

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-242

Batterbrook Farm

11825 Gontram Road

Kingsville, Baltimore County

Circa 1870

Private

Facing east, the Batterbrook Farm is located near the historic village of Kingsville in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. The community of Kingsville was only sparsely developed by the mid-19th century, with a few dwellings and St. John's Episcopal Church. Between 1850 and 1877, a few more dwellings and a Lutheran Church were erected along Belair Road to the north of its intersection with Joppa Road. The southern portion of Kingsville, however, remained largely undeveloped. Throughout the second half of the 19th century, the Quinlin family owned Batterbrook Farm. By 1881, the population of Kingsville had reached 150 individuals, and the small community's building stock included a public school. Kingsville has remained largely rural and retained a significant amount of its 19th century character.

The Batterbrook Farm, constructed circa 1870, is nestled in a suburban development and is sited on a level grassy lot with foundation plantings, and mature trees and shrubs. The wood-frame Italianate-style house is two-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a central entrance. The entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled door flanked by 2-light 1-panel sidelights with a 6-light transom. The double-hung wood sash windows are 6/9 on the first story and 6/6 on the remaining upper stories. Each of the windows is supported with wood drip lintels and sills. The cross-gable roof is clad with slate tiles, above which two interior-end corbelled brick chimneys rise. The roof features overhanging eaves and scroll-sawn brackets. The one-story wrap-around porch is supported with chamfered wood posts and turned balusters, while resting on a stone pier foundation. The wood-frame cupola has been removed, and the dwelling is re-clad with vinyl siding. The central section of the dwelling encapsulates a log cabin dating prior to 1850, according to the 1850 Sidney Atlas. There are five historic buildings and one non-historic building is associated with this property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 242

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Batterbrook Farm

other _____

2. Location

street and number 11825 Gontrum Road not for publication

city, town Kingsville vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Howard & Barbara Neels

street and number 11825 Gontrum Road telephone Not Available

city, town Kingsville state MD zip code 21087-1356

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 63, 94

city, town Towson liber 9507 folio 789

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<u>1</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Batterbrook Farm, constructed circa 1870, is nestled in a suburban development and is sited on a level grassy lot with foundation plantings, and mature trees and shrubs. A paved driveway leads to the house. The low stone wall was built in 2000 by the owners. The wood-frame Italianate-style house is two-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a central entrance. The entry contains a single-leaf wood paneled door flanked by 2-light 1-panel sidelights with a 6-light transom. The double-hung wood sash windows are 6/9 on the first story and 6/6 on the remaining upper stories. Each of the windows is supported with wood drip lintels and sills. The cross-gable roof is clad with slate tiles, above which two interior-end corbelled brick chimneys rise. The roof features overhanging eaves and scroll-sawn brackets. The one-story wrap-around porch is supported with chamfered wood posts and turned balusters, while resting on a stone pier foundation. The wood-frame cupula has been removed, and the dwelling is re-clad with vinyl siding. The central section of the dwelling encapsulates a log cabin dating prior to 1850, according to the 1850 Sidney Atlas. Five historic buildings and one non-historic building is associated with this property.

Near the dwelling is a random-rubble stone smokehouse dating circa 1815. It is one-story high and one bay wide capped with a side-gable roof clad with slate shingles. The central entrance holds a vertical-board wood door with a wood lintel. Also near the dwelling is a random-rubble stone dwelling one-story in height and two bays wide. The entrance contains a single-leaf replacement wood door and is flanked by a 6-light wood casement window. The rebuilt roof is clad with wood shingles. Inscribed on a corner stone is "CWI 1811." Towards the front of the property are two dairy barns and one milk house. The circa 1920 dairy barn is wood frame clad with board-and-batten siding. It rises two stories, rests on a random-rubble stone foundation, and is capped with a side-gable roof. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and the sliding door is board-and-batten. On the roof ridge are two gabled and vented cupulas and one larger vented cupula with a pyramidal sloping roof. One metal-stave silo with a dome roof is connected to the dairy barn. The wood-frame milkhouse, dates 1920, rests on a random-rubble stone foundation, and is clad with board-and-batten siding. The sliding board-and-batten door is flanked by one 12-light awning window. The side-gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and features a small vented cupula with a sloping pyramidal roof. The concrete-block dairy barn, dating to 1940s, rests on a random-rubble stone foundation and rises one-and-a-half stories and is thirteen bays long. The center doors are cross-braced wood, flanked by 2/2 metal hopper windows. The gambrel roof includes a hanging gable at one end and is clad with standing-seam metal. The 1990s garage is one-and-a-half stories high and three bays wide. It is constructed of wood frame clad with vinyl siding and resting on a poured concrete foundation. It has three roll-up doors and the three dormers hold 8/8 double-hung vinyl sash windows. It is capped with a side-gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1811 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1811, 1870 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Facing east, the Batterbrook Farm is located near the historic village of Kingsville in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. The Eleventh District is described by Scharf as being the next to largest district in the county with a population of 4,581 in 1881.(1) The district is bounded by Harford County on the east, the Tenth District on the northwest, the Ninth District on the west, the Fourteenth District on the southwest, and the Fifteenth District on the south.

In the late 17th century, Baltimore County was divided into three parishes—including St. Paul's, St. George's and St. John's—the latter of which encompassed the land surrounding the present-day town of Kingsville on the east side of the county. The Day family owned significant amounts of land in the Kingsville area, and was active in the formation of St. John's Parish, an outgrowth of the parish church in Joppa.(2) By the mid-19th century, the community of Kingsville was only sparsely developed with a few dwellings and St. John's Episcopal Church, which was located at the crossroads of Belair Road and Joppa Road.(3) Between 1850 and 1877, a few more dwellings and a Lutheran Church were erected along Belair Road to the north its intersection with Joppa Road. The southern portion of Kingsville, however, remained largely undeveloped. By 1881, the population of Kingsville had reached 150 individuals, and the small community's building stock included a public school.(4) Kingsville has remained largely rural and retained a significant amount of its 19th century character. The Batterbrook Farm is noted on the 1850 Sidney Atlas as belonging to I.G. Quinlin. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas shows that C.H. Quinlin resides at this property.

ENDNOTES

1. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 916.

2. Scharf, p. 921.

3. J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850). This portion of Joppa Road has been renamed Bradshaw Road.

4. *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), np; see also J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 918.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 27.16 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Batterbrook Farm, constructed circa 1840 and 1870, is located at 11825 Gontrum Road in Kingsville in the Eleventh District in Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 63 parcel 94 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN Kingsville VICINITY Dist. XI STREET NO. Mt. Vista Road ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-243 242
	2. NAME Batterbrook Farm DATE OR PERIOD about 1811 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

A two-story log cabin built on a tract called "Gassaway's Ridge." Frame addition built by Jonathan Chapman about 1873. Surrounded on three sides by a Victorian style porch; formerly with cupola.

Present owner, Mrs. John B. Gontrum.

(second HABS report)
 E. Frances Offutt
 HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
 COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
 March 20, 1968

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

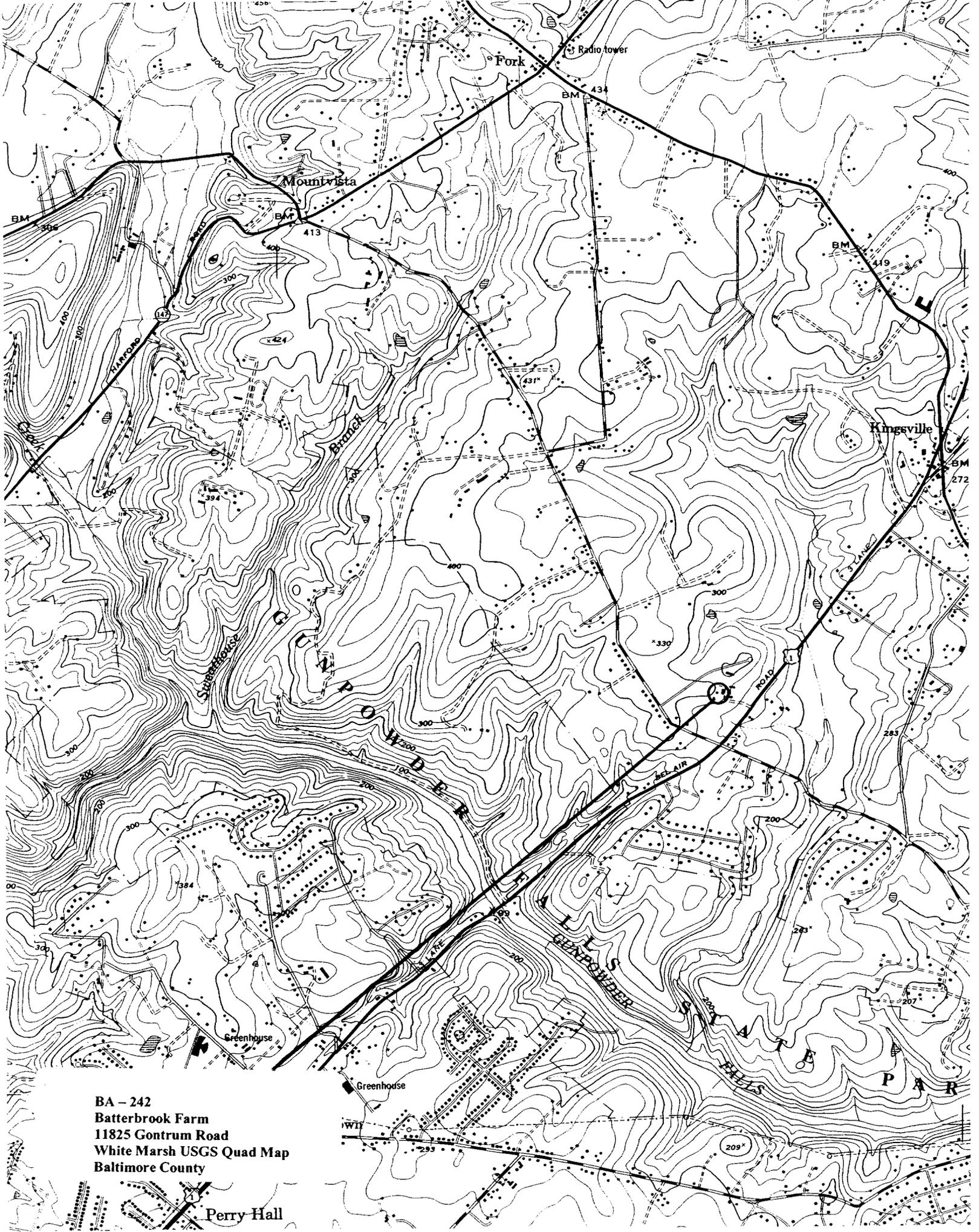
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE





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Batterbrook Farm
11825 Gontrum Road
White Marsh USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

Perry Hall



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HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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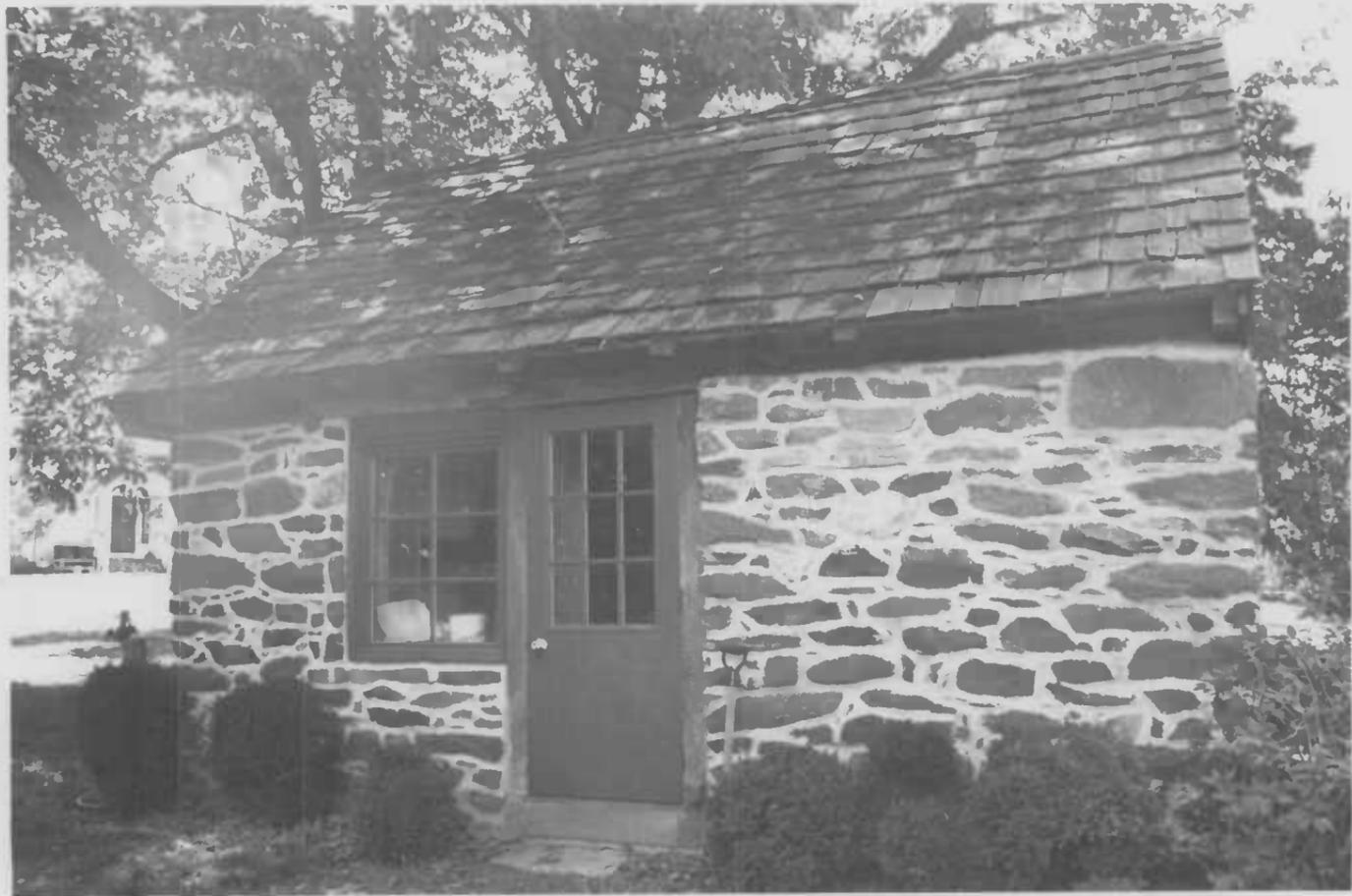
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HOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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STONEHOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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SMOKE HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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DAIRY BARN AND MILK HOUSE, VIEW LOOKING
NORTH

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DAIRY BARN, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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