G-II-C-092 ca. 1890
Duckworth Farm
Jennings
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Duckworth Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Bear Hill Rd. N side, Bear Hill Rd. approx 1 mi. E of Jennings

CITY, TOWN
Jennings

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Clyde L. Smith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 102
Folio #: 466

STREET & NUMBER
Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN
Oakland

STATE
Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Duckworth Farm is situated on the N side of Bear Hill Rd., approx. 1 mile E of the town of Jennings. The farm consists of two two-story plank-constructed houses, a frame barn, and seventeen outbuildings.

The ground slopes down from N to S. The houses, main spring, and several outbuildings are situated near the top of a rise and are surrounded by a well-laid-out and beautifully kept flower garden. Farther down the hill to the SW are the farm outbuildings, while to the SE is a frame barn and modern silo. Several springs appear between the outbuildings. The property has a vista to the S of strip-mining operations.

The main house is a gable-roofed, ell-plan dwelling with a symmetrical, three-bay, center door facade. The facade points W and the house rests on a stone foundation. A one-story shed porch fills in the ell at the S and E elevations and a similar porch covers the facade. Asbestos shingles cover the walls and the cornerboards have simple capitals at the cornice line. The roof is covered with corrugated metal, and the roof cornice returns on the gable ends. All windows are one over one sash, with cornices and plain board surrounds.

The house has one interior flue at the junction of the ell with the main block. The roof of the front porch is supported by four square columns with chamfers and simple capitals.

The secondary house lies E and N of the main house, and has a three-bay facade. The facade points S, and the facade door is offset to the W. This house also rests on a stone foundation and has a rectangular plan with a one-story, gable-roofed kitchen addition at the center of the rear (N) elev. A smaller shed addition is attached to the kitchen and main block on the N and E elevations.

The walls of this house are covered with green diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. The windows are all 2 over 2 sash with simple cornices and plain board surrounds. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The house has one interior brick flue at the ridgeline of the main block, set W of center. The porch is supported by 4 square posts.

Behind the main house, set into the hillside, are two gable-roofed "caves" or root-cellars. The gable-end facades are constructed of cut stone blocks below vertical boards. The roofs are covered with corrugated metal. These caves are used for storage.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Duckworth Farm is an excellent example of a small working farm. The placement and configuration of the farm buildings and appurtenances typify the small, one-family concern that formed part of Garrett County's economy in the 19th century. With the exception of the silo and one of the outbuildings, all of the farm buildings appear to have been in continuous use since the late 19th century. In many ways, this farm is also typical of the level of domestic technology reached by Garrett County's farmers during the same period. The two caves, which were undoubtedly used to store perishable foodstuffs before the advent of refrigeration, and the washhouse, now used for storage but still completely furnished for its original purpose, are of special interest.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Glassie, Henry. Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania, 1968.

Long, Jr., Amos. Farmsteads and Their Buildings. Lebanon, PA: Applied Arts, 1972.

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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: Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE: August 1980

STREET & NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE: 301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21401

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The main spring on the property is situated between the two dwellings, set N of the main house close to the W elevation of the secondary dwelling. Slanting doors, set into the hillside around the spring, provide access to the water reservoir, and a stone retaining wall has been constructed behind the spring. A concrete apron has been laid in front of the spring doors. Pink phlox grows along the back and sides of the spring, and a pet trout lives in the reservoir.

To the N and E of the secondary house are a gable-roofed outbuilding and a shed-roofed outhouse. To the S, down the hill from the secondary dwelling is a frame bank barn, with an overhang or forebay on the S elevation. The barn rests on a stone foundation and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The walls are covered with vertical boards. A modern silo stands just to the E of the barn, a modern cinder-block, gable-roofed outbuilding to the W. A frame granary stands to the NW of the barn.

West of the barn are nine frame outbuildings, all covered with vertical circular-sawn boards. Chief of these is a gable-roofed washhouse. The washhouse is equipped with an interior brick fireplace and flue and retains all of the hardware for its original purpose. It is now used for storage. Also included in the outbuildings are a machine shed, now used as a garage, a corncrib set on buckets, two chicken houses with runs, a pigpen and an outhouse. To the E of the houses are two more frame outbuildings, undoubtedly used for storage.

Chain of Title

G-II-C-092 Duckworth Farm
102/466 From: Henry and Alice Yommer
4-30-31 To: Clyde L. Smith
Deed Consideration: $5,435

75 acres, Military Lot #2110 and part of #2145

47/279 From: Harvey G. and Effie L. Custer
6-24-04 To: Henry and Alice Yommer
Deed Consideration: $1,500

A part of the land known as "Jenkins' farm" comprising 75 acres, "with buildings and improvements thereon..."

47/183 From: John T. Blocher
6-24-04 To: Harvey G. Custer
Deed Consideration: $1.00 "and other good and valuable considerations"

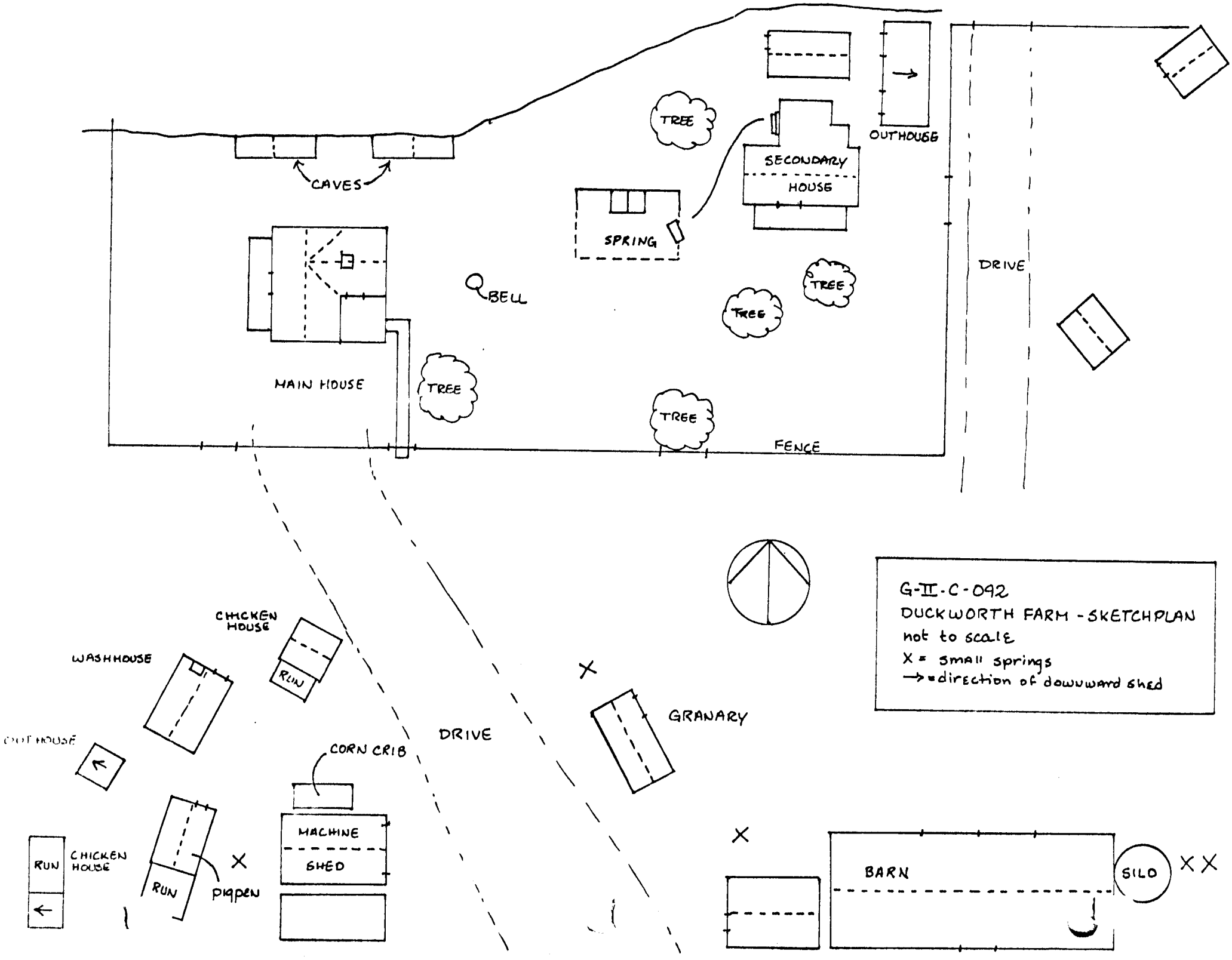
"... all their undivided one-half interest in... Jenkins' Farm" (200 acres)

42/127 From: Ralph Engle, Executor of Samuel Engle
6-24-02 To: John T. Blocher and Harvey G. Custer
Deed Consideration: $6,000

"Jenkins' Farm Military Lot Numbers: 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2111, and 2110 excepting 5 acres of 2140..." comprising 396 acres.

A/254 Last will of Samuel Engle of Grantsville
6-23-1888 Item # 7:
Will "To my son Ralph, I bequeath and give the Homestead Farm containing over 300 acres of land north of Laurel Run, also a tract of land containing 53 acres more or less on the east side of Laurel Run called Conococheague. Also land enough along the run for a mill seat not to exceed 5 acres of land, also all the vessels and fixtures necessary for boiling sugar then on the home farm, in consideration of the above he shall pay the sum of 8,000 dollars....

"I also reserve for my wife Catherine a comfortable house (without maintenance) without cost to her as long as she shall live if she desire it."


CAVES
TREE
SECONDARY HOUSE
OUTHOUSE
SPRING
DRIVE
BELL
TREE
TREE
MAIN HOUSE
TREE
TREE
FENCE
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DUCKWORTH FARM - SKETCHPLAN
not to scale
X = small springs
→ = direction of downward shed
CHICKEN HOUSE
RUN
WASHHOUSE
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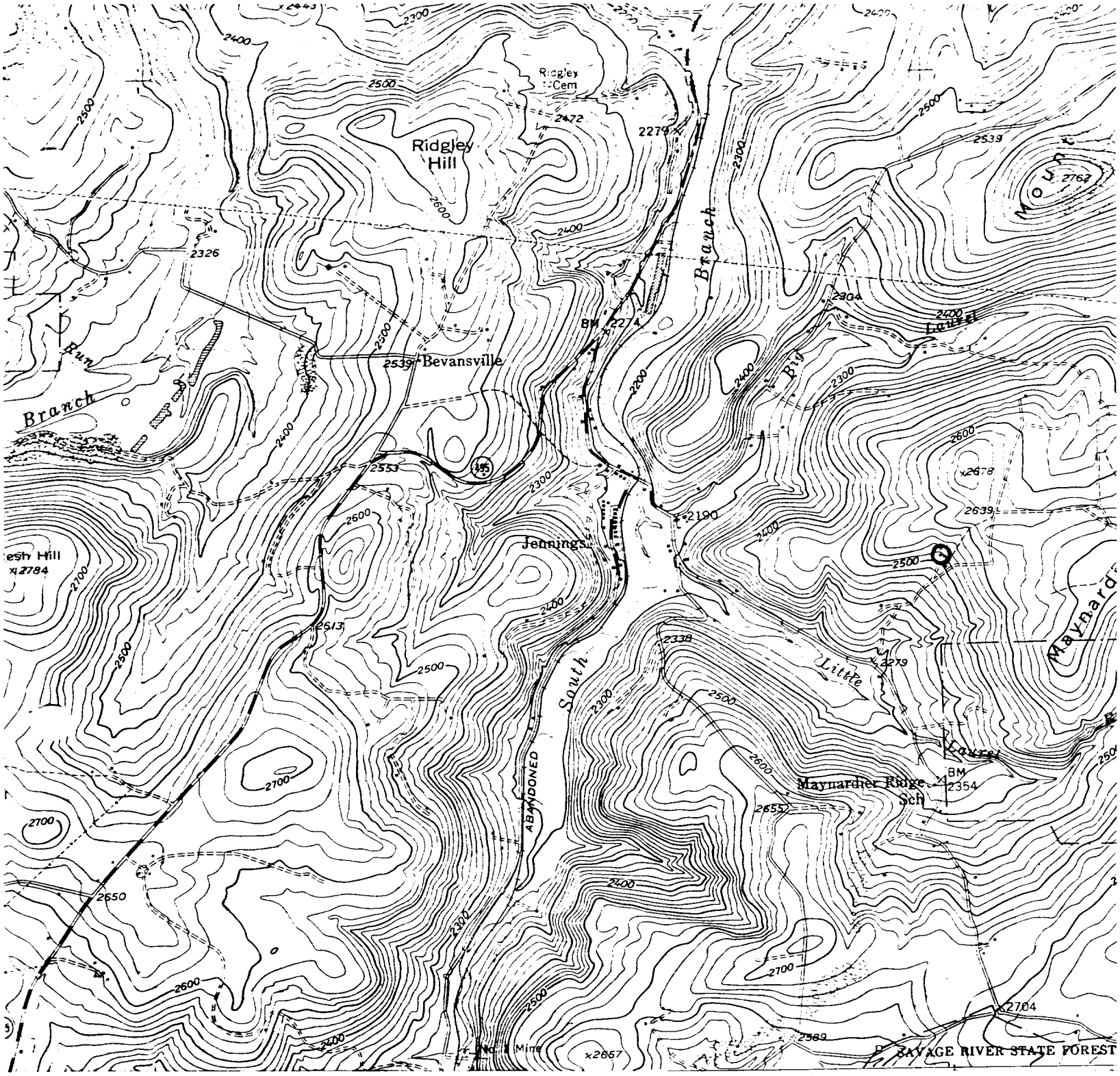

Grantsville, MD.-PA.
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Scale- 1:24000
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Duckworth Farm
North side, Bear Hill Rd.,
1 mile east of Jennings

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Duckworth Farm
Garrett Co. MD
Photo: M. Stinson 28 Aug 1980
1st. house Facade-W elev.

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Duckworth Farm
Garrett Co. MD
Photo: M. Stinson 28 Aug 80
1st house E elev.

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Duckworth Farm
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2nd house W elev, Facade S elev.

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2nd house E & N elevs.

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Caves - S elevs.

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Barn, E & N elevs.