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"Green's Delight", Circle M Farm  
near Richardsmere  
private

c. first quarter of the 19th c.

The farm known today as Circle M Farm consists of parts of three 18th-century land grants, "Bourn's Forest," "Greenbury," and "Green's Delight." Although the 241 acre farm was probably inhabited through the 18th century, the present house and barn date to the first decades of the 19th century. Joseph Moore acquired the property in 1813 from a James Sims of Cecil County, while owning an adjacent farm which he bought in 1803 when he moved south from London Grove Township, Pennsylvania. Since Joseph Moore held the property until 1836 he was probably responsible for building the present two and a half story fieldstone farmhouse with its three room plan. The double pen log barn, however, was built by James Sims who left his initials and 1806 date inscribed into one of the foundation stones.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Green's Delight, BOWEN FOREST, GREENBURY  
AND/OR COMMON Circle M Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER North of Route 1 - JUST EAST OF KILBY CORNER

CITY, TOWN Conowingo  VICINITY OF 1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil

**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 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 Edwin A. Orvis Telephone #: 378-3971

STREET & NUMBER Route 1

CITY, TOWN Conowingo  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 121  
Folio #: 403

STREET & NUMBER Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland 21921

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

The Orvis Farmhouse C. 1820-1840 is a 2 1/2 story 3 room plan stuccoed fieldstone structure located north of Route 1 and just east of Kilby Corner. The house is located at the end of a long lane with the house on a southern slope of a small hill. The main facade has a southern exposure with the main gable running East/West.

The main block is four bays across by one ~~two~~ room deep. A mid 19th century one room stone wing extends to the north and later frame additions to the west from the gable end. A front porch of late 19th century design is attached to the main facade. The main block rests on a full uncoursed stone basement. The fieldstone is stuccoed and white washed and the <sup>gable</sup> slate roof is of medium pitch.

The South (Main) facade has two central entrances with late 19th century molded panel doors and <sup>a</sup> half round <sup>measuring</sup> door <sup>for</sup> surrounds. The window sash is a later 2/2 arrangement with similar trim. There is a boxed cornice and interior gable end stretcher bond brick chimneys. The west stack is stuccoed but the east stack has an elaborate corbelled cap. There are two dormers with 4/1 sash and fluted surrounds on the south slope of the roof. The front porch has turned supports and star motifs in the cut-out corner brackets.

The east gable end has two 2/2 sash windows on each floor had 2 basement windows with diamond cross-sectioned horizontal bars. The back section has a door in the southern bay and 2/2 sash window in the northern bay. There is a small bead on the window and door surrounds.

The north (back) side of the main block is partially covered with the rear addition. There is a single 2/2 sash in the western bay on the first floor along with two 2/2 sash windows on the second floor. A small 4 pane sash is located near the center of the wall and near eave level to light the back stair. The west end additions are later 19th century frame sections with standing seam tin roofs. The roof line is a couple of feet lower than the main block.

The interior of the main block was extensively altered due to the removal of partition walls and woodwork. The wall between the two rooms along with the corner fireplaces were taken out. The openings between the east and west rooms was enlarged ~~and~~ and the mantel in the main room is gone.

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The stair remains inclosed and rises against the north wall. The second floor has lost a good deal of its original woodwork. The house must have been extensively modernized in the late 19th century.

The basement is entered through the back section. It contains a sunken vault of some sort, probably for cold storage. The third floor has been finished off so no clues to construction could be detected there.

One of the most interesting and valuable aspects of this property is the double pen log barn with a central threshing floor. The exterior is covered with board and batten siding and a shed addition extends off the south end. The logs are in excellent shape and are joined by V-notches. Access to the pens is ~~is~~ gained through large openings in the interior log walls.

**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

The Orvis farmhouse is one of many three room plans with a symmetrical facade and located on the south slope of a hill. ~~This modified German plan is well represented in this part of the county and may be the result of a German movement in the late 18th or early 19th centuries into this area.~~ The farmhouse interior has been renovated in the late 19th century so little remains of early 19th century detailing. The late 19th century woodwork, however, was added with discretion and should not be considered inferior.

~~Even~~ More significant than the house is the double pen log barn which is the only barn of its type located in this area. The once, undoubtedly, common form has become relatively extinct in this section of the state.

\* 1806 DOUBLE PEN LOG BARN /  
 INITIALS J. S. STARK FOR JAMES SIMS

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/22/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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JS 37/377 Green's Delight  
 Joseph Moore - Cecil Co., Farmer  
 To  
 1836 Joseph Raman  
 159½ Acres \$4000.00

JS 9/143 James Sims of Cecil Co.  
 To  
 10/1/1813 Joseph Moore  
 Greenbury, Green's Delight, Borans Forest  
 159½ Acres \$6000.00

JS 3/216 George Gillespie  
 To  
 5/28/1807 James Sims  
 159½ Acres \$2,666.00

WILL George Gillespie, Father  
 To  
 7/21/1787 George Gillespie, Son

WKS 10/115 P.116 1. John Steel & Wife Eliz.  
 To  
 8/23/1746 George Gillespie (Part of Barans Forest)

WK 2/31 P32 2. John Lorgant (?) sp.  
 To  
 5/4/1734 George Gillespie

JD 3/318 P 139 Abraham Pennington  
 To  
 11/4/1719 John Lorgant  
 Greenbury or Green's Delight

P 2 3/500 Proprietors of State of Maryland  
 To  
 1714 Abraham Pennington  
 241 Acres - Greenbury - Green's Delight

Orvis Farm Green's Delight

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JS 37/377

Joseph Moore Cecil Co. (farmer) 1836

to

Joseph Roman 159½ acres \$ 4000.00

JS 9/443

James Sims of Cecil Co. Oct. 1, 1813

to

Joseph Moore  
Tracts mentioned "Greenbury, Green's Delight,  
"Borans Forest"  
159 acres \$ 6000.00

JS 3/216

George Gillespie May 28, 1807

to

James Sims 159½ acres \$ 2,606

Will

George Gillespie, father July 21, 1787

to

son George Gillespie

WKS (?)  
10/115-116

John Steel and wife Elix. August 23, 1746

to

George Gillespie (part of Boran's Forest)

WK 2/31-32

John Lorgant (?) 5/4/1734

to

George Gillespie

JD 3/138-139

Abraham Pennington November 4, 1719

to

John Lorgant (Greenbury or Greens Delight)

3/500

Proprietors of the State of Maryland 1714

to

Abraham Pennington 241 a. Greenbury-Greens  
Delight

CHAIN OF TITLE

ORVIS 1836 J.S. 37/377

From Joseph Moore to Joseph Roman  
159 acres, Green's Delight

Joseph Roman to Jane Way Will C 10/8  
1852

March 6, 1874 A W M 1/417 (141)  
Heirs of Jane Way to Joshua Way

April 2, 1881 J A D 1/538  
Lydia Way to June E. Way

Nov. 27, 1882 J A D 6/61  
June Way to Sarah Way Samellands

Sarah Way to Philip R. West  
March 23, 1892 J A D 23/476

P.R. West to Boyd C. Etter CLP 1/213

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CECIL CO

Conowingo Md. Pa.  
4397  
QUAD.

Rock Springs

New Valley  
Sch

Porters Grove  
Ch

Richardsmere

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Conowingo Ch.

Conowingo (P.O.)  
Kilby Corner

Conowingo  
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OCTORARO  
CREEK

Rowlandsville

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42'30"

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(RISING SUN)  
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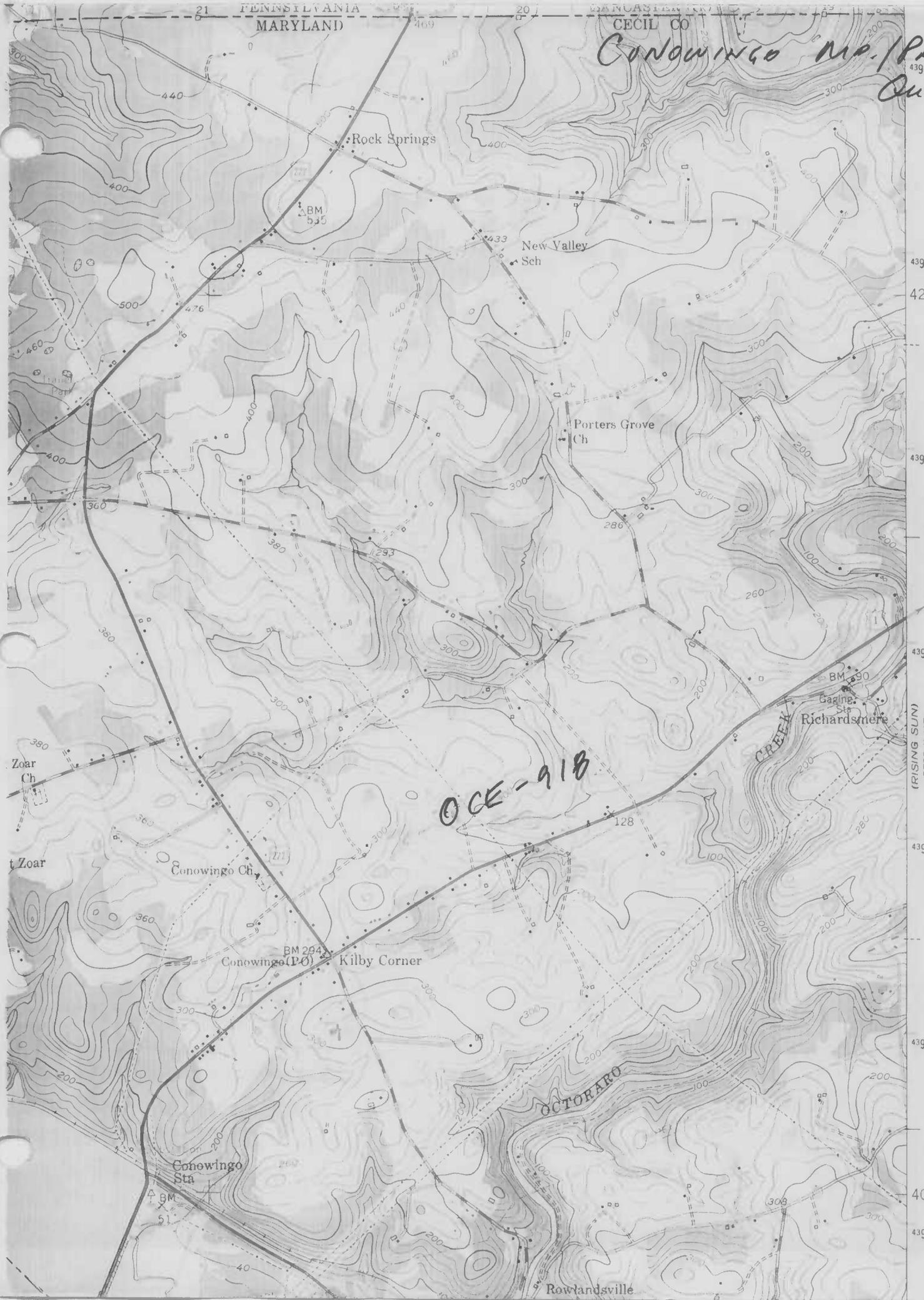
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RISING SUN 25 MI  
PHILADELPHIA PA 22 MI





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GREEN'S DELIGHT  
CONOWINGO, MD.  
SOUTH ELEVATION

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BARN - WEST ELEVATION

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CUNNINGCO, MD.

BARN INTERIOR

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GREEN'S DELIGHT

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NORTH ELEVATION

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