

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: George Schaeffer House Survey Number: CARR-396

Project: MD 140 (Westminster Bypass) Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided by SHA, the George Shaeffer House, located at 1032 Meadow Branch Road, northwest of Westminster in Carroll County, does not meet any of the National Register Criteria for listing. The property includes a large, log and frame house which appears to have been constructed in several phases from the mid-19th century through the mid-20th century, a frame domestic outbuilding and numerous large metal and concrete block structures of recent construction. Probably always fairly undistinguished, successive alterations have caused the house to lose any sense of architectural character it might have possessed. It fails to convey a sense of any particular period of construction. The only other historic building on the property is a frame outbuilding, possibly dating to the late 19th century, which served as butchery and washhouse. The large modern buildings are located in close proximity to the historic buildings. The property fails to convey any sense of an historic farmstead. Thus, the property does not appear to possess sufficient architectural significance to warrant inclusion in the Register under Criterion C. It is not known to have been associated with significant events or people and thus is unlikely to warrant inclusion under Criteria A or B. It is located to the north of the National Register-eligible Roop Rural Historic District, in an area of similarly mediocre and much altered farmsteads. Thus, it does not appear to be a contributing resource in an eligible or listed historic district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory
form ARR-396

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold April 16, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter E. Kennedy 4/16/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-single dwelling, secondary building;

Agricultural

Known Design Source: na

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic GEORGE SCHAEFFER HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1032 MEADOW BRANCH ROAD not for publicationcity, town WESTMINSTER vicinity of congressional district

state MARYLAND county CARROLL

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name CHARLES MILLER, JR.

street & number 1202 MEADOW BRANCH ROAD telephone no. 857 5367

city, town WESTMINSTER state and zip code MARYLAND

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. COURTHOUSE liber 1542

street & number folio 101

city, town WESTMINSTER state MARYLAND

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title CARR 396 FIELD SURVEY SHEET

date federal state county local

depository for survey records MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD

7. Description

Survey No. CARR 396

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date of move _____

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1850 **Builder/Architect** UNKNOWN

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR 396

LAND RECORDS, CARROLL COUNTY
ATLAS, CARROLL COUNTY

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, CHARLES MILLER, JR., MRS. STARNER

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name NEW WINDSOR

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title RITA M. SUFFNESS, LEADER, CULTURAL RESOURCES GROUP

organization MD STATE HWY ADMINISTRATION date NOV. 26, 1996

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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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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**CARR-396
George Schaeffer House
Westminster
Carroll County, Maryland**

**Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description**

The George Schaeffer House Historic Property is located in the northern reaches of the valley drained by Meadow Branch Creek to the west of Westminster in Carroll County. A greatly altered frame dwelling and a domestic outbuilding are the sole remnants of the George Schaeffer Farm, also the former location of the Schaeffer Tannery of the mid-nineteenth century. All of the remaining buildings are large metal and concrete block structures of recent construction and do not contribute to the significance of the site.

The dwelling is a very large ell-shaped, two and one-half story frame structure, which was encased with vinyl siding by the current owners, Starners, in ca. 1966. Built in sections over time, it is thought to have originated with a small log, one-over-one structure which comprises the northwest corner. It was likely expanded, according to the mid-twentieth century owners (the Starners) with a substantial section to the south including a large wing extending from the east entrance elevation. This unusual orientation of a wing extending from the entrance elevation suggests the possibility that the egress to the site may have been changed at one time. The structure was again expanded (by the second generation of the Starners family to own the property) with an addition to the east facade of the original. This may have been a two story porch which was enclosed. They also enclosed, ca. 1966, the full width one story porch on the rear, or west elevation.

The east entrance facade is thus composed of one-half of the exposed enclosed porch on the north and the cross wings, with superimposed galleries on the south. The face of the east elevation is disguised by an enclosed two story porch, with paired windows aligned at two levels in the north bay and a centered doorway sheltered by a two story gallery of the projecting wing, sheltered by an integral roof. This enclosed porch is likely the latest addition given the replacement windows of unequal sizes. A concrete block chimney rises along the outside north wall of this addition.

The east cross gable face of this wing is composed of two bays, two stories in height, with regular fenestration at all levels, single windows and a concrete block chimney on the south elevation. The gable roof of this wing intersects the

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**Continuation Sheet 7.2
Description**

gable roof of the rear, five bay-wide main section at a right angle, with a triple window at the first story level of this main block. The rear elevation is the long side or flank of the rectangular main block which has irregular fenestration given that the openings of the second level are not directly arrayed above those in the full width enclosed, shed-roofed, one-story porch.

Off the northwest corner of the house is a domestic outbuilding--a combination butchery and shed--in fair condition, having been modified internally by the owners. A rectangular building with a standing seam metal gable roof (which parallels the long side of the building), it is internally divided into two parts and used for storage. The frame structure is clad with German siding and has an entrance in all four elevations. Built into a rise on the west, it is raised above ground level by roughly two feet on a rubble foundation on the east and north where the butchery was located. Two of the entrances (in the east and north elevations) are at ground level. These, plus an entrance at grade on the west side, give ingress into the north end of the structure, which has a chimney in the east slope of the gable roof. This half of the structure has one window and originally had a dirt floor (in the north gable end). The south half has two windows in the east and west elevations (mostly two-over-two) as well as a window in the west bay of the gable end next to the door, reached by concrete block steps. An additional opening to the west of this window has been boarded up.

Despite the fair state of preservation given the internal alterations it is clear in the degree of finish that some care was taken in the design and construction of this combination butchery and shed. Typical finishes include cornerboards, slightly molded architrave's around some of the openings, and a bed molding in the soffits of the gable ends.

On a ridge located immediately to the west of the house and outbuilding is a large complex of large concrete block and metal pole buildings, equipment garages, etc. All of these were recently constructed and do not contribute to the historical significance of this property.

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**Continuation Sheet 8.1
Statement of Significance**

The George Schaeffer House Historic Property is composed of a greatly altered frame dwelling and a combination washhouse/butchery. They are the sole standing structures which are remnants of the farm and tannery which existed on the site in the mid-nineteenth century. The dwelling, having been expanded, altered, and clad with vinyl siding, has lost considerable integrity. The historical integrity of the property has also been greatly diminished the presence of a large complex of concrete block and metal farm buildings.

This property is located on remnants of land grants known as “Kelly’s Delight”, “The Gift”, “Resurvey on Dairy”, “Spring Garden”, and “Molly’s Industry Resurveyed”. The farm, encompassing 100 acres in 1877, was assembled by George Schaeffer, a tanner, by the mid-nineteenth century, and later owned by Charles Schaeffer, also a tanner. By the time the will of Charles Schaeffer was probated by Anna Schaeffer in 1938 the property had shrunk to 97 acres (Will Record, JDB 9/530). The farm passed out of the family at that time. All of the buildings connected with the tanning industry have vanished, as have most of the period farm buildings. Apart from the much modified dwelling, and a moderately intact domestic outbuilding, the property largely dates to the late twentieth century, as approximately eight very large metal and concrete block pole buildings and equipment sheds dominate the setting of this active farm.

In its abbreviated state with its heavily modified dwelling, the George Schaeffer property evokes little association with the past and is only marginally significant.

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Historic Context

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

**Chronological/Developmental Period (s):
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930**

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Agriculture, Architecture

Resource Type

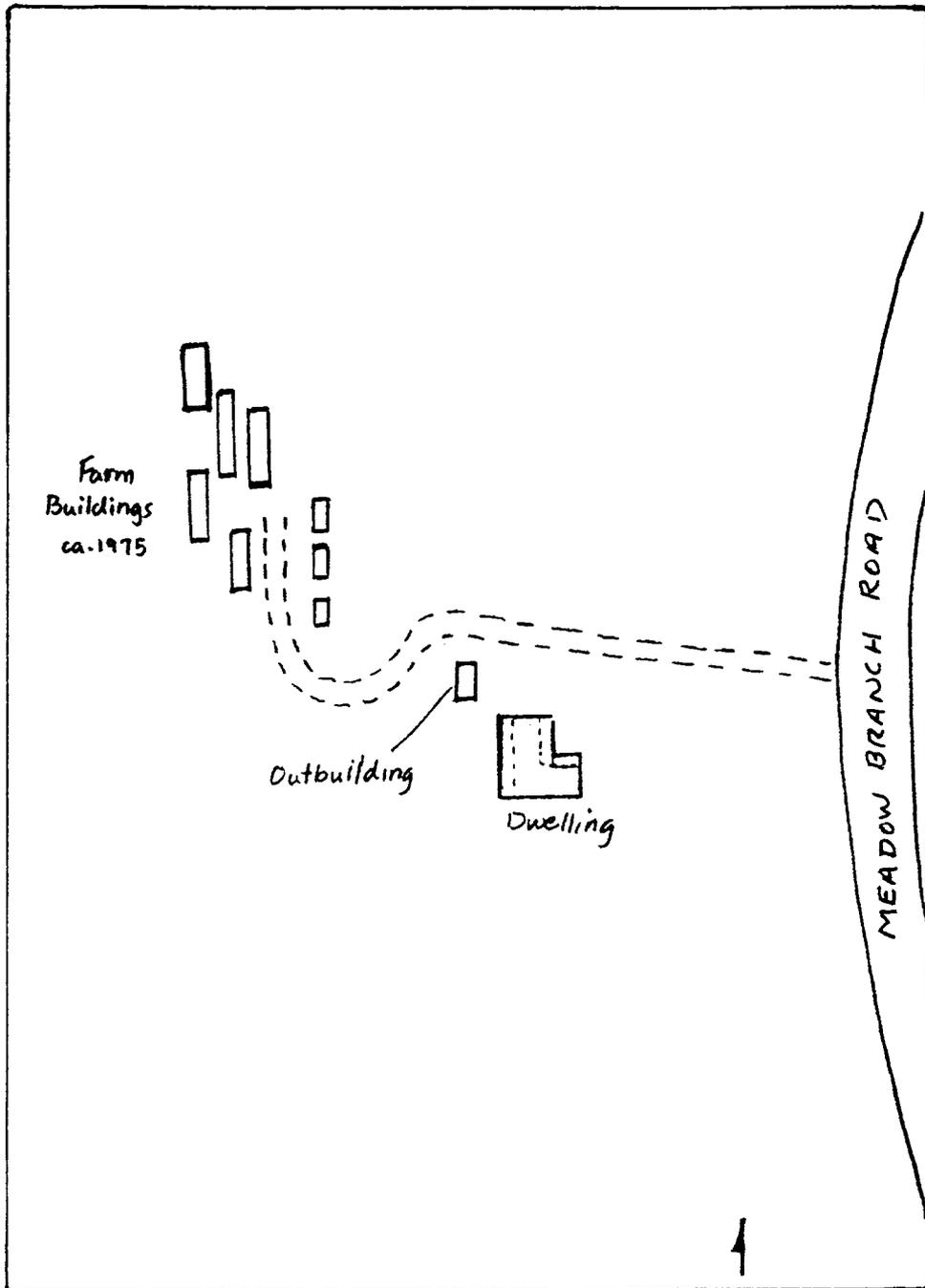
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

**Historic Function (s) and Use (s):
Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence
Domestic/Subsistence/Outbuildings**

Known Design Source: None

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Site Plan-Not to Scale





Case 396

George Schaeffer

Carroll City

1911 - 1912

Magist JMD State

Dwelling - Summer Kitchen
~~Guest House~~

See Case 1000

1/12



CARR 316

George Schaeffer House

Carroll City

1100 ft - 1000 ft

1000 ft

1000 ft

West Elmore

2/12



Cr. 396
Group of 6
C. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
May 29 1911

Dwelling of
S. W. 2. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.

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George S. ...
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Dwelling

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4/12



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House &uff. House
Carrall Co. MD

R. S. Carrall

7/27/01

Dwelling

50 Carrall

5112



Carr 396

George Schaff House

Carroll City MD

Ruffner

17 1/2 miles

Highway, State

Divide

east - west

6/17



Carm 396
George Schaffner House

on ...

R. S. ...
New ...

Pray,

N. S. Co.

1911



Case 396
George Schaffner Home
Carroll Co. Ia. 11 10

12 Sept 1916

Dear Mr. Schaffner

Thank you for the

check for \$10.00

Yours truly
W. T. A.
8/15



Case 346

George Schaeffer & Home

Carroll Co. MD

2 Sept 19 -

High to low

20

100

100

~~Butcher Shop~~

Newcomer

9/12



Cover 396

Charles Schaffner

Carroll City 3112

Ruffner

725 24 10 1/2

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B. W. Schaffner / 5/12/61

5/12/61

10/12





Case 306

George to [unclear]

On [unclear]

R. [unclear]

17th [unclear]

Address to [unclear]

Committee Black [unclear]

12/12

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1032 MEADOW BRANCH ROAD

mid-19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

1032 Meadow Branch Road presents a representative regional farmhouse with its L-shaped plan, symmetrical facade, two-story height and unelaborate trim. During the mid-nineteenth century, the house was the farm residence of George Shaffer, who also ran a tannery on the property. The tannery buildings are no longer standing.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
225. N. Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

5/12 farm

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR - 396

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: farm

ORIGINAL USE: farm

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good ()
Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT:

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster

LOCATION: 1032 Meadow Branch Road

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Farm

OWNER: Oliver E Stamer

ADDRESS: 1032 Meadow Branch Rd
Westminster MD 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood: Log () Post and Beam Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2 Entrance Location: center

Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

representative regional farmhouse type

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

bank barn -

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative farm property

tannery operation is of historical interest

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map: Geo. Shaffer residence & tannery
1877 LG & S Atlas: " " " "

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SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
Moderately Built Up () Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural (x) Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

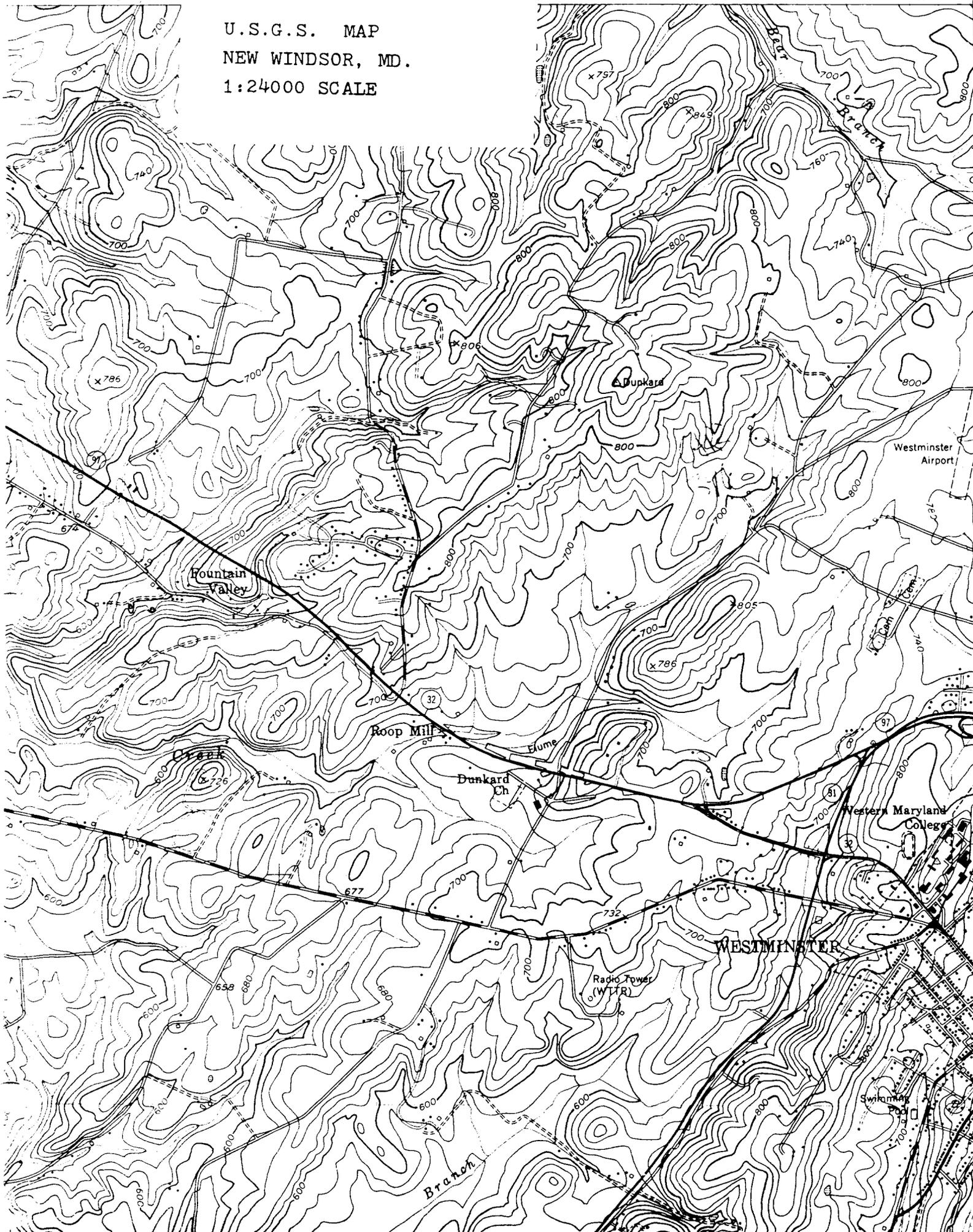
RECORDED BY:

Joe Betty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

U.S.G.S. MAP
 NEW WINDSOR, MD.
 1:24000 SCALE





1. CARR-396 1032 MEADOW BRANCH ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. East elevation (camera facing west)
7. 1/1