

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Maryland Route 30/Manchester Bypass Project**

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Rhodes Farm

and/or common Raver Farm

**2. Location**

street & number 7314 Hanover Pike not for publication

city, town Melrose X vicinity congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Carroll

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Glenn Raver

street & number 7314 Hanover Pike telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Tax Assessor liber Block 16

street & number Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street folio Lot 586

city, town Westminster state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title N/A

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

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1500

### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair         unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved        date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Rhodes Farm consists of a small three-walled fieldstone house, a fieldstone house with slit windows, and bank barn. The main house was demolished in the early 1990s. The fieldstone house with slit windows may have been a temporary house built as shelter until the main house was constructed. The three-walled house may have been a subsidiary dwelling.

#### *Three-walled Fieldstone House (1760-1780)*

The one-and-a-half story, three bay by two bay fieldstone structure west of the barn may have been erected as a house to shelter farm workers or members of the extended family. The principal [east] facade wall has been removed as have the sash. Metal sheeting replaced the original cedar shingles on the gable roof which is perpendicular to the road. There are three casement windows on the remaining elevations, one on each side, and a wide plank door on the north elevation. There is no evidence of a spring within the structure or nearby, likely eliminating this structure as a potential spring house. Though there is no indication of an extant chimney or fireplace hearth, it may originally have had an exterior fieldstone chimney. It is possible that the missing wall on the east side contained the chimney and fireplace hearth, which would account for the lack of these features. The structure is less refined in its construction than the building labeled as the Fieldstone House, which suggests that it may have predated that structure or been used for servants.

#### *Barn (1800-1810)*

The two-and-a-half story, fieldstone foundation bank barn has been covered in metal sheets on its upper levels, obscuring the original fabric. There are traces of logs in the upper level but evidence points to the structure being a fieldstone barn. The unsupported forebay faces west and the metal gable roof is parallel to the road. The seven bay by four bay structure retains its original form despite alterations. A unique feature of the barn is the side ramp on the south elevation.

#### *Fieldstone House (1760-1780)*

This 1-1/2-story structure is 2 bays by 2 bays with a metal gable roof parallel to the road. Fenestration consists of two slits cut into the fieldstone walls on north, east and south elevations and one window slit and plank door on the principal [west] facade. There are window slits in the loft area gable ends. Brick remains south of the building could either be a well or bakehouse chimney. This may have been the original house used until the main house was built. There is a spring within the building and a loft on the upper story, according to the owner. The building may have been used as a spring house or summer house after the main house was erected.

#### *Well (1760-1780)*

According to the owner, the original well for the Fieldstone House was located to its southwest. The area holds a fieldstone ruin covered in high grass with an indent in the center that may have been the original well. A later well was dug on the south side of the Fieldstone House and its presence is indicated by the remains of a brick chimney covering the well site. The chimney may have been part of a mid-19th-c. smokehouse, but the owner has indicated that there was a well in that area prior to the erection of the brick structure.

#### *Outbuildings*

Located to the northwest of the barn is a one story frame structure currently used as stalls for the horses. The metal gable roof has been extended to cover an enlarged stall/feeding area.

**Contributing Resources: 3**

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1500

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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	Builder/Architect
1760-1780	
Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or	
Applicable Exception:	<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
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Rhodes Farmstead is most likely part of the eighteenth century patent--Winchester's Lot. The farmstead is unique for the architecture of its extant mid/late-eighteenth century buildings. Fieldstone was not a common building material in the project area or Carroll County, since early settlers preferred log and mortar with limestone stucco. The fieldstone house north of the barn is believed to be a rare example of a rural fieldstone residence with window slits. The slits were cut into the stone walls to provide ventilation, light and, perhaps, security. The other fieldstone building, located to the west of the barn, may originally have been a residence for farm workers or member's of the owners family. It was not unusual for brothers to purchase land together during the eighteenth century and later divide it between themselves.

According to the owner, her father-in-law has made alterations while attempting to maintain the integrity of the original buildings. The large fieldstone house that stood east of the barn was demolished in the early 1990s due to deterioration. Also, the track bed of the Bachman Valley Railroad line is still visible north of the northernmost fieldstone house.

The Rhodes Farmstead appears on the 1862 Martenet Atlas [owner- James Rhodes] and the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas [owner - J. Rhodes]. The 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas lists Geo. M. Zepp as owner.

Evaluation:

The Rhodes property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is eligible under Criterion A for the association of its two stone houses with the county's early settlement. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to have been associated with the property. The property is eligible under Criterion C; the Rhodes property is a significant example of its type, design and manner of construction. The property is unique for its eighteenth century fieldstone primary structures identified and the amount of intact original fabric.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**

Eligibility recommended XX Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 2/16/98

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: v

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**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

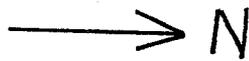
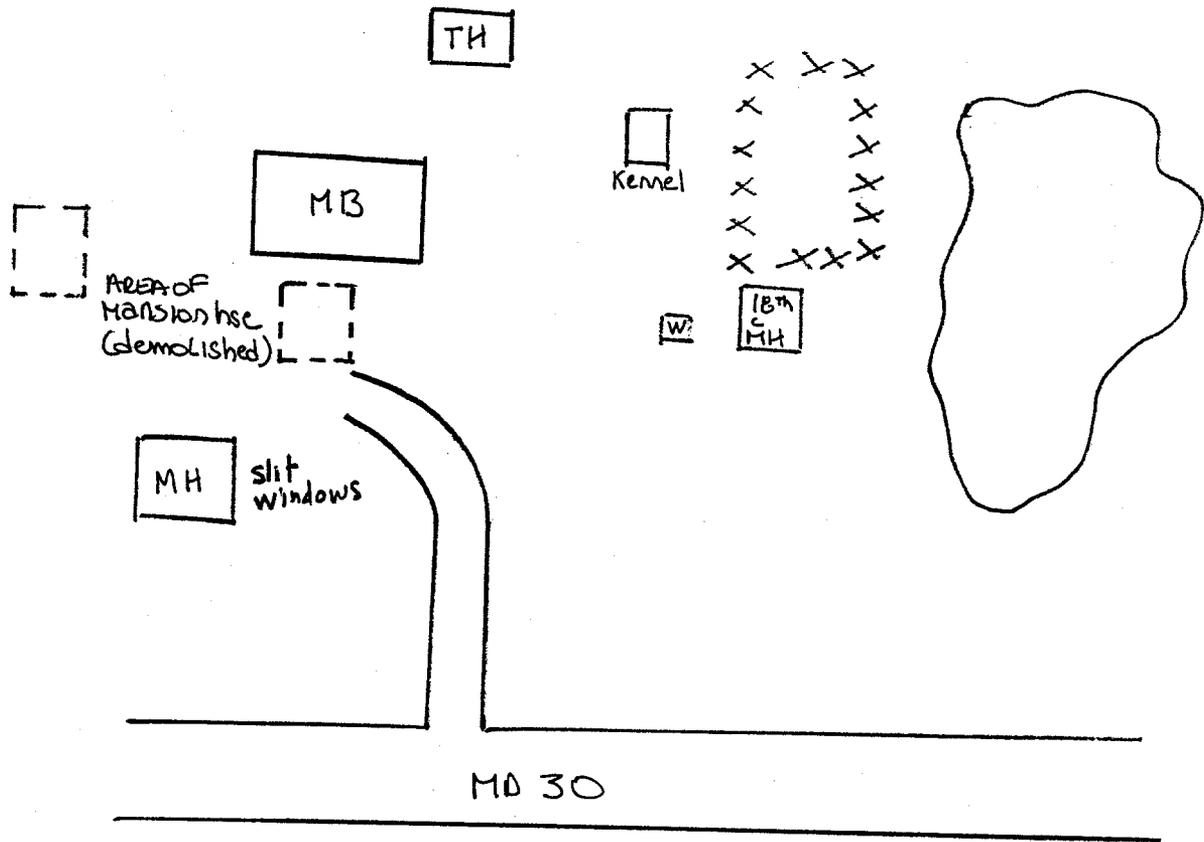
*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Rural-Agrarian Intensification - AD 1650-1815  
Agricultural-Industrial - AD 1815-1870

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture/Agricultural

*Resource Types:* Farm, Farmstead

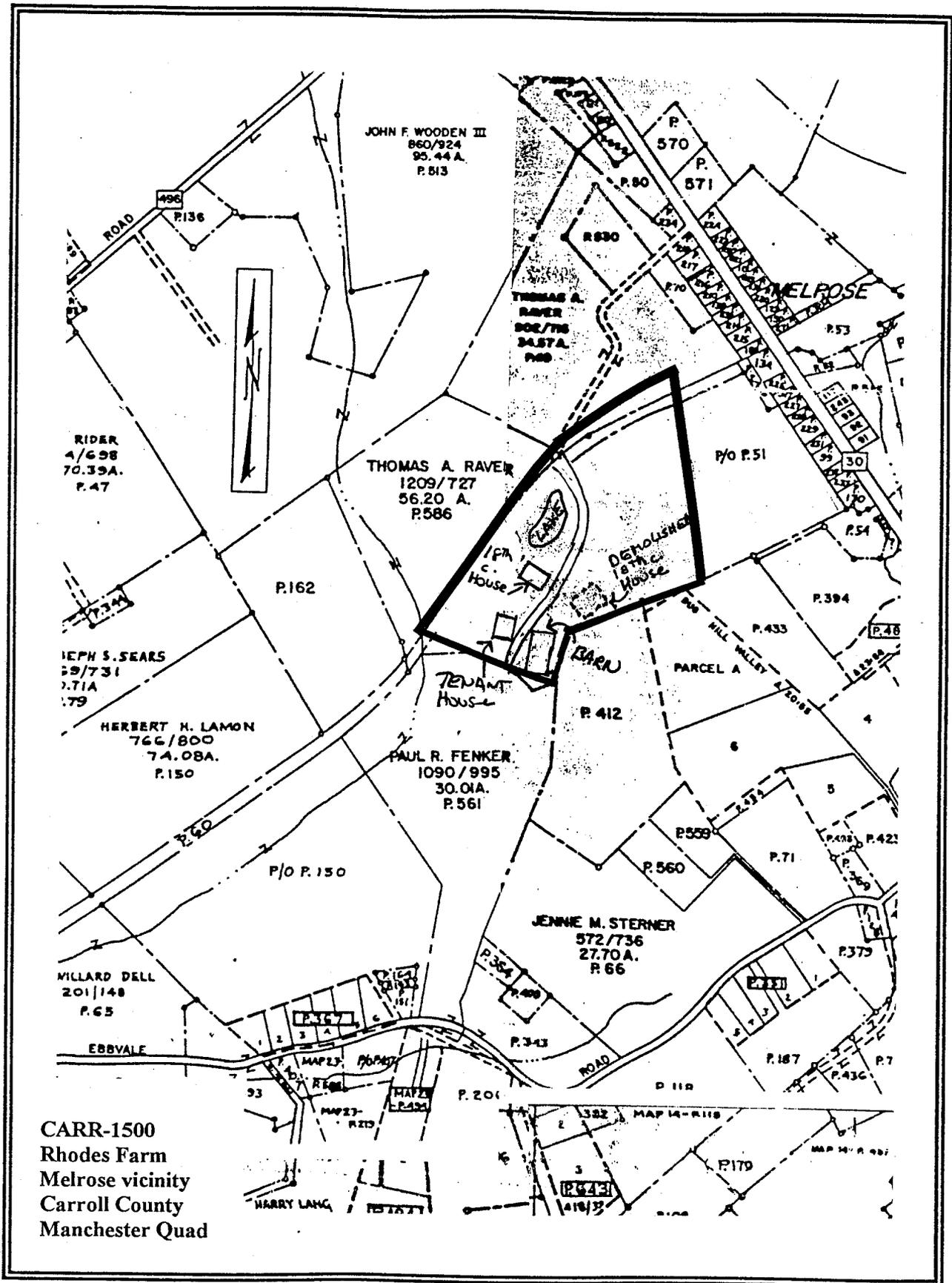
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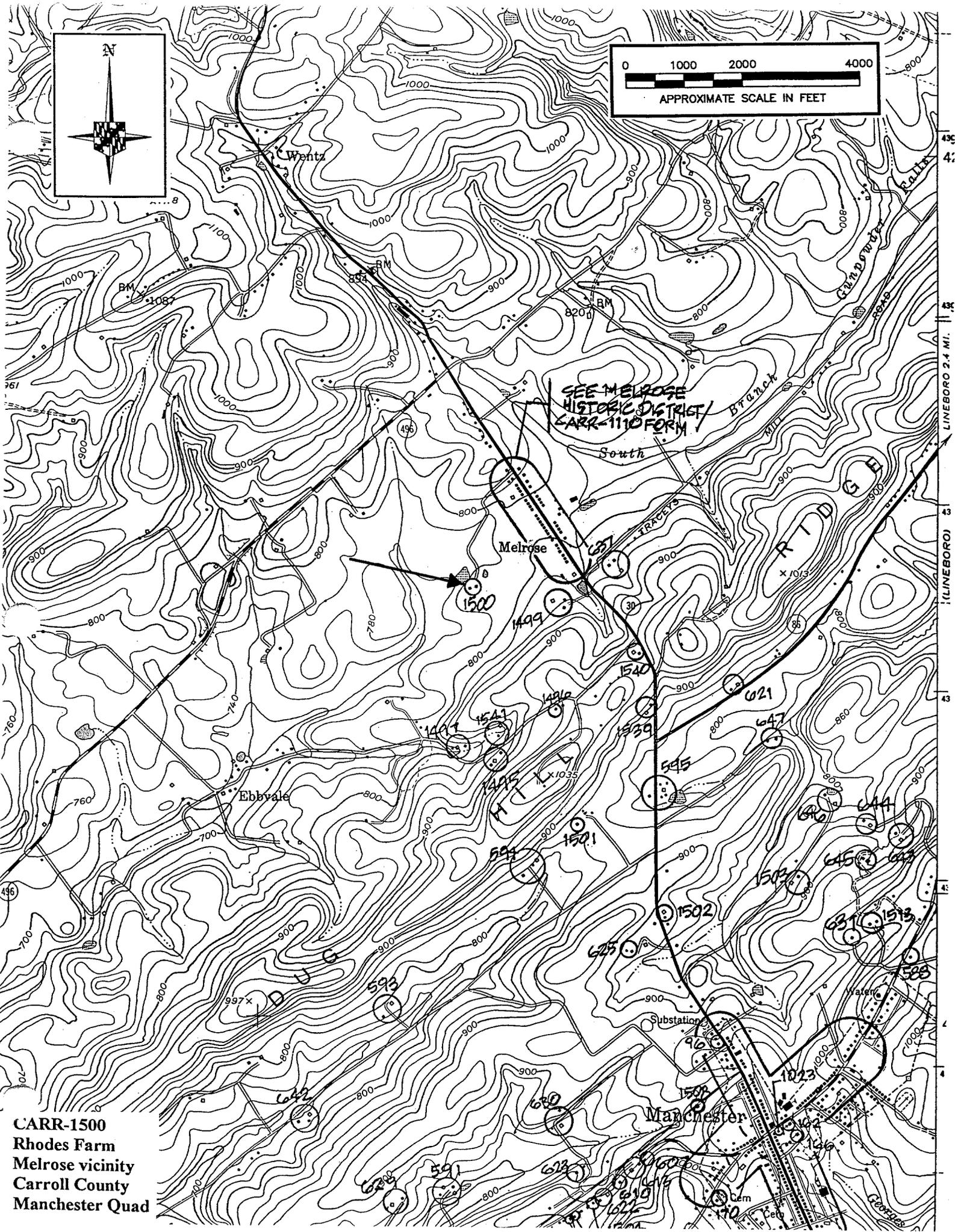
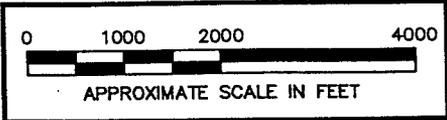
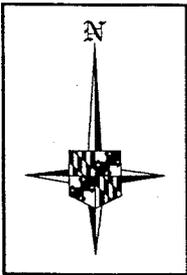
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Rhodes Farm  
Melrose vicinity  
Carroll County  
Manchester Quad

## SITE PLAN ABBREVIATIONS

ADD	-	Addition
CC	-	Corn Crib
CH	-	Carriage House
CKH	-	Chicken House
CS	-	Cow Stalls
G	-	Garage
GR	-	Generator Room
HP	-	Hog Pens
MB	-	Main Barn
MH	-	Main House
MR	-	Milk Room
OB	-	Outbuilding
OH	-	Outhouse
PH	-	Pump House
RC	-	Root Cellar
S	-	Shed
SB	-	Secondary Barn
SH	-	Summer House
SK	-	Summer Kitchen
SPH	-	Spring House
ST	-	Stables
TH	-	Tenant House
W	-	Well



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SEE MELROSE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
CARR-1110 FORM

43E  
44E  
LINEBORO 2.4 MI.



1. CARR: 1500
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Raver House  
7314 Hanover Pike  
Northeast elevation - barn
7. 1/6



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6. Raver House  
7314 Hanover Pike  
SW Elevation - Springhouse
7. 216



1. CARR 1500
2. Carroll County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPD
6. Raver House
  - 7 314 Hanover Pike
  - NE elevation - small house
- 7 3/6



1. CARR-1500
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. March, 1997
5. Maryland SHPO
6. landscape - Rhodes Farm
7. 4/6

#3



1. CARR 1500
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheeper
4. March. 1997
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Rhodes Farm  
Chimney remains/well site
7. 5/6

#4



1. CARL 1500

2. Carroll County

3. Madeleine Scheerer

4. March, 1997

5. Maryland STRAO

6. Rhodes Farm

well - w of Fieldstone House

7. 6/6