

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-508

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The north facade is notable for its small, one-story shed extension. The east side features a one-story shed addition that ties into a screened porch and the eastern end of a long shed addition off the rear (south) side of the dwelling. The pitch of the rear roof slope has been altered to tie into this addition. Window openings contain two-over-two and later six-over-six double-hung sash as well as simple two-light sash. The wood entrance door in the east side exhibits four lights over one large panel. A second entrance is located at the south side. A brick chimney protrudes from the rear slope of the main roof near the east end of the dwelling.

The property contains no historic outbuildings. Two nonhistoric sheds clad in standing seam and corrugated metal and a frame outhouse are located in the rear yard. A dirt drive provides access to and from Carey Road, and the property features a few ornamental trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the modern siding, the covering of the foundation, the mixture of roofing materials, the small north extension that obscures the facade, the additions to the east and south, the change in pitch at the south roof slope, the later window sash, and the likely loss of historic outbuildings.

The dwelling has been assigned a construction date of ca. 1925, based on physical observation of its form, which is likely of early-twentieth-century origin. This date is an approximation only. Due to the extensive alterations to the house, the original detailing cannot be seen and dated. Deed records are inconclusive about who may have built the structure, as the current 2.12-acre property was part of a large parcel in the 1940s that was pieced together in the early part of this century from several different parcels by a number of parties (WCCC Deed Book JEB 19:338). Because an original owner cannot be identified, the current owners' names have been used to denote the resource.

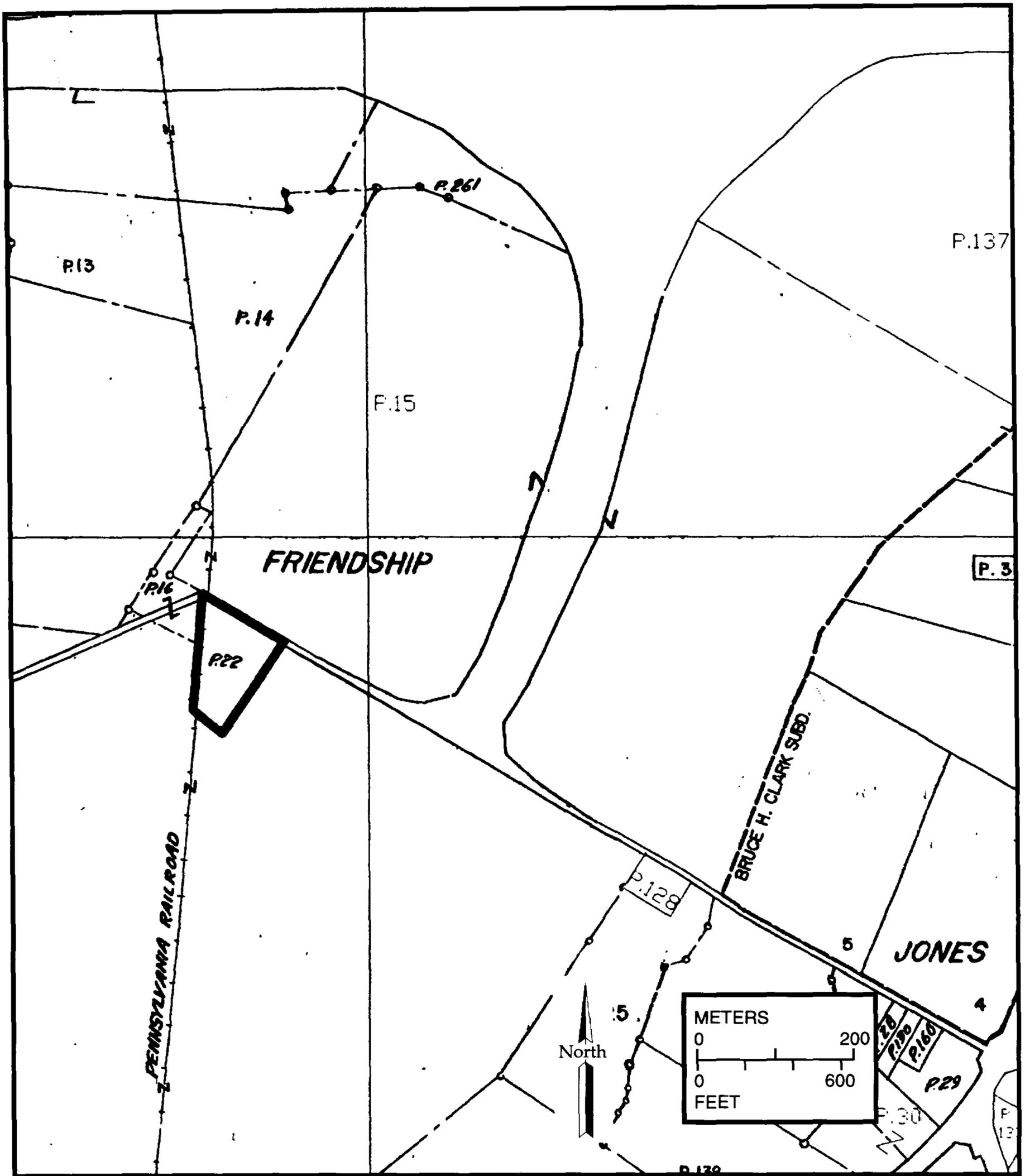
Although the dwelling is in the approximate location of a railroad station depicted on the 1877 atlas of Worcester County, it is assumed that the building is not the station building (Lake, Griffing & Stevenson 1877). This assumption is based on a number of factors, including the fact that the dwelling is oriented to the road and not the railroad. In addition, the building is some 75–100 feet from the railroad, and there is no evidence at the building or at the tracks of a loading dock or platform, which one would expect to find with a station. The dwelling also does not follow the form of a typical small railroad station, in that it has more than one level on the interior and does not feature overhanging eaves for protection from the elements. Finally, although greatly altered, the existing dwelling appears to be of only twentieth-century origin.

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 nonhistoric outbuildings includes 2.12 acres.

Major Bibliographical References:

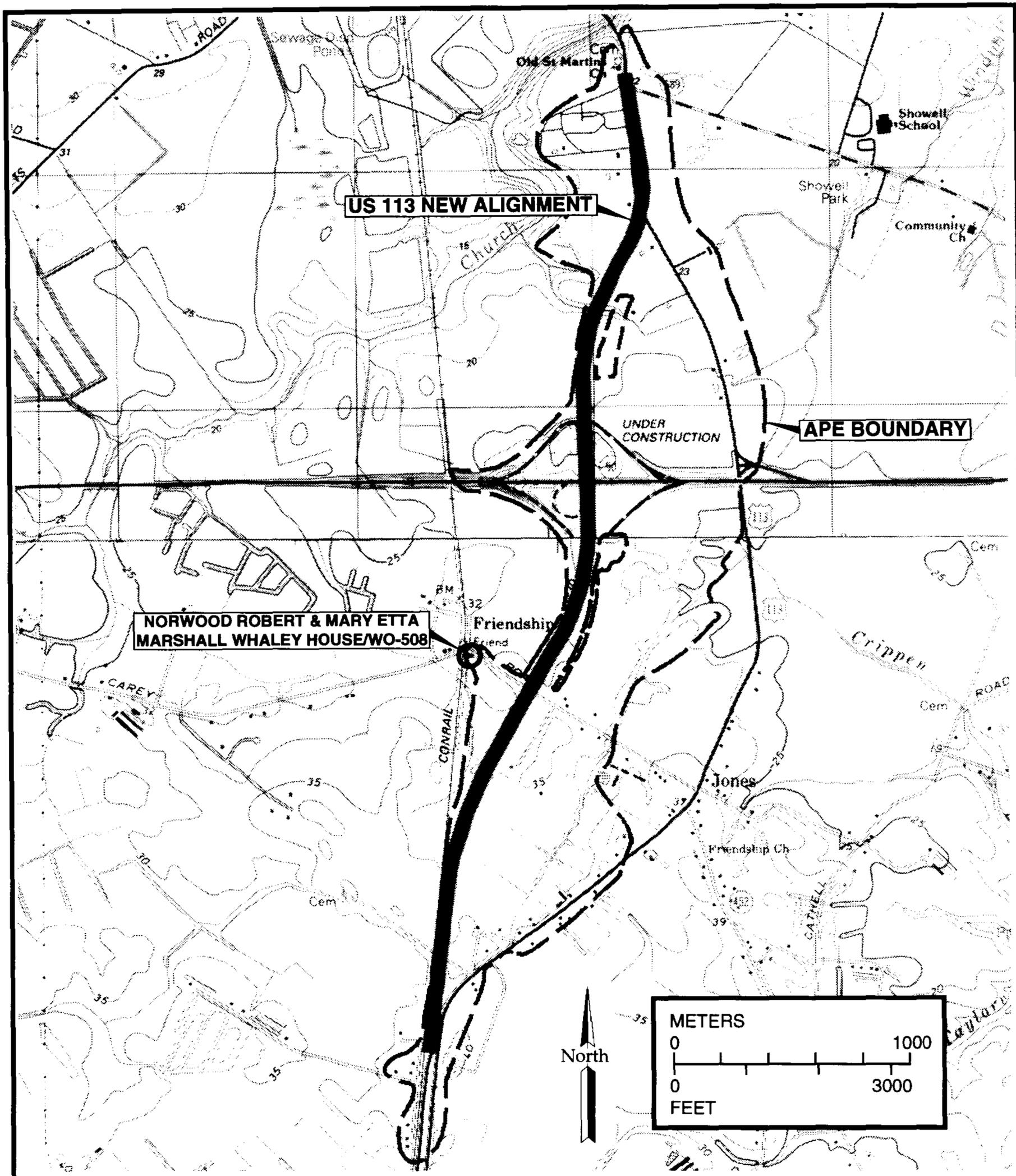
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson
1877 *Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland*. Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, Philadelphia.

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)
1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.



TAX MAP

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 22, Worcester County, Md.
 Containing the Norwood Robert & Mary Etta Marshall Whaley House/WO-508
 Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



LOCATIONAL MAP

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

Showing the Norwood Robert & Mary Etta Marshall Whaley House/WO-508

Worcester County, MD.





W 3-508

Nowood Robert + Ting in Merrill
Whiskey House (common)

Worcester County 1990

000 11+5/7-71 /1-71 /1/EE 82 < >

Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1993

Maryland SHPO - negative

Dwelling - East and North Elevations

2 of 3



100-508

Nowood Farm & Mary Etta Marshall
Whaley House (common)

Worcester County, MD
Mark Chancellor — photographer

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

View Northeast toward House & Outbuildings

3 of 3