

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historical John W. Hudson House
and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 10459 Worcester Highway not for publication _____
city, town Berlin vicinity of x congressional district First
state Maryland 21811 county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> yes/restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes/unrestrict.	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Status	Present Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private res.
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
Public	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> transport.
<input type="checkbox"/> in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> being considered		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	

4. Owner of Property

name Levin R. & Martha J. Watson, c/o Betty Jones
street & number 10753 Grays Corner Road tele. no. _____
city, town Berlin state & zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court
- Worcester County Courthouse
street & number West Market Street
city, town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863
liber CWN 23 folio 480

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____
depository for survey records _____
city, town _____ state _____

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehist.	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-hist.	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> music	

Specific Dates unknown Builder/Architect unknown

check:	Applicable Criteria:	and/or Applicable Exception:	Level of Significance:
<input type="checkbox"/> A		<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> national
<input type="checkbox"/> B		<input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> state
<input type="checkbox"/> C		<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> local
<input type="checkbox"/> D		<input type="checkbox"/> D	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John W. Hudson House survives as an example of an early twentieth century vernacular form with antecedents in the nineteenth century. It illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate area in the early part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise (Touart 1994:165-167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253-255).

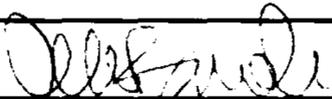
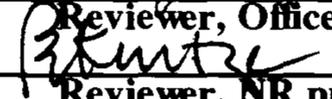
The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1910, based on deed and tax records as well as inspection of the building itself, which appears to be of early twentieth century origin. Two generations of the Fisher family owned the property between 1897 and 1908—it was carved out of a 219.5-acre parcel in 1897—and possibly could have constructed the dwelling (WCCC Deed Book FHP 9:163, FHP 21:279). However, their ownership was brief, and the Fishers were major landowners in the area who sold off over 185 acres in the vicinity in 1909 (WCCC Deed Book ODC 5:457). John W. Hudson purchased the property in 1908, and it stayed in his family until 1948 (WCCC Deed Book ODC 1:380, CWN 23:480). Tax records state that the dwelling was built in 1920 (WCTA 1998). Taking all of these factors into account, it would appear that Hudson likely constructed the dwelling, since he was the first to own the property for any appreciable amount of time, and the Fishers seem to have been selling off their holdings in the area rather than creating a family homestead. The tax records point to a later date, and certainly the ca. 1910 construction date is in agreement with the form and detailing of the building.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the resource in the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and modern outbuilding encompasses 23.2042 acres.

See Continuation Sheet.

The John W. Hudson 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 by 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> E
	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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See Continuation Sheet.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of nominated property 23.2042 ac.

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References - do not complete UTM references

A Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Legal Tax Parcel Boundary (Map 20, Parcel 41)

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

state code county code

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By
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city or town Atlanta state GA zip code 30340-4214
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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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
514-7600

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)

1887-1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, Maryland.

John W. Hudson House
Worcester County, Maryland

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

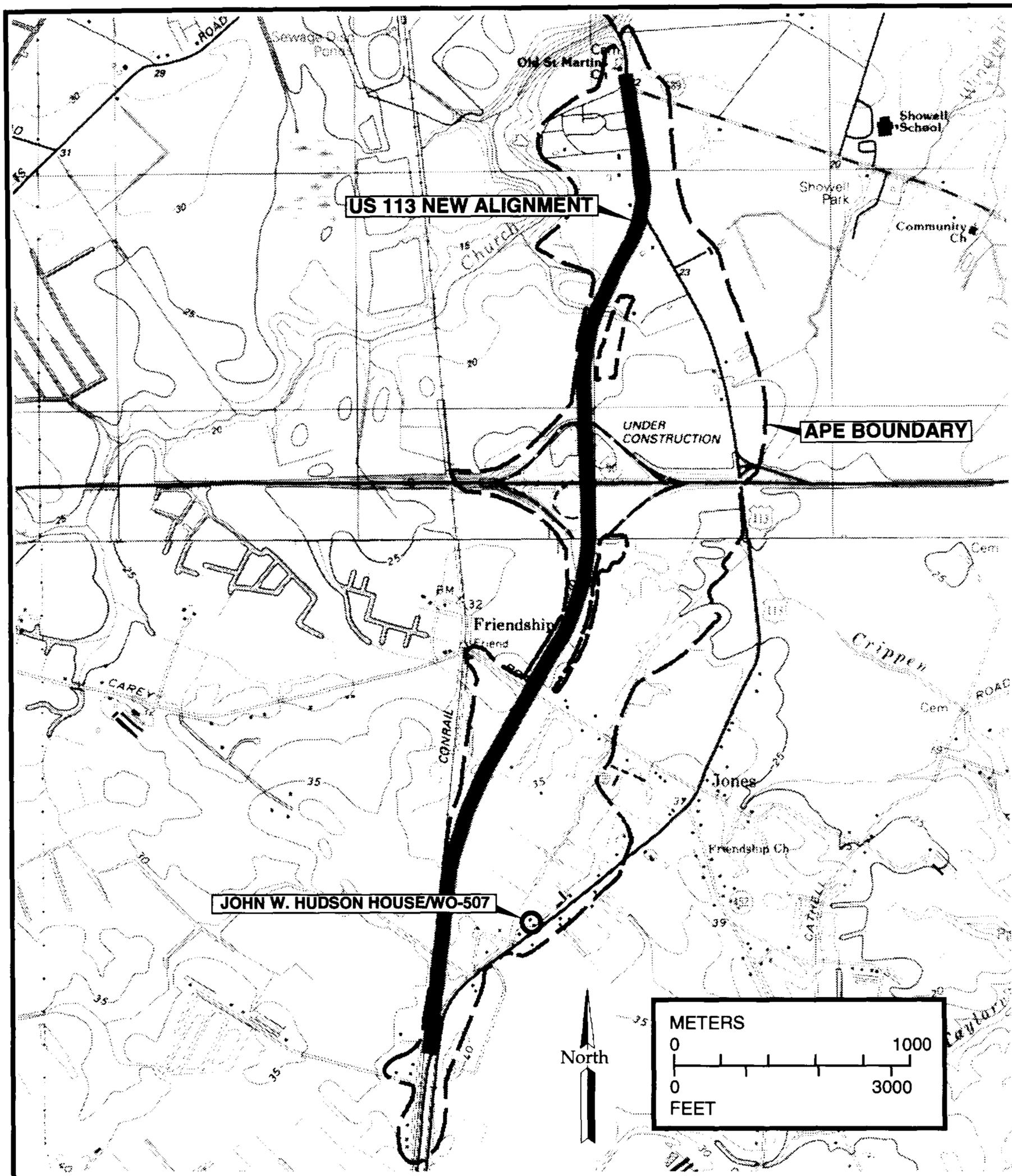
- 11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

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



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the John W. Hudson House/WO-507

Worcester County, MD.



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John W. Hudson House "interior"

View of study (11)

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Marie Chancelier - photographer

Sept. 1938

Maryland SHPO - negative

not available! Elevations

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1/10/1957

John W. Hudson House (historic)

Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographs
Sept 1957

Maryland SHPO - negative

site plan - Elevations

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W. N. S. 27

John W. Hudson House (Wisconsin)
Wisconsin State, 1905

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept 1905

Mayland SHPO - negative

West end, South, Elevations

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