

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

Property/District Name: Otto & Selma Schwein House Survey Number: PG 85A-34

Project: Panda Brandywine Co-generation Facility Agency: S/DNR

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)  
 Located at 8100 Cedarville Road, the Schwein House is a two story, two bay, weatherboard clad dwelling built between 1936-1944. The speculative building depicts a utilitarian appearance with a square configuration and side-gabled roof. The property is adjacent to the Popes Creek branch of the Baltimore and Potomac RR, enjoys a deep setback from Cedarville Road and includes two contemporary, one modern outbuildings and elements of a ruin. Otto Schwein built the house as a speculative venture, as he own several parcels of land in Prince George's County. A German engineer and farmer, Schwein divided his land, built the dwelling at 8100 Cedarville Road in the late 1930s and rented it to tenants. The property does not embody significant characteristics of type, period or method of construction nor is the property a strong representative of Schwein's entrepreneurial pursuits. The property appears to lack the necessary level of significance and integrity to be eligible for the Maryland Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MD Inventory AND COMPLIANCE

FILE "PANDA BRANDYWINE"

Prepared by: Robinson & Associates

L. Bowlin 15 July 1994  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
R. Anderson 7-15-94  
 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/dwelling and outbuildings

Known Design Source: HOUSE: Otto Schwein

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OTTO C.A. AND SELMA SCHWEIN HOUSE

8100 CEDARVILLE ROAD

BRANDYWINE, PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD

This is a two-story, two-bay, weatherboard-clad investment property dating to circa 1936-1944. The house sits on the Cedarville Road just west of the crossing of the Popes Creek Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. The house is a vernacular structure, with no decorative work to speak of. Its condition on the exterior is good to fair. There are two, older outbuildings to the east and north of the property and one dilapidated outbuilding with only two walls remaining. None of the outbuildings are architecturally distinguished. Access is private. The tenant was unavailable to show the interior.

MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES FORM

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name Otto C.A. and Selma Schwein House

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 8100 Cedarville Road not for publication

city or town Brandywine vicinity N/A  
state Maryland code MD county Prince Georges code 033  
zip code 20613

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

4. National Park Service Certification

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| _____        | <u>  3  </u> buildings |
| _____        | _____ sites            |
| _____        | _____ structures       |
| _____        | _____ objects          |
| _____        | <u>  3  </u> Total     |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Cat: DOMESTIC | Sub: single dwelling |
| DOMESTIC      | secondary structure  |
| DOMESTIC      | secondary structure  |

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Cat: DOMESTIC | Sub: single dwelling |
| DOMESTIC      | secondary structure  |
| DOMESTIC      | secondary structure  |

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Vernacular dwelling & outbuildings

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
roof asphalt \_\_\_\_\_  
walls weatherboard \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

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**8. Statement of Significance** See continuation sheet.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture  
Commerce

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**Period of Significance**

N/A (see Summary of text)

**Significant Dates** ca. 1936-44

**Significant Person** (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Cultural Affiliation** N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Architect/Builder** \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.) See continuation sheet.

9. **Major Bibliographical References** See continuation sheet.

10. **Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 26.11 acres

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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

|   | Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|
| 1 | ---  | -----   | -----    | 3    | ---     | -----    |
| 2 | ---  | -----   | -----    | 4    | ---     | -----    |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Parcel 20 in Brandywine, Election District 11

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)  
The boundaries are based on the current tax map.

11. Form Prepared By

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name John Jasper  
street&number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state MD zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIPTION

The two-story, two-bay frame Schwein House is a vernacular dwelling built as an investment property (i.e., a rental or speculative house). It stands on Parcel 20 in Brandywine, southern Prince George's County. The house is a freestanding structure on Cedarville Road, positioned at a slight angle to face the southwest. It is set back from the road, bordered by trees to its west and north, by railroad tracks on the east, and by Cedarville Road on the south. To the west of the property is a large, contemporary storage facility operated by Montgomery Ward.

**The Dwelling**

The house is a standard investment property, being utilitarian, rather than decorated to suit a particular architectural taste. It is a square-shaped structure, two stories tall, two bays wide, and two bays deep. It is clad in novelty siding painted white. It has a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles. The chimney is located just behind the ridge cap, on the northern (or rear) slope of the roof.

The door is positioned in the western bay on the first floor on the primary facade, or southern elevation. Although the interior was not viewed due to inaccessibility, it is likely that the stairs are located in the southwestern corner of the house and that the house is a side-hall plan structure.

The south elevation serves as the facade of the house. The door is contained behind a screen and underneath a gabled hood, supported by knee braces. The wooden, single-leaf door features a 3/3-light glass in its upper portion, with three wooden cross panels in its lower part. The windows on the house's facade are 6/6 double-hung sash surrounded by unadorned wooden frames.

The east elevation features two windows on each floor aligned in two bays. These two windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with unadorned surrounds. There is an outdoor water heater on this side of the house.

The rear, or northern elevation features a one-story shed addition running the width of the house. This addition was apparently built in two phases. The western portion is covered in novelty siding, while the eastern portion is covered in what appears to be vinyl and contains a door. There is a

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single window on the east side of the second floor on this elevation.

The west elevation is clad in the same novelty siding, and contains two extant windows in the main body of the house--one window opening fitted with an air conditioner--and one area currently concealed, which may have housed a glazed opening at one time. The first-story window on the west elevation is 6/6 double-hung sash, while the second-story window is a fixed 3/3 window. There is also a 6/6 double-hung window on the west wall of the one-story rear shed addition.

The house has experienced some apparent deterioration, but, without benefit of structural assessment, this deterioration is assumed to be superficial.

**Outbuildings**

There are two standing outbuildings which may date to the original construction of the house or may be early additions to the site. (Assessment information is not descriptive to date these structures.) There is a third outbuilding on the site in great disrepair, which is only partially standing. In addition, there is a new, prefabricated, gambrel-roof tool shed and a recreational vehicle on the site. (See Sketch Plan, Figure 9, for locations of these.)

To the east of the house is the most intact of the outbuildings, a one-story structure apparently built in two stages and connected to appear as one. It is a long, narrow, end-gable structure, sited perpendicular to the square-plan house. Its original function remains unknown. (See attached sketch plan, Structure A.) Structure A is clad in a variety of sidings, presumably from different eras of construction or repair jobs. The end-gable, south wall is clad in novelty siding, similar to that used on the house, while the area below the window contains board-and-batten siding. On the long, eastern elevation, there are wide wooden plank boards. Two wooden-plank doors are cut into the east elevation. The building is pierced by openings on the south and east faces. The windows appear to be of different construction date, with the double-hung sash window on the east appearing original. The whole structure is covered in two sections of standing-seam metal roof. Wooden rafter ends are barely visible at the eaves. This outbuilding is an example of typical, vernacular construction, and has no detailing of which

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to speak. The outbuilding appears to be in fair condition. A second outbuilding, Structure B on the attached Sketch Plan, is located to the north and slightly east of the house, in the area just before the property turns to woodland. It is also a one-story, wooden-clad, metal-roofed outbuilding, the original purpose of which is unknown. Unlike Structure A, this outbuilding is positioned with its long face towards the road. Its roof is nearly flat. There is a wooden paneled door on its south face and several window openings. This structure is in more serious disrepair than Structure A.

Just to the south of Structure B and placed perpendicular to it are the semi-ruinous remains of a third outbuilding. This is Structure C, which may have been connected to Structure B at some point. Only two walls remain of this shed-roof structure--its south and west walls--and due to its poor integrity the structure cannot be counted as a "building" in the total number of structures reported for the site. (See Sketch Plan, Figure 9, for its location.)

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

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Geographical Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Periods: Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture, Economic,  
Transportation

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic

Known Design Source: none

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SIGNIFICANCE

The house at 8100 Cedarville Road was built by Otto C.A. Schwein; it appears to have been constructed between 1936 and 1944, according to information from USGS topographical maps, Assessment Books, and oral history interviews. (See Appendix 1, Chain of Title.)

Otto Schwein was an engineer who emigrated from Germany to this country in the late 19th century.<sup>1</sup> He worked on various aspects of the construction of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893 before heading to Duluth, Minnesota, to pursue engineering jobs. He landed the position of foreman at the French and Hecht Company Wheelworks in Davenport, Iowa, moving there to build experience in the field of machine works. By 1913, Schwein was eager to own land, and found the cost of farmland on the East Coast cheaper than that in Iowa. He purchased an enviable piece of property in southern Prince George's County--106.46 acres along a railroad line. The seller was Richard Earnshaw, a "city guy," whose parents had bought him farmland. (Liber 88, Folio 30, February 24, 1913.)<sup>2</sup>

Otto C.A. Schwein and his wife Selma headed east in 1913. The 106.46-acre property bought by Schwein was made up of several historic parcels, and included land to the east of the public road from T.B. to Mattawoman (the predecessor to McKendree Road), and on both sides of the present-day Cedarville Road. It included a "house lot," and Schwein settled into the older house situated on that lot, adding to it. Given that the "house lot" was distinguished from "Francis A. Rowe's lot" in multiple deeds, Schwein's house was likely the structure on the east side of the road which preceded Route 301, to the north of Cedarville Road. This house is shown on the 1861 Martenet's Map and the 1878 Hopkins Atlas as the residence of J.F. Townshend,

<sup>1</sup> This information, and much other information contained within this inventory form is taken from oral history interviews conducted on April 2, 1993 with Elizabeth Schwein, daughter-in-law of Otto Schwein, and her daughter, Jean Tiemey.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Schwein, daughter-in-law of Otto Schwein. She mentioned that the house near the northwestern corner of Route 301 and the McKendree Road was Earnshaw's house. This is a two-and-a-half story, perhaps turn-of-the-century center-gable farmhouse, found throughout many counties in Maryland.

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the early landowner for whom the area was named.<sup>3</sup> (See Figures 1 and 2.)

Prior to Schwein's purchase of the property, the land assembled by previous owners was a vast parcel of over 319 acres. The 319-acre parcel had stretched as far south as the Piscataway Road, as far west as the road from T.B. to the Mattawoman Creek (near Timothy Branch), as far north as the farmland of the Badens and Robinsons (see attached 19th century maps), and as far east as the railroad. The area had been known by several designations, the longest-running of which was "Townshend," which appears as the name of the crossing on maps dating between 1895 and 1956. More historic designations, which date to deeds from the 1860s through 1880s, include "Robeysville," "Gents Enlargement," and "The Mill Seat." William Robey (or, Roby), Francis A. Rowe, and John F. Townshend<sup>4</sup> were the early landowners, until the land came into the hands of a Rosaryville woman named Violetta S.A. Douglass around the turn of the century. Originally, the land was part of the original Prince George's Land Patent known as Bulwick.

Prior to being known as "Townshend," the land upon which the 8100 Cedarville Road house sits was known as "Osborn's (or, Osborne's) Crossing" for its railroad crossing. The area's main attraction was the Popes Creek Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. The line was constructed in 1868 to facilitate the transport of tobacco and other goods from southeastern Maryland to Baltimore. Beginning in 1872, the Popes Creek trains provided southern Prince George's County farmers with opportunities for commerce, as

<sup>3</sup> This matches Elizabeth Schwein's description of the location of Schwein's house, and explains language in a later deed stating that Schwein still resided in property "adjoining" the 8100 Cedarville Road house. The Schwein House (on the east side of the predecessor road to Route 301) does not appear on the USGS map of 1895, but does appear on the map of 1903. This may either indicate a discrepancy in maps, or that an older house was torn down and replaced.

<sup>4</sup> The "T" in T.B.. The town was named after the stone which marked the boundary between Townshend and Brooke family lands. (Prince George's County Planning Department, Historic Preservation Section, "Historic Sites and Districts Plan, Preliminary Amendment," December 1990.)

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well as excursion.<sup>5</sup> Farmers could transfer at Bowie onto the Washington Branch of the railroad, and enjoy the novelties of the city. The town of Brandywine, just to the north of Osborne's Crossing, was platted in the mid-1870s, and grew into the larger of the two crossroads junctions.

By the time Schwein purchased the land, it had been divided into east and west portions, and 200 acres on the south side of Cedarville Road had been deeded to Hezekiah Ward. According to his descendants, Schwein's property was a popular stopping point for people doing business at the railroad freight station and post office. A path led eastward from the north/south T.B./Mattawoman Road (the predecessor to Route 301) through Schwein's property, down to Osborne's Freight Station and the Townshend post office, both operating out of the same structure immediately to the east of the railroad line on the north side of Cedarville Road. The post office/freight station--now demolished--was probably built in the 1870s/early 1880s to conform to the opening of the Popes Creek Branch line. The building appears for the first time on the 1895 USGS topographical map. (See Figure 3.)

In the first few decades of the 20th century, the Osborn family ran the station, while the Townshend family ran the post office and store. (Streets in Brandywine had been named for these prominent local families in 1876.<sup>6</sup>) The schoolhouse for the small railroad crossing area was located farther up the railroad tracks toward Brandywine, in a small structure which still stands as a tenant house at the end of Indian Head Road, the road just to the west of the railroad tracks. Here, a Mr. Tibbets taught school to the area children.

Otto C.A. Schwein was a hardworking businessman and farmer who grew corn, hay, wheat, and tobacco and raised chickens, while also running a successful machine-shop business out of his garage. He was reputed to be the most well-trained engineer in southern Maryland, having garnered the skills through his Iowa work to deal with the most unusual of machinery problems. He serviced

<sup>5</sup> Susan Pearl, "Railroads in Prince George's County, 1835-1935," Historic Context in Prince George's County, June 1990.

<sup>6</sup> Susan Pearl, Prince George's County Historical Commission, Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form, "Brandywine," 1986/87. Survey Number PG#85A-32.

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farm machines, automobiles, and even boats, being responsible for the installation of engines and shafts on many of Maryland's sailing ships when they were converted from sail to motor power. With the popularization of the automobile, Schwein expanded his machine shop into a gas station and auto servicing store, and eventually sold automobiles from his property via a dealership.

In the late 1930s/early 1940s, Schwein decided to build additional structures on his land. Elizabeth Schwein places the construction of the 8100 Cedarville Road house at 1936-38, which conforms to the broader USGS map construction date range of 1927-46 (Figures 6 and 7). He rented the Cedarville Road house to tenants for a number of years, then sold it in August of 1947 to Don Q. and Virginia E. Malcolm.

The 1946 map shows four primary properties (and likely two outbuildings) on the north side of Cedarville Road, between Route 301 and the railroad tracks, one of which is the 8100 Cedarville Road house (Figure 5). The 1940-44 Assessments for Brandywine list a \$3450 improvement value for Otto Schwein's property on a Parcel 577. Since this is the only parcel listed at this time for Schwein, we can assume this is the land sold to him by Richard Earnshaw in 1913 (Liber 88, Folio 30). This value likely includes the older house in which Schwein had resided since 1913, its barn(s)/garage,<sup>7</sup> and, the rental house at 8100 Cedarville Road. Schwein's 1940-44 acreage is recorded in assessments as 91 acres,<sup>8</sup> signifying a loss of 15.46 acres since his original 106.46 purchase.

The 1944 Assessment Book<sup>9</sup> shows Schwein owning additional property. In conjunction with his 91-acre Parcel 577, he owned a Parcel 578 of

<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth Schwein mentioned that there were "barns" to the rear of the house Schwein occupied.

<sup>8</sup> Fifty-three acres were considered tillable and assessed for \$3180, while 38 acres were considered wooded, and valued at \$760.

<sup>9</sup> There is a separate Assessment Book for 1944, in addition to the 1940-44 Book.

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approximately 95 acres<sup>10</sup> with a \$1700 improvement, and a Parcel 578A of 2 1/2 acres with a \$1000 improvement on it. Elizabeth Schwein recounted that Schwein owned a rental property on the south side of Cedarville Road, while

Jean Tierney recalled a second rental house in between the 8100 Cedarville Road house, and the house in which her grandfather lived.<sup>11</sup>

The 1946 map shows at least one other property on the north side of Cedarville Road, just to the west of the access road to Schwein's house. Schwein also sold or gave land to his sons, Walter and Kurt Schwein, who are shown in the 1944 Assessment as owning Parcels 578B and 579 respectively. Parcel 578B is shown as subdivided within "Long's Subdivision," with Walter Schwein owning Lots 1 through 3.

The house at 8100 Cedarville Road served as a rental property, but never as a "tenant house." According to Elizabeth Schwein, no renters ever farmed Schwein's land. A variety of people occupied the house during the 1940s before Schwein sold it to the Malcolms.

**Determination of Eligibility**

See cover letter which accompanies this Inventory Form for preliminary Determination of Eligibility.

**Potential Historic District Eligibility**

Otto C.A. Schwein owned a significant parcel of land in the first part of the 20th century at or near the intersection of Route 301 and Cedarville Road. Today, the 8100 Cedarville Road house (and, potentially, one small 1 1/2-story 20th-century brick house to its west on a separate parcel) remain of his holdings. The enormous Montgomery Ward storage facility on the northeast

<sup>10</sup> 25.96 acres were assessed at a value of \$910, while 70 acres were assessed at \$700.

<sup>11</sup> The lack of 1940s tax maps, and the Assessment Office's inability to directly translate 1940 parcel numbers into contemporary parcel numbers, makes it difficult to establish which specific improvements relate to which portions of Schwein's land. This problem is compounded by the fact that acreage totals in the Assessments do not directly correspond to numbers indicated in deeds. What is certain, however, is that the 8100 Cedarville Road house was built by 1946.

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corner of the intersection is, however, the dominant built presence in the area.

Coupled with the Montgomery Ward structure's presence, the loss of neighboring historic structures--particularly the Schwein residence and the Osborne Crossing Station/post office--has contributed to a lack of visible historic context in this immediate Townshend area. There are historic farmhouses located along the Cedarville Road between Route 301 and Cedarville State Forest, but these are interspersed with houses of more recent construction. If a district, or "complex" of Townshend buildings were to exist, however, this vernacular house likely would be a contributing structure within an eligible National Register district by satisfying Criterion C ("... a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction").<sup>12</sup> In examining other historic district potential in a slightly broader area, the house cannot be said to belong to the small, but rather cohesive grouping of structures in Brandywine to its north, nor to that in T.B. to its northwest.

Potential Individual Building Eligibility

As an individual building, the house appears to lack the necessary level of historical significance, and its outbuildings lack sufficient integrity and architectural merit, to meet the eligibility criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The construction of the house (a relatively late addition to an area which grew primarily during the late 19th and early 20th centuries) cannot be tied directly to "events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history" (Criterion A). Otto C.A. Schwein moved to the area in 1913 to buy farmland near the railroad, but this house, built two decades later, does not, in and of itself, adequately represent the impact of railroad construction and farming in southern Prince George's County.

While Otto Schwein was apparently a well-known farmer and impressive

<sup>12</sup> National Park Service, "Bulletin 16: How to Complete the National Register Completion Form," 1991.

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entrepreneur, the property at 8100 Cedarville Road was not his primary residence, but rather a property he erected for investment purposes. The house, therefore, is not the best representation of his significance as a machinist or farmer (Criterion B).

In a broad sense, the house does "embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction," in that it is a competent example of 1930s-40s vernacular housing. The house does not appear to meet the standards of Criterion C, however, because it is not distinguished by individual craftsmanship, fine proportion, interesting massing or materials, etc.

As for a significant floor plan, many attempts were made to contact the current resident of the house to view the interior arrangement of rooms. These attempts were unsuccessful. Floor plan was characterized, therefore, by reading the location of doors and windows from the exterior. Interior details remain unknown, but, judging by the unadorned exterior of the building, there is probably little by way of interior ornament.

The final criterion, Criterion D, has not been evaluated because archeological investigation was not included as part of this study.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

DEED OF TITLE  
8100 Cedarville Road

1. 4222: 97 - James M. Medley and Kathleen O. Medley to Jones D. Jasper and Jerry Woodson Jasper. 26.11 acres in Brandywine on 5/8/1973. (Upon Jones D. Jasper's death in 1975, William G. Murray appointed trustee. 6529: 655.)
2. 3902: 102 - Peter R. Vidi and Juanita M. Vidi and Abraham M. Kaufman and Dora Kaufman, surviving joint tenants of their son, Morris H. Kaufman (unmarried), to James M. Medley and Kathleen O. Medley. 26.11 acres on 12/23/1970. The parcel, 26.11 acres, was surveyed by Millard Thorne in 1906.
3. 2478: 641 - James W. Sanderson and Jeannette Sanderson to Peter R. Vidi and Juanita Vidi (1/3rd), Abraham M. Kaufman and Dora Kaufman (1/3rd), and Morris H. Kaufman (1/3rd). 26.11 acres on 8/24/1960.
4. 1793: 556 - Anthony J. Neri, unmarried, to James Willard Sanderson and Jeannette Sanderson. Subject to balance due on deed of trust from Don Q. Malcolm and Virginia E. Malcolm, his wife, to Anacostia National Bank of Washington dated 8/25/1947. 26.11 acres on 11/12/1954.
5. 959: 104 - Otto C.A. Schwein and Selma Schwein to Don Q. Malcolm and Virginia E. Malcolm. Property located adjacent to land still owned by the grantors and identified on Thorne's 1906 survey. 26.11 acres on 8/25/1947. Same property as that conveyed to the first party from Richard J. Earnshaw, dated 2/24/1913. Subject to racial restriction ("no sale to, lease to, or occupancy by anyone other than a member or members of the white race").
6. 88: 30 - Richard J. Earnshaw et ux to Otto C.A. Schwein et ux of Davenport, Iowa. All that certain tract of land known as "Robeysville," "Gents Enlargement," "The Mill Seat." Beginning at the point where the state road touches the boundary line of the Aquila T. Robinson farm . . . being the east portion of that tract of land which was conveyed to Richard J. Earnshaw by Violetta S.A. Douglass. The tract of land hereby known as "Robeysville," or whatsoever name or names the same may be known, is mentioned and described in the deed as "the house lot" and contains 106.46 acres of land. 2/24/1913.
7. 34: 461 - Violetta S.A. Douglass to Richard J. Earnshaw of Washington, D.C. The land described in a deed from C.C. Magruder and W.H. Tuck, trustees, to John F. Townshend, corrected to exclude 1/8 acre conveyed to Kate B. Townshend by John F. Townshend (W.A.J. 1: 350) and tract conveyed to

Hezekiah Ward (H.B. No. 3: 512) . . . to intersect the 35th line of the original "Robeysville" tract and also a boundary on Mary C. Baden's land . . . to include the 3-acre lot purchased from Francis A. Rowe as per deed recorded in W.A.J. 1: 453. Containing 106.46 acres in the house lot and 31.05 acres in the lot across the road and 137 and 5/100 acres more or less in the whole tract, as shown by survey by J.W.F. Hatton on 11/15/1906. 11/17/1906.

8. 27: 271 - Leonard B. Jenkins and Anna L. Jenkins of Charleston Township, Teoga County, Pennsylvania to Violetta S.A. Douglass, or Rosaryville, Prince George's County. All that land bounded on the north by lands of Thomas Baden, A.T. Robinson, and R.E Baden, on the east by lands of E.D. Jennings and the right of way of Pope's Creek Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, on the south by the Public Highway as it leaves the station running to Piscataway Creek and called the Piscataway Road, and on the northwest by lands of T. Baden. Being 150 acres of land, same land conveyed by said Violetta to said grantors by an indenture on 1/19/1905 (22/397). Also all that other tract of land described in the same (22/397) from Violetta S.A. Douglass to the parties as conveyed to her by deed dated 5/25/1880 and recorded 6/2/1880 (1: 453). [See note for item 9.] Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the same belonging. 2/14/1906

\*[Deed corrected in Liber 28, Folio 582 of 3/28/1906. Corrected deed transfers same land as described in this deed (27: 271) to same party.]

9. 22: 397 - Indenture for \$2,000. Violetta S.A. Douglass to Leonard B. Jenkins. All that certain tract of land situated in 11th Election District in Brandywine. 150 acres and being all the land said party owns of the tract of land formerly known as "Robysville," Gents Enlargement," and "The Mill Seat," and what is known as the Francis A. Rowe lot; said lot or tract of land now being in the possession of Weedon Oliver, as tenant of said first party. And being the same lot of land deeded to said Violetta Douglass by John F. and Mary C. Townshend on 4/21/1880 (J.W.B. No. 1: 769). Also that other tract of land deeded to said first party by Francis A. Rowe and Martha J. Rowe, his wife, by deed dated 5/25/1880 (1: 453). 150 + \_\_\_\_\_ acres in 1/09/05.

\*Liber 1 could not be found at the Recorder of Deeds Office nor at the Maryland Hall of Records. Indexes for the 1880s were checked under "Douglass" as grantee and "Rowe" as grantor, but no deed for this specific transaction was listed. Curiously and/or coincidentally, Liber W.A.J. 1: 453 of the same date is the Liber/Folio for the transaction between Rowe and the Townshends, and, for a second

transaction recorded the same day between Rowe and a William L. Robinson, but shows no transaction with Violetta Douglass. If Francis A. Rowe transferred land directly to Violetta Douglass, this may explain the discrepancy between the 122 acres transferred in 1883 (see below) and the 150 acres transferred in 1905.

10. J.W.B. 1: 769 - John F. Townshend and Mary C. Townshend, formerly residents of Prince Georges County to Violetta S.A. Douglass. For \$2,250 do grant the farm on which they lately resided in the said county, it being all of those several tracts, parts of tracts, or parcels of land called and known as "Robeysville, "Gents Enlargement," and "The Mill Seat" which were conveyed to Townshend by William H. Tuck and C.C. Magruder on 12/28/1860 (C.S.M. 4: 39) containing 319 3/4 acres, saving and accepting all that portion of the said several tracts conveyed to Hezekiah Ward by Townshend on 6/28/1870 (H.B. 3: 512) containing 200 acres, and 1/8 of an acre of the said land conveyed by the said John F. Townshend and wife to Kate B. Townshend by their deed (W.A.J. 1: 350), the said land being near T.B. (319 3/4 - 200 1/8 = 119 5/8). Also, all that other tract, lot or parcel of ground which was conveyed to said John Townshend by Francis A. Rowe and Martha J. Rowe by their deed bearing date 5/25/1880 (W.A.J. 1: 453), being all that part of land in which F.A. Rowe then resided which lies on the east side of the public road leading from T.B. to Mattawoman Run containing three acres more or less. 4/1/1883.

11. W.A.J. 1: 453. Francis A. Rowe and Martha J. Rowe to John F. Townshend. All that tract of land on which Rowe now resides, on the east side of the Public Road leading from T.B. to Mattawoman Run. Three acres on 5/25/1880.

11A) Caleb C. Magruder of Prince Georges County and William H. Tuck of Anne Arundel County to John F. Townshend. Trustees appointed in dispute to sell the land of Walter W. Robey ("Robeysville") at public sale. Land situated near T.B. and containing 319 3/4 acres. Property sold to Barnet Vanfleet, who sold it immediately to John F. Townshend. The land is the real estate of Walter W. Robey, deceased, and lies near Robeysville, near T.B., called "Gents Enlargement" and "The Mill Seat." 319 3/4 acres on 2/28/1860.

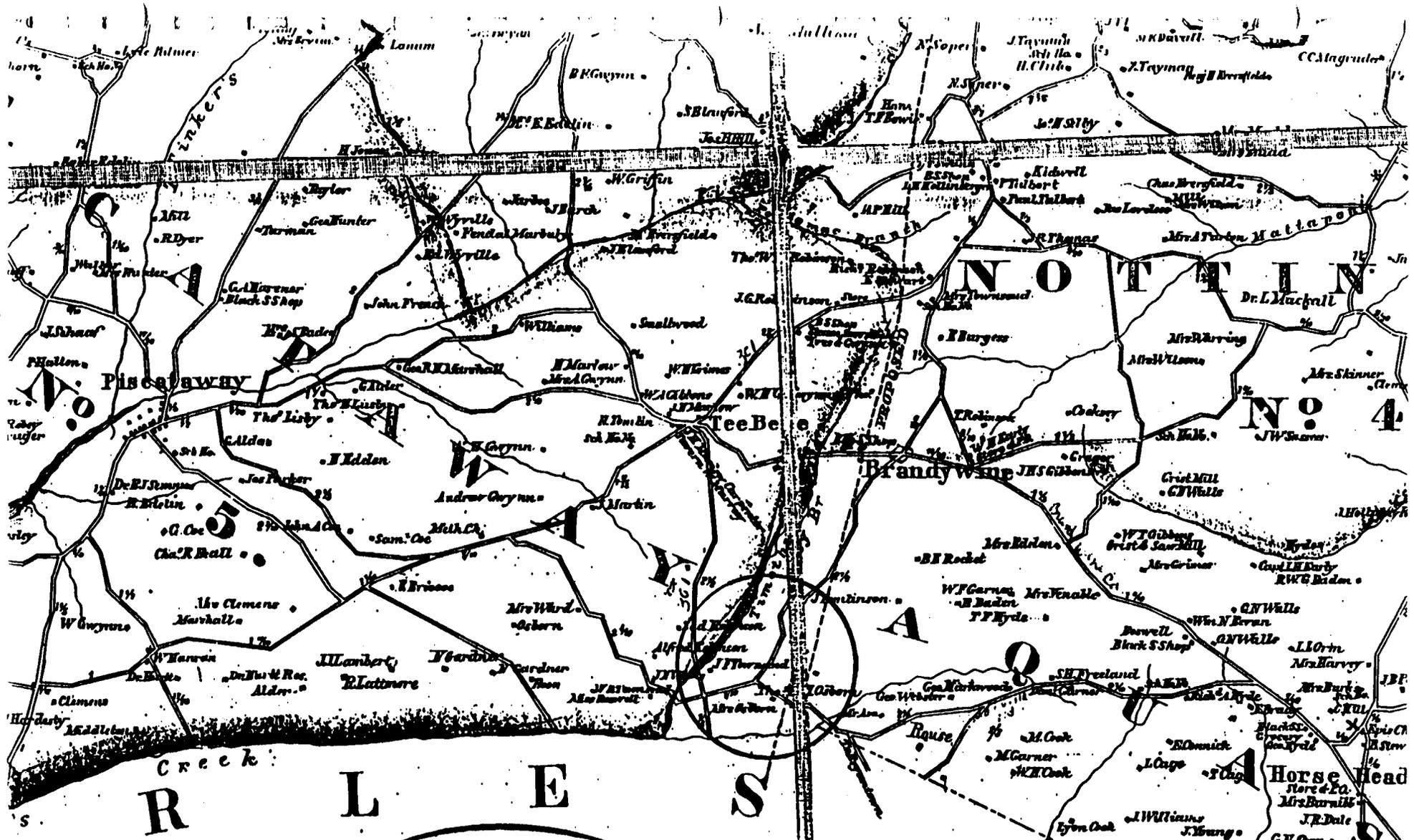


Figure 1

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 Brandywine, Prince George's County, MD  
 Martenet's Map of Prince George's County, 1861.

# BRANDYWINE DIST.

## No. 11

Prince George County

Scale, 1 1/4 Inches to the Mile.

1878



Figure 2

Horse Head P.O.

### TEE BEE BUSINESS NOTICES.

**J. E. Hunt.**  
 Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,  
 Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Paints,  
 Oils, Glass, Dye Stuffs, and Hardware,  
 Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

**William A. Gibbons,**  
 Cabinet Maker and Undertaker

**SPRING GROVE**

**John A. Coe,**  
 Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and  
 General Country Produce.

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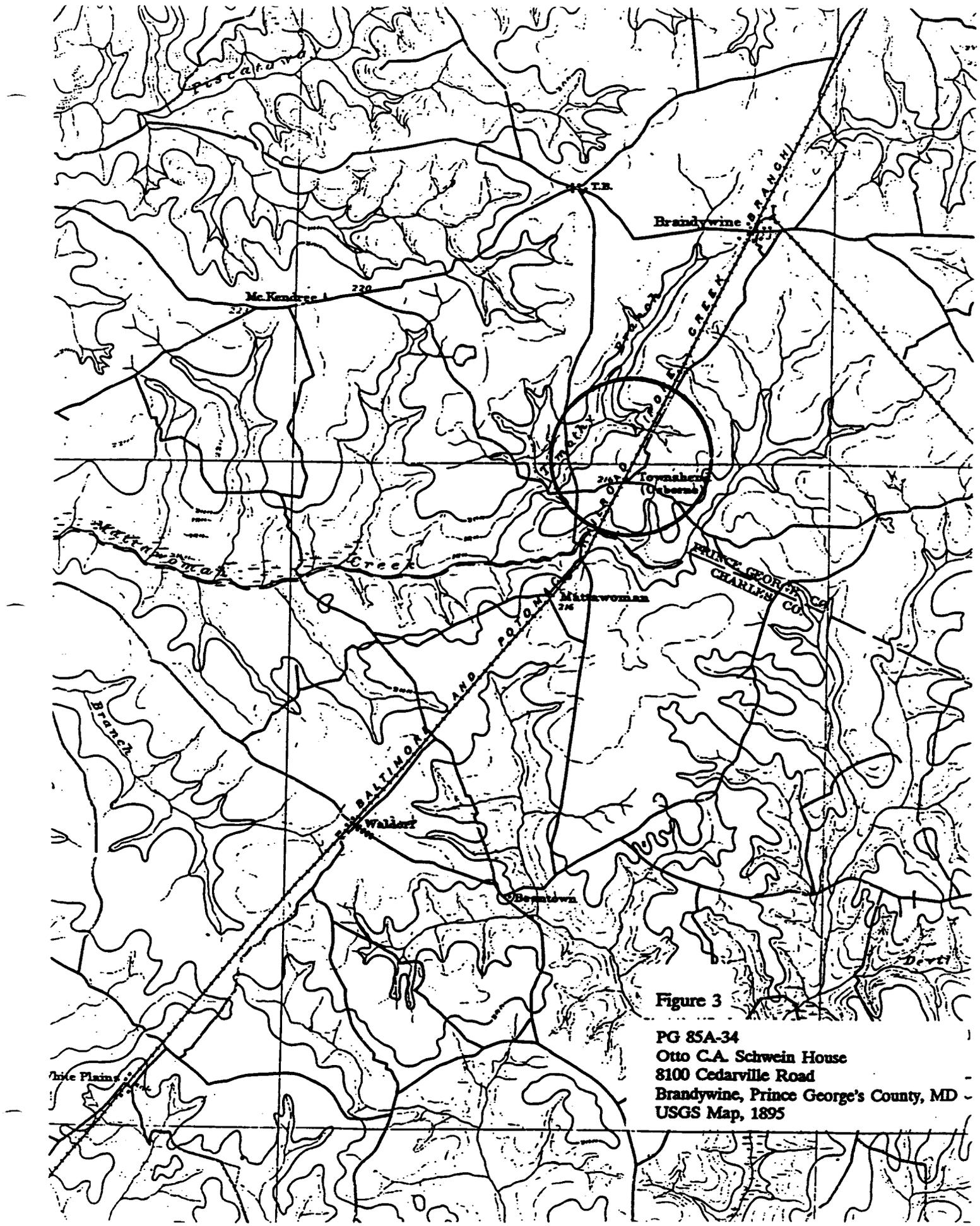


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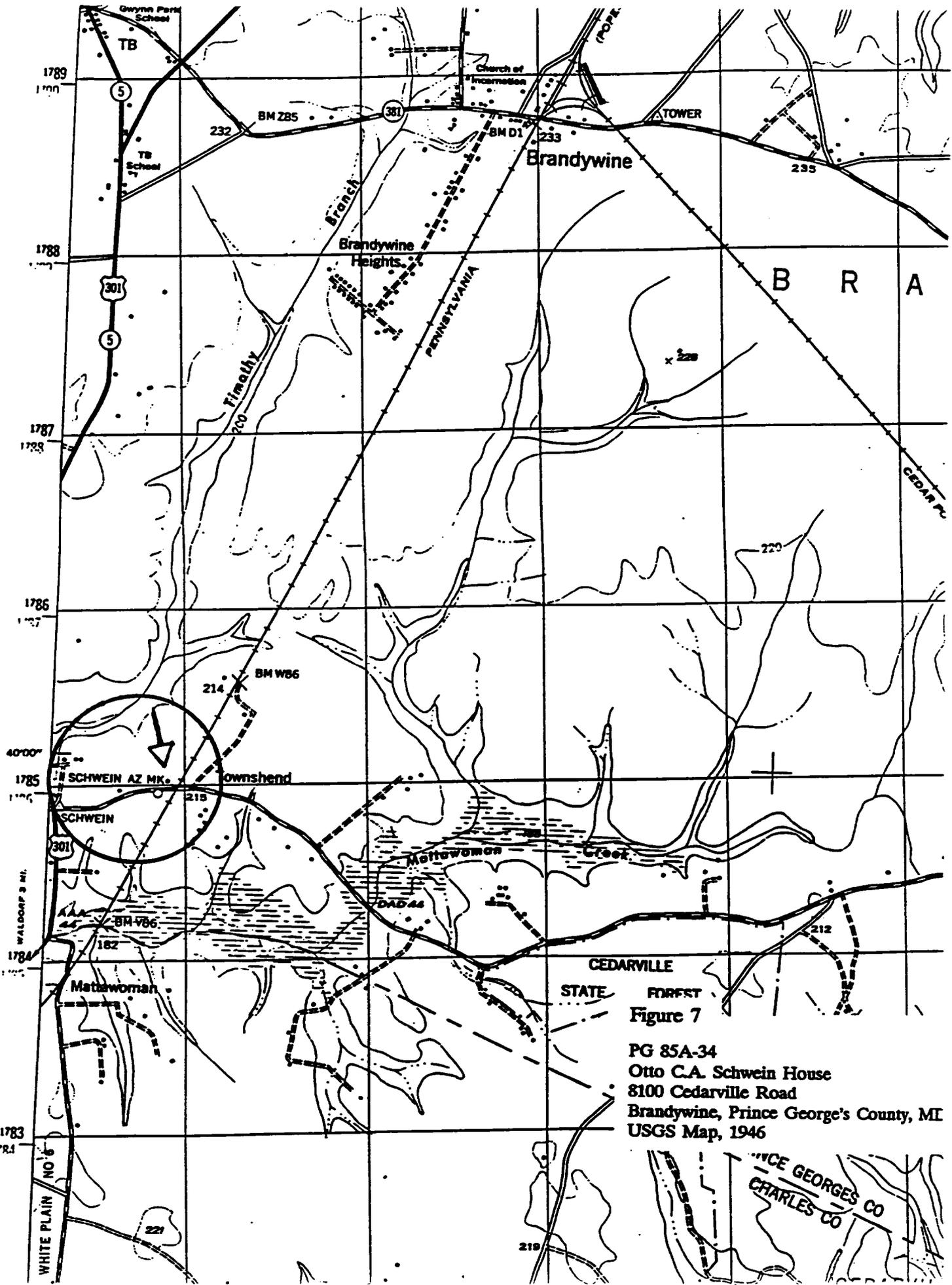
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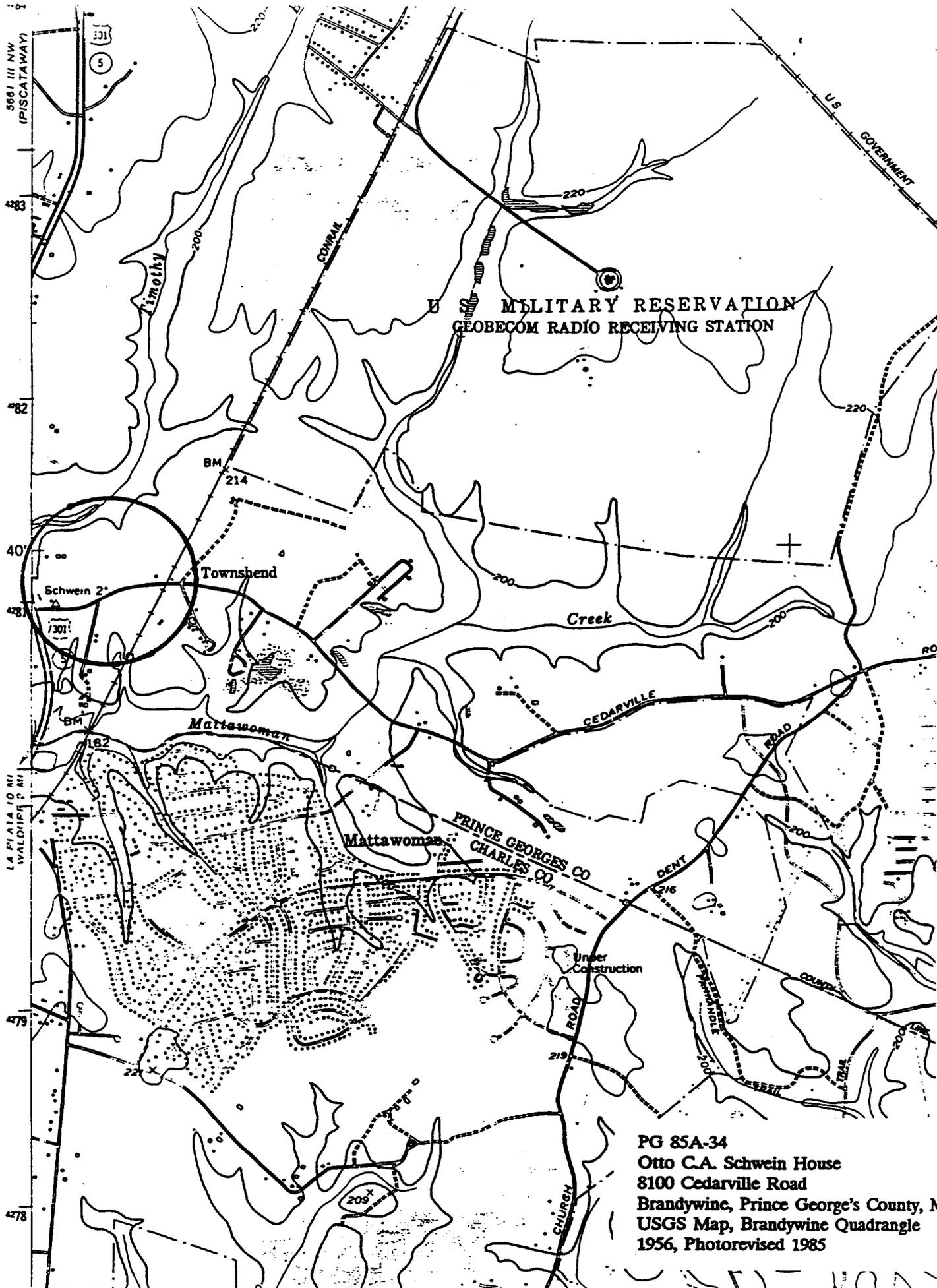


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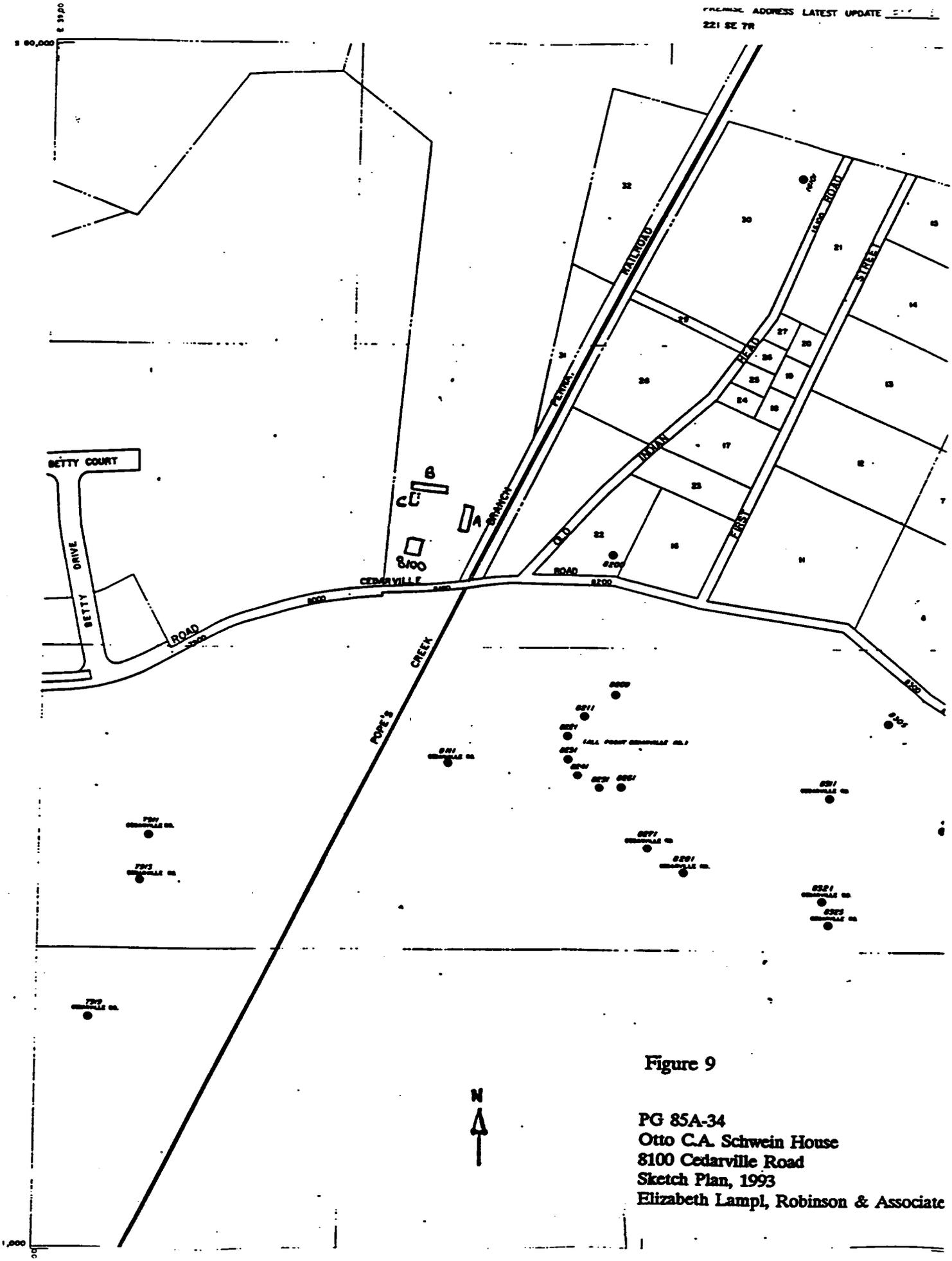


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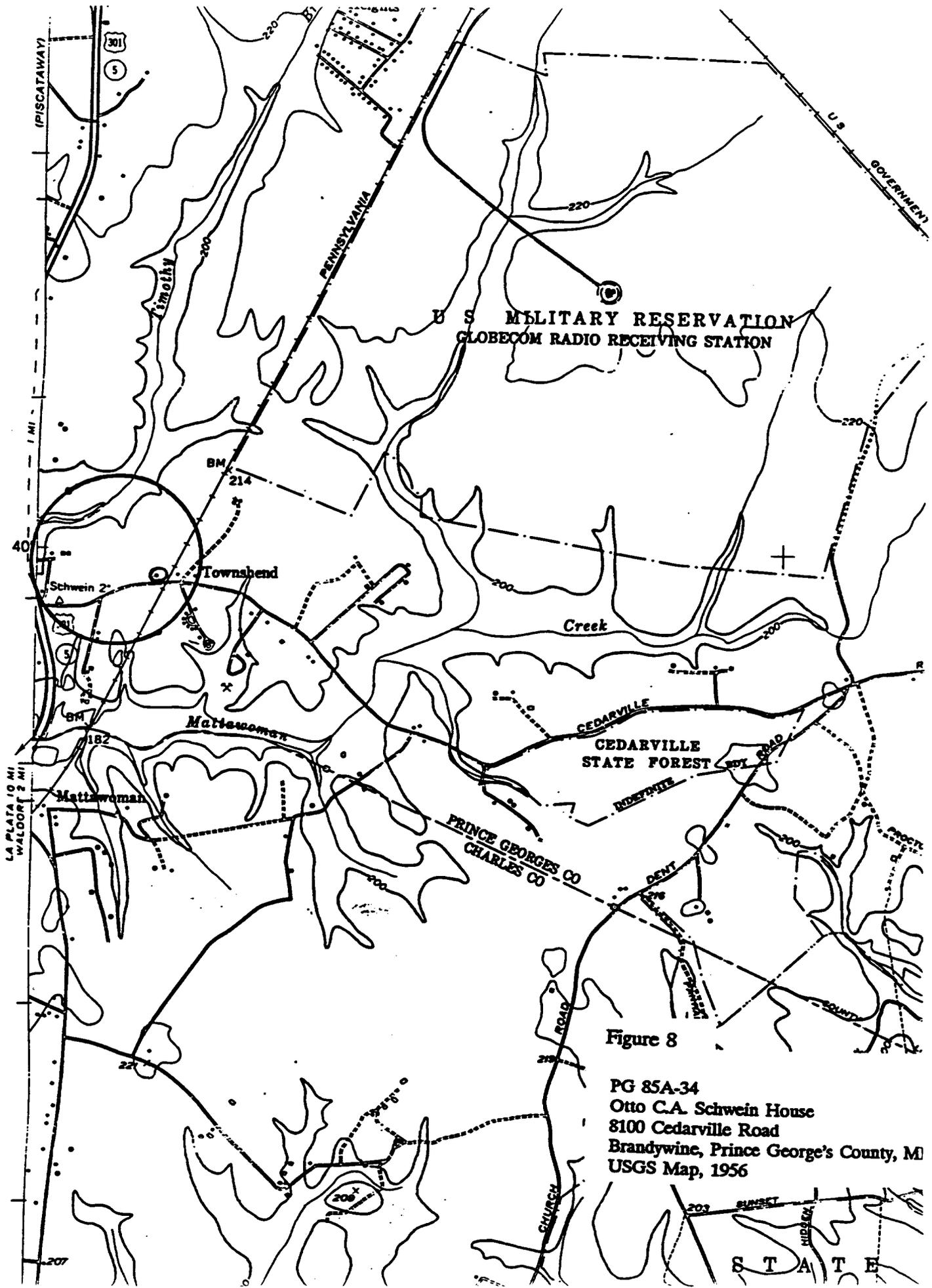


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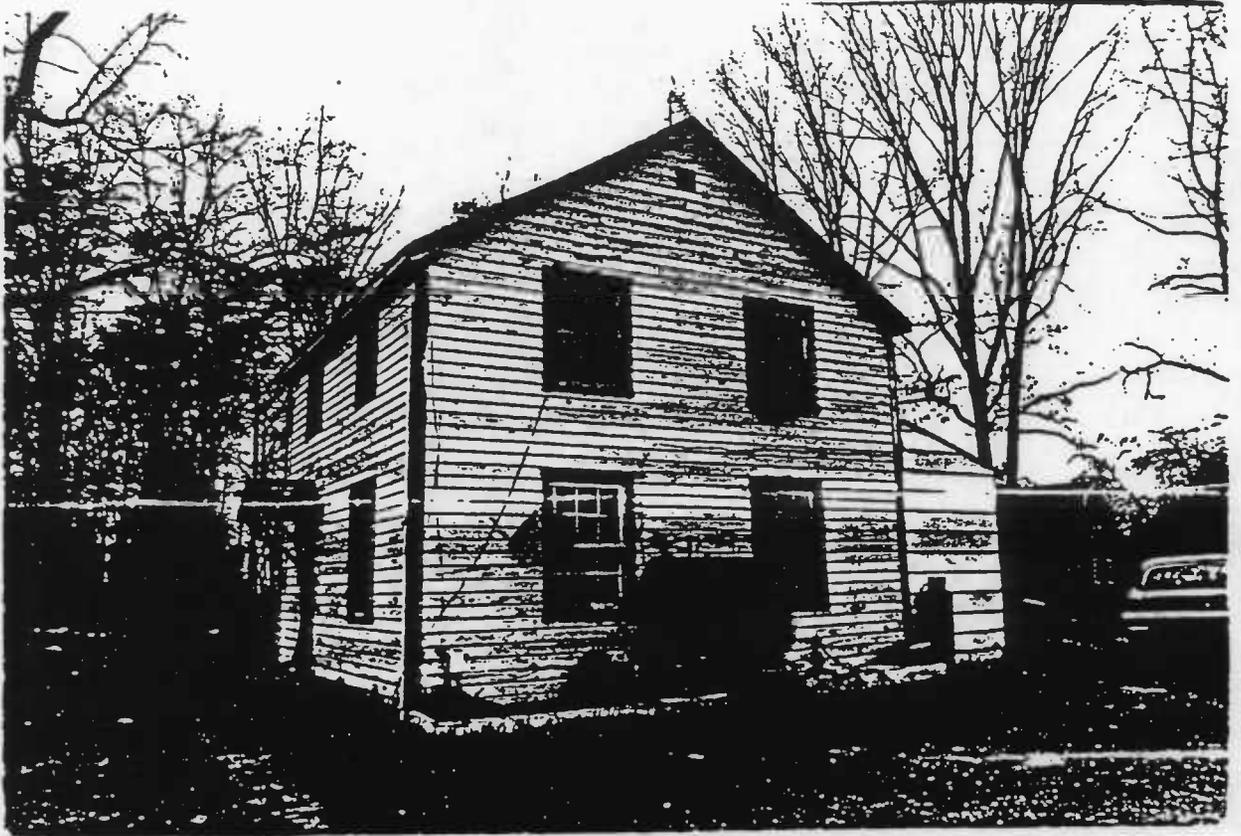
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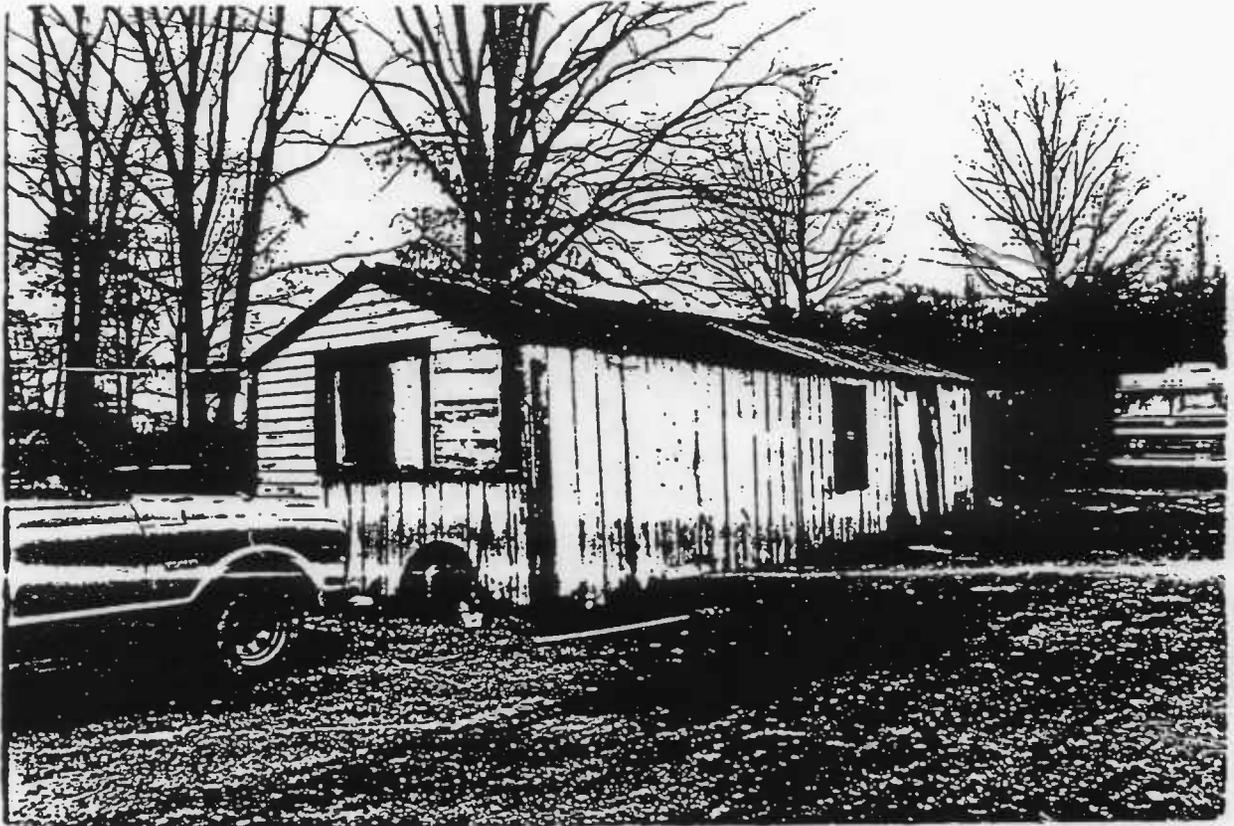
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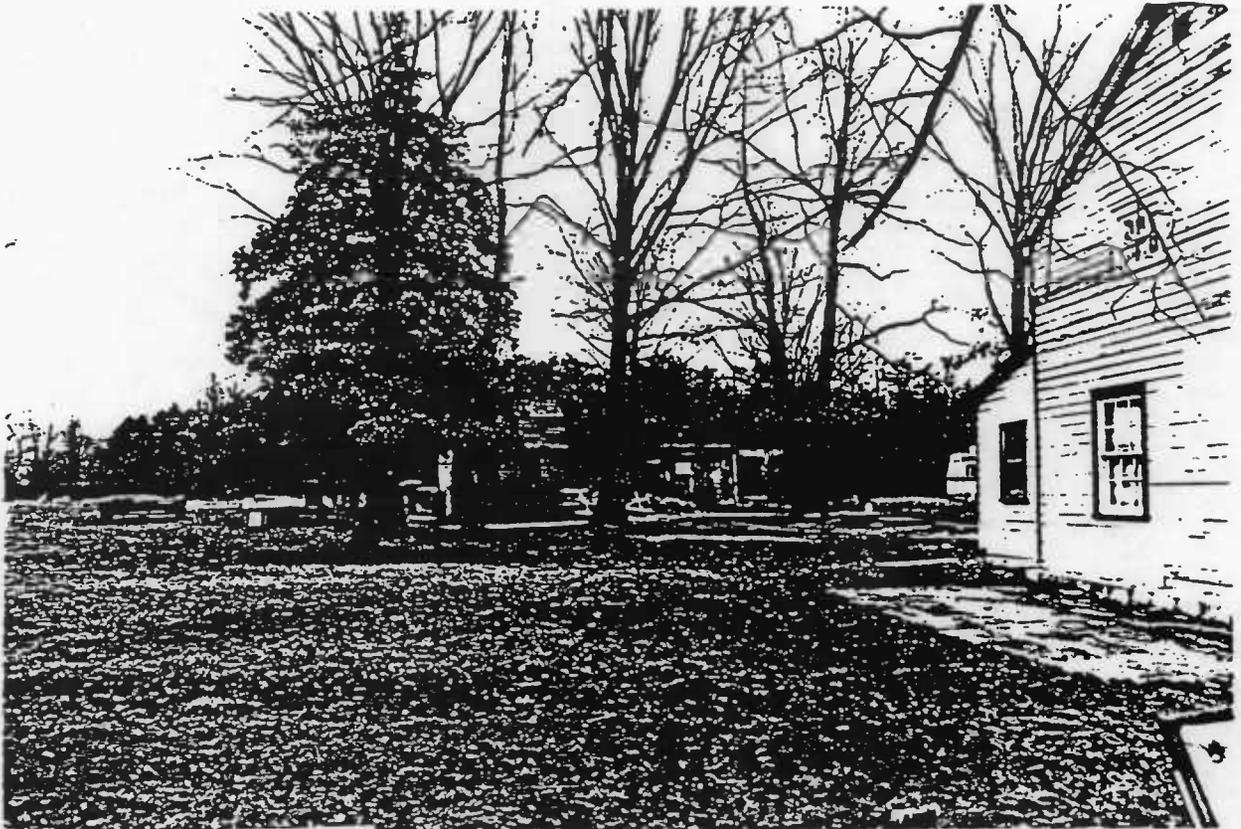
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