Easement

Survey No.: CH-148 (PACS C248)

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic John H. Reeder Property

and/or common Jones Property

2. Location:

street & number 11450 Edge Hill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Newburg _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_x_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	___yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_x_not applicable	_x_no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name David and Judith Jones

street & number 11450 Edge Hill Road telephone no.:

city,town Newburg state and zip code MD 20664

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 1177

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive folio 53

city,town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository/survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
_x_good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
___fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 7

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

The John H. Reeder Property was previously assigned a Maryland Historical Trust number; however, and extensive survey form was not completed. The John H. Reeder Property is a 2½-story, 3-bay I-house on the east side of Edge Hill Road in the Newburg vicinity of Charles County. Constructed circa 1865, the building has a 2-story rear ell with a 1-story gable addition.

The structure has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with a center gable and two small dormers. There are two brick chimneys near the center of the I-house, and a brick chimney at the end wall of the ell. The I-house is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboards and it has a brick foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung wood with the exception of the dormers and gable ends, which have 2-light wood casements and two triangular panes, and the center gable, which has a 2-light semi-circular window. The 6/6 windows have shutters and bracketed sills.

The south, or front elevation has a center wood door with sidelights and a transom. The door has a flat-roof, classical-style entry porch with four chamfered wood posts. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical; there are two windows and the door on the first story and three windows the second story.

The east and west elevations of the I-house and the ell are similar. The I-house has one window on the first and second stories, and a casement window in the gable end. The west elevation of the ell has two windows on both stories. The east elevation of the ell has a shed-roof porch, a 3-light wood door and one window on the first story, and two windows on the second story.

The north elevation of the I-house is visible at the first and second bays. There is one first story window and two second story windows. The ell has no fenestration.

The gable addition is used as a kitchen. The kitchen has a window on the east elevation and a 4-light door and a window on the west elevation.

There are six outbuildings associated with the property. The first outbuilding is a springhouse with an asphalt shingle, pyramidal roof. Constructed circa 1890, the springhouse is of wood-frame construction and is located south of the I-house.

The second outbuilding is a smokehouse with an asphalt shingle, gable roof. Constructed circa 1890, the smokehouse is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the I-house and springhouse.

The third outbuilding is a chicken house with an asphalt shingle, shed roof. Constructed circa 1950, the chicken house is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the I-house and springhouse, and immediately east of the smokehouse.

The fourth outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt shingle, gable roof. Constructed circa 1950, e shed is of wood-frame construction and is located north of the I-house and the other buildings.

7. Description (Continued)

The fifth and sixth outbuildings are barns with metal gable roofs. Constructed circa 1900, the barns are of wood-frame construction and are located northwest of the I-house and springhouse and west of the other buildings.

The property is located on the east side of Edge Hill Road on a cleared level site. The property's setting is a rural area of woods, fields and residences.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
ehistoric	__archaeology-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	
x_1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
__1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other:

Specific dates circa 1865 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B _x_C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state _x_local

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

The John H. Reeder Property was originally situated on 10.11 hectares (25 acres) of land purchased by Dr. Reeder through two transactions in 1860 and 1864. A house which became known as "Edge Hill" was constructed on the land circa 1865. While the size of the parcel associated with the premises remained constant, the property was sold a number of times until the current ners, David and Judith Jones, acquired it in 1986. The parcel is now 2.37 hectares (5.86 res). There are no detailed, published historic maps or atlas of Charles County, Maryland which locate and indicate ownership of buildings.

The John H. Reeder Property is an I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are located near the interior of the gable ends, however, external chimneys are characteristic in the Chesapeake region. Usually, an I-house has a one-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. Initially, stone masonry construction was used but by the mid-nineteenth century, as pre-cut lumber became increasingly available, frame construction became the norm. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a two-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

Two of the buildings associated with the John H. Reeder Property are barns. Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, vestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

8. Significance (Continued)

The John H. Reeder Property is located in Charles County, in southern Maryland. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The John H. Reeder Property, constructed circa 1865, is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, as a good example of a mid-nineteenth century I-house with unusual window types and surrounds, which retain much original materials. The I-house has not been significantly altered and it retains several buildings, such as the barns, springhouse, and smokehouse. The property's setting, a rural area, retains its historic associations. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility Recommended X **Eligibility Not Recommended** _____

Comments: Criterion C

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 7/4/01

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.37 hectares (5.86 acres)
Quadrangle name Pope's Creek, MD
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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ganization P.A.C. Spero & Company — date September 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 — telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore — state Maryland

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

John H. Reeder Property; CH-148 (PACS C248)
11450 Edge Hill Road, Newburg, Charles County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture; Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not applicable; Occupied; Not accessible; Private Residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farm, Tobacco

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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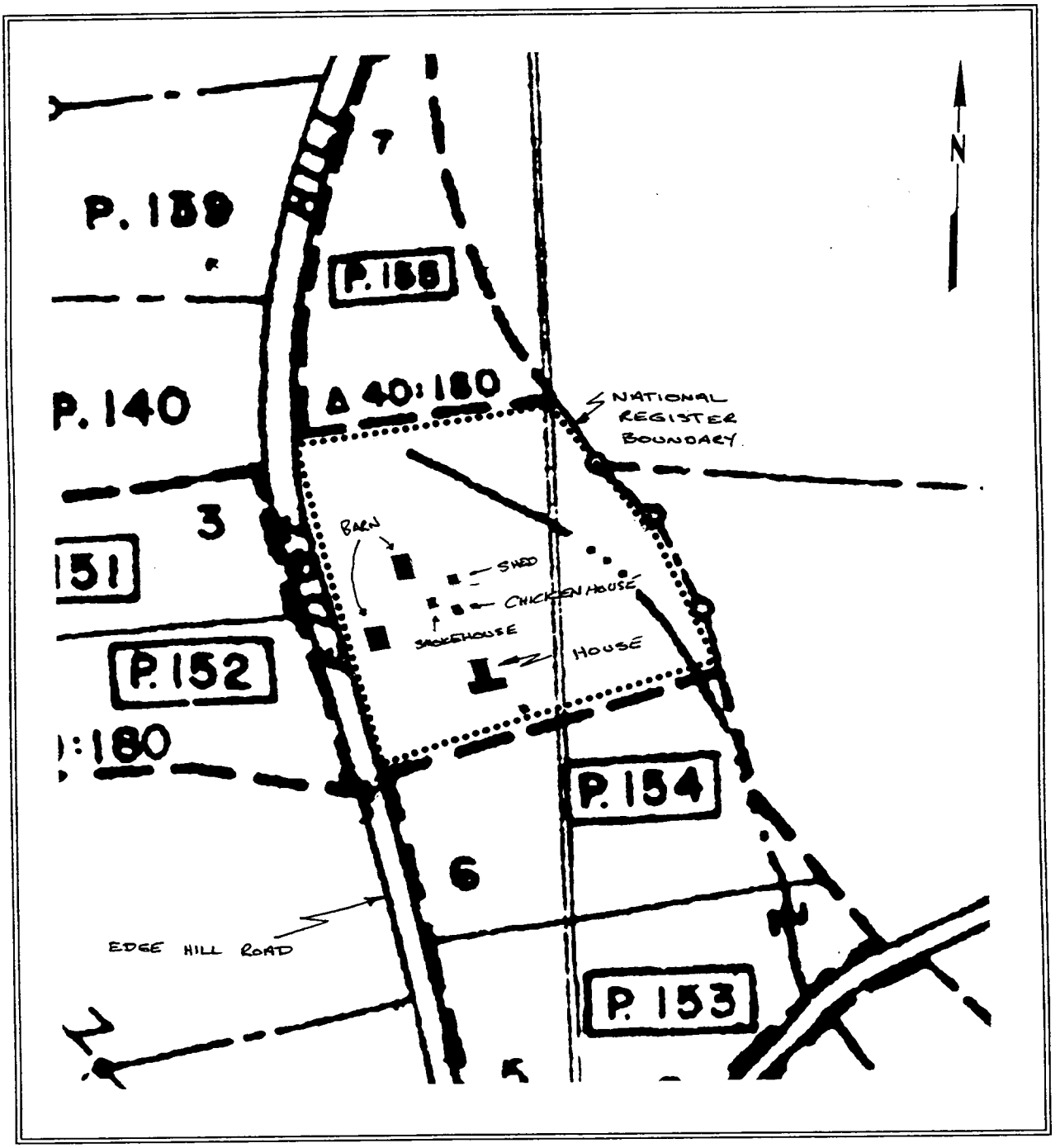
10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal boundary description and justification:

The National Register boundaries of the John H. Reeder Property follow the current property lines of 11450 Edge Hill Road (Charles County Tax Map 73, Parcel 29). This 2.37 hectare (5.86 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south, and east by adjacent tax parcels and on the west by Edge Hill Road. The boundary includes the I-house, contributing springhouse, smokehouse, and barns, and the non-contributing shed and chicken house. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 10.11 hectare (25 acre) parcel purchased by Dr. Reeder through two transactions in 1860 and 1864.

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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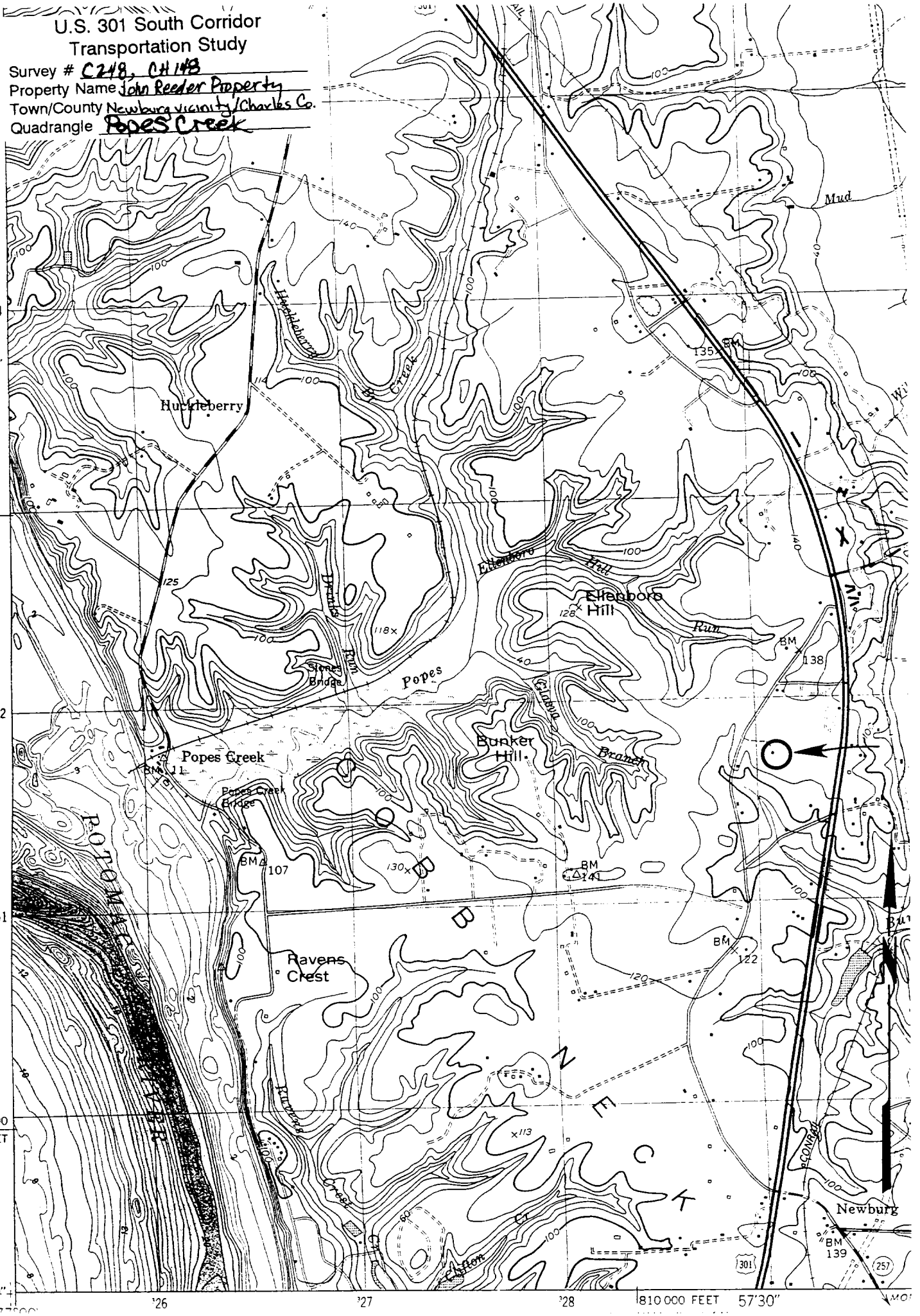
Town/County Newburg vicinity/Charles Co.
Quadrangle Popes Creek



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EDGEHILL FARM
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Front (South) facade of house

SCALE: POPES CREEK 7.5' QUAD

PREPARED: CAM 1/87

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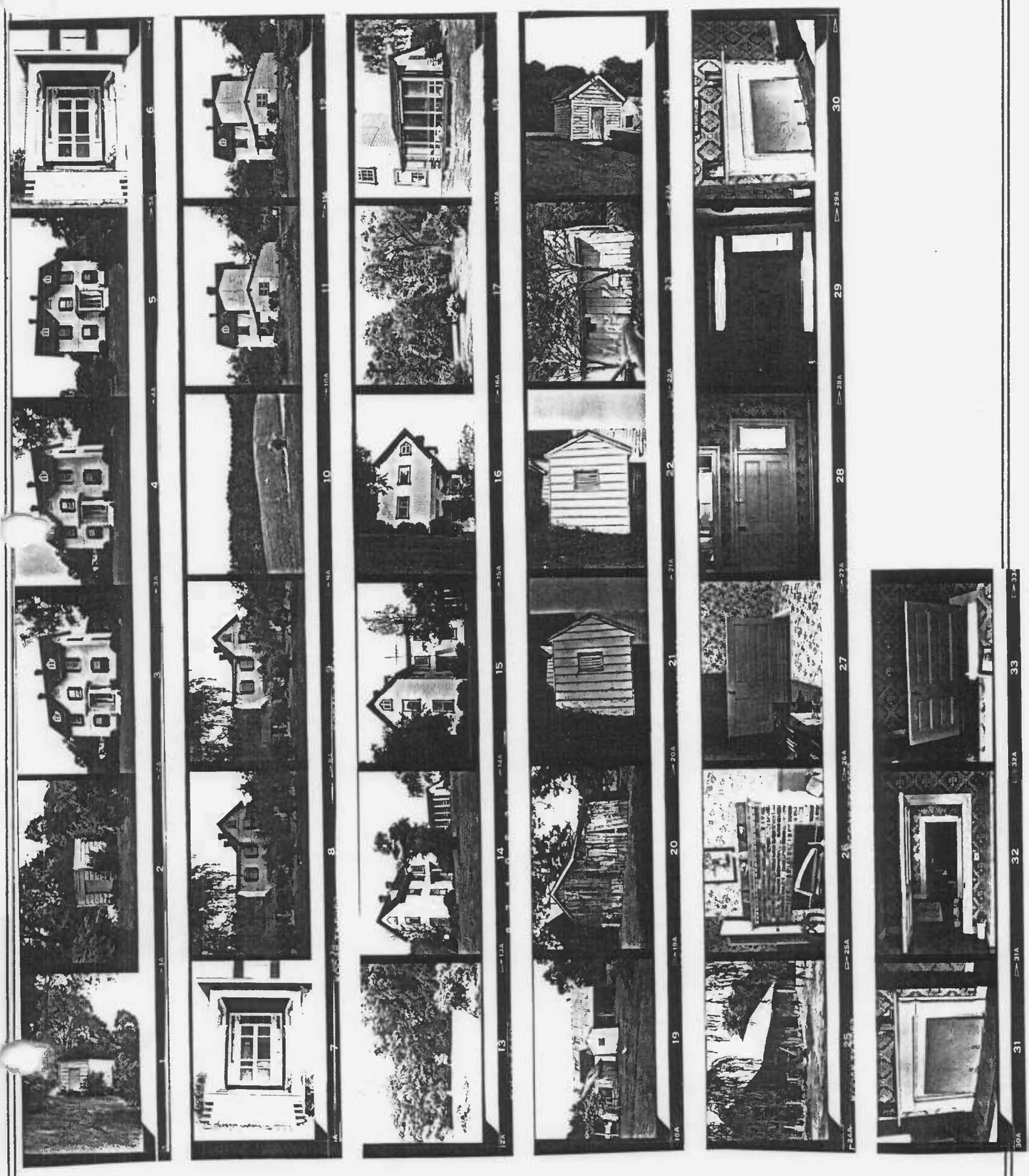

EDGEHILL FARM
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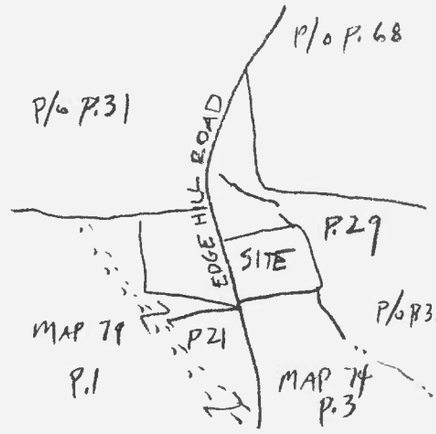
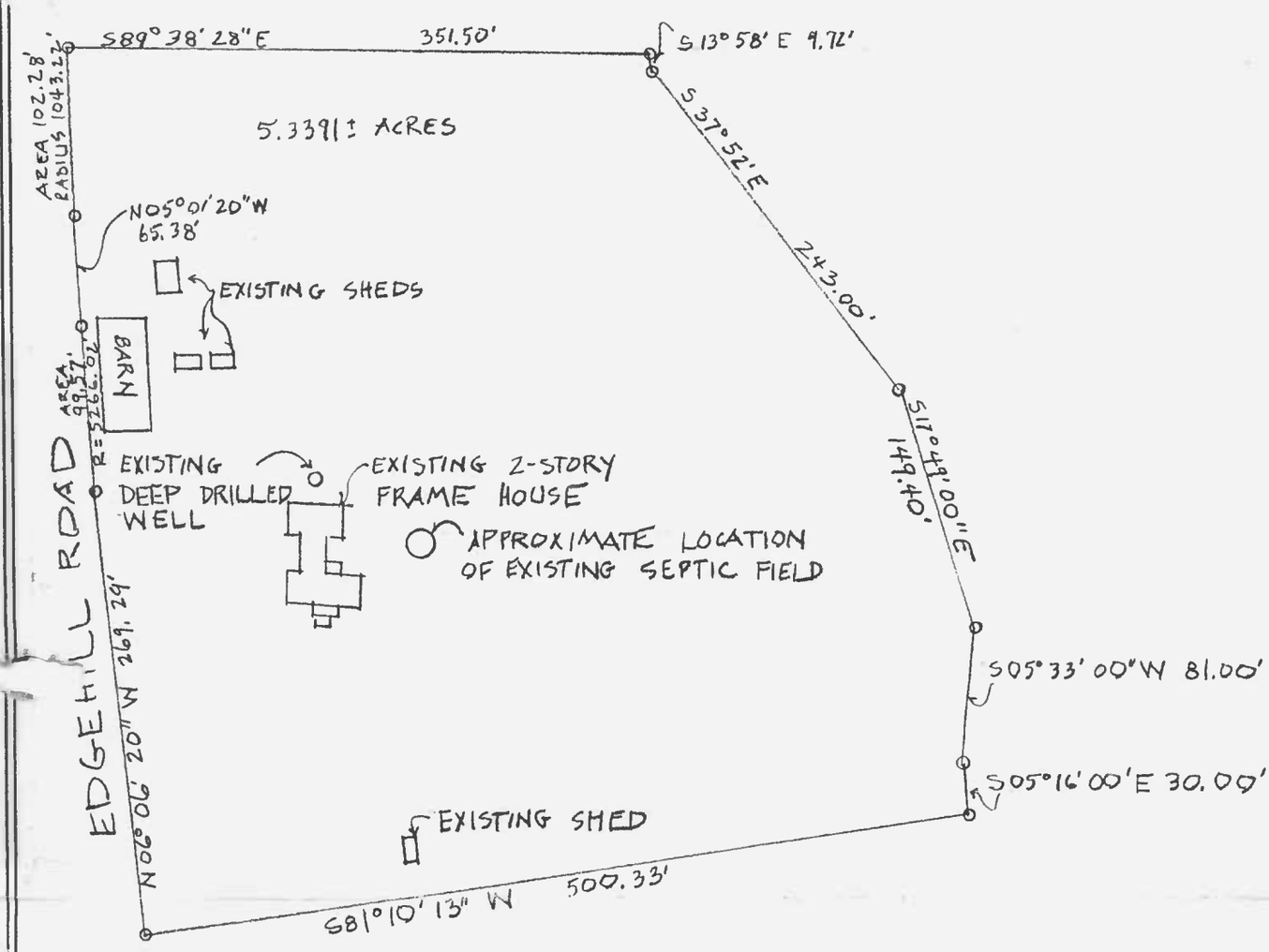


VICINITY MAP

TAX MAP 73
P/o PARCEL 29



EDGEHILL FARM NEWBURG VICINITY CHARLES COUNTY EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO.A, PAGE 2 OF 9	SITE PLAN SCALE: 1"=100' PREPARED: CAM 5/88 MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	NORTH

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EDGE HILL
Ronald Foster 12/1990
South (front) Facade

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EDGE HILL
Ronald Porter, 1981
East facade, showing outbuildings to left.

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EDGE HILL
Ronald Porter 12/1980
SE corner of house.

CH-148
EDGE HILL
Ronald Porter 12/1980
South (front) facade

CH-149
EDGE HILL
Ronald Porter, 1991
East Facade

CH-148
EDGE HILL
Ronald Porter 12/1980
Detail of front porch, South Facade