AA-871
Lebowitz Farm
Harmans vicinity
Private

Late 19th century

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The house is a 2-story, 4 bay by 1 bay, dwelling with a 1-story, 1-bay ell wing extending from the rear, northwest elevation, at the northeast end. The house faces southeast and has two entrances placed at opposite ends of the facade, suggesting the use as a duplex.

Historically, the area surrounding the house, on both sides of Piny Run, was known as Timber Neck. It was an important iron mining region in Maryland from the mid-19th century until the first quarter of the 20th century. This suggests that the Lebowitz House may have been built as a duplex to house the local ore miners and their families.

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DOE __yes __no

# Maryland Historical Trust
# State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Lebowitz Farm

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Dorsey Road, .4 mile southeast of Baltimore-Washington Parkway ___ not for publication

city, town Harmans X vicinity of congressional district 4th

state MD county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ district | ___ public | ___ occupied | ___ agriculture | ___ museum |
| X building(s) | X private | X unoccupied | ___ commercial | ___ park |
| ___ structure | ___ both | ___ work in progress | ___ educational | X private residence |
| ___ site | **Public Acquisition** | **Accessible** | ___ entertainment | ___ religious |
| ___ object | ___ in process | ___ yes: restricted | ___ government | ___ scientific |
| | ___ being considered | ___ yes: unrestricted | ___ industrial | ___ transportation |
| | X not applicable | X no | ___ military | ___ other: |

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

name Mortimer C. Lebowitz

street & number 310 - 6th St. South telephone no.:

city, town Arlington state and zip code VA 22202

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 1546

street & number Church Circle folio 371

city, town Annapolis state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ excellent | ___ deteriorated | _X_ unaltered | _X_ original site | |
| ___ good | ___ ruins | ___ altered | ___ moved | date of move _____ |
| _X_ fair | ___ unexposed | | | |

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

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The house rests on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are covered with wooden shingles, under which can be seen the original German-siding. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. All windows are 2/2 sash and have louvered, wooden shutters. There is one interior brick chimney which is asymmetrically placed to accommodate the northeast portion of the duplex. A patch in the ridge line of the roof indicates the location of another chimney which heated the southwest end of the duplex.

The interior was not examined.

# 8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ___ prehistoric | ___ archeology-prehistoric | ___ community planning | ___ landscape architecture | ___ religion |
| ___ 1400–1499 | ___ archeology-historic | ___ conservation | ___ law | ___ science |
| ___ 1500–1599 | ___ agriculture | ___ economics | ___ literature | ___ sculpture |
| ___ 1600–1699 | X architecture | ___ education | ___ military | ___ social/ humanitarian |
| ___ 1700–1799 | ___ art | ___ engineering | ___ music | ___ theater |
| X 1800–1899 | ___ commerce | ___ exploration/settlement | ___ philosophy | ___ transportation |
| ___ 1900– | ___ communications | ___ industry | ___ politics/government | ___ other (specify) |
| | | ___ invention | | |

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

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.

Historically, the area surrounding the house, on both sides of Piny Run, was known as Timber Neck. It was an important iron mining region in Maryland from the mid-19th century until the first quarter of the 20th century. The ore banks, located on both sides of Piny Run, were worked to a depth of over 50 feet. Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., in Iron Ores of Maryland, described this region in 1911:

> No other area in the State of equal size has been so extensively worked, the entire tract consisting of iron ore openings and the dumps from them, so that when viewed from the rim of the openings the effect is that of typical "bad lands."[1]

In the 1850's, the Timber Neck ore banks were owned by the Great Falls Iron Company, operators of the Elkridge Furnace. During the early 20th century, iron ore extracted by black miners was shipped to the Muirkirk Furnace in nearby Prince George's County.

The use of this area as an iron ore mining region suggests that the Lebowitz House may have been built as a duplex to house the local ore miners and their families.

Footnotes

1. Joseph T. Singewald, Iron Ores of Maryland, (Baltimore: Maryland Geological Survey, 1911), p. 280.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes

# 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of nominated property** _____

**Quadrangle name** _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | | | | B | | | |
| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

**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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| **organization** | Anne Arundel County | **date** | 1984 |
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| **city or town** | Annapolis | **state** | MD |

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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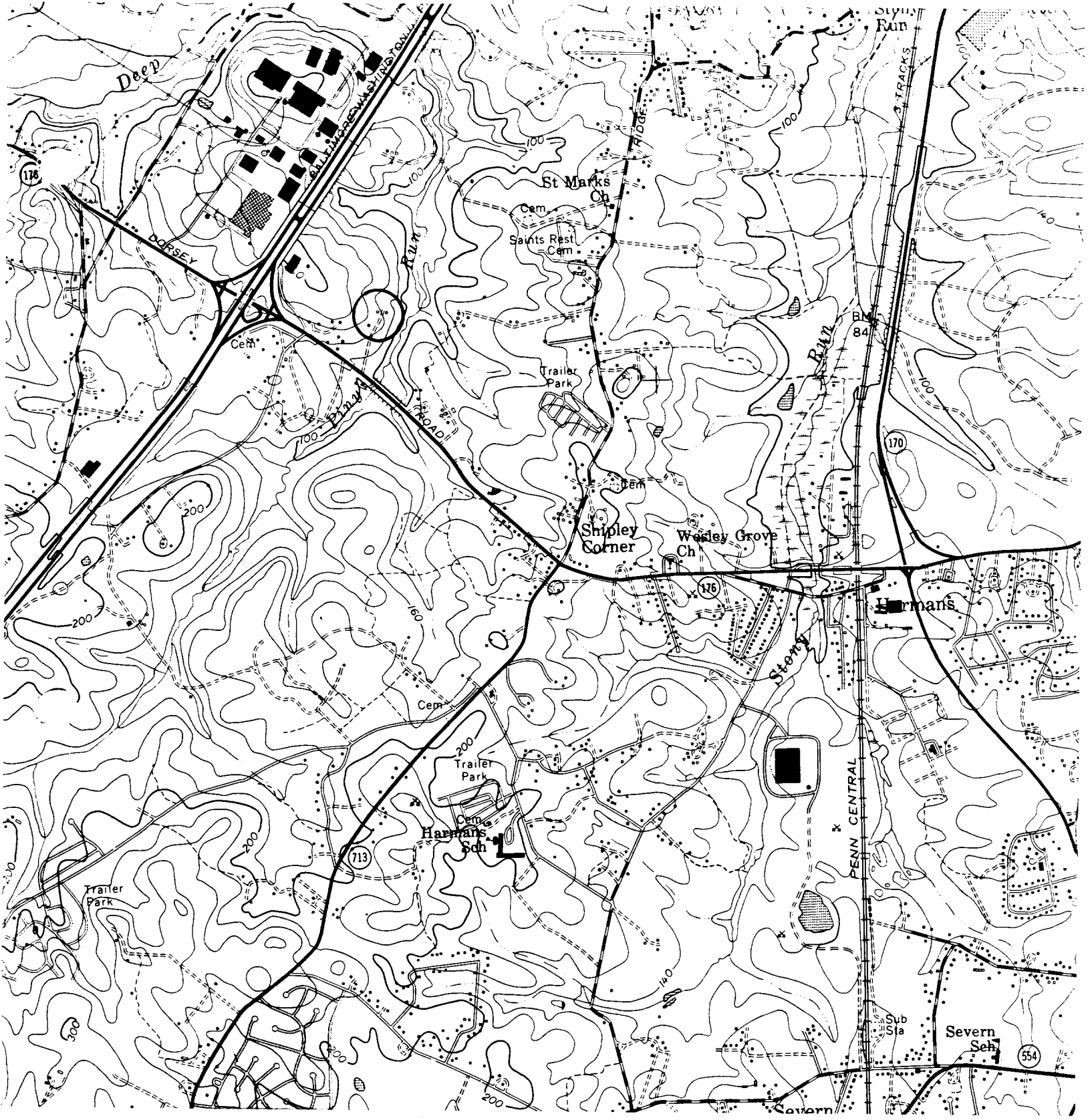


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Site: # AA-871
Name: Lebowitz Farm
Location: N. side of Dorsey Road,
.4 mile S.E. of B-W Parkway,
Harmans vicinity

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Lebowitz Farm
Anne Arundel County, MD
Photo: D. Ware
1/84
Facade: S.E. elevation

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