NPS Form 10-900
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OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**
**REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Wilson, Rufus, Complex

other names/site number WA-V-74

## 2. Location

street & number 14293 Rufus Wilson Road (Old MD Route 40) not for publication n/a
city or town Clear Spring vicinity x
state Maryland code MD county Washington code 043 zip code 21722

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally ___ statewide
x locally. ( ___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official — Date 10-24-96

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ____ meets ____ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official — Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:

____ entered in the National Register _____
___ See continuation sheet.
____ determined eligible for the _____
National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
____ determined not eligible for the _____
National Register
____ removed from the National Register _____

____ other (explain): _____

_____ _____
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

_x_ private
___ public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

_x_ building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|---|---|---|
| 4 | 1 | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
| | | objects |
| 4 | 1 | Total |

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing n/a

## Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| Cat: | Sub: |
|---|---|
| DOMESTIC | single dwelling |
| COMMERCE/TRADE | department store |
| AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE | agricultural outbuilding |
| GOVERNMENT | post office |

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

| Cat: | Sub: |
|---|---|
| DOMESTIC | single dwelling |
| COMMERCE/TRADE | specialty store |
| DOMESTIC | hotel |
| AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE | agricultural outbuilding |

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
LATE VICTORIAN: Second Empire

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation STONE
roof SLATE; ASPHALT; METAL
walls BRICK; STONE
other WOOD
CONCRETE

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

## Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

_x_ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance ca. 1840-1919

Significant Dates ca. 1850; ca. 1880

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder unknown

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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)
___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
___ previously listed in the National Register
___ previously determined eligible by the National Register
___ designated a National Historic Landmark
___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data
___ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other
Name of repository: _____

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 3.12 acres
USGS quadrangle Mason-Dixon, MD-PA
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 18 | 255340 | 4393280 | C | __ | _____ | _____ |
| B | __ | _____ | _____ | D | __ | _____ | _____ |

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jean Crolius Ehman, Consultant

organization n/a date March 1995

street & number P. O. Box 1644 telephone (304) 876-3614

city or town Shepherdstown state WV zip code 25443

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
name Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Horst

street & number 17312 West Washington Street telephone (301) 797-0671

city or town Hagerstown state MD zip code 21740

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**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

The Rufus Wilson property comprises a complex of mid- to late-nineteenth century buildings which create the center of a small rural settlement named Conococheague located on the National Road in Washington County, Maryland. The complex is dominated by a large brick dwelling with a mansard roof. This house incorporates a 2½-story limestone dwelling that Rufus Wilson built about 1850; Wilson enlarged the house to its present Second Empire style in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Adjacent to the house is a brick post office and store, built by Wilson ca. 1880, with an attached feedroom of frame construction with weatherboard siding. A German sided frame carriage house constructed ca. 1882 is located immediately behind the store. A bank barn and grazing area are located at the rear of these buildings.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Rufus Wilson complex comprises the following resources:

1. **Mansion House**, ca. 1850, remodeled ca. 1880; contributing, excellent condition.

Exterior

The principal (north) facade is five bays wide, constructed of brick laid in common bond; this facade was erected in the course of an expansion in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. On the side and rear elevations, sections of limestone masonry remain from the original ca. 1850 dwelling. The house is built on a stone foundation. The facade features a stone porch that stretches across the front and wraps around to part of the west side. Eight-sided columns support the porch roof.

On the north facade, window and door openings are headed with segmental arches. The entrance is located in the center bay, and holds a six-panel door with glazing in the upper two lights, surmounted by an arched transom. Windows are one-over-one, double-hung sash. An ornate bracketed and modillioned cornice runs below the straight-sided mansard roof which is covered in patterned slate. Three gabled dormers are spaced across the mansard. The vertical surrounds of the dormer windows are decorated panels. The upper cornice is molded and the top roof is standing seam metal.

On the east elevation, a three-sided projecting bay rises the full height of the building. It features segmental-arched one-over-one sash with projecting brick lintels on the first and second stories, and three gabled dormers in the mansard. A recessed brick panel occurs between the first and second floor. A two-story, four-bay service wing extends to the rear, revealing remnants of the

original stone construction. The northernmost bay comprises a portion of the original stone house, and holds a door with a massive wood lintel, leading to a hall and back stair. The remainder of the ell is constructed of brick laid in common bond, with segmental arched windows. An entrance in the third bay from the north opens into a kitchen; this opening holds a door with glazing above a composition of fielded panels. The service wing is spanned by a gallery; the deck is supported by rusticated concrete columns. The upper level has eight sided columns like those on the front elevation, with a simple balustrade. A standing seam metal roof covers the ell.

At the rear or south elevation of the ell, the common bond brick continues above the cut limestone foundation. A change in brick color is noticeable between the first and second stories. The southwest corner of the original stone house is visible where an original two-over-two double hung window with a wooden lintel appears on the second story.

The west elevation of the main section of the mansion reveals surviving elements of the original limestone house including prominent quoins and a two-over-two double hung window with wooden lintel. There are two windows on the second floor, aligned above a door and window on the first floor. The porch wraps around from the north facade across the stone section. The mansard roof over this section has one dormer flanked by a pair of brick chimneys piercing the mansard. The remainder of the west elevation at the south end is the brick ell.

Interior

The front door opens into the center entrance hall which extends the full depth of the house. Doorways on either side at the foot of the stairway lead to a living room on the east and to a large dining room on the west. The door surrounds are oak with a bead on the outer edge; the doors have a grained finish. Above these doorways are ornate oak backboards and brackets with rings for portier rods. The stair rises on the west wall. The turned balustrade is fashioned of walnut, with a raised flat crown handrail and a double-beaded mushroom capped newel post. The stairway reverses at the second floor to the front of the house. Wide baseboards are capped with a concave beaded-edge molding. The hall flooring is three inch oak.

The living room and large dining room are detailed in the same manner as the hall. At the east of the center hall is a living room which was the kitchen of the older stone house. This room has a three bay window on the east wall.

A large dining room is on the west side of the hall and was once two rooms, thus the two gothic-style fireplaces on the west wall which flank a window and a door to the porch. They are original to the early stone structure. The two

fireplaces have oak mantels and mirror overmantels. The fire box surrounds and hearths are of tile. At the south end fireplace is an iron stove front to mask a brick in-fill. A paneled door at the south end of the east wall leads to the back stair passage. The doors have box locks and white ceramic door knobs.

The kitchen occupies the ell at the rear of the house. It is finished in beaded wainscoting below plaster. Centered on the south wall is a ca. 1900 iron stove.

The second floor hall repeats the wood trim and doors of the first floor hall except that all the doors have single light transoms. This hall is flanked by one bedroom on the east and two on the west side. The bedroom on the east side mirrors the configuration of the living room beneath it with the exception of a door opening to the rear hallway and a small closet on the south wall. The small bedroom opposite this bedroom has a chimney projecting into the room and a window immediately to the south. The other bedroom on the west side of the center hall also has a chimney projecting into the west side of the room and a window immediately to the south of it. A window is centered on the south wall and a closet is immediately to the east of it.

At the rear of the second floor is the hallway to the back stairway, a bathroom and sitting room, and a linen closet. At the north wall of the hallway is the stairway to the third floor and a door into the east front bedroom. A door leading to the second floor porch is at the east wall. At the south against the west wall is another small hall for a doorway to a linen closet on the west side, a sitting room opposite, and a bath. The door and window surrounds here are flat with an ogee molding at the inner edge.

The stairway to the third floor at the rear section leads to a wide hall that stretches across the rear of the house. A dormer window is centered on its south wall. At the west end is a closet with two double paneled doors. The rest of the top floor has three bedrooms evenly spaced across the north side of the house. All have a centered dormer window on the north side with exception of the west room which has a centered dormer window on its west wall and the east room which repeats the three bay of the rooms below on its east wall. The flooring is three inch painted oak. There are simple turn of the century wood surrounds and fielded panel doors with box locks. The walls are unpainted white plaster.

The basement is only excavated under the brick ell and the back hall. The rest is crawl space. A cistern is under the kitchen. The hand-hewn beams are visible and some bark is still on one.

The house is gradually being restored and is in excellent condition with most of its original fabric in place.

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**2. Store and Post Office**, ca. 1880, contributing, good condition

Exterior

The store and post office are constructed of brick laid in common bond, and reflect Italianate influence in their window details and bracketed eaves. Both the two-story store and the one-story post office which adjoins it have low pitched hipped roofs with ornate brackets. The brick buildings replace a ca. 1850 frame building and are on stone foundations. The windows throughout the brick buildings are four-over-four single hung sash with segmental-arched heads. The windows on the north facade and the east elevation are fitted with paneled shutters.

The north facade features a storefront with large four-light display windows flanking a recessed double door entrance below a band of corbelled brickwork. The post office entrance is located at the northeast corner, with a six panel door, beneath a two light transom.

Interior

The store and post office retain significant interior furnishings. The east and west walls of the store are lined with open display shelves above drawers and glass-front bins. The counters have walnut tops, and are paneled with beaded oak and walnut wainscoting in an alternating pattern. The same wainscoting occurs below the display windows and reveals. A large ornately detailed commercial refrigerator is located at the rear of the store. Both the store and post office retain evidence of original paint and grained finishes.

**3. Feed Room**, ca. 1880, contributing, good condition

A feed room of frame construction sheathed in vertical boards is attached to the store at the west side. The north elevation has an entrance with broad sliding doors; another to the west has been sealed. A door at the east end of the feed room facade leads to the space above the general store. The interior exhibits heavy timber construction. A trap door centered in the ceiling provides access to a storage loft, where original wide plank flooring remains in place.

**4. Bank Barn**, ca. 1840, contributing, good condition

At the rear of the property is a ca. 1840 bank barn of wood frame construction on a stone basement. The gable roof is covered in standing-seam metal. Louvered ventilators are symmetrically placed at the gable ends. A grass ramp leads to a central entrance on the upper level at the west elevation. The upper story has a central threshing floor flanked on either side by hay storage.

Milking stalls and feed bins occupy the lower level.

5. **Carriage House**, ca. 1882, contributing, fair condition

Located behind the commercial buildings, the carriage house is of frame construction on a stone foundation, sheathed in German siding and covered by a gable roof clad in standing-seam metal. Its east gable elevation has three large doors with a loft door above.

6. **Corn Crib**, date unknown, non-contributing, deteriorating condition

Also on the property is a corn crib of unknown date. This was a small frame gable-end structure was lately used for storing farm equipment. It is in deteriorated condition and is not considered to contribute to the significance of the resource.

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**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY**

The Rufus Wilson property is significant under Criterion C as an example of a type of rural commercial complex that served both its local community and travelers on the National Road in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The buildings retain a high degree of integrity. Especially noteworthy are the significant interior features which remain intact in the general store and post office, including display cabinets and mail boxes. The Second Empire mansion--the product of a ca. 1880 remodeling of a vernacular limestone dwelling of the mid-nineteenth century--is the only recorded example of that style in rural Washington County.

## HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural/Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning

Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

DOMESTIC/single dwelling
COMMERCE/TRADE/department store
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural outbuildings

Known Design Source: none

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**RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT**

The Rufus Wilson property is situated on part of the 620 acres originally granted by Lord Baltimore to Michael Roof or Ruff in 1766 in the Conococheague Hundred, as the area was known at that time. The property experienced several transactions in the first half of the nineteenth century to such families as the Herschners, Zellers, Millers and Brewers. These families were of German heritage who migrated to Washington County from Maryland and Pennsylvania in the eighteenth century. Elizabeth Brewer married Rufus Wilson in 1849 and bought the subject property from Nancy Miller.

In the eighteenth century, immigrants were attracted to Washington County for its rich agricultural land and abundance of waterways, such as the Antietam, Beaver and Conococheague creeks and other tributaries of the Potomac River. In the late 1700s, the Conococheague and Antietam creeks powered saw, grist and woolen mills along their banks. In the early nineteenth century, the building of the National Turnpike, or the Cumberland Turnpike from Hagerstown west to Cumberland, 1816-1821, brought another surge of economic development to the county.

Rufus Wilson arrived in Washington County from the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1847. By this time the turnpike road had come under federal control, in an effort to expedite inter-communication among the different parts of the colony.

In 1848, Wilson had started a mill and store in partnership with a Mr. Ely up north of this site on the Conococheague Creek. The following year, with his marriage to Elizabeth Brewer, Wilson sold his share to Ely and began the Conococheague village venture on the road that became an important route to the west for trade, military, and postal transportation. The Brewer family owned and farmed large tracts on the west side of the Conococheague Creek and both sides of the turnpike. Wilson built a small wood frame store and a stone house next to it about 1850.

The Conococheague Post Office was the second one to open in Washington County in 1850 after Clear Spring which began in 1823. Wilson served as the postmaster of Conococheague Post Office beginning in 1858, combining his postal duties with his general store activities which supplied local farmers as well as travelers with their needs from grain to sewing supplies and food.

After Rufus Wilson's wife, Elizabeth, and two children died in 1854, he and his only surviving child, John, continued to operate the store and farm. By 1877 Rufus Wilson had accumulated 300 acres and had become a prosperous merchant and farmer. He then began to undertake capital improvements to his property.

About 1879, Wilson and his son built a new store and feed room to replace the ca. 1850 frame building. The brick Italianate structure became the focus of commercial and social activity in the Conococheague area. The second story reportedly housed a theater and at one time a wooden canopy stretched across the entire front of the building with posts for tying horse reins. At a later date the post office section was added to the store. The original wooden interior features of the post office had been removed and stored in the barn, but have been reinstalled by the current owners.

About 1880 Wilson began to enlarge the modest two-story stone house he had built some thirty years earlier beside the original store. The result is the imposing three-story Second Empire mansion that stands today. The 1850 stone house fabric is still visible at the sides and rear. The exterior masonry conforms to a regional tradition of limestone construction that characterized the vernacular architecture of the Cumberland Valley region from the latter half of the eighteenth century through the mid-nineteenth. The ca. 1880 fabric is virtually unaltered. The mansion is especially noteworthy as the only residence in the Second Empire style listed in the statewide historic properties inventory for rural Washington County.

Rufus Wilson died in 1882. John Wilson had taken over the post office from his father in 1876, and carried on the Wilson operation, including acquiring more property elsewhere in Washington County. He continued to operate the post office until 1903, and kept the store until 1919.

The period of significance, ca. 1840-1919, encompasses the dates of construction and major alteration of all the contributing elements of the property. The period begins with the presumed construction date of the bank barn, and continues through the Wilson family operation of the property, concluding in 1919 when John Wilson closed the store. Under the Wilson family's ownership and direction the complex substantially achieved its present form.

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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**GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Verbal Boundary Description: Boundaries are shown on the plat which accompanies this documentation, and conform to the lines and distances indicated.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property, 3.12 acres, represents the remnant of the property historically associated with the resource, and encompasses the contributing elements within an appropriate setting.

WA-V-074
District 23
Map 35
MAGI # 2212185604

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wilson

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old U.S. Route 40, West Bank of the Conococheague Creek

CITY, TOWN

X VICINITY OF Hagerstown-Clear Spring

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X DISTRICT | __PUBLIC | X OCCUPIED | __AGRICULTURE | __MUSEUM |
| __BUILDING(S) | __PRIVATE | __UNOCCUPIED | __COMMERCIAL | __PARK |
| __STRUCTURE | X BOTH | __WORK IN PROGRESS | __EDUCATIONAL | X PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| __SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | __ENTERTAINMENT | X RELIGIOUS |
| __OBJECT | __IN PROCESS | X YES: RESTRICTED | __GOVERNMENT | __SCIENTIFIC |
| | __BEING CONSIDERED | __YES: UNRESTRICTED | __INDUSTRIAL | __TRANSPORTATION |
| | | __NO | __MILITARY | __OTHER |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Multiple Owners

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

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

WA-V-074

## 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | __UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| X GOOD | __RUINS | X __ALTERED < 50% | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| __FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The village of Wilson is a small community with most buildings having the appearance of dating from the last quarter of the 19th century. The three main structures are a large three story brick house with a mansard slate roof, a brick store building and a brick church building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wilson is located on the old route of U.S. 40 on the west bank of the Conococheague Creek. the road has been slightly relocated isolating Wilson and protecting it from extensive modernization. The Wilson store closed recently, removing the last commercial endeavor within the community.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

WA-V-074

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION
Preservation Associates

DATE
July 1978

STREET & NUMBER
109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE
301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN
Sharpsburg

STATE
Maryland 21782

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

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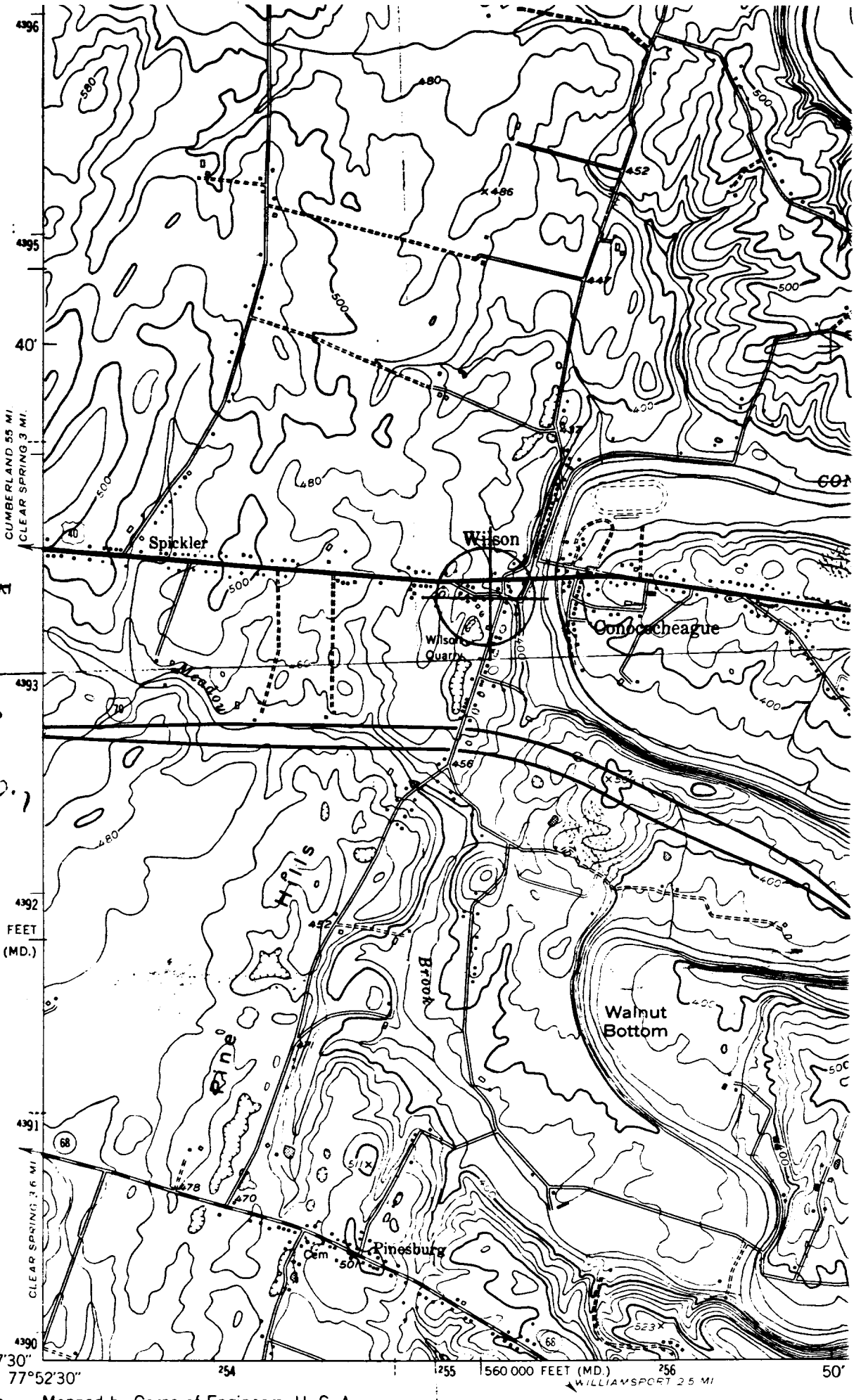


RUFUS ~~WILSON~~ ~~COMPLEX~~

WA-V-74

WILSON, RUFUS COMPLEX
WASHINGTON CO., MD.

18-255340-4393280

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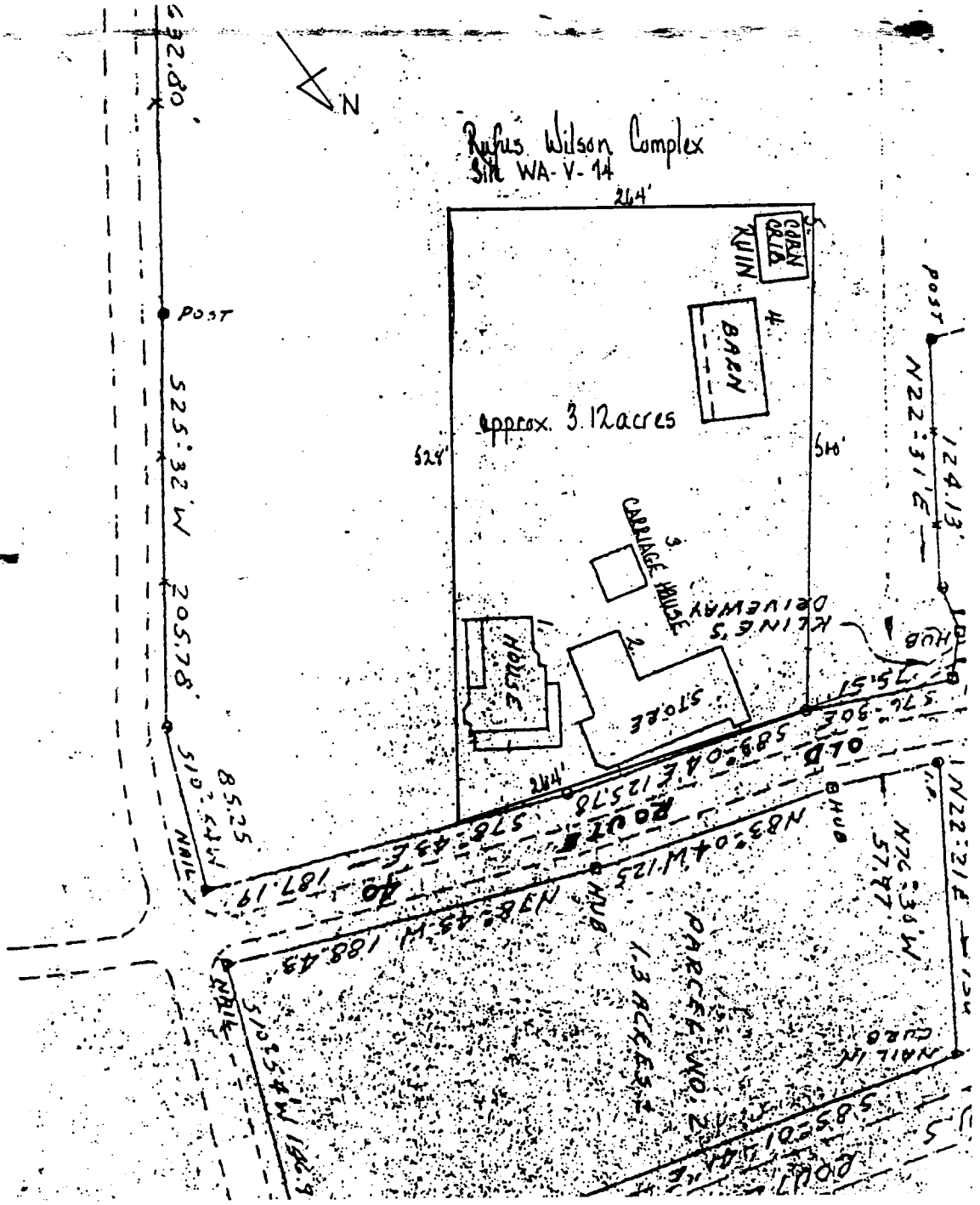

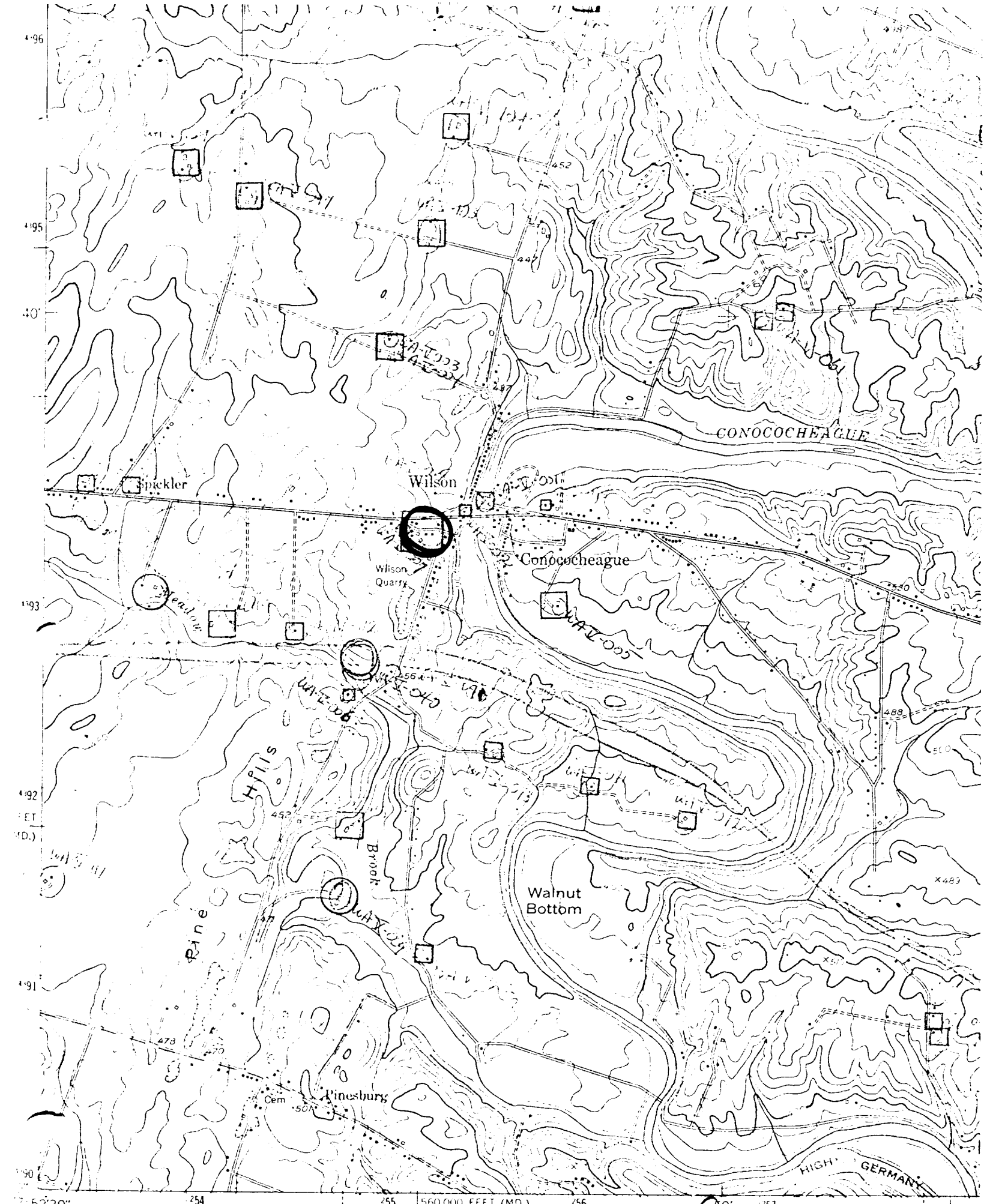


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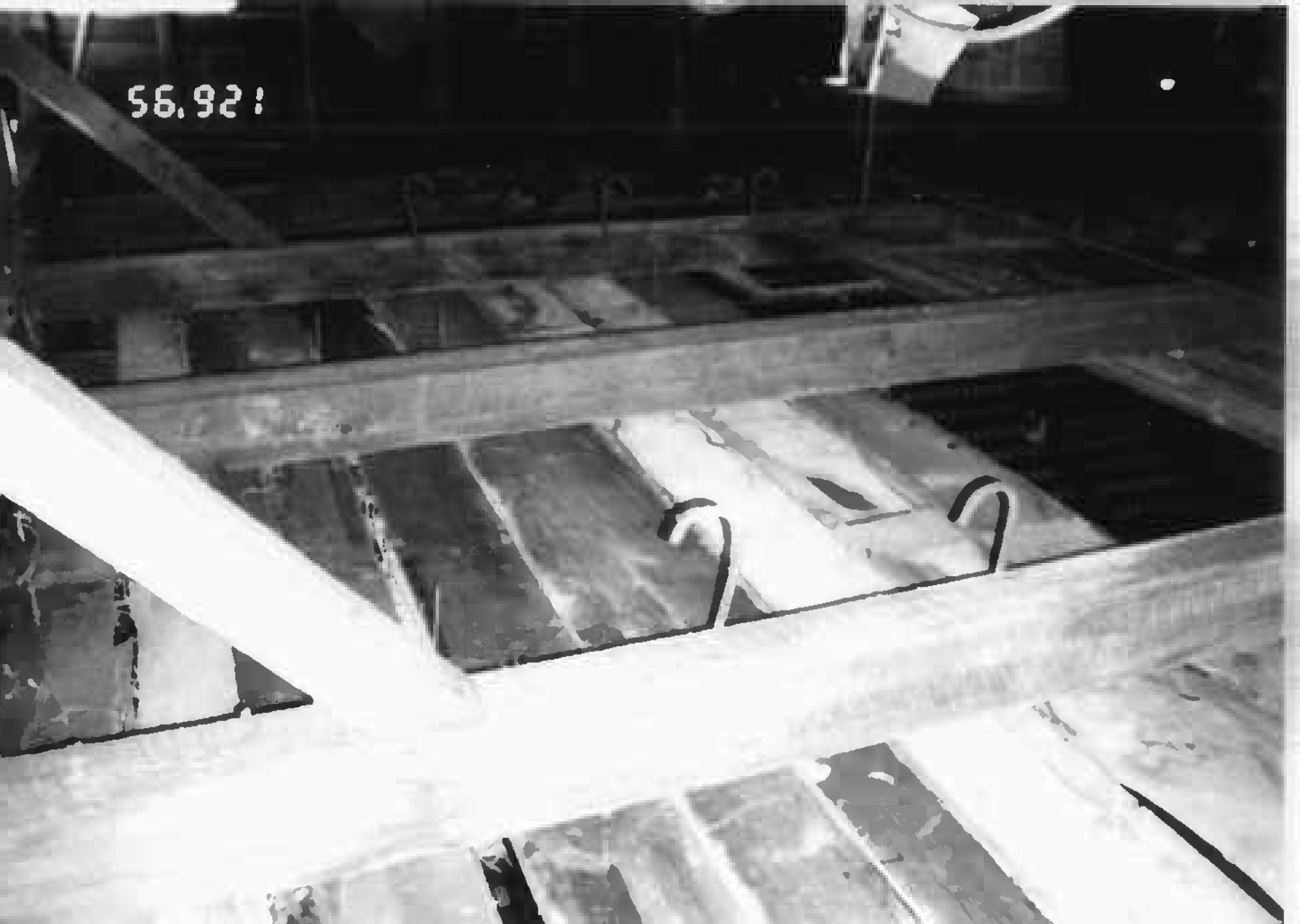
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