings of the US 113 alignment in 1954 depicted several structures on the Beauchamp property immediately adjacent to the right-of-way. The Beauchamp property included one elongated "Feed, Coal & Poultry Supply" building, a one-story frame shed to its north, and a truck scale to its south (CWN 3-94). The Beauchamp parcel also contained a large coal bin near its southern boundary and a gasoline pump (CWN 3-95). Beauchamp, John J. Hudson, and H. Earl Murray traded as Roland W. Beauchamp & Co. until 1960 when the partnership was dissolved and Murray acquired the property (FWH 137-33; FWH 137-38). The current owners purchased the property in 1991 (RHO 1778-502).

Thirteen dwellings northeast of the storage buildings were originally thought to lie on the same parcel as the Beauchamp buildings. Situated on the adjacent parcel, these include 12 small cottages that were moved to their present locations in the 1970's and a small frame dwelling probably predates the Beauchamp feed storage buildings. These dwellings neither relate to the Beauchamp buildings nor contribute to the Beauchamp building's period of significance.

In summary, this site, apart from the twelve dwellings moved to the site in 1970 and an abandoned and dilapidated frame dwelling of unknown origin (both on an adjacent parcel), is composed of two heavily-deteriorated storage buildings. Significant numerous buildings (five), which were part of this complex originally, are no longer

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extant. In 1938 the Beauchamp property included one elongated "Feed, Coal and Poultry Supply" building, a one-story frame shed to its north and a truck scale to its south, in addition to a large coal bin near its southern boundary and a gasoline pump. An associated steam-powered feed mill once stood a short distance northeast of the two storage buildings according to local residents. The shed, scale, coal bin, pump and feed mill are no longer extant.

Because of the extensive loss of original fabric (numerous buildings) and the fact that the twelve cottages were moved to the site in the 1970's, and are located on an adjacent parcel (along with an abandoned and dilapidated frame dwelling of unknown origin) it no longer retains enough identity as an industrial complex to warrant inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the property retains a couple of the original buildings too much of the complex has been destroyed, and with them the integrity of the immediate setting, thus compromising the property to the extent that it no longer retains the necessary degree of integrity requisite for listing on the National Register and thus does not convey a firm enough association with the past.

Thus, because it possesses only a fair integrity of location, setting and feeling, the Beauchamp Feed Storage Buildings are recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties only (under Criterion A, associations with broad patterns of history, due to its relationship with wider agricultural and commercial trends in Worcester County during the mid-twentieth century). It is not recommended for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because it does not retain the requisite integrity for listing.

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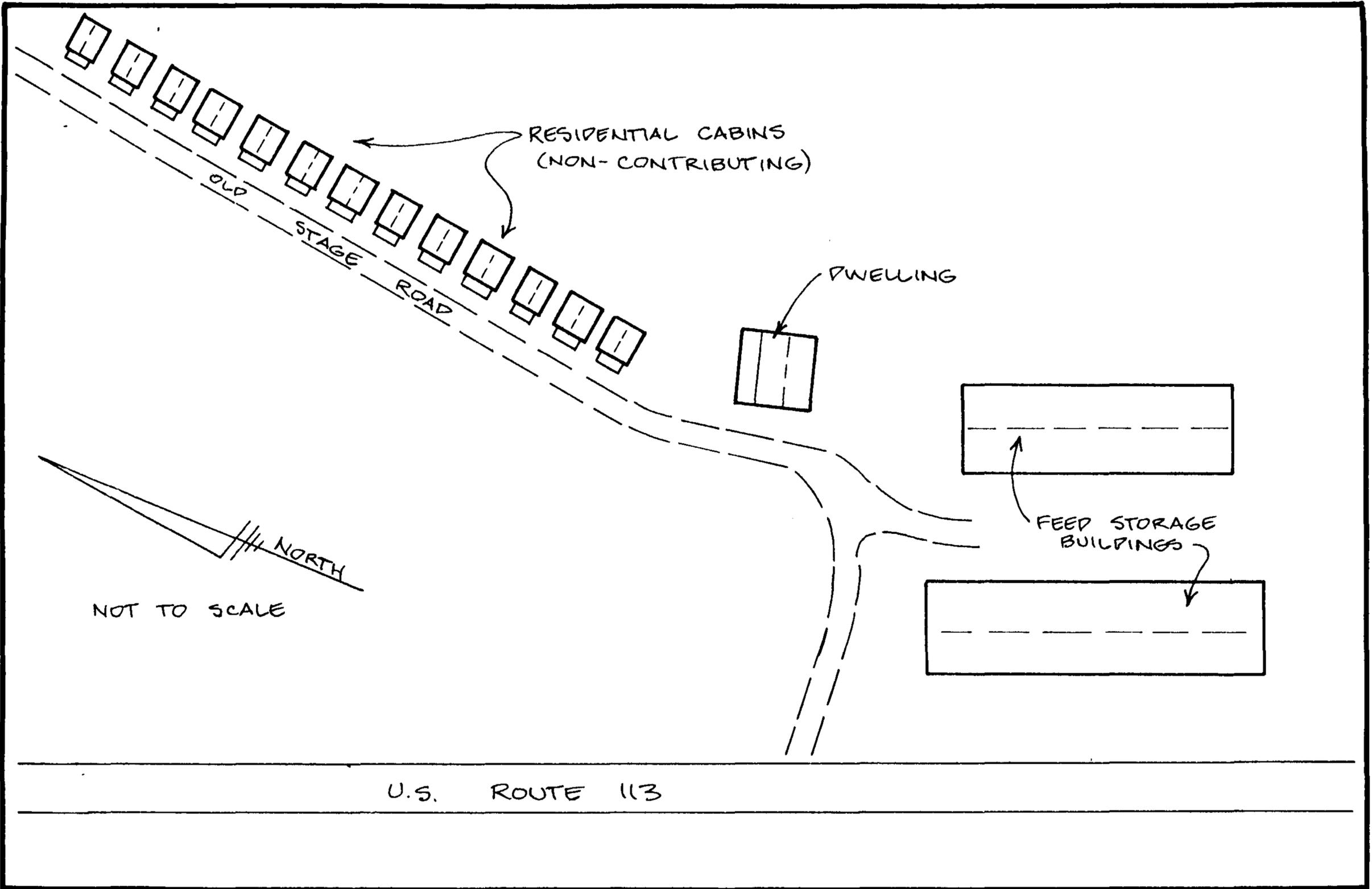
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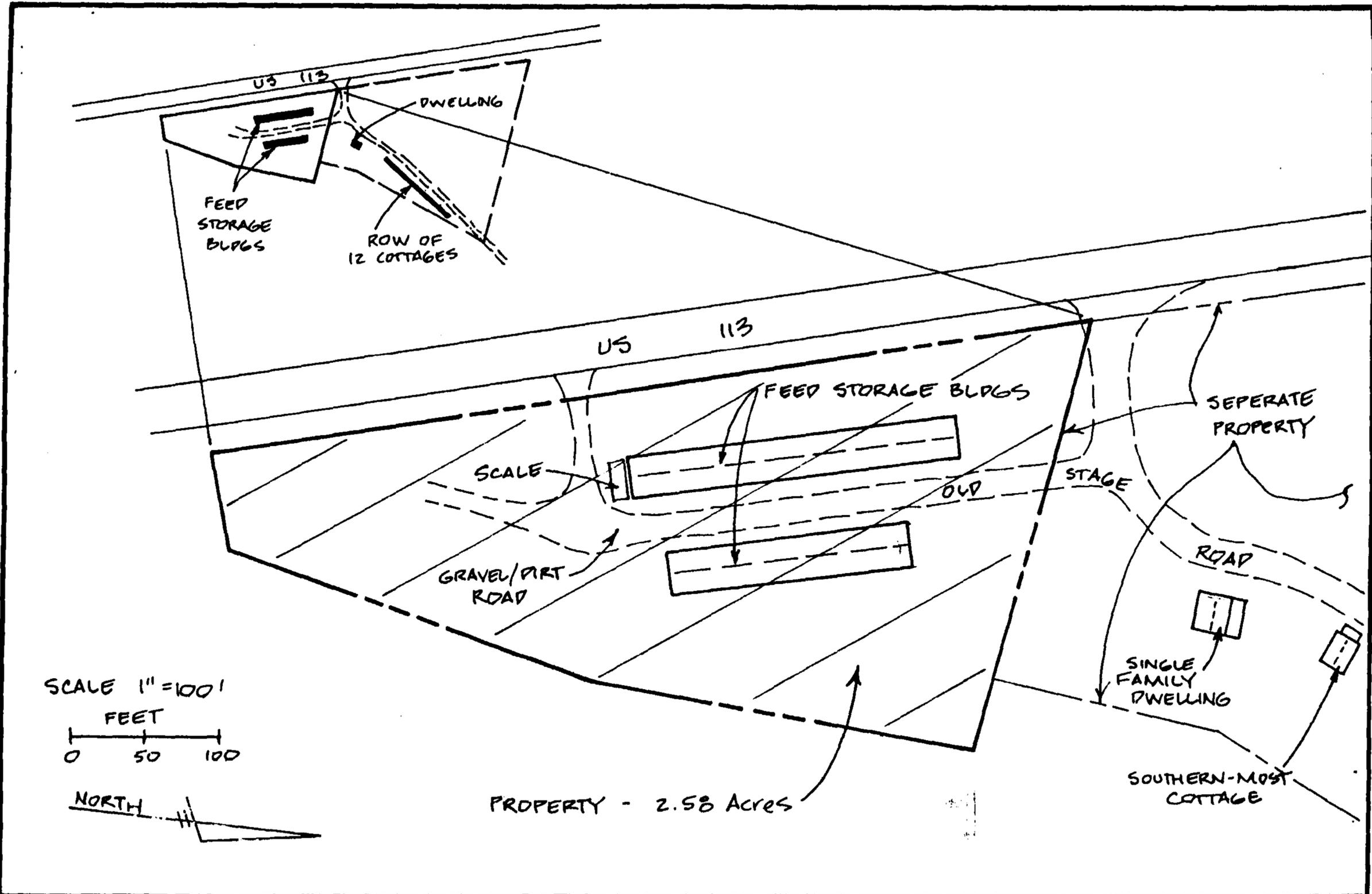
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**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
 Roland W. Beauchamp Feed Storage Buildings (KCI-18)  
 Bishopville, Worcester County, MD  
 Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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WORCESTER CO, MD.

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS - W. STORAGE  
BLDG.

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ROLAND W. BEAUCHAMP FEED STORAGE BUILDINGS

WORCESTER CO, MD.

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS - E. STORAGE  
BLDG.

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ROLAND W. BEAUCHAMP FEED STORAGE BUILDINGS

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

NORTH & WEST ELEVATIONS - DWELLING

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ROLAND W. BEAUCHAMP FEED STORAGE BUILDINGS

WORCESTER CO, MD.

STUART DIXON

7/95

STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS - CABINS

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