

Huff Frame Farmhouse  
AL-III-B-141  
Brice Hollow Road  
Vicinity of Twiggstown  
Last Quarter 19th Century

The Huff Frame Farmhouse is situated near Twiggstown, an area where descendants of the first Twigg settlers who came in the 1760's still live. The property on which the Huff farmhouse stands was surveyed in 1829 by a man named Simeon Twigg; the land was called "Usher." The Huff family bought the property in 1879, and most likely the house was built between that year and the turn of the century. The Huff farmhouse retains much of its original appearance despite a frame addition on the west (which resembles the original).

The house stands as a reminder of the way of life experienced by a farming family living in eastern Allegany County during the nineteenth century.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Huff Frame Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Brice Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Twiggstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany**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	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James S. BuckleyTelephone #: 724-4528

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Brice Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Allegany County CourthouseLiber #: 186Folio #: 6

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL     STATE     COUNTY     LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-111 B-111

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Huff Frame Farmhouse stands on the western side of Brice Hollow Road near Twiggstown, Maryland.

The "L" shaped farmhouse originally consisted of a two story, three bays wide rectangular structure. Wall construction is frame with german siding.

The building rests on a high foundation of random ashlar stone, partially covered with cement, with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a box cornice, soffit, bed mould, and returns.

Wall features include cornerboards. One corbeled brick chimney located on the inside end is original. A new cinderblock chimney is located on the outside end.

Windows and doors of this building are pedimented. The front entrance has a replaced frame and glass door. The pegged, one over one light windows have wooden lugsills.

The frame addition on the west resembles the original, except that the eaves on the north of the addition consists of rafter ends.

A hipped front porch and a shed roofed rear porch have decoratively cut posts. The rear porch has a lath railing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

New settlers to the valley between Collier and Martin's Mountains first came in the 1760's.<sup>(1)</sup> One family of settlers were the Twiggs, whose descendants are still widespread in the valley, near the village carrying their name, Twiggtown. A man named Simeon Twigg had the property surveyed in 1829 - the land was called "Usher."<sup>(2)</sup> This property was closely associated with both the Huffs and more indirectly, the Twiggs, for many years.

The Huff family bought the property in 1879.<sup>(3)</sup> It is most likely that the house was built between that year and the turn of the century. In 1896, Elisha Huff and his children were given the half-interest in "Usher," land described as being "east of Collier's Mountain between Simion and Brice Twigg's dwelling houses."<sup>(4)</sup> One of Elisha's daughters, Rosa, married a Michael Twigg,<sup>(5)</sup> and another Twigg family owned the property for a few years in the 1930's.<sup>(5)</sup> The Huffs owned the land for nearly fifty years, until it was sold in 1928.<sup>(6)</sup>

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- (1) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing Company), p. 58.
- (2) Allegany County Surveyor's Index, Book A-C, p. 373.
- (3) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 54, Folio 22.
- (4) Ibid, Liber 80, Folio 327.
- (5) Ibid, Liber 141, Folio 126; Liber 166, Folio 465.
- (6) Ibid, Liber 157, Folio 300.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et. al. Allegany County, A History. Parsons, West Va.:  
McClain Printing Company, 1976.

Allegany County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 42.25 Acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	DATE	3/22/79
STREET & NUMBER	County Office Building 3 Pershing Street	TELEPHONE	777-5944
CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland,	STATE	Maryland 21502

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Huff Frame Farmhouse  
Brice Hollow Road  
Twiggtown, Maryland  
AL-III-B-141

Allegany County Deed: Liber 186, Folio 6  
Grantee: James S. Buckley (Susie V., Wife) Date: March 6, 1940  
Grantor: Joseph F. Taylor (Pearl N., Wife)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 174, Folio 141  
Grantee: Joseph F. Taylor Date: January 2, 1936  
Grantor: Wesley E. Taylor, et. ux.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 174, Folio 138, 139  
Grantee: Joseph F. and Wesley E. Taylor Date: September 30, 1935  
Grantor: Lewis Wilson, Assignee Consideration: \$600  
Notes: Wilson was assignee for mortgage from  
Henry William and Emma Gertrude Twigg  
who defaulted on it.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 166, Folio 465  
Grantee: (Emma) Gertrude Twigg Date: May 8, 1931  
Grantor: Thomas J. Malamphy, et. ux.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 157, Folio 300  
Grantee: Thomas J. and Blanche Malamphy Date: January 4, 1928  
Grantor: Walker S. Huff (Widower) Consideration: \$ 50

Allegany County Deed: Liber 141, Folio 126  
Grantee: Walker S. Huff, et. ux. Date: August 8, 1922  
Grantor: Elisha Huff, et al (Rosa B. and Michael  
C. S. Twigg and Stella B. Huff)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 80, Folio 327  
Grantee: Elisha Huff Date: July 31, 1896  
Grantor: John and Nancy Huff  
Notes: Gave to him "the one undivided half in and to  
all tracts and parcels of land called "Usher'....  
east of Collier's Mountain between Simeon and  
Brice Twigg's dwelling houses....."

Allegany County Deed: Liber 54, Folio 22  
Grantee: Aucie and Nancy Huff Date: May 27, 1879  
Grantor: Peter Hine

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: <sup>minor</sup> **HOPE** Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Buckley Avenue AL-111 B 141**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

**B Bruce Hollow Rd (east of) W**

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

**East**

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

**J. S. Buckley Rd 4 Box 340 ph. # 724-4528**

TAX MAP # **34**

ADDRESS: **James S Buckley**

**141 126 42.25 Acres parcel 24**

STORIES: 1 ( ) 2 (✓) 3 ( ) 4 ( ) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) BAYS: 1 ( ) 2 ( ) 3 (✓) 4 ( ) 5 ( ) 6 ( ) 7 ( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: **one perpendicular section - w/ shed add. on w. cinderblock**

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) **parallel section orig on stilts now cement blocks. Rear w/ stone**

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: **German siding** Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others **cornerboards**

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone **large on uncoursed ashlar rock**

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1 (✓) 2/2 ( ) 6/6 ( ) 9/6 ( ) 9/9 ( ) other ( )  
pegged (✓) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment (✓)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: **center & light cross # pedimented**  
HARDWARE: original ( ) replaced (✓)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards **wood logs**

**Box** CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) **returns**  
original (✓) replaced ( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin. asphalt; **shingles** original ( ) replaced (✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed ( ) hip (✓) gable ( ) **4 cut posts. w. shed roof partially encased by ad.**

CHIMNEYS: Number: **2** ✓ **outside end corner** Brick (✓) Stone ( ) Corbeled ( ) original ( ) replaced ( )  
Location: Flush end ( ) Inside end ( ) Outside end ( ) Central ( ) Interior ( )  
**orig.**

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: **Buckley for 50 yrs**

USE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

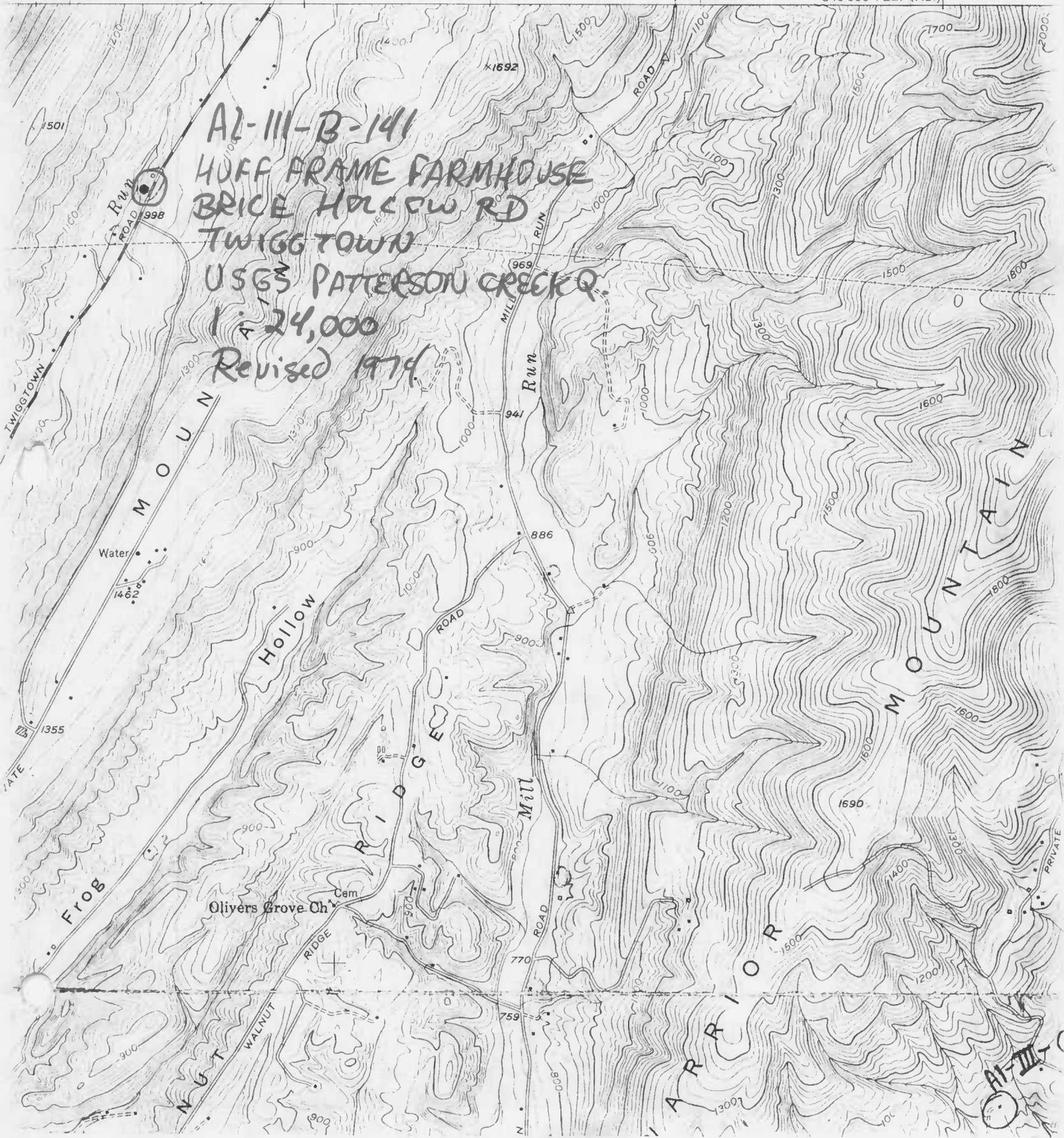
DATE CONSTRUCTED: **last Quert. 19th c.**

CONDITION: **good**

PATTERSON CREEK QUADRANG  
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 FLINTSTONE 15' QUADRANGLE

699 TWIGGTOWN 1 3 MI 40' 701 702 340 000 FEET (MD.)

AL-III-B-141  
HUFF FRAME FARMHOUSE  
BRICE HOLLOW RD  
TWIGGTOWN  
USGS PATTERSON CREEK Q  
1:24,000  
Revised 1974



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Hoff Frame Farmhouse

BRICE HOLLOW RD.

TWIGG TOWN

David A. Dorsey

9/5/78

SOUTHWEST



AZ-111-B-141

RUFF Frame Farmhouse

BRICE HOLLOW ROAD

TWIGG TOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

9/5/18

NORTHEAST