

AA-174  
Abbington Farm  
Millersville  
Private

Circa 1840 with 19th  
and 20th century  
outbuildings

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**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



**1. Name**

historic Abington

and/or common Abbington Farm (preferred)

**2. Location**

street & number 1761 Severn Chapel Road n/a not for publication

city, town Millersville  vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Maryland code 24 county Anne Arundel code 003

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. William T. Caillouette (Barbara R.)

street & number 1761 Severn Chapel Road

city, town Crownsville n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21032

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse

street & number Church Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1975  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

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<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

### Number of Resources

Contributing	Noncontributing	Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: <u>0</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	Original and historic functions and uses: agricultural, residential
<u>10</u>	<u>0</u> Total	

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

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For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 1

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The principal dwelling is situated facing north, on a hill overlooking Severn Chapel Road. The 2½ story side passage, double pile plan main block is centrally placed with two 1½ story wings of similar proportions extending from both the east and west gable ends. The main block dates from c. 1840, while two bays of the west wing which abut the main block are said to be an earlier dwelling. Three additional bays were added to the west end of this section sometime in the late 19th century. The east wing was added in 1974 to balance and complement the west wing.

The house rests on a stone foundation and is covered predominately with weatherboard siding. German siding covers the first story facade under the porch and the facade of the west wing. The roof of each section is covered with asphalt shingles. Pairs of pitched roof dormers protrude from the roof of each section, both on the facade and the rear (south) elevation. A one-story hip-roof porch runs almost completely across the facade of the dwelling. It is supported by simple tapered square posts. A triangular pediment breaks the porch roofline marking the entrance to the main block.

Two interior gable end chimneys are located at the east end of the main block. The earlier portion of the west wing is marked by an interior chimney which has been raised to give it more height. Another interior gable end chimney marks the west end of the west wing.

The rear of the entire house has been altered with the addition of enclosed shed additions on each section.

The windows are predominately 6/6 sash with aluminum storm windows. Large 32-pane, floor to ceiling casement windows have been added on the facade in the first story of the main block and in two bays of both the west and east wings.

The principal entrance is located at the west end of the main block. A wide 6-panel wooden door opens into the side passage which contains the stair. It is located at the rear of the passage and rises to the second story against the west wall. A single room (originally partitioned into two) opens off the side passage on the first floor. The two mantels in this room date from the mid-19th century.

The interior in both sections of the west wing has been modernized to accommodate a dining area and kitchen.

See Continuation Sheet No. 2

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

A number of outbuildings associated with this site are of special note. A board and batten summer kitchen stands just south of the west wing and is connected to it by an open passageway. The entrance into the summer kitchen is at the north gable end. An interior chimney with a clay stovepipe emerges from the south gable end. The interior is presently used for storage. The loft space is whitewashed. Extending from the south gable end of the summer kitchen is a later and smaller wing which functions as the pumphouse.

Directly west and across the driveway from the house is a masonry and board and batten icehouse. Access is gained through an enclosed portico extending from the east gable end. Steps lead down into a large space which is partitioned by a curved masonry wall. The high ceiling consists of a series of brick vaults supported with iron metal joists. The smaller space has a poured concrete floor with a trough. The frame loft space above this area is accessed from the rear, west elevation. The rafters are mitred together. A small ventilator pierces the gable roof.

South of the summer kitchen is a low stone, brick and frame springhouse/dairy. It is constructed in two separate sections with an open passageway in between, all covered by the same gable roof. The western section is a brick-walled collecting pool for the spring which emerges from the ground in this area. A heavy hand-hewn frame which rests on the brick foundation walls of the pool is enclosed with wooden lattice and weatherboard siding. The water in the pool is channelled through a pipe which runs under the passageway and into the stone constructed dairy section. It is directed into a trough which runs around the inside of the walls and is dispersed into the stream emerging from the east end of the building. Evidence of wrought nails in the plate of this building may indicate that it is, with some renovations, a late 18th or early 19th century outbuilding.

The frame privy stands south of the icehouse. It is covered with German siding and has a pyramidal roof. There is a double entrance on the east elevation.

A large and elaborate frame stable stands southwest of the house. It was constructed in 1902, which is clearly marked on a decorative jig-sawn arched ventilator located on the facade, east, gable end. The interior of the stable is intact, and consists of narrow beaded board paneling throughout, with red oak standing stalls for horses, marked by large square wooden posts with pedimented finials. A recent, large enclosed concrete block shed addition extends from the north elevation of the stable. Inside this addition, the present owners have incorporated an early boundary stone into the foundation. It reads: "S. Boundary/ of Brandy/ 1790." Brandy, owned by the Warfields, was a tract which bordered Abington on the northwest. The loft space above the stable was finished and served as living quarters for the coachman.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The late 19th century frame tenant house also has recent additions which obscure its original configuration.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c.1840-early 20th C. **Builder/Architect** unknown

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Applicable Criteria: C  
Applicable Exceptions: none  
Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The tract known as "Abington," on which Abbington Farm is situated, was patented to John Gather and Robert Proctor in 1664. At Gather's death in 1705, his son John Jr. inherited the Abington plantation.<sup>1</sup>

One of John Jr.'s sons, Rezin Gaither, lived at Abington and married his housekeeper, Sarah Yieldhall, late in life.<sup>2</sup> He is assessed in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax with 150 acres of land, improved by one 40 X 20 foot dwelling and one cornhouse measuring 12 X 20 feet. (Neither of these structures survives, unless a portion of the dwelling was incorporated into the west wing of the present dwelling.)

In 1807, Gaither died intestate and heavily in debt to Mary Weems for 343 pounds, 6 shillings, and 6 pence. A long court proceeding followed, involving John Gaither, the son of Rezin, vs. Mary Weems. It resulted in 1815 with the purchase of the Abington Plantation, at a discount, by Anne Weems, the daughter of Mary Weems. The legal land transaction took place the following year in 1816, by which time Anne Weems had married Horatio Ridout of "White Hall."<sup>3</sup>

In 1837, Rignal D. Woodward purchased the property for \$779.40 from Anne, John and Dr. John Ridout, the widow, son and nephew, respectively, of Horatio Ridout who died in 1834.<sup>4</sup>

The two-story, side passage, double pile plan main block was probably built by Rignal D. Woodward shortly after he purchased the property. Woodward was a planter, served as sheriff, and presiding Justice of the Orphans Court. In 1888, he died and the 198 acre Abington Farm was sold to pay debts. It was purchased by his son, Rignal T. Woodward, who was a partner in Woodward, Baldwin and Company, the prosperous Baltimore textile commission house. The progenitor of this company was the William Woodward Company, founded by William Woodward, brother of Rignal D. Woodward.<sup>5</sup>

At Rignal T.'s death in 1905, the property passed to his children, Elijah, Christopher H.R., and Mary of New York City, and Charles of Anne Arundel County. They mortgaged the property in 1913 and defaulted in 1928, at which time it was sold and purchased by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Baltimore.<sup>6</sup> In 1931, it was sold to John Tevis Harwood of Baltimore, who sold it in 1935 to Benjamin and Bertha McCloskey. In 1944 Bertha McCloskey sold it to Henry C. Wigley, Sr. and Henry C. Wigley, Jr. In 1946, Henry Sr. sold it to Henry Jr., and in 1979 Mr. and Mrs. Wigley Jr. sold a portion of "Abington" to the present owners, William and Barbara Caillouette.

For History and Support Footnotes see Continuation Sheet No. 5

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

Footnotes

1. J. D. Warfield, The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland, (Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1973; rpt.: 1905), p. 108.
2. Henry Wight Newman, Anne Arundel County, Vol. I, (Annapolis: 1971), pp. 72-73.
3. Anne Arundel County Chancery Record, Liber 86, Folio 1, (1812); and Land Records for the Court of Appeals of the Western Shore of Maryland, Liber EH No. 5, Folio 56.
4. Anne Arundel Count Land Records, Liber WSG No. 22, Folio 323.
5. Equity Case #1207, April 12, 1888; Land Records, Liber S. H. No. 36, Folio 122; and Mary Baldwin Baer and John Wilbur Baer, A History of Woodward, Baldwin & Co., (Annapolis: Mary Baldwin Baer and John Wilbur Baer, 1977), pp. 9-11.
6. Warfield, p. 125; Liber G.W. 101, Folio 368; and Liber FSR 92, Folio 471.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Boundary Justification

The nominated property, approximately 26.5 acres, comprises the resource within its immediate setting. The north boundary is defined by Severn Chapel Road, beyond which lies open space which does not contribute to the significance of the resource. The west and southwest boundaries are lines of convenience, beyond which lies a 20th century residence. The south boundary is defined by the 150-foot contour line - beyond which lies open space which does not contribute to the significance of the resource. The southeast and east boundaries are lines of convenience (the east is defined by the legal boundary) - beyond which lies open space and a 20th century dwelling which do not contribute to the significance of the resource.

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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See Footnotes

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property approximately 26.5 acres

Quadrangle name Odenton, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached map; for boundary justification, see Continuation Sheet No.5

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Donna Ware , Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Anne Arundel County Office of Community Development date 1984

street & number Arundel Center telephone (301) 224-1210

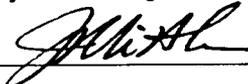
city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature  date 8-8-81

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

**For HCRS use only**  
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register  
 date

Keeper of the National Register date

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ABINGTON

and/or common ABBINGTON FARM (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number 1761 Severn Chapel Road n/a not for publicationcity, town Millersville  vicinity of congressional district Fourth

state Maryland code 24 county Anne Arundel code 003

## 3. Classification

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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. William T. Caillouette (Barbara R.)

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## Summary Description

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## General Description

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# 8. Significance

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

### Summary Paragraph

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-174

See Footnotes

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 26.5 acres

Quadrangle name Odenton, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries are depicted on the attached map; for boundary justification, see Continuation Sheet No. 3

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Donna Ware, Historic Sites Surveyor		
	Anne Arundel County		
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city or town	Annapolis	state	MD 21401

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#7. Continuation sheet, page 2.

wall. A single room (originally partitioned into two) opens off the side passage on the first floor. The two mantels in this room date from the mid-19th century.

The interior in both sections of the west wing has been modernized to accommodate a dining area and kitchen.

A number of outbuildings associated with this site are of special note. A board and batten summer kitchen stands just south of the west wing and is connected to it by an open passageway. The entrance into the summer kitchen is at the north gable end. An interior chimney with a clay stovepipe emerges from the south gable end. The interior is presently used for storage. The loft space is whitewashed. Extending from the south gable end of the summer kitchen is a later and smaller wing which functions as the pumphouse.

Directly west and across the driveway from the house is a masonry and board and batten icehouse/cold storage. Access is gained through an enclosed portico extending from the east gable end. Steps lead down into a large space which is partitioned by a curved masonry wall. The high ceiling consists of a series of brick vaults supported with iron metal joists. The smaller space has a poured concrete floor with a trough. The frame loft space above this area is accessed from the rear, west elevation. The rafters are mitred together. A small ventilator pierces the gable roof.

South of the summer kitchen is a low stone, brick and frame springhouse/dairy. It is constructed in two separate sections with an open passageway in between, all covered by the same gable roof. The western section is a brick-walled collecting pool for the spring which emerges from the ground in this area. A heavy hand-hewn frame which rests on the brick foundation walls of the pool is enclosed with wooden latticing and weatherboard siding. The water in the pool is channelled through a pipe which runs under the passageway and into the stone constructed dairy section. It is directed into a trough which runs around the inside of the walls and is dispersed into the stream emerging from the east end of the building. Evidence of wrought nails in the plate of this building may indicate that it is, with some renovations, a late 18th or early 19th century outbuilding.

The frame privy stands south of the icehouse. It is covered with German siding and has a pyramidal roof. There is a double entrance on the east elevation.

A large and elaborate frame stable stands southwest of the house. It was constructed in 1902, which is clearly marked on a decorative jig-sawn arched ventilator located on the facade, east, gable end. The interior of the stable is intact, and consists of narrow beaded board paneling throughout, with red oak standing stalls for horses, marked by large square wooden posts with pedimented finials. A recent, large enclosed concrete block shed addition extends from the north elevation of the stable. Inside this addition, the present owners have incorporated an early boundary stone into the foundation. It reads: "S. Boundary/ of Brandy/ 1790." Brandy, owned by the Warfields, was a tract which bordered Abington on the northwest. The loft space above the stable was finished and served as living quarters for the coachman.

The late 19th century frame tenant house also has recent additions which obscure its original configuration.

#8. Continuation sheet, page 2.

The two-story, side passage, double pile plan main block was probably built by Rignal D. Woodward shortly after he purchased the property. Woodward was a planter, served as sheriff, and presiding Justice of the Orphans Court. In 1888, he died and the 198 acre Abington Farm was sold to pay debts. It was purchased by his son, Rignal T. Woodward, who was a partner in Woodward, Baldwin and Company, the prosperous Baltimore textile commission house. The progenitor of this company was the William Woodward Company, founded by William Woodward, brother of Rignal D. Woodward.

At Rignal T.'s death in 1905, the property passed to his children, Elijah, Christopher H. R., and Mary of New York City, and Charles of Anne Arundel County. They mortgaged the property in 1913 and defaulted in 1928, at which time it was sold and purchased by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Baltimore. In 1931, it was conveyed to John Tevis Harwood of Baltimore, who conveyed it in 1935 to Benjamin and Bertha McCloskey. In 1944 Bertha McCloskey conveyed it to Henry C. Wigley, Sr. and Henry C. Wigley, Jr. In 1946, Henry Sr. conveyed it to Henry Jr., and in 1979 Mr. and Mrs. Wigley Jr. conveyed a portion of "Abington" to the present owners, William and Barbara Caillouette.

#### Footnotes

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#10. Boundary Justification

Abbingdon Farm, which includes approximately 26.5 acres, comprises the resource within its immediate setting. The north boundary is defined by Severn Chapel Road, beyond which lies open space which does not contribute to the significance of the resource. The west and southwest boundaries are lines of convenience, beyond which lies a 20th century residence. The south boundary is defined by the 150-foot contour line--beyond which lies open space which does not contribute to the significance of the resource. The southeast and east boundaries are lines of convenience (the east is defined by the legal boundary)--beyond which lie open space and a 20th century dwelling which do not contribute to the significance of the resource.

ABBINGTON  
TITLE SEARCH

Liber 3214, Folio 319  
March 28, 1979

Grantor: Henry C. Wigley, Jr. & Dorothy Hayes Wigley, wife

Grantee: William T. Caillouette & Barbara R. Caillouette, wife

Containing 48.545 acres, plus or minus, (surveyed by J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., Feb. 1979), subject to utility easement granted by Wigleys in 1973.

Part of conveyance from Henry C. Wigley, Sr., widower, to Henry C. Wigley, Jr. & Dorothy Hayes Wigley, wife, in deed Dec. 23, 1946, and recorded in Liber J.H.H. 394, Folio 139, and in mortgage between Wigleys and Farmers National Bank (Dec. 23, 1946) in Liber J.H.H. 394, Folio 140.

Liber J.H.H. 394, Folio 139  
Dec. 23, 1946

Grantor: Henry C. Wigley, Sr., widower

Grantee: Henry C. Wigley, Jr. & Dorothy Hayes Wigley, wife

A 1/2 undivided interest in the 137.935 acres, plus or minus, (partly in 2nd and partly in 4th Election Districts). Being the same from Bertha T. McCloskey, widow, to Henry C. Wigley, Sr. & Henry C. Wigley, Jr., June 17, \_\_\_\_, recorded June 19, 1944.

Mortgage J.H.H. 394/139

Sale of 1/2 interest = \$12,000.00, \$2,000.00 of which was paid in cash.

Plat recorded in LR Liber FAM 136, Folio 339, same property conveyed by McCloskey to Wigley on June 17, 1944, in Liber J.H.H. No. 310, Folio 160. Henry Jr. conveyed his 1/2 interest to Marvin C. Anderson, Trustee, in deed June 19, 1944, in J.H.H. No. 311, Folio 220; Anderson then conveyed this interest back to Henry, Jr. & Dorothy on June 19, 1944, in Liber JHH 311, Folio 221.

Mortgage paid May 1, 1952.

Liber J.H.H. 310, Folio 160  
June 17, 1944

Grantor: Bertha T. McCloskey, widow

Grantee: Henry C. Wigley, Sr. & Henry, Jr.

Containing 137.935 acres

Same conveyed to Benjamin Knox McCloskey & Bertha T. McCloskey by John Tevis Harwood, widower, in deed June 6, 1935, in Liber F.A.M. 139, Folio 138; and deed from Charles E. Woodward & wife to Bertha T. McCloskey, June 6, 1944 (in previous Land Records).

Mortgage (Amortization) Liber J.H.H. 310, Folio 162

Wigleys & Federal Land Bank of Baltimore, June 17, 1944, for \$5,000.00 (Federal Farm Loan Act).

Paid August 16, 1946.

Mortgage (Amortization) Liber J.H.H. 310, Folio 167, June 17, 1944.

Wigleys & Land Bank Commissioner for \$5,300.00 paid August 1945.

Plat  
Liber F.A.M. 136, Folio 339  
August 2, 1933

Survey Plat

Lands of J. T. Harwood

Tract 1 - Part of former Warfield tract - 20.252 acres

Tract 2 - Part of former Woodward tract - 177.935 acres

Tract 3 - Former Earle Tract - 221.099 acres, includes 4.171 acres for the Redemptorist Church on west side of road to Millersville.

Liber F.A.M. 139, Folio 138  
June 6, 1935

Grantor: John Tevis Harwood (widower)  
Residing No. 2 Merryman Ct., Roland Park, Baltimore

Grantee: Benjamin Knox McCloskey & Bertha T., residing No. 1760 Euclid St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

All assessed in 2nd Election District, being part of former Woodward Tract = 177.935 acres, plus or minus, shown on plat with deed from Christopher H. R. Woodward & wife to Harwood, Jan. 28, 1935, except 40 acres of woodland to east containing 137.935 acres, plus or minus.

A portion of 3 deeds to J. T. Harwood:

- 1) from Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Nov. 24, 1931, in FSR 92/471.
- 2) from Christopher H. R. Woodward & wife, Jan. 28, 1935, on May 14, 1935, and
- 3) from Julia Winchester Woodward, May 10, 1935.

Exceptions:

1) right of Wm. Baldwin, tenant of said Harwood, to 2/3 interest in grain crop now planted on tract conveyed, grantees will receive landlord's 1/3 interest

2) 20 acres in vicinity of red painted tobacco barn on tract conveyed for Baldwin & Harwood; grow & remove tobacco of 1935.

These lands, grain & tobacco, will be surrendered at end of 1935 crop season.

3) ROW for Annapolis & Chesapeake Bay Power Co.

4) post & wire fence dividing conveyed land & former Earle tract shall be maintained by both McCloskeys & Harwood. (Harwood retained Earle tract 221.988 acres.)

In FAM 139/140 McCloskeys convey their lot on River Side Road to John Tevis Harwood & Wm. Bradford Harwood (Flushing, N.Y.)

Lot No. 5 - in South River Park, bounded on north by River Side Road, east by No. 4, and west by No. 6, and south by Munroe Ave. Same lot deeded to McCloskeys in 1924 from Charles H. Neeley. Have right to live there until July 10, 1935.

Liber FSR 92, Folio 471

Nov. 24, 1931

Grantor: Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

Grantee: John Tevis Harwood

3 lots known as the Christopher H. R. Woodward property - same conveyed to Trust Co. from C. Alex. Fairbank, Jr., assignee.

Liber FSR 92, Folio 471  
Nov. 24, 1931

Grantor: C. Alex. Fairbank, Jr., assignee

Grantee: Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

Mortgage made by Woodward on Aug. 9, 1913, in G.W. 101/368 - default - sale July 14, 1928.

3 tracts described in mortgage:

- 1) in 2nd Election District - 180 acres, plus or minus
- 2) 4th Election District - 220 acres, plus or minus
- 3) 4th Election District - 20 acres, plus or minus - not sold & conveyed by James W. Owens.

G.W. 101/368

Mortgage Aug. 8, 1913

Between Elijah Woodward (bachelor), Christopher H. R. Woodward, Annie P. Woodward, his wife, Mary R. Woodward, divorced from DeWitt C. Flanagan, all of New York City, and Charles Woodward & Eliz. W. Woodward, wife, of Anne Arundel County;

and

Philemon H. Tuck of Baltimore

Sum of \$12,000.00

3 tracts

1) 180 acres, plus or minus, described in deed from Margaret E. Warfield to DeWitt C. Flanagan, Nov. 5, 1901, and in GW No. 23/31, same conveyed from DeWitt Flanagan & wife to Elijah Woodward, Christopher H. R. Woodward, Mary R. Woodward, then Mary R. Flanagan, Charles Woodward & Rignal D. Woodward, Dec. 4, 1906, in G.W. 52/464.

2) 223 acres, plus or minus, conveyed to DeWitt C. Flanagan by Mary C. Earle, May 4, 1901, in G.W. 20/476, being same conveyed from DeWitt & wife to Elijah Woodward et al, Dec. 4, 1906, in GW 52/465, saving & excepting the lot conveyed by Elijah et al to the Redemptorists.

3) all that tract devised to Elijah et al by will of Rignal T. Woodward in Will Book 45, page 285 - 198 3/4 acres, plus or minus, which was conveyed to Rignal T. by Rignal W. Baldwin, Trustee, by deed Dec. 7, 1889 in S.H. No. 36, Folio 122.

The 1/2 interest of Rignal D. Woodward who died intestate & unmarried descended to heirs at law - Elijah, Christopher, Mary R. & Charles Woodward.

Foreclosure proceedings Liber WMB No. 3, Folio 255.

(Parcel #3 mentioned in G.W. 101/368. [Mortgage 1913])  
Liber S.H. No. 36, Folio 122  
 Dec. 7, 1889

Grantor: Rignal W. Baldwin, Trustee, of Baltimore

Grantee: Rignal T. Woodward of N.Y.C.

Equity Case Apr. 20, 1889  
 Rignal T. Woodward, Plaintiff  
 Henry Woodward, Defendant  
 Sell real estate.

Sold to Rignal T. Woodward for \$3,480.00

Described in mortgage from Rignal D. Woodward & wife to Rignal T. Woodward for 198 3/4 acres, plus or minus (Nov. 2, 1870).

Liber SH No. 5, Folio 115, containing:

1) part of tract called "Hammonds Enclosure" and part of tract called "Abington," containing 96 1/2 acres, plus or minus;

2) another part of "Abington" = 127 1/4 acres, plus or minus, excepting from last mentioned, 25 acres which Rignal D. conveyed to son Henry Woodward;

3) tract mentioned in mortgage from Rignal D. to Rignal T. on Sept. 11, 1871, in SH No. 6, Folio 372 = 50 acres, plus or minus, being same conveyed to Rignal D. by Mary A. Weems & Thomas Crandell on Dec. 12, 1839, in Liber WSG No. 24, Folio 595, except that conveyed to Crandell in 1851 in Liber AHG or (NHG) No. 1, Folio 413 or 422, and in 1871 in SHM 5, Folio 165.

(Following Folio records - transfer of the latter 50 acres to a Geo. Brooks.)

Equity 1207

April 12, 1888

Rignal D. dies without sufficient funds to pay debts - property is sold to pay debts.

Rignal D.'s heirs:

Henry & Margarete (wife) Woodward  
 George H. & Lizzie (wife) Woodward  
 Sarah E. Woodward of Anne Arundel County  
 Mary E. Brown - Married John H. Brown of Baltimore  
 Maria Whittington (widow)  
 Nannie Holland - Married Albert Holland of D.C.  
 William & Laura (wife) Woodward of Augusta, Georgia  
 & Rignal T. & his children  
 & Wm. Beard, Mattie Beard & Mary Beard of Anne Arundel County;  
 Rutland Beard & Maria Beard of D.C.; infant children of Mattie,  
 a deceased daughter of Rignal D. who married Thomas Beard of  
 Anne Arundel County.

Rignal D. died April 6, 1888. He left no widow.

Equity record mentions 2 farms.

Liber SH 5, Folio 115

Mortgage Nov. 1, 1870  
between Rignal D. Woodward & Mary Woodward, wife, of Anne  
Arundel County,  
and Rignal T. Woodward of N.Y.C.

Rignal D. owes Rignal T. \$4,000.000

- 1) part of Hammond Inclosure & Abington = 96 1/2 acres, plus or minus, conveyed by Thomas S. Alexander to Rignal D. Woodward on April 18, 1849, in JHN No. 4, Folio 122, and
- 2) part of Abington = 127 acres in deed from John Ridout of H. and others to Rignal D. on Nov. 25, 1837, in WSG No. 22, Folio 323, except 25 acres Rignal D. conveyed to son, Henry.

(Parcel #2 mentioned in SH 5, 115)

Liber WSG No. 22, Folio 323

Nov. 23, 1837

Grantor: John Ridout of Horatio, Dr. John Ridout & Anne Ridout, all of Anne Arundel County.

Grantee: Rignal D. Woodward of Anne Arundel County

Part of Abington = 127 1/4 acres. Consideration: \$779.40

Same conveyed to Horatio Ridout and Anne Ridout (wife) by John Golder on Feb. 27, 1816 in TH No. 1, Folio 364.

Signed by Jno. Ridout  
Anne Ridout  
John Ridout of H.

Wills

Liber TTS No. 1, Folio 187

Horatio Ridout, May 15, 1831  
(Died 1834 ?)  
Horatio Ridout of Whitehall

Item. Horatio has given considerable property to oldest son, John Ridout of H.; instead gives \$500.00 to be raised by sale of part of estate & also 1/3 part of all books to be decided by family friend.

Item. Residue of estate to wife, Ann Ridout, until youngest child, Anna Rebecca Ridout, reaches 21 years.

Rest of estate to children: Mary Ridout, Horatio, Samuel, Weems, Orlando, Ellinor, Francis H. & Anna Rebecca.

Executor: Nephew, Dr. John Ridout,  
Wife & son John of Horatio (?)

Land Records for the Court of Appeals of the Western Shore of Maryland  
Liber EH No. 5, Folio 56

(Includes Deeds TH No. 1, 1815-18\_\_)

Feb. 27, 1816

Grantor: John Golder of the City of Philadelphia, Trustee

Grantee: Horatio Ridout & Ann (wife) of Anne Arundel County  
 By decree of Chancery Court, March 10, 1812.

John Golder appointed trustee & authorized to sell real estate of Rezin Gaither, late of Anne Arundel County, for payment of his debts.

Estate sold Oct. 6, 1812, to Anne Weems, since intermarried with Horatio Ridout

120, plus or minus, acres of Abington with improvements thereon--occupied by John Gaither, Eliza, Rezin, Rebecca, Joshua & Ruth Gaither, heirs of Rezin.

Consideration: \$8.00 per acre

Discount allowed by auditors of court to Mary Weems (mother of Ann Ridout) which she assigned to Ann Ridout. (Mary Weems brought Chancery case because Rezin had not paid a lien to her at the time of his death.)

34 acres of this tract sold to Matthias Hammond.

Chancery Record

Liber 86, No. 1 (1812)

Mary Weems vs. Rezin Gaither

Mary Weems petitioned the Court on Aug. 16, 1806, because Rezin Gaither who took out a lien with her on March 27, 1801, for 343 pounds, 6 shillings and 6 pence had not paid any of it or the interest.

Mary Weems received \$100 in interest on Oct. 27, 1803.

She filed the complaint in 1806, but before the case could be heard, Rezin died - leaving Rezin, John, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Joshua & Ruth as heirs.

Rebecca, Joshua and Ruth - infants under age of 21.

Bill of Revivor was filed by Mary Weems (Dec. 1808)

\$50.00 paid Oct. 23, 1806

Case carried through each year with the Weems renewing the lease each year until 1812.

First sale of 34 acres "severed" from the land on which the dwelling stands. Second sale of 120 acres, plus or minus, - the "improved and reserved moiety of a tract of land called Abington," first purchased by John Gaither for \$8.25 per acre. However, Gaither did not comply & refused to comply with the terms of purchase. John Golder, the Trustee, resold the land to Ann Weems, daughter of Mary Weems, for \$8.00 per acre.

Ann Weems did not comply with purchase; finally Horatio Ridout paid on Feb. 27, 1816. "Received from Thomas Bowie, Esquire, the sum of money mentioned in the above order." Signed John Golder.

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NOMINATION FORM  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: "Abbington" and dependencies				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Severn Chapel Road, 1/2 mile east of jct. with St. Stephens				
CITY OR TOWN: Church Road near Millersville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buildings <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Henry C. Wigley, Jr. Phone: 721-2501				
STREET AND NUMBER: Waterbury Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Millersville			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis, Maryland				
CITY OR TOWN: Map #37, AD #2, Parcel #26 Liber/folio # 394/139			STATE:	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The long frame house at "Abbington" stands on a ridge overlooking the Severn Chapel Road. It has been enlarged and renovated many times but the original, one room, 16' x 20' dwelling remains, virtually intact, as part of the present structure. The house is symmetrical, having a 2 1/2 story, 3-bay center section, and a long 1 1/2 story wing on each end. The house faces north. The oldest part is 2-bays long, being the east half of the 1 1/2 story section on the west end of the center block. This part may have been built in the early 18th century but it is difficult to determine a date because of subsequent renovations. The central block of the house dates from the early 19th century. It has a typical, double-parlor, side-hall, plan with two interior brick chimneys on the east end. The 1 1/2 story wing on the east end of the house, designed by Kenneth Lanier Anderson, was completed last year.

There are several other buildings of interest at "Abbington". Connected to the rear of the west wing by a breezeway is the summer kitchen. It has a steep A-roof, and it is sheathed in board and batten siding. There is an interior chimney on the south end. Just across the drive at the west end of the house is a frame and fieldstone storage vault or cellar. The bottom level is below ground, reached by a set of steps in the small porch on the east side. The walls are solid masonry and there is a high ceiling formed by a series of parallel brick vaults. The space is divided by a free-standing, curved masonry wall. The floor is now covered in concrete but there is still a trough system which was probably used for drainage from ice stored there or from a stream used to cool milk etc. The room is dark, cool and damp. The above ground level of this building is a frame loft. The steep, A-roof has a vent in the center. The end walls, under the overhanging eaves, are covered in board and batten siding. A curious building and unique in this area, it may have been used for the storage of cider or a large quantity of other perishables.

Farther to the south of the main house at the head of a spring is a long, low, shingle-roofed building. It is in two parts under the same A-roof. The western-most part is a brick walled collecting pool for spring water. Above the brick wall, which ends about a foot above ground level, is a heavy, hand hewn wood frame supporting the roof. The frame is covered by a lath trellis. The water overflows from the pool into a pipe which runs under the open passageway in the center of the building and into the dairy. The dairy has stone walls. A trough carries the cooling water around the inside of the walls and out again into the stream.

An elaborate privy stands near the garage. It has a square, hipped roof, topped by a wooden finial. There are two doors on the front leading to separate compartments. Each compartment has a window. The privy was intended to be moved and could be cleaned by raising a hatch in the back.

A large and elaborate stable was built in 1902. The front gable bears some gingerbread details and the date. There are several smaller farm buildings and a tenant house near the stable.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Abbington" was first surveyed in 1663 by John Gaither and Robert Proctor. It consisted of 1091 acres. The land remained in the Gaither family until the mid-1700's. It was owned for a time by John Worthington Jr. and then acquired in about 1800 by the Woodwards of "Belair" in Prince Georges County. The Woodwards built the stable and probably made the enlargements to the house. "Abbington" was bought by the present owners in about 1940.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Abbingtion is listed in a survey compiled by Professors Norris and Sturdy, May 1969 titled: List of Houses in Anne Arundel County Erected before 1800. source: Handwritten list in files of Historic Annapolis, May 20, 1961, /

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 117 acres

Acreage Justification:

[Empty space for Acreage Justification]

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Amy Hiatt**

ORGANIZATION: **Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning**      DATE: **July 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Arundel Center**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
National       State       Local

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Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Severn Chapel  
WATERBURY

ED-4, P-1  
ED-2, P-2

RD.

MON. 197

153.0

125

100

116.0

158.0

3154.0

125

AA-174 Abbington Farm

- A. Main House
- B. Summer Kitchen
- C. Icehouse
- D. Springhouse/Dairy
- E. Privy
- F. Chicken House
- G. Stable
- H. Corncrib + Tool Shed
- I. Tenant House

National Register  
Boundary

Approx. 26.5 acres

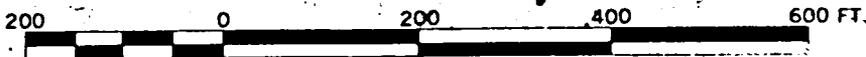
# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND

SHEET NO. N 19

(DISTRICT 2 & 4)

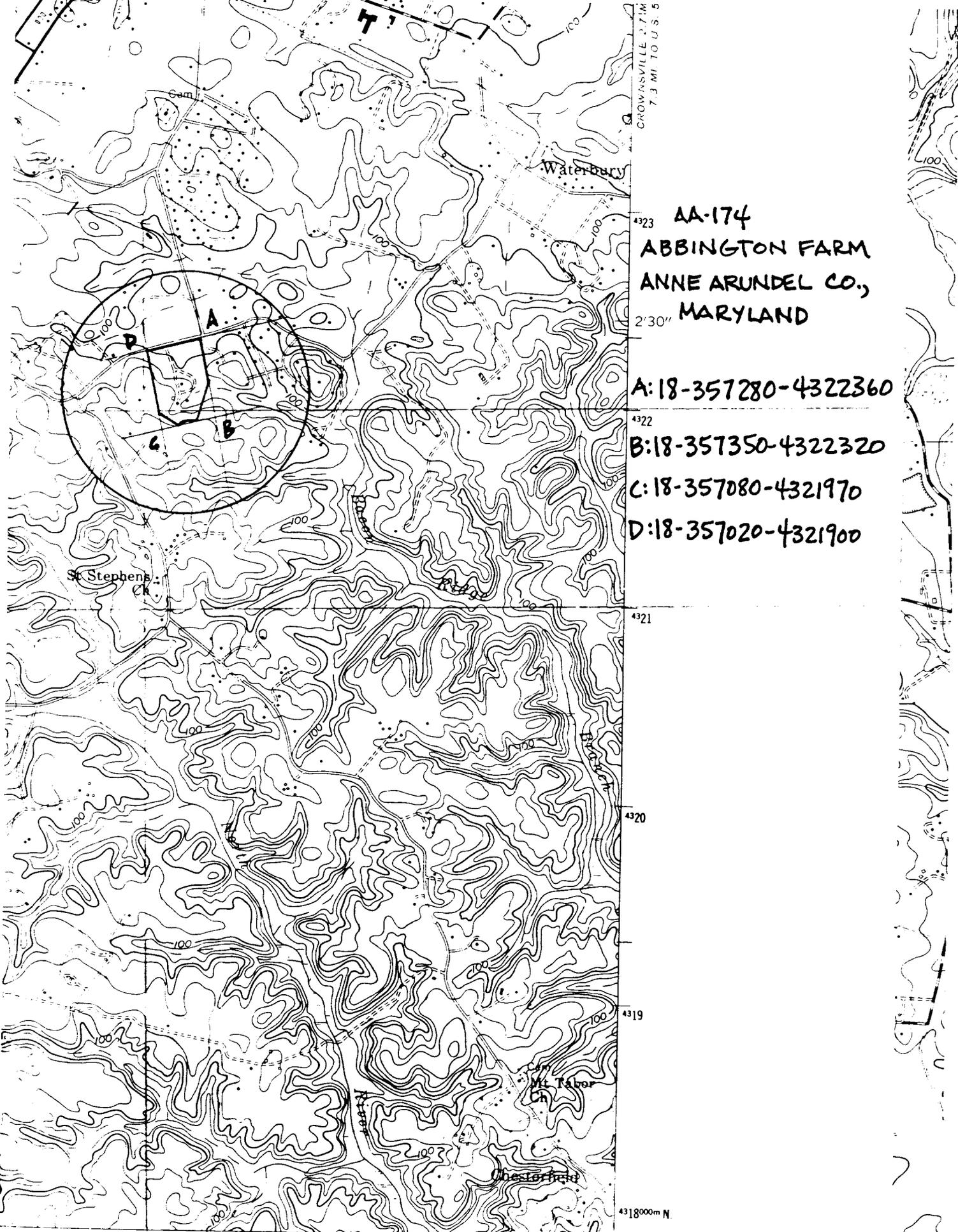
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2' & 5' CONTOUR INTERVAL



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 ABBINGTON FARM  
 ANNE ARUNDEL CO.,  
 MARYLAND

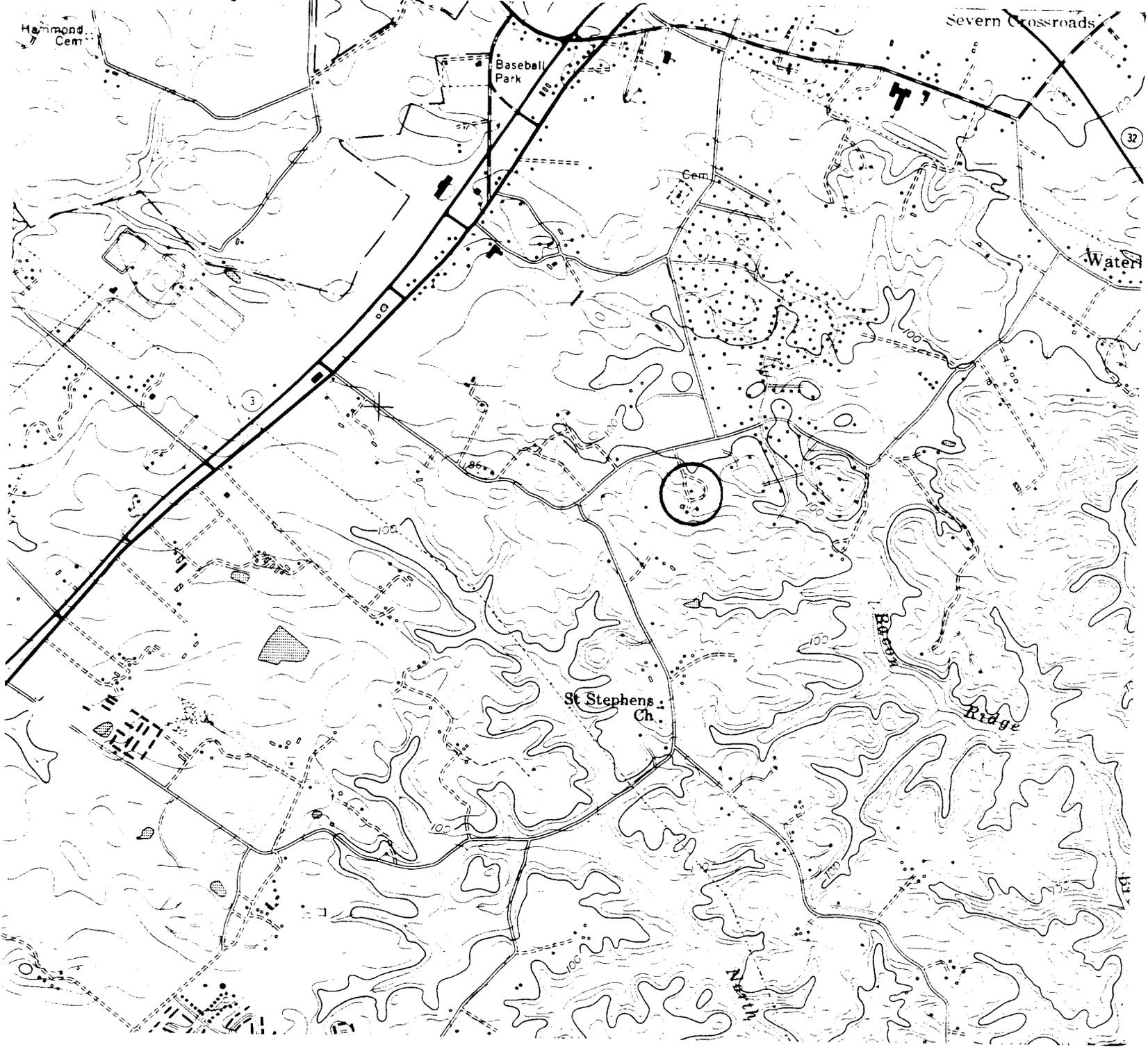
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- B: 18-357350-4322320
- C: 18-357080-4321970
- D: 18-357020-4321900

357  
 358  
 359000m E  
 4318000m N  
 39°00'  
 76°37'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty      Light duty

(SOUTH)



Odenton, MD  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1957; Photo revised 1979

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Abbingon Farm  
1761 Severn Chapel Road  
Millersville



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Main dwelling: Facade - north elevation

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Main dwelling: East elevation

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Main dwelling: Rear - south elevation

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Looking northwest toward summer kitchen  
and rear (s. elev.) of main dwelling.

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Summer kitchen: North gable end

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Springhouse/dairy: South elevation

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Springhouse/dairy: North elevation

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Icehouse: North elevation

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Icehouse: South elevation

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Stable: East gable end

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Privy: East elevation

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Interior: Main stair, along west partition  
wall.

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Interior: Mantel - east wall, in north  
room of main block

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Interior: Mantel - east wall, in south  
room of main block

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Mantel - second floor, main block



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"Abington".

North elevation



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Abbingdon  
South elevation

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summer kitchen

east elevation



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Summer Kitchen

North-west elevation

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aa-19-N-a (map 15)  
Stable at  
Abington  
east elevation



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Stables at  
Abbingdon  
east elevation



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(map 15) :

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wine cellar (?)  
at Abbington  
south-east corner



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Springhouse and

dairy at

Abington

North elevation



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(map 15)

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Privy at Abbington  
South-east