

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

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WO-498

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 12045 Worcester Highway N/A not for publication

city, town Bishopville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 21813 county Worcester

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	<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 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 William B. Bishop, Sr., and Orlando Milton Bishop

street & number P.O. Box 33 telephone no.:(410)352-5100

city, town Showell state and zip code MD 21862

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber FWH 261

street & number Worcester County Courthouse - West Market St. folio 250

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title N/A

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1910-1929 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

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See Continuation Sheet.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 198.85 ac.

Quadrangle name Selbyville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Legal tax parcel boundary (9-21-49)

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

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):

- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:

Buildings

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Foursquare/Single-family Dwelling; Crop,  
Machinery, and Animal Storage

Known Design Source:

None

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace consists of a detached, single-family dwelling and 11 outbuildings. The property is located on the west side of US 113, approximately .1 miles south of Jarvis Road and approximately .35 miles north of Shingle Landing Road. The two-story, Foursquare dwelling, likely constructed in the 1910s or 1920s, features a symmetrical east-facing entrance facade with three bays. The balloon frame structure is covered with aluminum siding and exhibits a hip roof clad with composition asphalt shingles. The foundation of the main block consists of concrete block piers with a rusticated masonry face with later concrete block infill. The rear wing has a continuous concrete block foundation.

The facade is characterized by a one-story, full-width, hip-roofed porch that has been infilled with awning windows at the top and infilled and clad with aluminum siding at the bottom. A large, one-story, gabled wing extends from the rear (west) side of the house. The single and paired windows contain modern one-over-one, double-hung sash in wood surrounds and are flanked by modern fixed shutters. Entrance to the house is made via a single-leaf door in the north bay of the porch and another single-leaf door in an enclosed vestibule on the north side of the rear wing. Two brick interior chimneys protrude from either end of the east-west roof ridge. The east roof slope features a hipped dormer containing a single-light window flanked by a pair of small fixed shutters.

The 11 outbuildings on the property are arranged in a rough north-south line to the rear of the dwelling. To the north/northwest are a concrete block machinery shed with a composition asphalt shingle roof and wood shingles in the gables; a frame corn crib with horizontal slat walls and a corrugated metal roof; a horizontal board and plywood shed with a composition asphalt shingle roof; a gambrel-roofed barn with corrugated metal walls and a composition asphalt shingle roof; and a horizontal board shed with a composition asphalt shingle roof. Directly behind the dwelling are a frame corn crib with horizontal slat walls and a standing seam metal roof; a small frame shed with horizontal board walls and a composition asphalt shingle roof; and another frame corn crib with horizontal slat walls and a corrugated metal roof. To the south/southwest of the dwelling are a small frame doghouse; a frame corn crib with horizontal slat walls and a corrugated metal roof; and a large, modern, metal machinery shed. Except for the modern concrete block machinery shed, horizontal board and plywood shed, doghouse, and large metal machinery shed, the outbuildings appear to date to the early twentieth century and are probably contemporaneous with the dwelling. A gravel drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property features a small yard with a few large trees and some ornamental plantings, a set of concrete steps connecting the dwelling with the road, and open cropland to the north, west, and south.

Alterations to the dwelling include the aluminum siding, the foundation infill, the infilling of the front porch, the rear wing, and the modern windows and shutters.

The Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace is a representative example of a vernacular farmstead dating from the early twentieth century. Although the dwelling has been altered and a few of the outbuildings are not from the historic period, as a unit the structures and the surrounding cropland illustrate an intact farmstead. The present farmstead developed during an era in which truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise in Worcester County (Touart 1994:165-167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253-255).

The Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace is also a good example of the Foursquare style and does not appear to retain its integrity. The dwelling survives as an example of a house style that was very popular in both rural and suburban areas of the United States from the late 1890s until the 1920s. Its presence signifies the historic introduction of early twentieth century architectural styles into an agricultural area and illustrates the continued development of Worcester County into this century.

The Foursquare style dwelling is generally two to two-and-one-half stories tall and features a simple square or rectangular plan. The building generally exhibits a hipped, low pitched roof and a front entrance (usually off-centered) that serves as the facade's focal point. Dormers on all planes of the dwelling's roof are also common, as is a wide, one-story front porch. The exterior walls of the Foursquare style house are generally clad in clapboard or wood shingles. Vernacular examples of the Foursquare commonly feature hipped dormers, double-hung sash windows, and a full-width, one-story front porch.

The history of the property and its connection with the Bishop family goes back to at least the middle nineteenth century according to deed records. The property was in the hands of Littleton R. Bishop in 1847 (WCCC Deed Book ODC 49:99). This date corresponds well with the purchase of property by Littleton and William Bishop in the nearby community of St. Martins in 1835, which by mid-century was known as Bishopville (Touart 1994:314). It is assumed that the nearby community of Bishop is also named for the same family.

The present farmhouse and many of the outbuildings were likely constructed in the 1910s or 1920s, based on physical inspection and a reference in one of the deed records. In December of 1923, Peter Blades Bishop and his wife Rachel transferred the property and its buildings to grandson Bryan Peter Bishop and his wife (WCCC Deed Book ODC 49:99). (In later deeds, the property was referred to as the "Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace" [WCCC Deed Book FWH 261:250].) The text of the 1923 deed states that the transfer included property, farm machinery and tools, stock, and "the old dwelling and set of farm buildings where the said Peter and Rachel reside and also . . . a new dwelling in which the said Bryan and his wife now reside" (WCCC Deed Book ODC 49:99). The old dwelling is likely that indicated on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas under the name "Mrs. H. Bishop," while the new dwelling is most likely the Foursquare present on the property today. Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the present farmstead in the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the farmstead encompasses 198.85 acres. See continuation sheet.

The Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace 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).

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<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: _____ A _____ B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C _____ D	Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None
Comments: _____	
<i>[Signature]</i>	4/2/2000
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	6/13/00
Reviewer, NR program	Date

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson

1877 *Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland*. Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Touart, Paul Baker

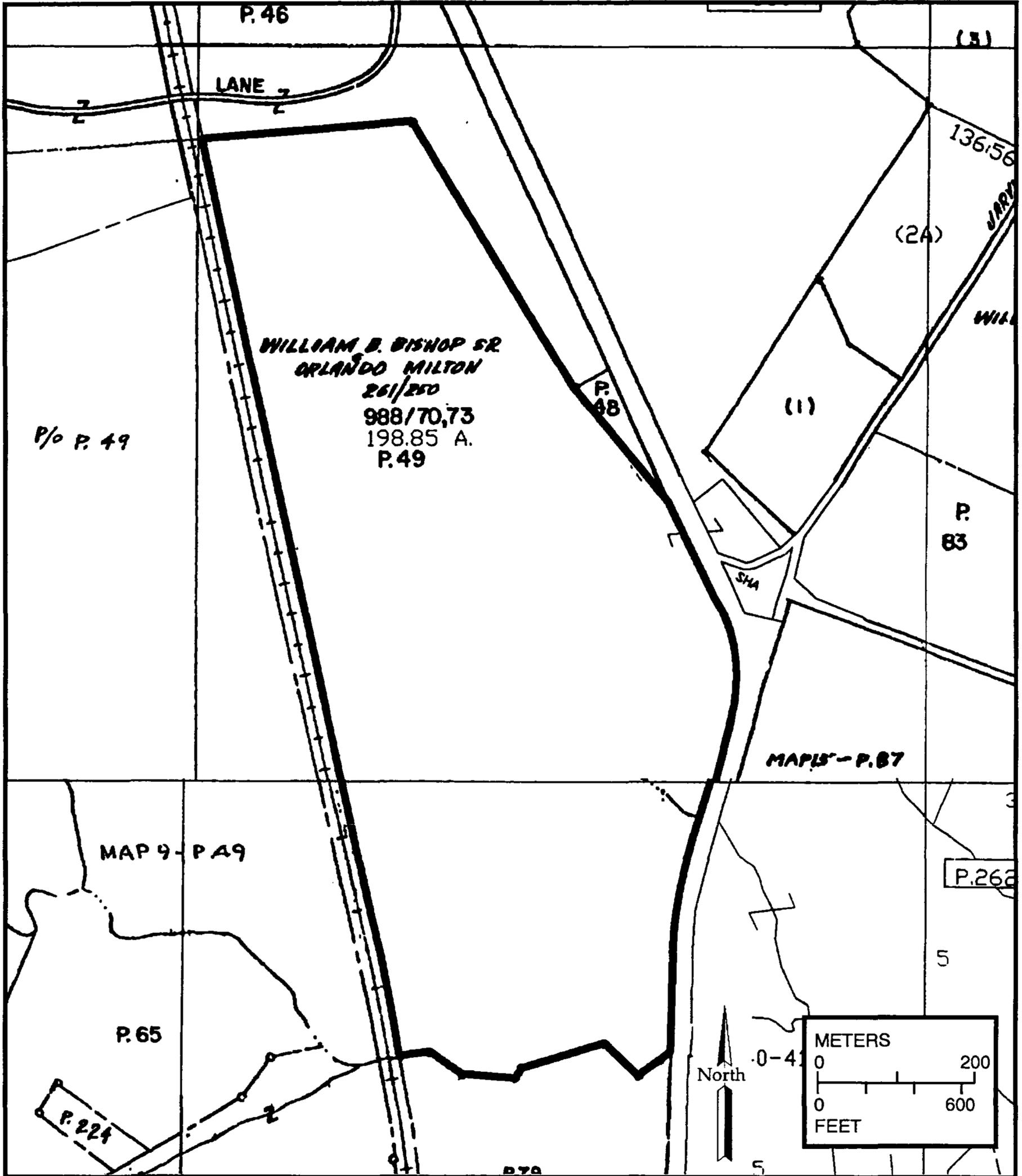
1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

1977 *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia*. Worcester County Historical Society, Snow Hill, Maryland.

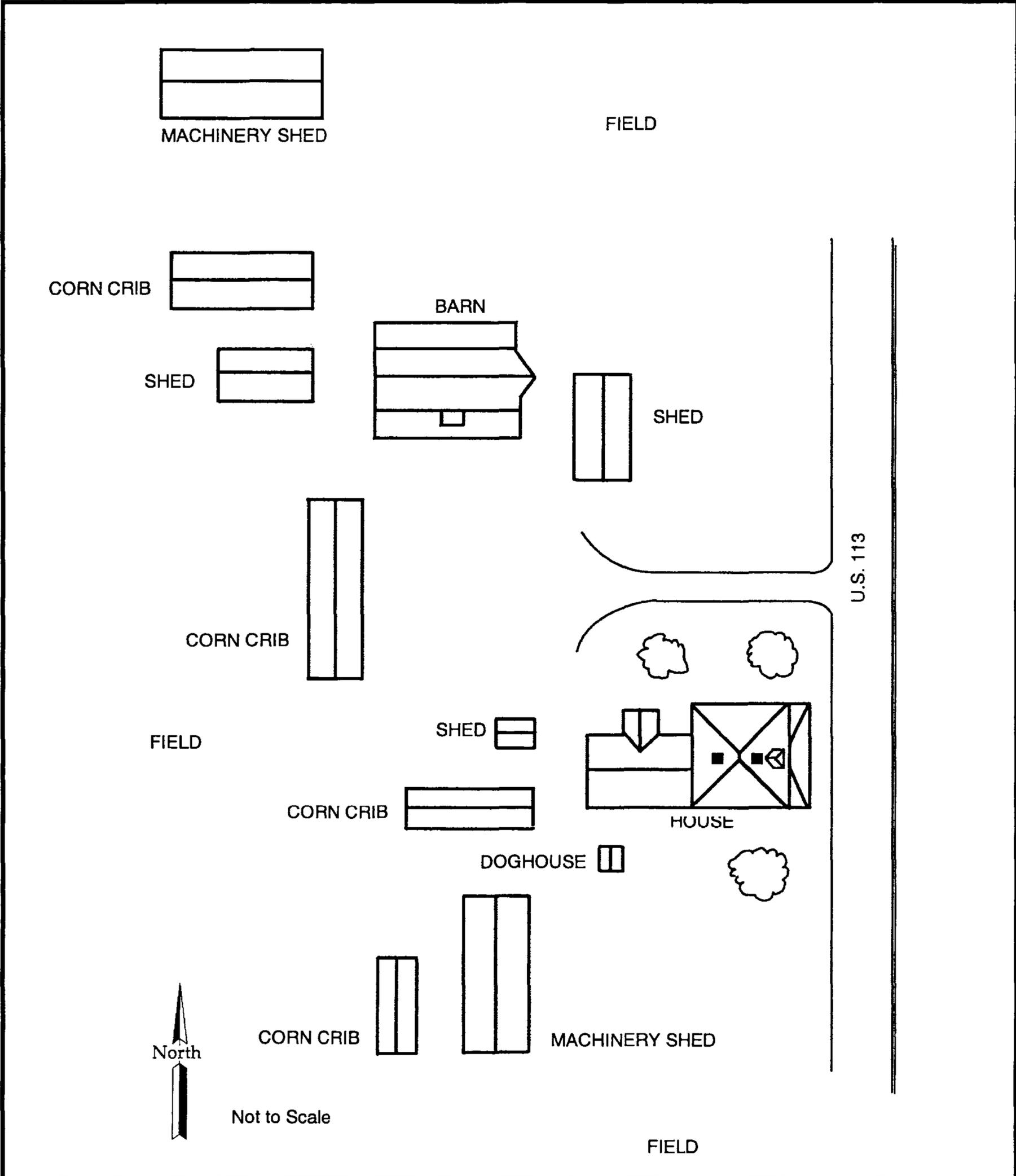
Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1847-1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.



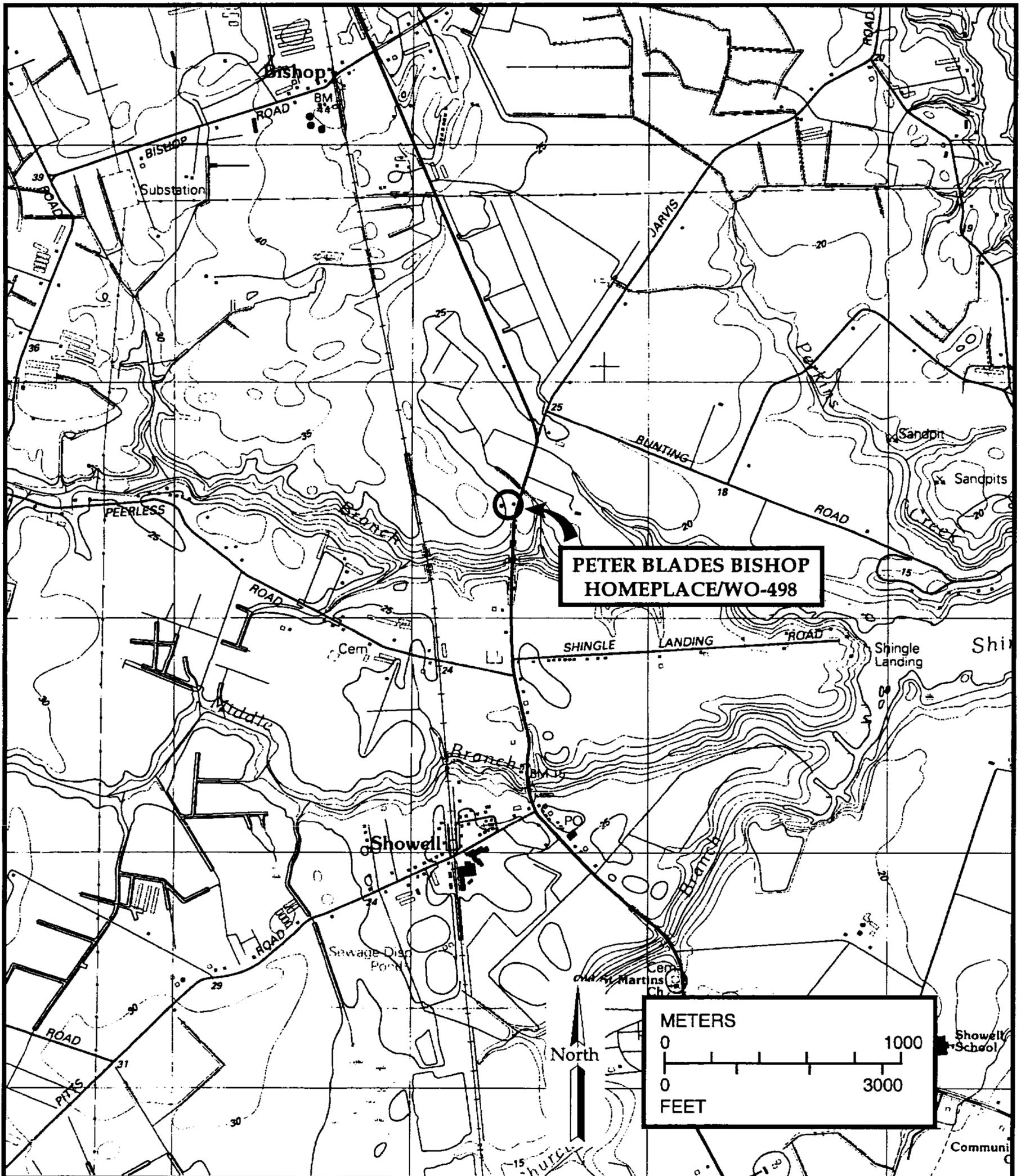
**TAX MAP**

Section of Map No. 9, Parcel No. 49, Worcester County, Md.  
Containing the Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace/WO-498  
Bishopville, Worcester County, MD.



**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
 Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace/WO-498  
 Bishopville Vicinity  
 Worcester County, MD





**LOCATIONAL MAP**

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)

Showing the Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace/WO-498

Bishopville Vicinity, Worcester County, MD.



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Peter Blades Bishop Homey, Inc

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chavellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North End of Complex, looking  
Southwest.

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Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace  
Washington County, MD

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Photographer: Marie Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHFO

Subject: North End of Complex, Looking  
No. 3 of 10 Southwest



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Peter Blados Bishop -  
Warrenton County, MD

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Photographer: Main's Chancellor

Date: April 20, 1992

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North End of Complex, Looking South,  
to Dwelling

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Peter Blades Bishop Homeplace  
Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chaveller

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North End of Complex, Loring

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Peter Blades Bishop Inverplace

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Marc Chaveller

Date: April 22, 1992

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North End of Complex, East Elevation

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Winchester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chaveller

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: South End of Complex, including  
Northwest

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Peter Bladen Bishop House place

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Marie Chancellor

Date: April 21, 1978

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: South End of Complex, facing West

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Peter Blados Bishop Homeplace  
Worchester County, MD

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Photographer: Marie Charcolier

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland - SHPO

Subject: Dwelling, East Facade

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Peter Blake's Bishop Harrop's  
vicar center County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location in Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: Dunes, East and North Elevations

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100-498

Peter Blades Bishop Houseplace

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Mayfield SH, 20

Subject: Dwelling, South and East Elevations

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