

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-492

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Perry G. Bennett House

2. Location

street & number 10410 Worcester Highway not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 21811 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Perry G. Bennett

street & number 10410 Worcester Highway telephone no.:

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liberRHO 1493

street & number Worcester County Courthouse - West Market St. folio 359

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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

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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
<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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The Perry G. Bennett House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the east side of US 113, approximately one mile north of Route 50. The two-story Foursquare, constructed sometime between 1924 and 1935, features an asymmetrical west facade with three bays. The balloon frame structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding and exhibits a pyramidal roof clad with composition asphalt shingles.

The facade is noted by a one-story, full-width, hip-roofed porch, supported by four tapered wood posts and featuring a simple wood balustrade. A one-story shed addition is attached to the rear (east) side of the house. The one-over-one, double-hung sash windows are both single and paired and exhibit simple board surrounds and sills. Entrance to the house is made via a single-leaf door in the north bay of the front porch. The west slope of the roof contains a hip dormer with a pair of louvered vents set within a board frame.

To the southeast of the dwelling is a gambrel-roofed garage/barn with weatherboard siding, a sliding main door, a hinged loft door, a four-light sash in the peak of the gambrel, and a corrugated metal roof. Directly behind the dwelling is a small frame shed with weatherboard siding, double-hung sash windows, a vertical board door, and a corrugated metal roof. Both outbuildings appear to be contemporaneous with the dwelling. A gravel loop drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property features a number of mature trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling are minor and include the rear shed addition, the use of storm windows and a modern screened door, and the possible replacement of sash in the dormer with the existing louvered vents.

The Perry G. Bennett House is a good example of the Foursquare type and appears to retain its integrity. It survives as an urban/suburban form in a rural area, somewhat unusual for its immediate locale. Its presence signifies the historic introduction of early twentieth-century architectural types into an agricultural area and illustrates the continued development of Worcester County into this century.

The dwelling was constructed sometime between 1924 and 1935, based on USGS topographic maps from those years (USGS 1924, 1935). Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the structure at the divide between the Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930) and the Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present), further indicating the urban/suburban genesis of the building. Research of deed records has proven inconclusive as to who may have constructed the building. The current legal tax parcel containing the house, garage/barn, and shed encompasses 1.007 acres.

The Perry G. Bennett House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised due to alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<i>[Signature]</i> Date
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United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1924 Ocean City, Maryland-Delaware quadrangle map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

1935 Ocean City, Maryland-Delaware quadrangle map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

- 11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

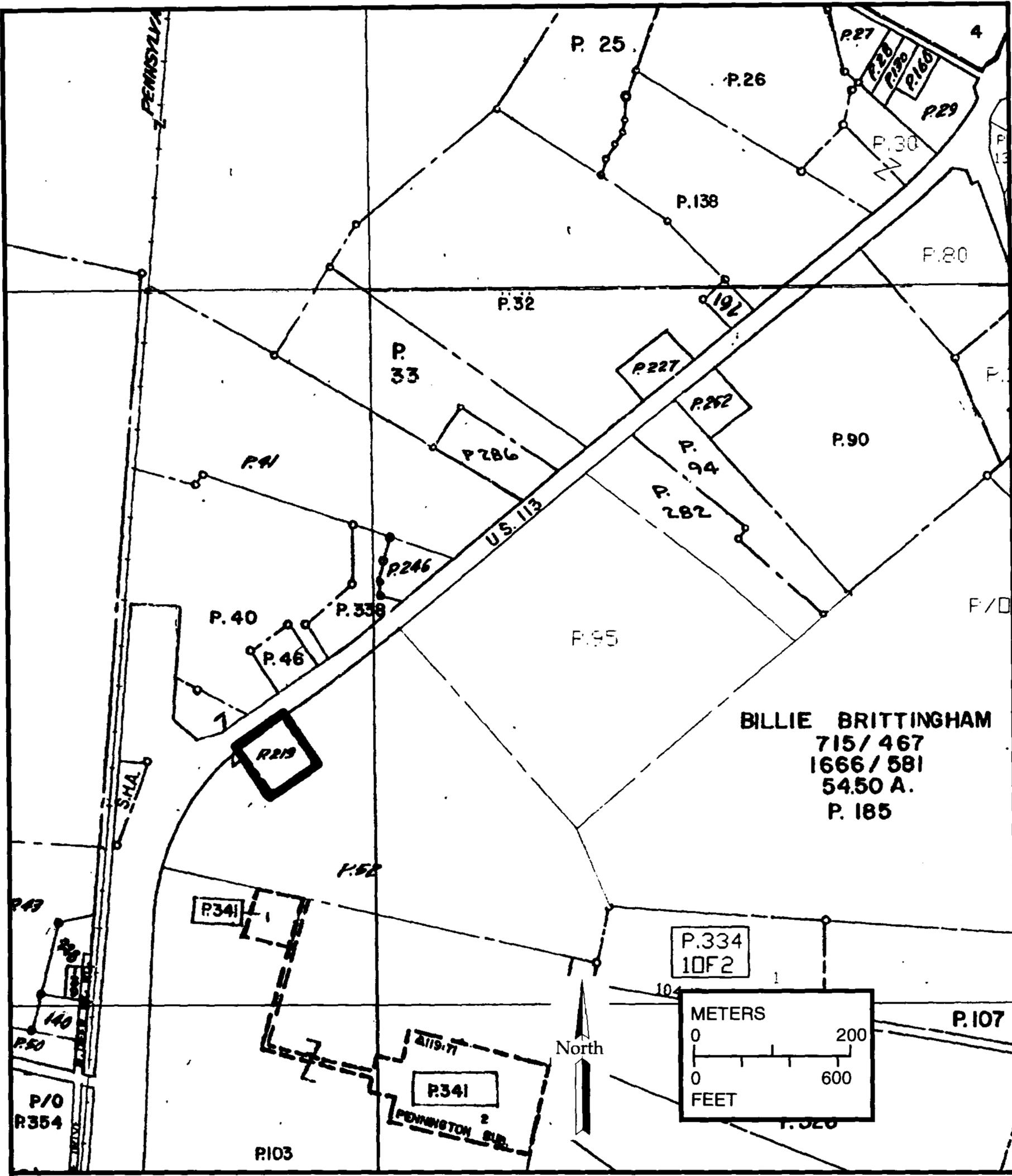
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

- 2) Architecture

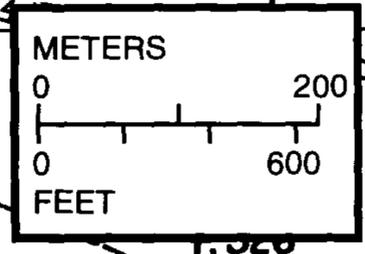
Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Single-family Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

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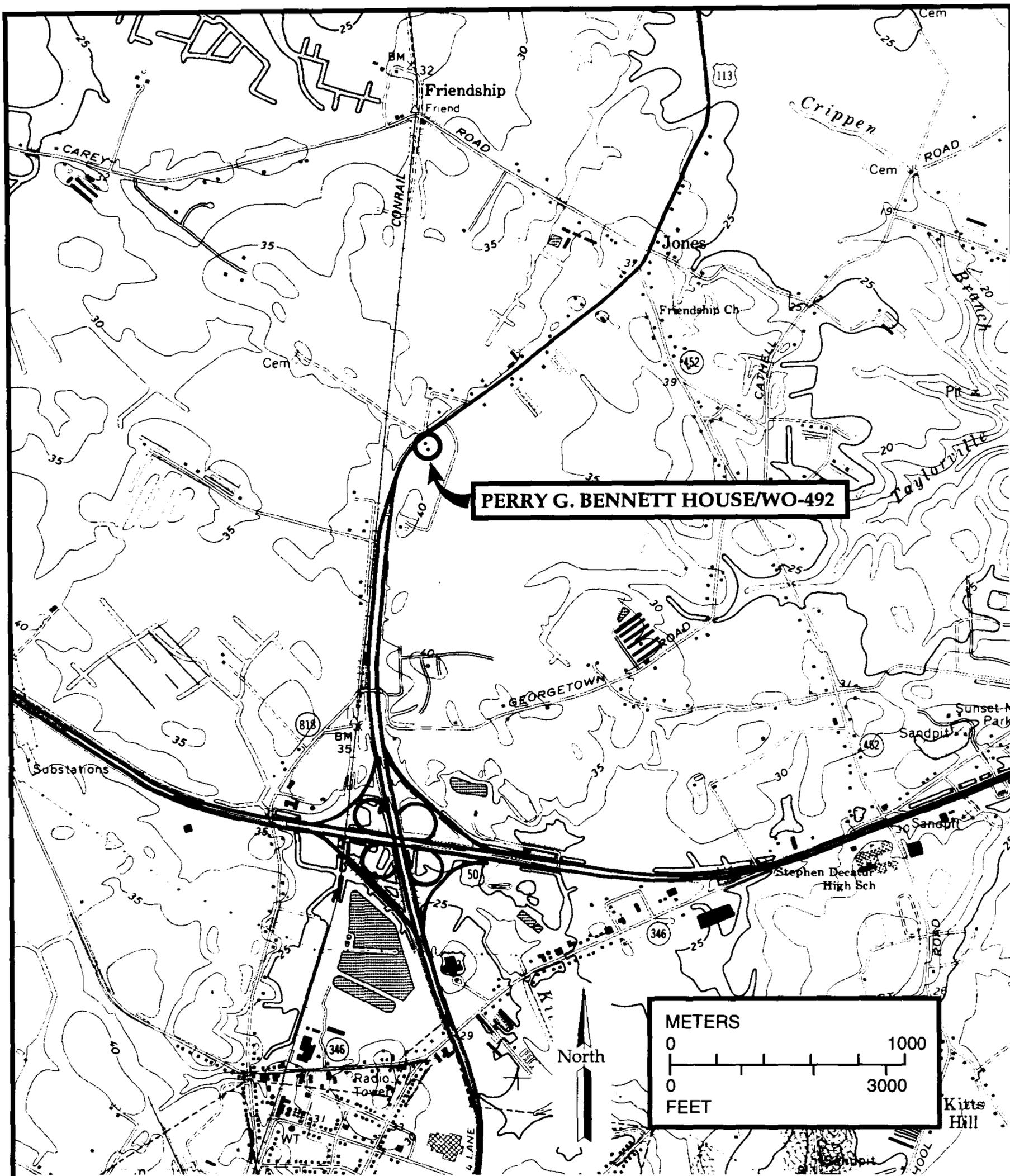


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TAX MAP

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 219, Worcester County, Md.
Containing the Perry G. Bennett House/WO-492
Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967, 1981)

Showing the Perry G. Bennett House/WO-492

Berlin Vicinity, Worcester County, MD.



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Perry G. Bennett House

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: West facade

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Perry G. Bennett House

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North and West Elevations

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Perry G. Bennett House
Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: West and South Elevations

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Perry G. Bennett House
Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: West Facade, Garage/Barn; Shed
in Background

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