

T-393
Clarke W. Sewell Farm
5705 Old Trappe Road
Trappe Vicinity
Ca. 1900-1960
Private

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The Clarke W. Sewell Farm represents an intact collection of agricultural buildings associated with the historically important trend of commercial poultry operations in Talbot County. The property was historically known as both the "Walter Barnes Farm" and as part of "Pitt's Range." The property "formerly known as Pitt's Range" was purchased by Walter L. Barnes in 1900. The tract was sold to Clarke W. Sewell and his wife, Elizabeth G., as "Walter Barnes Farm" in 1930 by the estate of Walter Barnes. The property has stayed in the Sewell family and is currently owned by John M. Sewell, a descendant of Clarke W. Sewell.

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1. Name of Property

historic Clarke W. Sewell Farm
other Walter Barnes Farm; part of Pitt's Range

2. Location

street and number 5705 Old Trappe Road N/A not for publication
city, town Trappe X vicinity
county Talbot

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

name John Sewell
street and number 5781 Old Trappe Road telephone 410-476-3000
city, town Trappe state MD zip code 21673-1939

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 752 folio 488 and liber 694 folio 503
city, town Easton tax map 48/11 tax parcel 59 tax ID number 122298

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 at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		<u>4</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		<u>4</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		<u>8</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
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		<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>0</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.

Summary Description

The Clarke W. Sewell Farm is located on 168.34 acres of land to the north of the community of Trappe in Talbot County, Maryland. The parcel is located between Old Trappe Road and Ocean Gateway (US 50) and contains nineteen structures. The structures include two residences, a garage, four broiler houses, four grain bins, three machinery sheds, a corncrib, a barn, a privy, a shed, and a feed shed.

The main residence is located approximately 500 feet down a straight gravel access road with the agricultural buildings located in a linear plan flanking the access road to the rear of the main residence. The property is surrounded by cultivated agricultural fields and is an active poultry farm.

Main Residence, ca. 1900

The main house is a two-and-a-half story wood frame structure, built ca. 1900, with a rear and a side wood frame addition. The building rests on a brick pier foundation with a continuous brick masonry foundation under the side addition. The rear addition has a continuous poured concrete foundation. The building has a hall-parlor plan. The cross-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. There is one interior brick masonry end gable chimney.

The west façade is the principle building entry. The walls are clad with aluminum siding. The building is entered through a central hinged four panel wood front door into the side addition. The windows in the oldest portion of the building are two-over-two wood sashes, with six-over-six wood sashes in the side addition. The hipped roof front porch has been enclosed.

The north façade is clad with aluminum siding. The windows in the oldest portion of the building are two-over-two wood sashes, with two-over-four wood sashes in the rear addition. There are no doors on this façade. The shed roof side porch on the rear addition has been enclosed.

The east façade is clad with aluminum siding. There is a two panel single-pane wood door into the rear addition. The windows in the oldest portion of the building are two-over-two wood sashes, with two-over-four wood sashes in the rear addition.

The south façade is clad with aluminum siding. There is a two panel single-pane wood door into the rear addition. The windows in the western portion of the façade are six-over-six wood sashes, with two-over-four wood sashes in the eastern portion of the façade. The shed roof side porch on the rear addition has been enclosed.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Garage, ca. 1930

The garage is a one-story light timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a continuous concrete masonry unit foundation. The walls are clad with aluminum siding. The front-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The building is accessed through two sliding wood plank doors. The windows are six-pane wood hopper sashes. The interior of the building is unfinished with a poured concrete floor.

Broiler Houses (4), ca. 1935 & 1980

There are four broiler houses, with three built ca. 1935, on the property. Each building is a one-story light timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The buildings are fifteen bays deep and rest on a poured concrete slab with a one-foot curb around the perimeter. Concrete masonry units form the lower 2' of the walls. The gable ends have paired sliding wood plank doors flanked by horizontal rectangular openings. Hinged wood plank doors are located at regular intervals along the side walls with horizontal rectangular opening between the doorways. All window opening have been boarded up with rigid sheet insulation or fiberglass panels. The interior of all four broiler houses are unfinished with a poured concrete floor.

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The exterior walls of broiler house #1 are clad with plywood panels. The side gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal.

The exterior walls of broiler house #2 are clad with horizontal corrugated metal with a diamond texture. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. Fiberglass louvers are located next to each door.

The exterior walls of broiler house #3 are clad with embossed wood panels. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal.

Broiler house #4 is of modern construction.

Grain Bins, ca. 1990

A corrugated metal grain bin is connected to each broiler house. One bin services broiler houses #1 and #3, broiler house #4 has two grain bins. The grain bins are attached to the internal feed system via metal piping. The internal feed system in all four building is made up of metal piping connecting regularly spaced feed trays. The feed trays are flanked by metal watering tubes.

Machinery Sheds (3), dates unknown

Three machinery sheds are located on the property. Shed #1 is located across from the garage and is two bays wide with an open south façade. The timber frame shed rests on a combination pier and continuous concrete masonry unit foundation. The walls are clad with vertical wood planks and board and batten siding. The broken front-gable roof is clad with corrugated metal over asphalt shingles. There is a hinged wood plank door on the west façade. The windows openings have six-pane hopper sash windows and have been boarded up. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.

Shed #2 is located to the north of the barn and is five bays wide with an open south façade. The timber frame shed rests on a combination pier and continuous poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad with corrugated metal. The offset side gable roof is clad with corrugated metal. There are no doors or windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor.

Machine shed #3 is of modern metal frame construction.

Corncrib, ca. 1900

The corncrib is a one-story timber frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a brick pier foundation with a concrete protective coating. The walls are clad with three inch vertical wood planks spaced approximately 1-inch apart. The front-gable roof is clad with corrugated metal. The building is accessed through a hinged plywood panel door on the north façade and hinged wood plank feeder doors at the roofline. There are no windows. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor.

Barn, ca. 1900

The multi-purpose barn is three bays deep with a hayloft and a two side additions, one of which is a machine shed. The structure rests on a brick masonry pier foundation. The timber frame barn is clad with board and batten siding. The side addition is clad with plywood panels. The cross-gable roof is clad with corrugated metal. The barn has a hay hood on the north and south gable ends. The doors are hinged wood planks with diagonal bracing and are clad with either plywood panels or board and batten siding. One door is a Dutch door. The windows openings have been boarded up. The interior

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of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor. The machine shed side addition is constructed of concrete masonry units and has a side gable roof clad with corrugated metal. The interior of the building is unfinished with an earthen floor. The privy is a one-story wood frame structure with an undivided interior space. The building rests on a concrete masonry unit pier foundation. The walls are clad with three inch vertical wood planks with beveled wood siding used on the north façade. The side gable roof is clad with slate and has metal and asphalt shingle patches. The building is accessed through a hinged wood plank door on the south façade. The windows have been boarded up. The interior of the building is unfinished with a wood plank floor. The ceiling is clad with one-inch wood boards spaced one-half-inch apart. There are three seats with lids and no interior partitions.

Shed, ca. 1940

The shed is a one-story masonry structure. The building rests on a poured concrete slab and is constructed of concrete masonry units. Vertical wood boards are used to infill the gable ends. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The building is entered through a hinged wood plank door on the south façade. A two-pane metal awning sash window is located on each façade. The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Ranch House, ca. 1965

The second residence on the property is a brick Ranch house, constructed ca. 1965.

Feed Shed, ca. 1980

There is also a modern metal frame feed shed on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1920-1939; 1939-1946; 1946-1960 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1900-1980

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

The Clarke W. Sewell Farm represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1900 to 1980. The intact collection of nineteen buildings is associated with the historically important trend of commercial poultry operations in Talbot County. This coincides with the rise and development of the of the poultry industry during from the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939), World War II (1939-1946), and the Post-War Boom and Industrialization of the Farm (1946-1960) agricultural periods. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with a moderate-sized poultry operation in Talbot County during these periods.

Historical Background

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Nobel, Allen G. and Richard K. Cleek. *The Old Barn Book*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1997.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 168.34

Acreage of historical setting 168.34

Quadrangle name Trappe, MD Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as current boundary as described on Talbot County Tax Map 48, Grid 11, Parcel 59. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

11. Form Prepared by

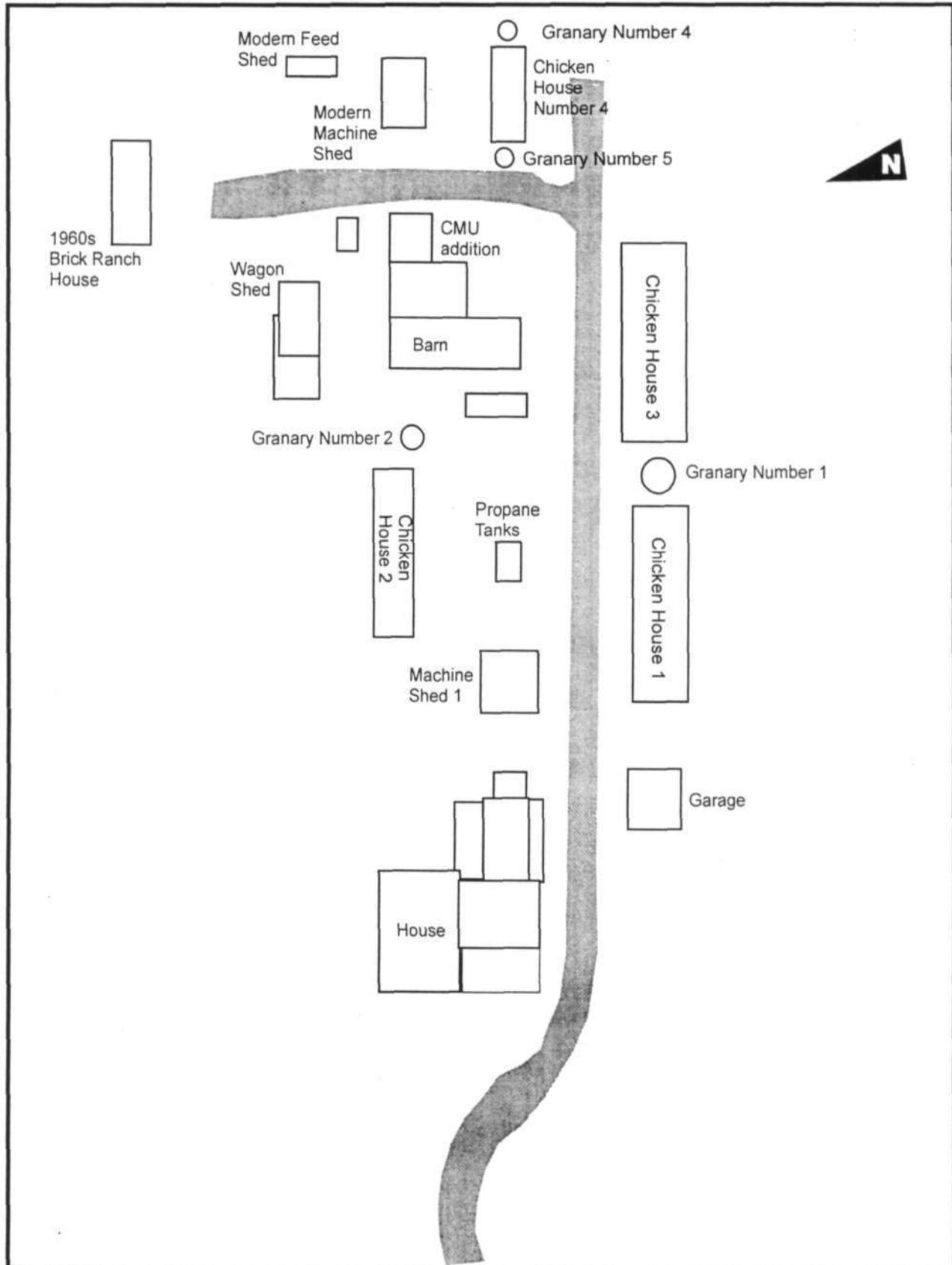
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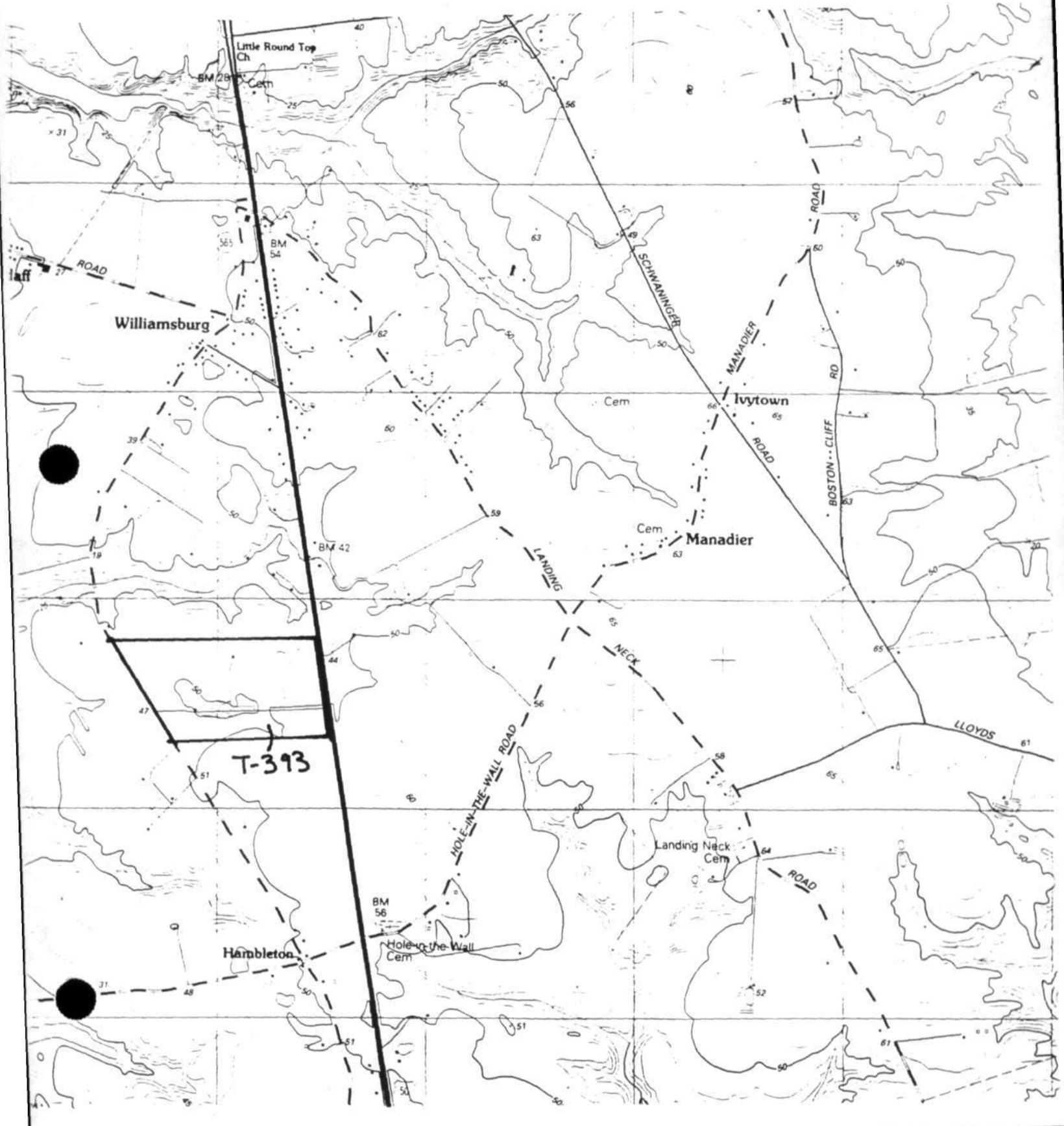
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Talbot County
Site Plan - 2003



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Clarke W. Sewell Farm
Trappe, MD USGS Quad (1: 24,000)





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CHARKE W Sewell FARM

Talbot Co MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE VIEW LOOK

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CLARK W. Sewell FARM

Talbot W MD

A. BARNES

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MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE 314 VIEW LODGE TRW

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Talbot Co. MD

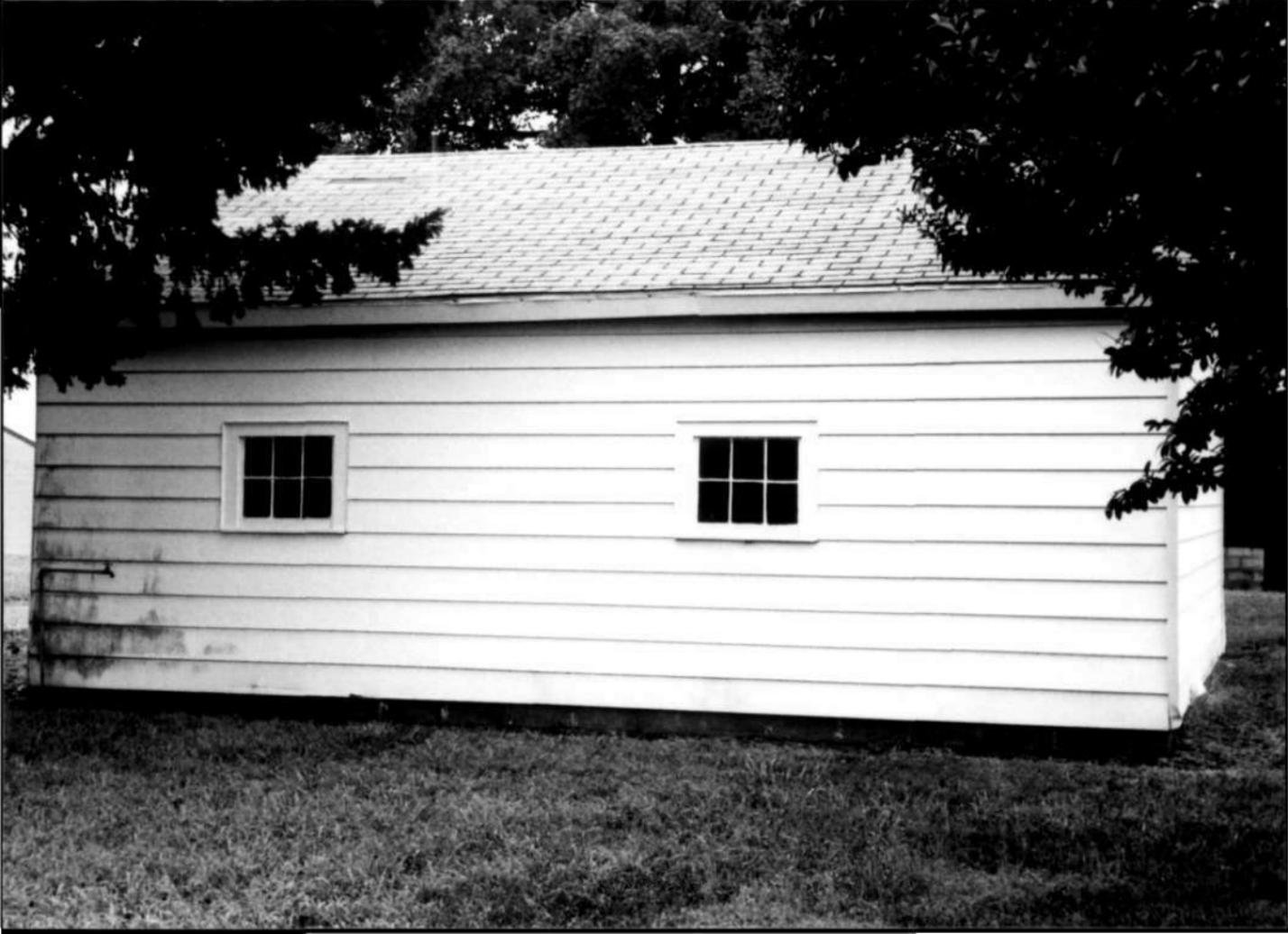
X BARNES

8/7/53

MD SHAD

Garage 3/4 New E 55 SW

3/22



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CLARK JEWELL

FARM

Talkot MD

A BARNES

2/7/03

MD SHPO

GARAGE

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CLARKE W. Sewell farm

Talbot Co. MD

A BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Machine shed 3/4 view look E

5/22



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CLARKE W SWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD STAPU

MACHINE shed 3/4 new look SW

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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Chicken House #1 $\frac{3}{4}$ view Long St

7/22



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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD STHD

CHICKEN HOUSE # 1 3/4 VIEW WAY W

8/22



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Clarke W Sewell farm

TALBOT CO. MD

A BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Chicken house #2 $\frac{3}{4}$ view Lodge W

9/22



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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM
Talbot Co. MD

A BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Chicken House #2 3/4 view Long SW

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Talbot Co. MD

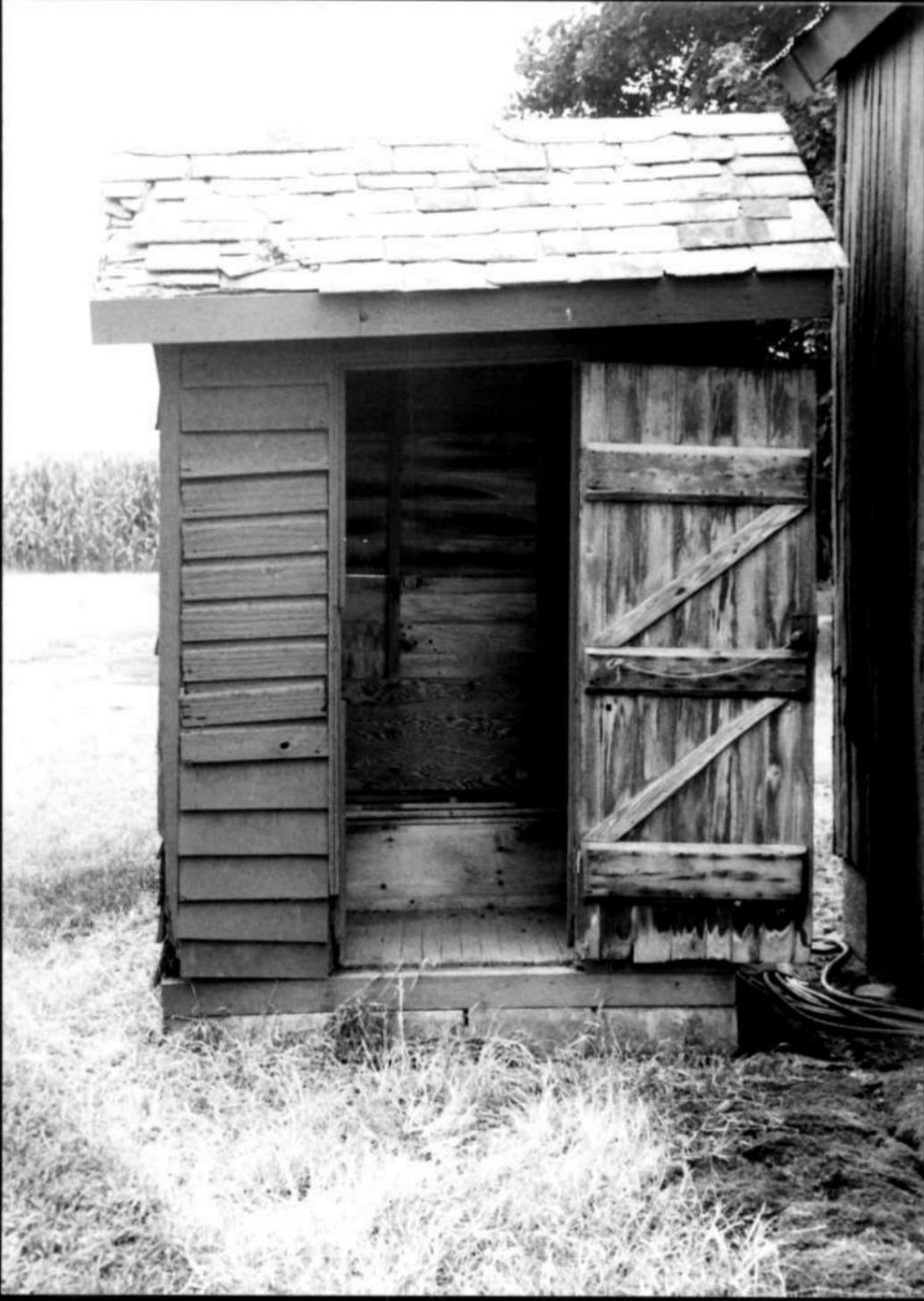
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MD SHPO

outhouse Interior Showy 3 Seater Loop N

11/22



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CHARKE W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

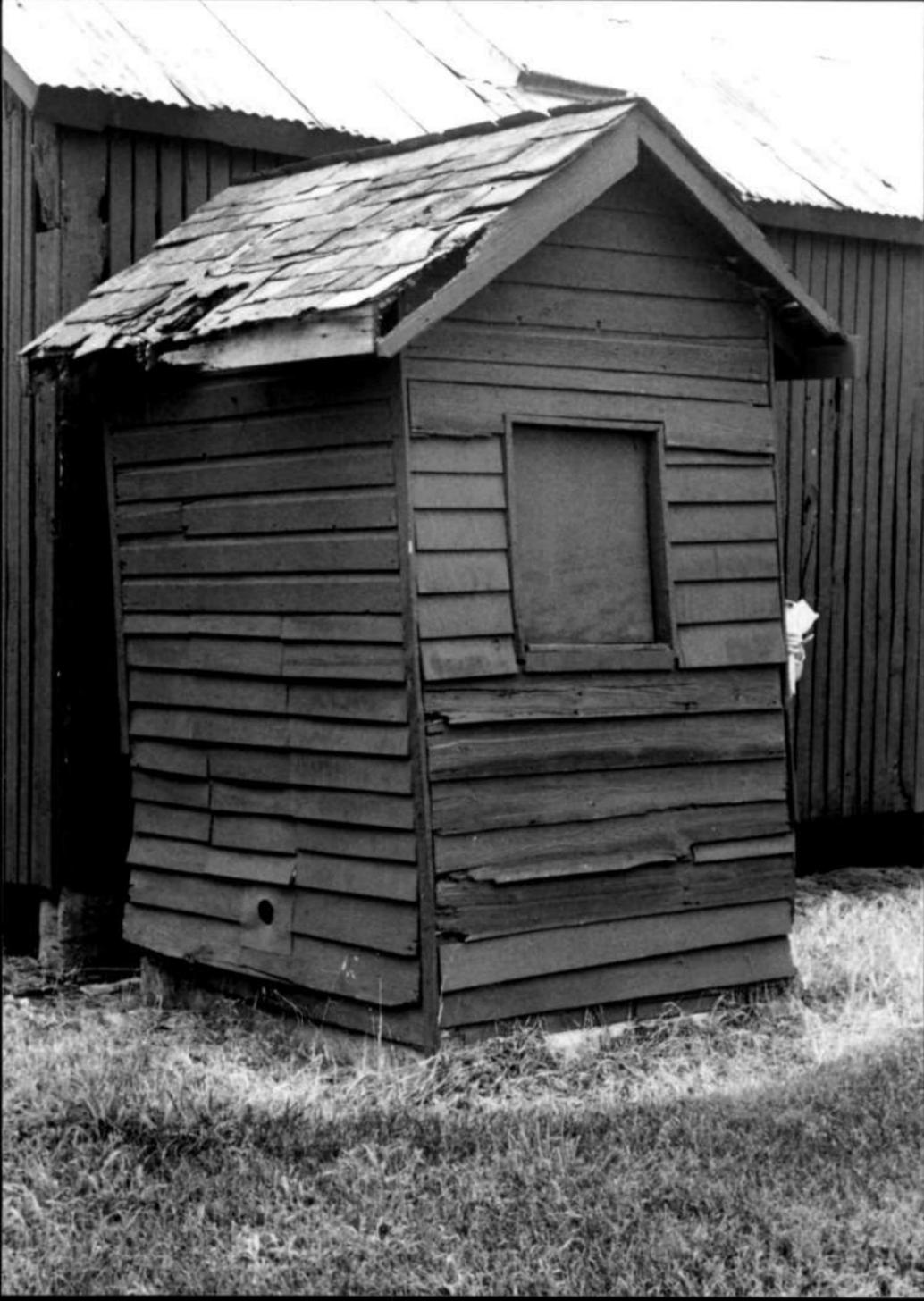
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MD SHPD

outhouse front facade look N

12/22



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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM

TALBOT CO. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

outhouse 3/4 view low E

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CLARKE W STEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

GRANERY 3/4 VIEW LOOK N

14/22



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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM

TALBOT C. MD

A, BARNES

8/7/03

MD 51170

GRANEKY 3/4 NEW LOOK SW

15/22



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CLARKE W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co, MD

A. BARNES

8/7/03

MD SHPO

WAGON SHED LOOK NE

16/22



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Clarke W. Sewell FARM

Talbot C., MD

M. EDWARDS

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Cinder block shed 3/4 view look E

17/22



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Clarke W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

M. EDWARDS

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Cinderblock shed 3/4 view showing door

looky w

18/22



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Clarke W SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

M. EDWARDS

8/7/03

MD SHPO

BARN w addition $\frac{3}{4}$ view look W

19/22



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Clarke W. SEWELL FARM

Talbot Co. MD

M. EDWARDS

8/7/03

MD SHPO

BARN w/ addition Louis W

20/22



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Clarke W. Sewell Farm

Talbot Co MD

M. EDWARDS

8/17/03

MD SHPO

BARN front look N

21/22



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Clarke W. & WELL farm

Talbot Co. MD

M. EDWARDS

8/7/03

MD SHPO

Chicken house 3/4 view #3 look E

22/22