

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Virts Farm Inventory Number: WA-I-386

Address: 11631 Walnut Point Road City: Hagerstown Zip Code: 21740

County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Mason Dixon Quadrangle

Owner: Brunner, Richard T and Barbara L. Is the property being evaluated a district?  No

Tax Parcel Number: 18 Tax Map Number: 48, Grid 8 Tax Account ID Number: 02-014491

Project: Proposed Baer Cell Tower Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

WA - I - 386, Virts Farm  
The Victorian Farmstead consists of a 2-1/2-story 4-bay brick residence with a brick kitchen and frame bank barn. The Gothic Revival inspired residence has 2-over-2 wooden lintel windows with flat arches along with a small segmental window in the roof gable of the front façade. There is a 1-story veranda across the front façade with "turned" porch supports and scroll brackets. The building has been altered with a multi-light window on the south elevation and vinyl shutters. Architecturally the farm retains much integrity to provide valuable information about development in this area of Maryland. The residence reflects popular architectural trends of the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, illustrating that farm residences were not always the result of utilitarian and functional requirements. The farm complex, composed of an unusual collection of extant buildings, is an important example of late-19<sup>th</sup>-Century farmstead. The property would be eligible for listing on the National Register.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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: <u>Lacks distinction.</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/11/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/11/03</u> Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

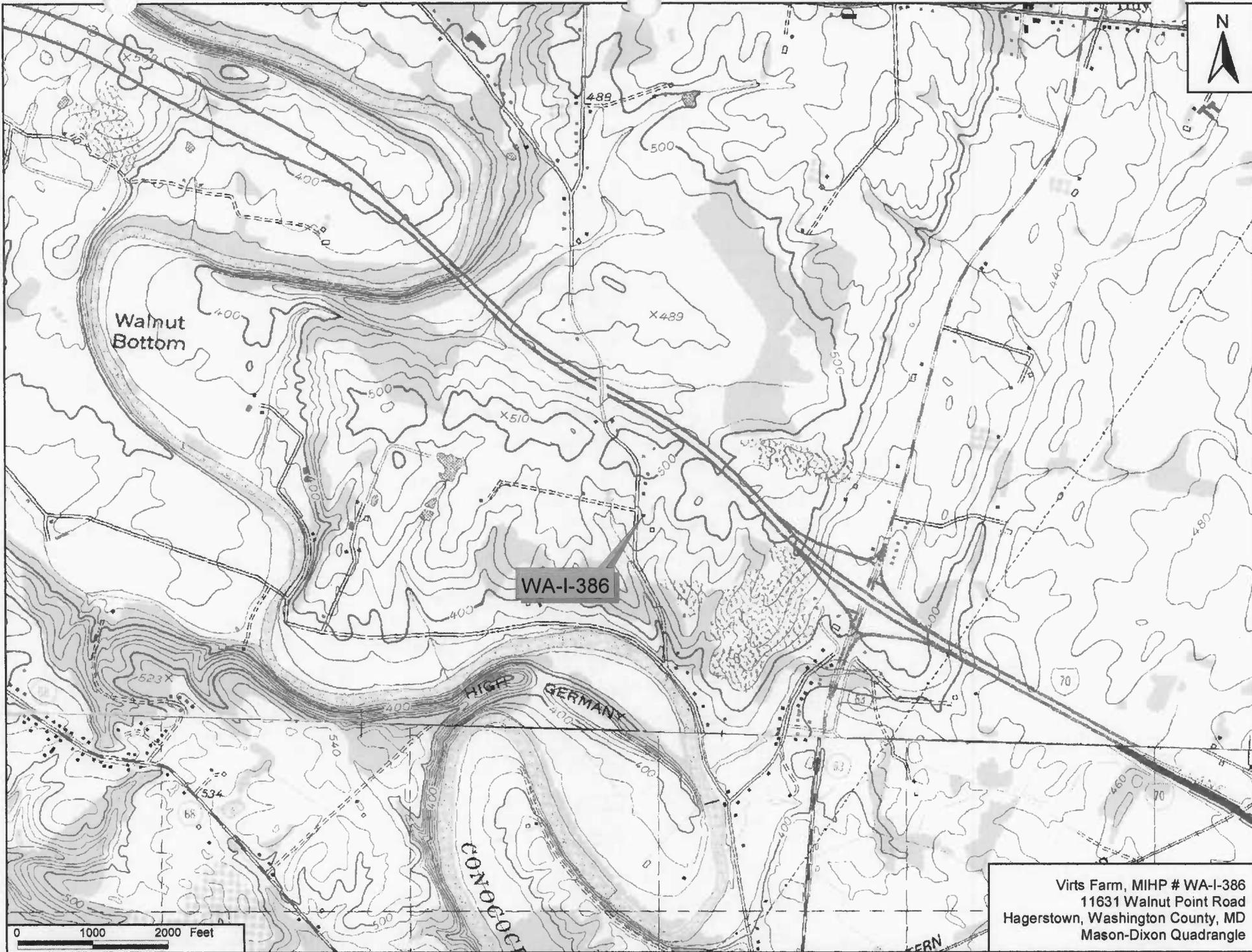
Continuation Sheet No. 1

WA-I-386

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Prepared by: Kristie Lalire

Date Prepared: 3/10/2003



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Virts Farm, MIHP # WA-I-386  
11631 Walnut Point Road  
Hagerstown, Washington County, MD  
Mason-Dixon Quadrangle

0 1000 2000 Feet



Virts Farm

WA-1-386

11631 Walnut Point Rd.

Hagerstown, MD

Washington Co.

photo by Kristie Lalire, 3/2/2003

front elevation (east) and  
north side elevation

① of 2



Virfs Farm

WI-1-326

11631 Walnut Point Rd.

Hagerstown, MD

Washington Co.

Photographed: Kristie Lalre, 3/8/2003

north side elevation

(E) of Z

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-386  
Virts Farm  
Williamsport Vicinity  
private

Late 19th Century

This group of buildings consisting of a two story, four bay brick house with a steeply pitched gable dormer projecting from its roof at the front elevation; an out-kitchen, also of brick; and a frame bank barn with Victorian trim is a representative late 19th century farmstead.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-335  
District 2  
Map 48  
Parcel 18  
MAGI # 2205935635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Virts Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Walnut Point Road

CITY, TOWN

North of Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**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

Elizabeth A. Virts & Luther Virts

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 251  
Folio #: 580

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE  
Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA-I-386

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**

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

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

This house and barn are located along Walnut Point Road east of the Conococheague Creek, north of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on rolling limestone ground with the house facing south and the barn east.

The house is a two story, four bay brick structure resting on low stone foundations. A one story, two bay frame board and batten addition is attached to the south end wall. The entire structure has been painted white and is composed of bricks laid in common bond at all elevations. Flat arches are present above openings in the two main stories. A window in a steeply pitched gable dormer centered in the south slope of the roof is topped with a segmental arch of brick.

Openings have narrow framing finished with a bead at the inside edge. Two over two pane double hung sashes are used. Although the house has four openings at the first story of the front elevation, only two windows set toward the ends of the walls are located at the second floor level.

The roof is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls. A small brick chimney is located inside the west end wall and a modern concrete block flue rises on the west elevation. A shed roofed porch which has been screened stands along the front elevation of both sections of the house.

Just southeast of the house is a brick outkitchen with segmentally arched window and door heads and an exterior chimney. South of the house is a frame bank barn with louvered ventilators trimmed with applied architraves in its walls and decorative metal ventilators on its roof ridge.

The buildings appear to be in fair to good condition and are located on a property containing 40.649 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		
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<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 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				

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SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 40.649 acres

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

November 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

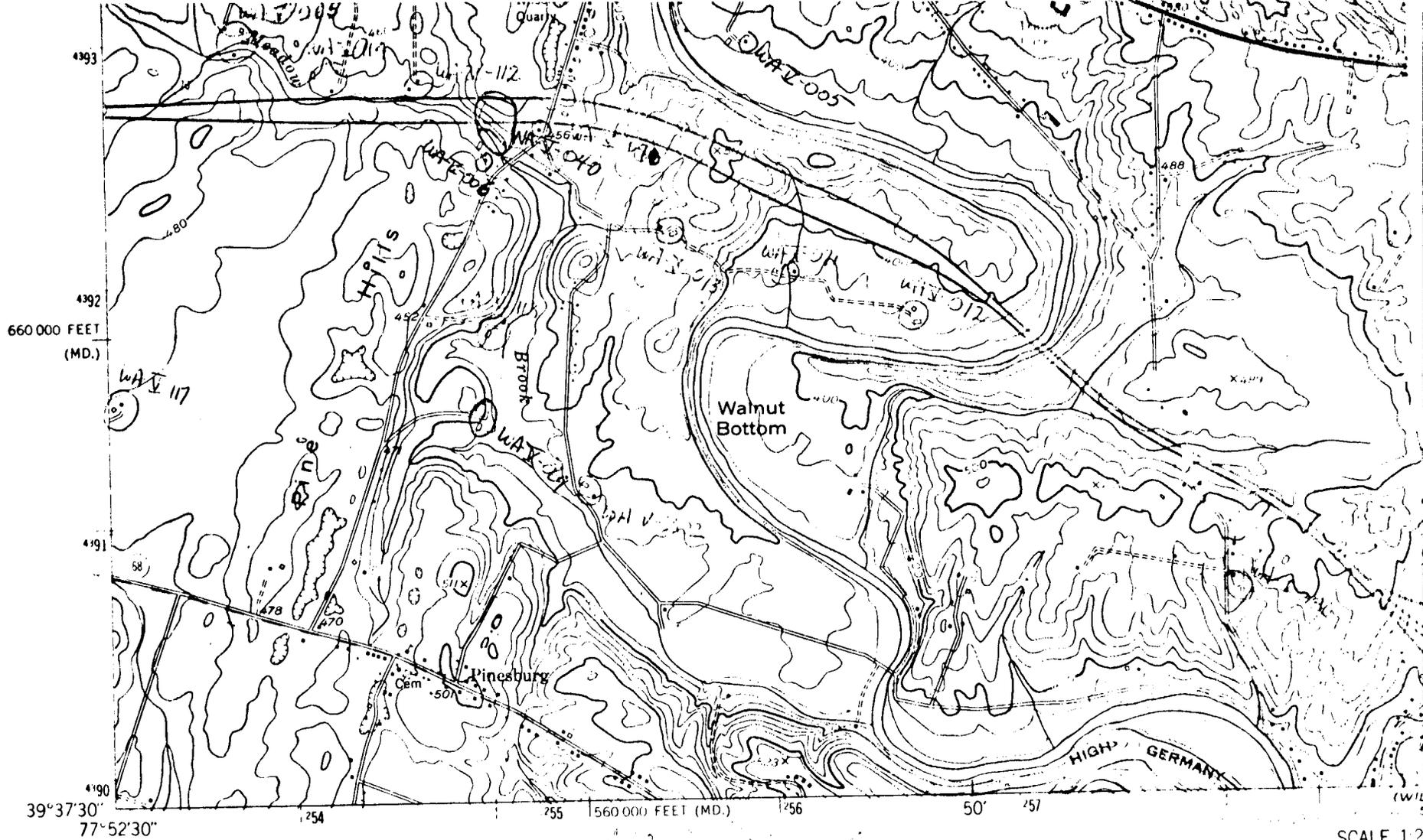
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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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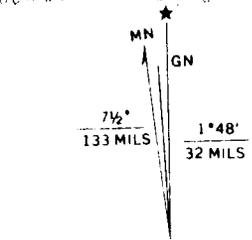
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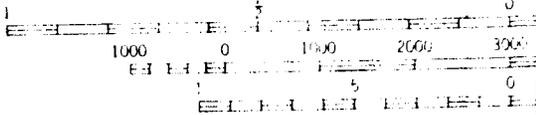
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 Aerial photographs taken 1943  
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
 10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system  
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 18, shown in blue

*William Dixon Goodman*



UTM GRID AND 1971 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



CONTAINING INTER...

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS



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SW

1-1-1915

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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



4/11/78

N 700

April 1978

U.S. Farm

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