Addendum

Inventory Number: HO-546

Driver Farm

Howard Co., MD

C. Mazurek

February 1997

Section 7.1

The Driver Farm is located off of Maryland route 94, north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road, near Woodbine. The main farmhouse is T-shaped, frame built, and covered in clapboard, although later additions were added to the structure. According to the last survey taken in 1979, the Driver farmhouse was built between the third quarter of the 19th century and the early 20th century. Other outbuildings on the farm include a gambrel roofed barn, two sheds, and a corn crib, all of which are constructed of wood with tin roofing. The farmhouse has been a rental since 1963, when the State of Maryland acquired the property, and is kept in good condition by the family, as have the outbuildings.

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HOWARD CO., MD; WOODBINE
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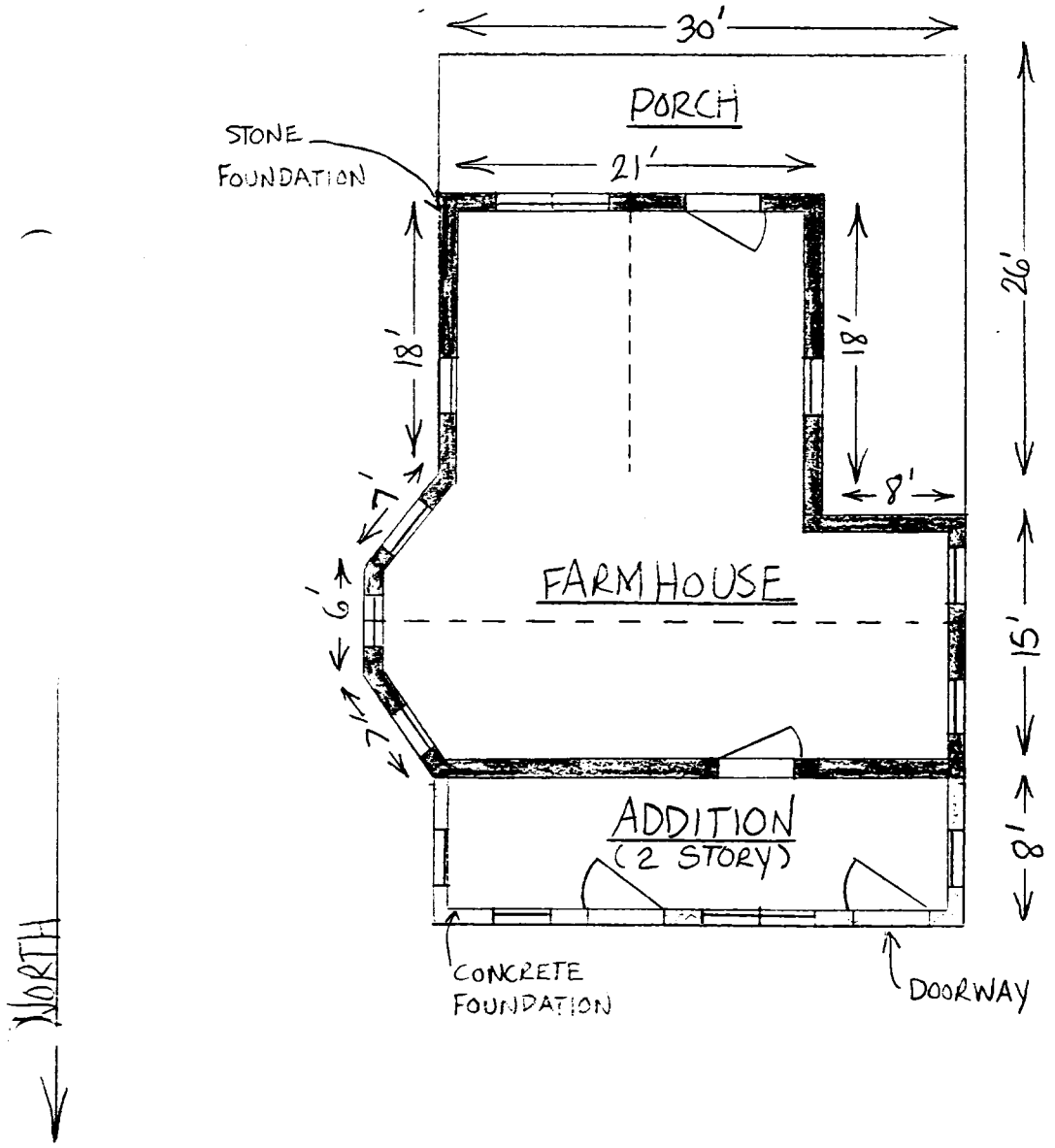

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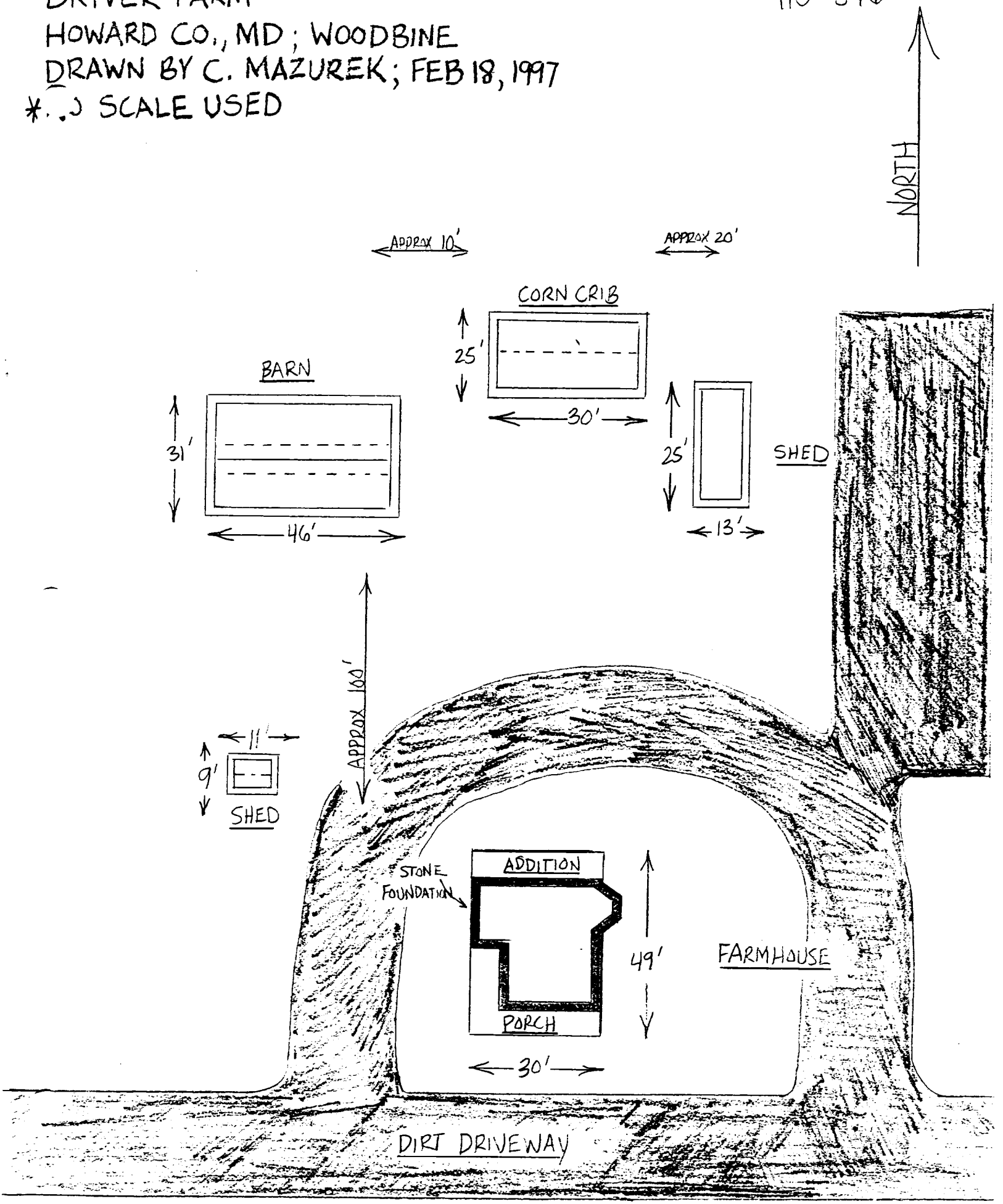

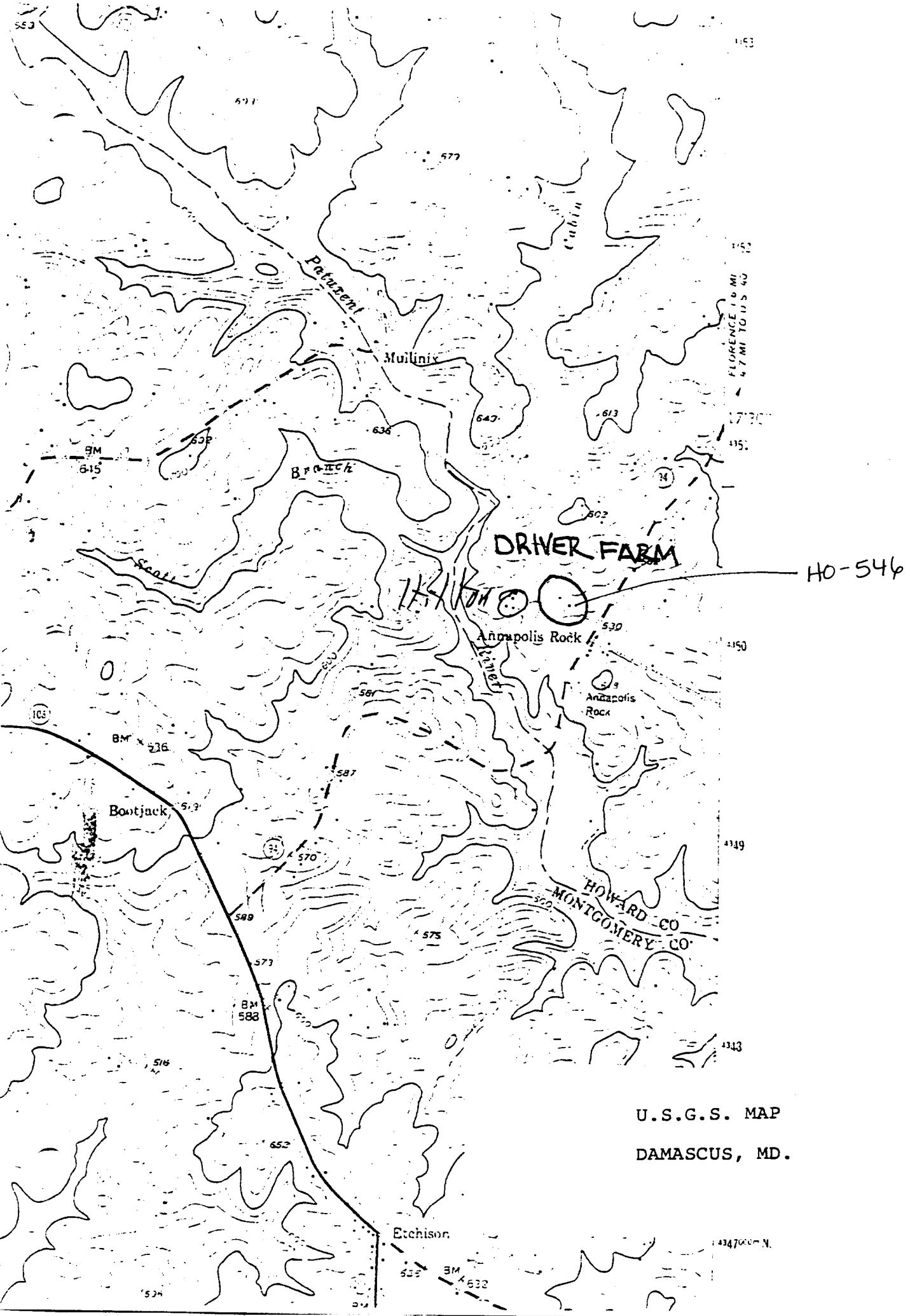

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Driver Farm

AND/OR COMMON
Mathias Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Ellicott Road (Maryland route 94) north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road

CITY, TOWN Woodbine ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	X 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
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City, Md.

Liber #: 494
Folio #: 421

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Ellicott City,

STATE
Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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 Driver House, located on the west side of Ellicott Road (Maryland Route 94) north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road, is a rambling two story clapboard farmhouse built in serveral sections between the third quarter of the 19th century and the early 20th century. The overall exterior house configuration yields a T-shape plan. The two story 19th century section is three bays wide with its main (south) facade altered by a taller two story, two bay wing constructed in the early 20th century which projects perpendicularly to this facade. What remains visible is an entrance flanked by a 2/2 sashed window in the westernmost bay on the first story, surmounted by a similar 2/2 sashed window on the second story. Windows and door are framed by a simple timber surrounds. The rear(north) facade also has been altered. A two story lean-to addition across the entire facade also disguises the original configuration of the three bay facade. The first story is defined by two entrances separated by a double 2/2 sashed window. Similar 2/2 sashed windows are located in the easternmost bay of this facade and the single bay of the east facade. The second story is an open porch with simple 4"X4" timber supports. The window and door openings of this rear facade however are evident at this level. A doorway located in the westernmost bay with 2/2 windows occupies the two remaining openings. A centrally located, corbel capped brick is in evidence on this facade. The two bay west facade is defined as follows: single paned window flanked to the north by a 2/2 sashed window on the first story and a 2/2 sashed window on the second story. Again, all window openings receive a simple wooden surround as their only decoration.

The attic level area is executed in shingles rather than clapboard with deeply projecting eaves line and heavy cornice returns. Cornerboards and an interior brick chimney further accentuates this facade.

The two bay east facade, which is the facade first visible to the viewer as he enters the farm, has received a more elaborate treatment. Its tripartite bay construction is distinguished by three 2/2 sashed windows in each of the bays on both stories. This three part division is further emphasized by cornerboards at each plan change. Window surrounds are simple timber frames. At the attic level is located a central single light window. Fishscale shingled, heavy cornice returns and wooden brackets articulate the pediment area.

The 20th century addition extending from the south facade is highlighted by an open porch with doric wooden column supports which extend across the two bay south facade and around the west facade. The south facade of this section is marked by an entrance flanked to the east by a double 2/2 sashed window. Surmounting this are a 2/2 sashed window and identical double 2/2 sashed windows, respectively. This gable en is well defined at attic level by a small semicircular window surrounded by diamond pattern shingles. Cornerboards further accentuate

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Driver House is a good example of rural victorian architecture characterized by its tripartite bay, fishscale shingles and irregualr roof lines. The dwelling bears a distinct resenblance to three other nearby structures also within Patuxent State Park: The John Layman (DNR 108), the Ridgely/Bowman House (DNR 9) and the Harry Chrobot House (DNR-93)

Land Records research indicates that this house and an abandoned two storey frame dwelling located several hundred yards west of this structure were part of several large tracts of alnd owned by Philemon Dorsey in the early years of the nineteenth century, including part of "Silence", part of "Defiance" and part of "Second Thought". Captain Philemon Dorsey was a district surveyor and the owner of thousands of acres in Howard County.

During the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century, the property, referred to as "The Plantation", was owned by Basil Duvall whose residence is noted on the 1865 Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County. It was located in Howard County on the Patuxent River at the juncture of what is now Ellicott and Madcap Roads.

In 1883 the heirs of Basil Duvall sold 182-1/2 acres of his estate to Sarah, Charles and Randolph Layton. Five years later the Laytons sold the entire 182-1/2 acres to James Driver. Although this property was divided into two parcels of land in 1915, both were owned by members of the Driver family and remained in the Driver family until the State of Maryland purchased the property in 1963 for the development of Patuxent State Park.

Recommendations

The Driver Farm, well situated in an undeveloped area of Patuxent State Park and in remarkably good condition, should be returned to private ownership. A restrictive easement should be attached to the sale of the property to prevent private development inconsistent with the present day environs. Although this property is currently leased by the Department of Natural Resources to responsible tenants and is therefore in good condition, the park management has allowed similar structures within the area to fall into total ruin.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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	
Bridget M. Deale, Historic Surveyor	August 1979
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 State Circle	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis,	Md.

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

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this facade.

The east and west facades are very plain: single 2/2 sashed window on the first story of the west facade and a 2/2 window surmounted by a similar window on the east facade.

Various outbuildings surround the farmhouse. The most notable is a large 20th century gambrel roofed barn with painted round-arched windows.

Should the present tenants leave the Driver property, the farm could suffer similar abuse. The farmhouse and its attendant outbuildings, therefore, should return to private ownership

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Land Record	Grantor	Grantee	Description
494/421 8/26/1968	Driver, Maude D. Evelyn A.	State of Maryland Dept of Forests and Parks	101.008 acres ±
193/9 9/30/1946	Hall, Rosalie	Driver, Maude D. Ralph V. Evelyn A.	contains 90 acres +25 perches
99/373/ 7/3/1915	Driver, James W.	Driver, Denton W. Maude D.	contains 90 acres and 25 perches
53/162 3/16/1888	Layton, George E. Sarah E. Charles F. Sarah E. Randolph D. Lucinda M.	Driver, James	Being part of same land described in deed 30/449 dated 4/6/1890 containing 182½ acres
46/362 6/9/1883	Bett, Thomas Mary A. Duvall, Margaret A Bleakley, Samuel H. Augusta Ellicott, Kate	Layton, Sarah Charles F. Randolph D.	182½ acres; (Mary, Margaret, Augusta, and Kate are children of Deborah and Basil Duvall)
30/446 4/6/1870	MacKubin, James, Trustee	Duvall, Augusta Margaret A. Kate Mary	See equity case dated 9/30/1854 Waters vs Warfield
AACty WTG 22/344 10/13/1837	Dorsey, Philemon	Duvall, Basil	

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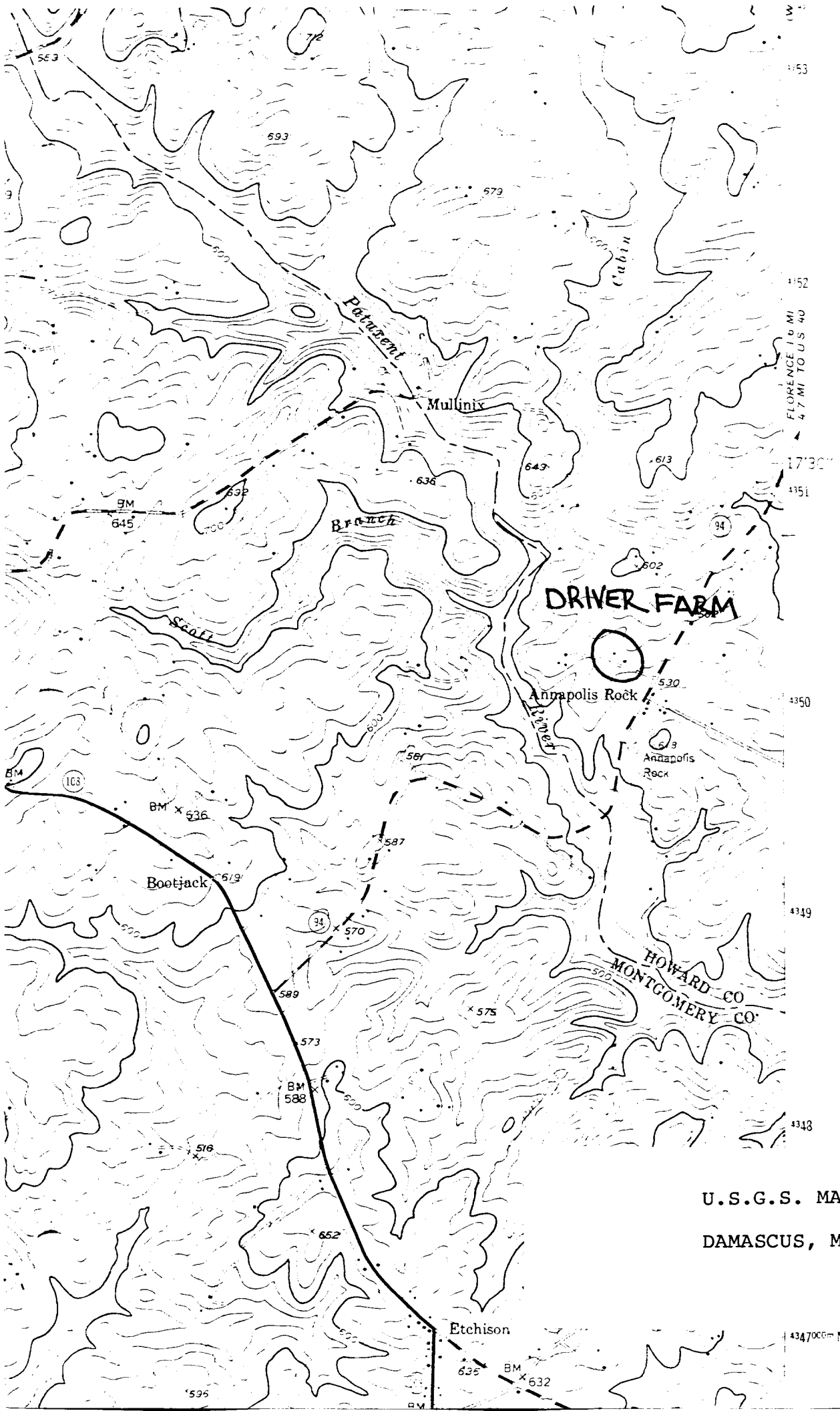

U.S.G.S. MAP

DAMASCUS, MD.

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Driver Farm
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine,Maryland
Patuxent River State Park
N.E. Elevation

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Driver Farm
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine,MD
Patuxent River State Park
S Elevation

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Driver Farm
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine,Maryland
Patuxent River State Park
W Elevation

BMD;4/79

HO-546 ; DNR-65-68

Driver Barn
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine, MD
Patuxent River State Park
S Elevation

BMD; 4/79