

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET  
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT

Property Name: Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse  
Survey No. M:27-9 (PACS C3.1)

Property Address <u>14821 Layhill Road, Layhill, Montgomery County, Maryland</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Frank &amp; Anne Willson Jr., 14821 Layhill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1885</u>

**Description:**

The Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse, constructed circa 1885, was previously surveyed by the M-NCPPC and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission in 1974, 1976, 1982, and 1991. Since the time of the previous survey, neither the property, nor its setting, has been altered.

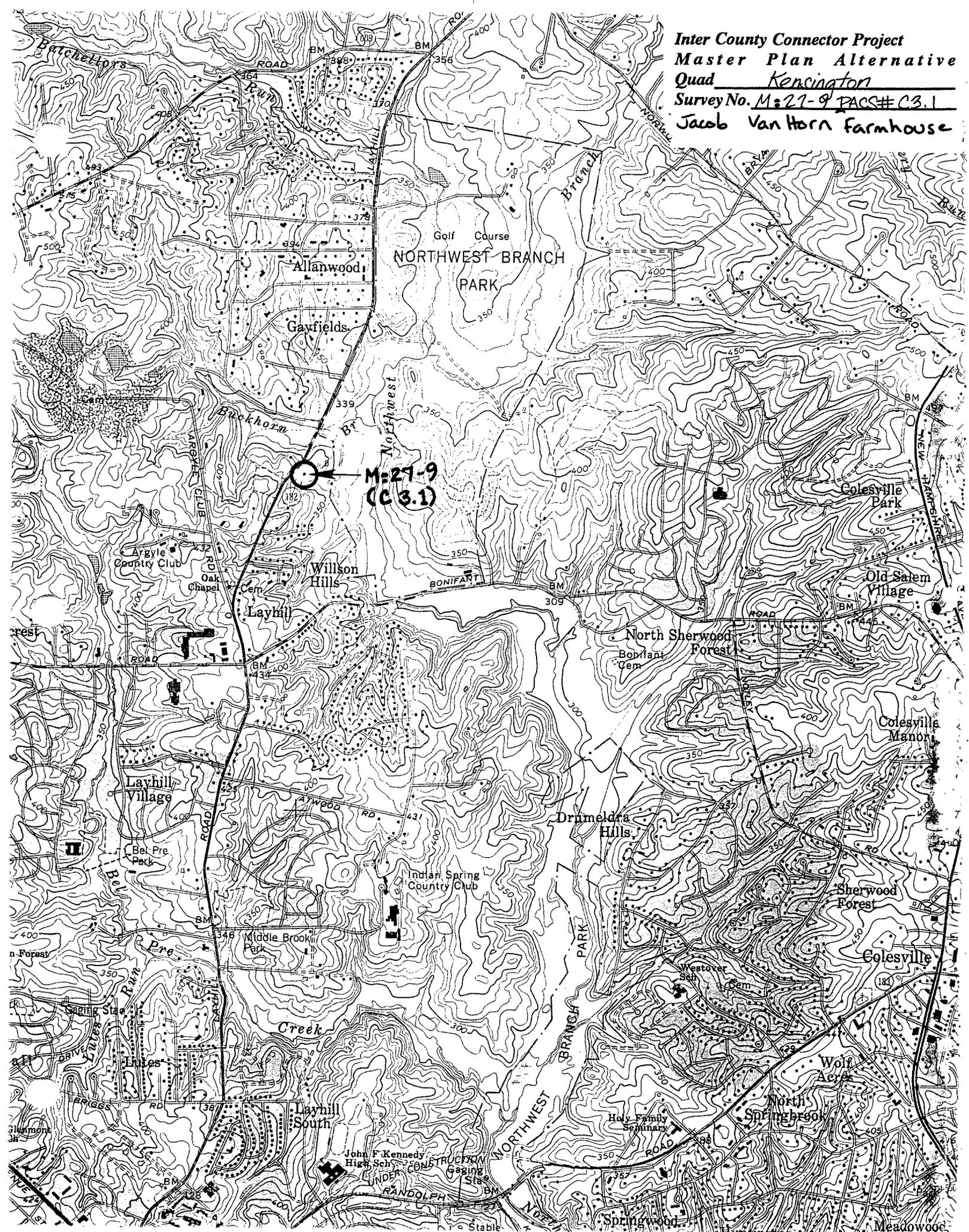
**National Register Evaluation:**

The Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse, constructed circa 1885, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A or B, as it has no known association with historically significant persons or events. It does not meet Criterion C, as the architectural integrity of the house has been severely compromised by additions on the side and rear, and construction of a brick veneer on the front facade. In addition, the property is not eligible under Criterion D, as the property has no known potential to yield important information.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>	
Eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not recommended	
Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
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<u>Andrew Levin</u>	<u>6/13/02</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Bluntze</u>	<u>6/13/03</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
October 1996

Inter County Connector Project  
Master Plan Alternative  
Quad Kencington  
Survey No. M:27-9 PACS# C3.1  
Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse





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3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

5 February 1996

6 PAC Speer and Company, Towson MD

7 Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse,

14821 Layhill Rd., front facade

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Capsule Summary  
for  
Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

June 1991

Mont. Co. survey prefix : 27  
Site number : 9  
Approx. building date : c. 1885  
Town/town vicinity : Silver Spring  
Access :  Public  Private

Short Description of Site:

This is an 1885 farmhouse which retains its original setting with large trees and meadows, but which has been altered quite extensively. It does retain its original smoke house, spring house, and a 1927 dairy building. The house was originally a three-bay, two-story frame building with an ell behind on the west. The original weatherboarded facade has been brick veneered. Brick additions have been made to the east (1970s) and south (1980s). The house retains its original smoke house with a lapped shake roof, mostly original mortar, board and batten door with stone lintel, and dirt floor. It is situated near the house on the southeast. The spring house, built in the 1930s at the west side of the man-made pond, was used until 1986.

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Analysis of Evaluation  
for  
Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse (27/9)

June 1991

Value Descr.			
Outstanding			
Considerable			
Moderate	✓		✓
Minor		✓	
Evaluation Criteria	Arch. Signif.	Arch. Integrity	Historical Signif.

Procedure:	
Rating =	$\frac{\# \text{ of Boxes Selected}}{12} \times 100$
	0 - 25 % = Unqualified
	25 - 50 % = Minimal
	50 - 75 % = Mid-level
	75 - 100% = Good
	90 - 100% = Natl. Reg. (with possible exceptions)

Rating for this site: Minimal

Criteria:

Arch. Significance - that quality which embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose component may lack individual distinction.

Historical Significance - that quality present in sites associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history.

Arch. Integrity - determined by the number of architectural changes to the site...using the following list as a guide... (and) noting other unusual changes.

Detrimental Changes (depending on the quality of its original character):

- \_\_\_ new or relocated chimney
- \_\_\_ rebuilt foundation
- \_\_\_ new porch
- \_\_\_ original windows changed (at a later, but still historical, date)
- \_\_\_ modern windows in original frames
- \_\_\_ original windows intact but extra ones added
- \_\_\_ change in shape or size of window openings
- \_\_\_ lack of outbuildings
- \_\_\_ aluminum siding (unless original architraves and trim are retained)
- \_\_\_ asphalt or asbestos siding (over original siding)
- \_\_\_ recent change of location

Critical Changes:

- \_\_\_ aluminum siding added; architraves eliminated
- \_\_\_ additions engulfing or removing portions of original building

Value Descriptions

Outstanding - distinguished; of particular import. to Md. historic & arch. past.

Considerable - deserving of recognition; contributes to the understanding of history or architectural heritage represented in Maryland

Moderate - commonality...lack of historic signif. or arch. style, except if scarce

Minor - unimportant or inferior; little arch. worth and absence of hist. importance

Site Information Summary

for

Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

June 1991

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Site number : 27/9  
Co. tax account number : 984351  
Street address : 14821 Layhill Road  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906  
Name of property owner : Frank F. Willson, Jr.  
Addr. of property owner : 14821 Layhill Road  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

Historic Preservation Master Plan Recommendation:

Historic Preservation Ordinance Criteria

(1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society;
- d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

(2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- b. Represents the work of a master;
- c. Possesses high artistic values;
- d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

Environmental Setting Recommendation:

The environmental setting should include the entire parcel (p 863) of 5 acres.

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

and/or common Frank Willson Place

## 2. Location

street & number 14821 Layhill Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Silver Spring \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Frank & Anne Willson

street & number 14821 Layhill Road telephone no.: (301) 598-6063

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Maryland 20906

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 2847

street & number folio 543

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland National Capitol Park & Planning Commission Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 \_\_\_ federal  state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission

city, town 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring state Maryland

Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

Summary: This is an 1885 farmhouse which retains its original setting with large trees and meadows, but which has been altered quite extensively. It does retain its original smoke house, spring house, and a 1927 dairy building. A county park abuts the property on the east, but a road interchange is planned for the meadow behind the house; if constructed, the road would seriously impact the site's.

Description: The house was originally a three-bay, two-story frame building with an ell behind on the west. The original weatherboarded facade has been brick veneered. Brick additions have been made to the east (1970s) and south (1980s). The roof has asphalt shingles. Windows in the original building are 6/6, with 4/4 windows in the gables. There is dentilling under the gables. Picture windows have been put in the additions. The house has three corbelled chimneys: one square chimney through the roof at the east end of the main block and a large rectangular exterior chimney at the west end; a third large fireplace chimney at the original end of the ell has been enclosed by the recent construction of a large two-story addition. Some of the original stone foundation with original mortar remains under the ell in what used to be a potato cellar. The original wrap-around front porch has been removed. The central front door has a transom and side lights with diamond panes.

The central hall in the original structure contained stairs going to the second floor. It continued back to the kitchen in the ell. A parlor was on the left and a dining room on the right as one entered the house. The house received plumbing and electricity in 1930.

Outbuildings: The house retains its original smoke house with a lapped shake roof, mostly original mortar, board and batten door with stone lintel, and dirt floor. It is situated near the house on the southeast. The original two-story barn was struck by lightning and burned. The current one-story barn replaced it. An ice house stood to the northeast of the house, between the house and the barn. To the north of the ice house, where there is now a small house, was a buggy shop.

The spring house, built in the 1930s at the west side of the man-made pond, was used until 1986. It had a ram and wheel device that would send water to the barn to automatically water the 100 dairy cows on the farm.

Researcher: Susan Escherich, May 8, 1991.

# 8. Significance

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

**Specific dates** c. 1885 **Builder/Architect** Henry K. Vanhorn (?) / ---

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.

"The Jacob VanHorn farmhouse (c.1885<sup>1</sup>), one of the few remaining old homes in the Layhill area, is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries."<sup>2</sup>

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture/Landscape Architecture/  
Community Planning
2. Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Montgomery County)
3. Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
4. Resource Type(s): Livestock/dairy farms

"Development in the Aspen Hill area of Montgomery County began with a 3,860 acre land grant called "Lay Hill" in 1689. A second grant of 4,892 acres was made in 1718. Over time, these and subsequent grants were broken down to create farms of several hundred acres each.<sup>3</sup> The house is believed to have been built by Henry K. Vanhorn who, according to the map of 1865, lived on this site in an earlier dwelling. (Nineteenth century VanHorn grave sites can be found in the nearby Layhill M.E. Church cemetery.) The land consisted of approximately 220 acres of a tract of land referred to as 'Layhill', and was part of the homeplace of Richard Holmes, deceased.<sup>4</sup>

"In May of 1884, Henry mortgaged the property to Beulah Thomas. He later defaulted and the property was sold in October of 1888. The notice of sale described it as a farm of approximately 205<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> acres located directly on the

(cont.)

<sup>1</sup> Date given is based on the date that the land was purchased and the fact that it was described as a "new" house in 1888.

<sup>2</sup> Catherine Crawford, Maryland Historical Trust, 'State Historic Sites Inventory Form', M-NCPPC, 10/82.

<sup>3</sup> Maryland National Capitol Park & Planning Commission, "Planning Area Diagnosis: Aspen Hill and Vicinity", (Silver Spring, Maryland: M-NCPPC, 1967) p.10.

<sup>4</sup> Deed EBP 21/305, Montgomery County Land Records.

Norwood branch of the Union Turnpike to Washington and adjoined the farms of John Bready and George Bonifant. It was improved by a new, 'commodious' frame dwelling house, a new barn and all the necessary outbuildings, and a spring of pure water 30 yards from the door. The farm was purchased by Albert Stabler.<sup>5</sup>

"In January of 1900, Albert sold the 205<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub> acre farm to George A. Willson;<sup>6</sup> the house has remained in the Willson family for almost a century. Albert had also sold 86<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> acres of land to Charles Parker in 1903 which was later sold to George A. Willson in 1909.<sup>7</sup> The Willson family ran a large dairy farm here for many years. In December of 1953, George died. As directed by his last will and testament, the farm went to his wife, Sarah, and then, upon her death, it was passed to their two sons, George G. and Frank F. Willson.<sup>8</sup> In April of 1961, George conveyed his share of the property to Frank.<sup>9</sup> In 1963, the house was remodeled during which time a brick veneer was put over the original frame exterior. A library was later added in 1970.<sup>10</sup> The house remains in the Willson family to this day as the property of Frank Willson and his wife, Anne."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Equity JA 3/389, Montgomery County Judgment Records.

<sup>6</sup> Deed TD 12/397, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>7</sup> Deed TD 26/150, Montgomery County Land Records; 202/171, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>8</sup> Will WCC 47/171, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

<sup>9</sup> Deed 2847/543, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>10</sup> The County Courier, April 13, 1977.

<sup>11</sup> Crawford, "State Historic Sites Inventory Form".

Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland  
Interview with Mr. Frank Willson, May, 1991.  
Crawford, Catherine, Maryland Historical Trust, "State Historic Sites  
Inventory Form", M-NCPPC, 1982.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.0 acres

Quadrangle name Kensington

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the property are the lot lines which define parcel #863, east of Layhill Road, and which are boldly delineated on the accompanying tax map.

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title \_\_\_\_\_

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

and/or common Frank Willson Place

### 2. Location

street & number 14821 Layhill Rd.  not for publication

city, town Layhill  vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Montgomery

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Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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street & number 14821 Layhill Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Layhill state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

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street & number folio 543

city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old farmhouse that has been remodeled in recent years. Basically, the house is a two-story, frame structure, with a three-bay main (north) facade. There is a central door with transom and sidelights. Windows are 6/6. There is a stove-type chimney in the east-end wall, and a fireplace chimney on the west outside wall. The front of the house is now covered with brick veneer. There is aluminum siding and additions have been made to the rear and east. There are several older out-buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**Specific dates** circa, 1885 **Builder/Architect**

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and/or

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see attachment sheet A

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<sup>4</sup>Deed TDE12/397, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>5</sup>Deed TD 26/150, " " "  
202/171, " "

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Jacob Van Horn Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Frank Willson Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

14800 block of Layhill Road

CITY, TOWN

Layhill

VICINITY OF

(Silver Spring P.O.)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank Willson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14800 block of Layhill Road

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

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 RUINS  
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## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old farmhouse that has been remodeled in recent years. Basically, the house is a two-story, frame structure, with a three-bay main (north) facade. There is a central door with transom and sidelights. Windows are 6/6. There is a stove-type chimney in the east-end wall, and a fireplace chimney on the west outside wall. The front of the house is now covered with brick veneer. There is aluminum siding and additions have been made to the rear and east. There are several older out-buildings.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the few remaining old homes in an area (Layhill) that has become heavily-developed in the past 10 years. Maps of 1865, 1878, and 1894 show the Van Horn family living here. The present owners, the Willsons, are long-time residents of this area, and have owned this place for at least 30 years.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

FROM NEW

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM PREPARED BY

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4/22/74

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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M.N.C.P. & P.C.

2885/520

279.25 Ac.

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5.26 Ac.

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1.00 Ac

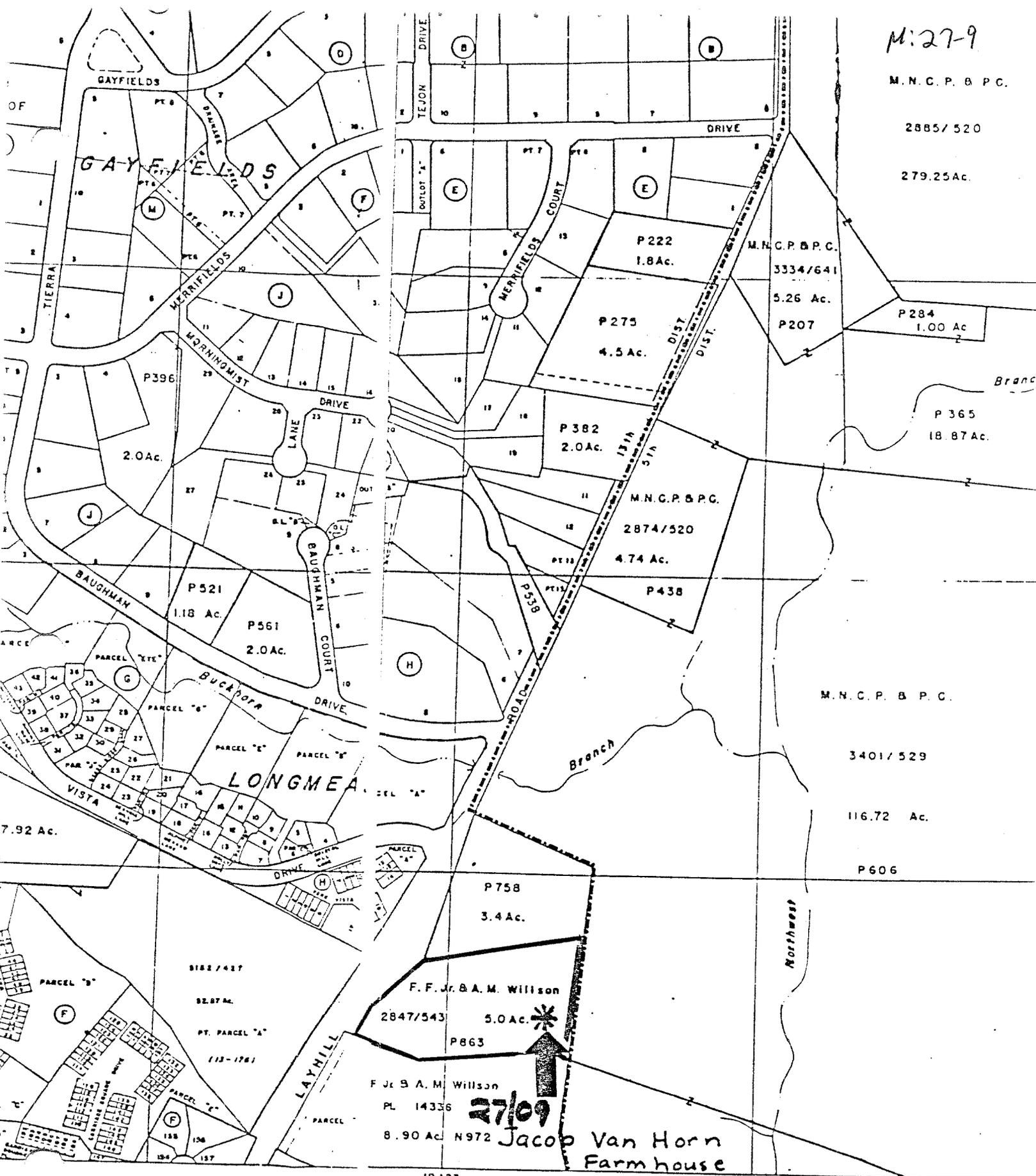
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116.72 Ac.

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**27/09**  
 Jacob Van Horn  
 Farmhouse

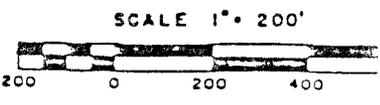
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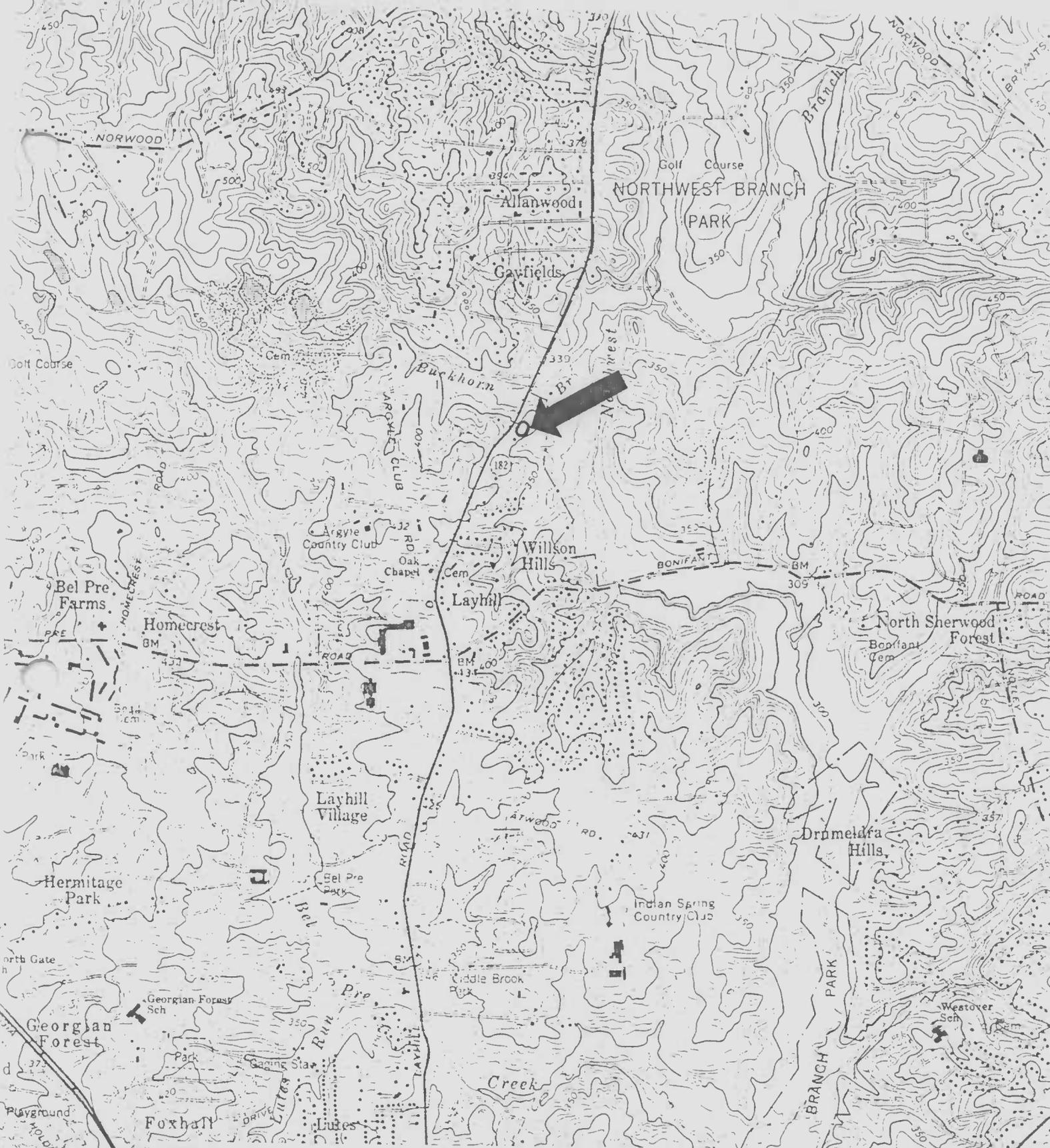
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**Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse (27/9)**  
 Silver Spring  
 Montgomery County

USGS Map  
 7.5 Minute Topographic Series (1:24,000)  
 Kensington Quadrangle

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Jacob Vantorn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by Lt Snyderman 4/a/

Neg - Mont Co Hist Pres. Comm.

House - Main (N) elevation



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman 4/91

Neg - Mont Co Hist Pres Comm.

House - west elev



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman

Neg - Mont Co. Hist Pres Comm.

House - S elev



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co. MD

by L. Snyderman 4/21

Neg - Mont Co Hist. Presi. Comm.

House - south elev



M: 27/9

Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co. MD

by L. Snyderman 4/91

Neg - Mont Co. Hist Pres Comm.

East wing - east elev -



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont. Co., MD

by L. Snyderman - 6/91  
Nes - Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm  
House - South + east elev



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Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

Mont. Co. MD

by L. Snyderman - 6/91

Neg - Mont. Co. Hist Pres Comm

Setting - looking south



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Jacobs Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L. Snyderman 5/91

Neg - Mont Co HPC

Guest house - south elev



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L Snyderman 5/91

Reg - Mont Co HPC

Spring House - W. elev



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Jacobs Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co. MD

by L Snyderman 5/91

Key - Mont. Co. HPC

Outbdy - south elev



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L Snyderman 5/9/

Neg - Mont Co HPC

Barn - 5 elev



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Jacob VanHorn Farmhouse

Mont Co MD

by L Snyderman 5/91

Neg - Mont Co HPC

Out bldg - E elev



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Jacob Van Horn Farmhouse

Mont Co. MD

by L. Snyderman

Neg - Mont Co. Hist Pres. Comm

Smokehouse - N elev.