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

Property/District Name: Whetzel Farm Survey Number: HO-720

Tax Parcel#: 337

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

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)

The Whetzel Farm at 11425 Scaggsville Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the vernacular Gothic Revival style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Traceries, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 2/10/98
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___no ___not applicable

Reviewer, NR Program 3/31/99
Date

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Whetzel Farm
11425 Scaggsville Road
(HO-720)

T-shaped in plan, the original dwelling at 11425 Scaggsville Road dates from circa 1875-1890. The wood frame, two-and-a-half-story, four-bay house is designed as a vernacular Gothic Revival-style dwelling. The wood frame walls, originally clad in German siding, have since been clad in asbestos shingles. A standing seam metal side gable roof with cornice returns covers the main body of the I-house with a cross gable roof marking the central bay, typical of the Gothic Revival style. Interior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps flank the composition. A two-story rear ell with an interior brick chimney at its ridge extends at the rear of the house. A one-story, four-bay porch with Tuscan columns and a hipped roof extends across the full width of the facade.

Whetzel Farm is the result of the merging of several properties, many of which were associated with families who held large tracts of land in the late 19th century, including the Renns, the Scaggs, the Iagers, and the Warfields. In the 1910s, Joseph Frank Harrison began to amass land in this area. According to oral tradition, the Harrisons operated a large chicken farm in this location. In 1951, the Harrisons sold the farm to Charles and Caroline Soper. On October 24, 1976, Charles Soper died, leaving his 99.537-acre property to his heirs. He willed the northwestern third of the farm, including farm buildings, to his daughter, Betty L. Whetzel. Since the Whetzels obtained the property, they have continued to farm this land. For many years, the family rented out the 19th century house, and in 1979 they constructed a dwelling for their own use at the northwest edge of the property.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. HO-720
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
common/other name Whetzel Farm

2. Location

street & number 11425 Scaggsville Road not for publication _____
city or town Fulton vicinity __ state Maryland code MD
county Howard County code 027 zip code 20759

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that 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	
6	7	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
6	7	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____
No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE	Agricultural
	Outbuildings

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE	Agricultural
	Outbuildings

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Parged
roof Gable: Metal Standing Seam
walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. 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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture
Agriculture

Period of Significance 1875-present

Significant Dates 1875-1880

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County, Ellicott City, Maryland

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 30.882 acres

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

The property at 11425 Scaggsville Road is designated as Parcel 337, as indicated on Map 46, Grid 3.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 11425 Scaggsville Road has historically been associated with Parcel 337 since the building's construction circa 1875-1890.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Fulton state MD zip code 20759

T-shaped in plan and set on a solid parged foundation, the original dwelling at 11425 Scaggsville Road dates from circa 1875-1890. The wood frame, two-and-a-half-story, four-bay house is designed as a vernacular Gothic Revival-style dwelling. The wood frame walls, originally clad in German siding, have since been clad in asbestos shingles. A standing seam metal side gable roof with cornice returns covers the main body of the I-house with a cross gable roof marking the central bay, typical of the Gothic Revival style. Interior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps flank the composition. A two-story rear ell with an interior brick chimney at its ridge extends at the rear of the house. At the rear of the ell is a small one-story wood frame addition clad in German siding and covered by a gable roof. A one-story, four-bay porch with Tuscan columns and a hipped roof extends across the full width of the facade.

The Whetzel Farm is located on a hill above Scaggsville Road behind a commuter lot on the south side of the road. The land slopes to the south, and a number of outbuildings are scattered behind the original dwelling. A gravel drive runs from the east side of the original farm house to the modern dwelling erected at the west end of the property. Bushes have been planted around the original house, and a large shade tree grows at the northwest.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The northeast elevation of the dwelling, the facade, is four bays in width. The southern inner bay of the first story contains the main entrance to the building. The door, a Craftsman-style multi-light door, is ornamented with a transom and square-edged wood surrounds. The remaining bays of the first story are each marked by a 6/6 wood window with square-edged casings with ears. Each of the bays at the second story of the facade is also marked by a 6/6 window with square-edged casings with ears. The upper half story is articulated at this elevation with a lancet one-light casement window at the center of the cross gable. A one-story porch, divided into four bays by wood Tuscan columns, extends across the facade.

The northwest elevation comprises the gable end of the house, the length of the rear ell, and the small one-story addition. The gable end is pierced at the basement by two windows, now boarded up with plywood. Four window openings mark the northwest elevation, both at the first and second stories, one at each story within the

gable end and three at each story within the ell. All openings are filled with 2/2 windows with square edged casings except the westernmost second story window, which has been boarded up. Within the northwest elevation of the one-story addition at the rear of the ell are two windows, one 1/1 and one 6/6, and a single-leaf panelled door.

Much of the rear elevation of the house has been obscured by the construction of one-story additions. No original openings are visible at the first story of this elevation. At the rear of the ell, a one-story shed roof addition, pierced by a single-leaf door, has been constructed. A one-story porch, enclosed with a 16-light fixed window, fills the eastern corner of this T-shaped house. One original window remains intact at the second story of this elevation, a 2/2 window at the northern end of the elevation. The second-story window opening at the gable end of the ell has been boarded up.

The southeastern elevation comprises the gable end of the main body of the house, the length of the ell and two one-story additions. The gable end of the house is pierced by two windows, one 3-light awning and one one-light awning at the basement level and by a pair of 2/2 windows with square-edged casings at both the first and second stories. Much of the first story is obscured by the one-story enclosed porch in the corner of the "T." The porch has a central multi-light door and is enclosed with 16-light fixed windows. To the south of the porch, the first story of the ell is marked with a non-original 1/1 wood window. The southeastern wall of the one-story shed roof vestibule addition at the rear is pierced by a fixed 6-light window. The second story of the ell is pierced by three openings, two of which contain 2/2 windows with square-edged casings, and one of which has been boarded up.

OUTBUILDINGS:

At the rear of the house are a number of outbuildings associated with the farm. Directly northwest of the ell is a small shed that dates from the 1930s. The shed is set on a concrete foundation, and the wood frame walls are clad in German siding. A panelled door is located at the south end of the building, and 6/6 sash windows pierce the side walls. The shed is covered with a front gable roof.

Northwest of the shed is a machine shed that used to serve as a chicken coop. This building, which dates from the 1930s, is set on a concrete foundation, clad in vertical board siding, and covered with a corrugated metal gable roof.

Behind the house are a coop, now used as a storage shed, two silos, and two animal shelters. The most substantial building, the coop, is located at the east edge of this grouping of outbuildings. The coop. Constructed in the 1940s, the coop is set on a poured concrete foundation and clad in vertical board siding. The uneven gable roof is covered in standing seam sheet metal. Fixed 6/6 windows pierce the walls. South of the coop are two cylindrical corn silos, both set on concrete foundations, clad in metal mesh, and covered with conical metal roofs. North west of the silos are the animal shelters. One of these shelters was formerly a coop that dates from the 1940s, and the other dates from the 1960s. Both, now used to shelter goats, are of wood frame construction and covered with metal gable roofs.

To the west of these buildings is a large two-and-a-half-story hay barn that dates from the 1920s or early 1930s. The barn, set on a concrete foundation, is clad in vertical board siding and covered with a corrugated metal gambrel roof with a hay hood. Shed extensions have been erected both to the east and west, and a ventilator with a weathervane rises above the ridge of the roof.

To the south of these outbuildings is a small dilapidated feed shed dating to the 1930s. The shed is clad in vertical board siding and covered with a corrugated metal gable roof.

At the rear of the property is a large, modern prefabricated stable with metal siding and a front gable roof.

At the west end of the property is a ranch house that was built in 1979. The wood frame house, one-story with a walk-out basement, is clad in brick and parged at the base with aluminum siding above. An asphalt shingle side gable roof covers the house.

Immediately northwest of the house is a prefabricated shed clad in texture 1-11 and covered with a gambrel roof.

The property at 11425 Scaggsville Road is the result of the merging of several properties to form a large farm. These properties were associated with families who held large tracts of land in the late 19th century, including the Renns, the Scaggs, the Iagers, and the Warfields. In the 1910s, Joseph Frank Harrison began to amass land in this area. According to oral tradition, the Harrisons operated a large chicken farm in this location. In 1951, the Harrisons sold the farm to Charles and Caroline Soper. On October 24, 1976, Charles Soper died, leaving his 99.537-acre property to his heirs. He willed the northwestern third of the farm, including farm buildings, to his daughter, Betty L. Whetzel. The middle third of the property was left to Soper's son, Richard Warren Soper, and the southeastern third was left to his widow, Caroline. Since the Whetzels obtained the property, they have continued to farm this land. For many years, the family rented out the 19th century house, and in 1979 they constructed a dwelling for their own use at the northwest edge of the property.

The house presents a typical example of the vernacular Gothic Revival style, as adapted by rural Marylanders. This style, which gained popularity as a "rural" style, was often used in the construction of farmhouses and dwellings throughout agricultural communities across America at the turn of the 20th century. This house -- a two-and-a-half-story, T-shaped house with the center of the facade emphasized by a gable, and a lancet window in the gable -- is typical of the Gothic Revival style.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community Planning
Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Deed A:
Deeds A1 and A2:

September 28, 1865 — Rezin H. Snowden to George Aulcorn
52 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 26 Folio 400

Deed A1:

April 12, 1883 — George Aulcorn to daughter Elizabeth Aulcorn, guardian for grandson George Aulcorn, son of John Aulcorn
60 acres, mentions farm on which George Aulcorn lives
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 46 Folio 214

April 24, 1888 — George Alcorn to Robert and Elizabeth Alcorn
60 acres for $733.33
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 53 Folio 495

Deed A2:

April 12, 1883 — George Aulcorn to daughter Elizabeth Aulcorn
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 46 Folio 213

October 27, 1896 — Robert and Elizabeth Alcorn to John G. Rogers
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 66 Folio 315

October 27, 1896 — John G. Rogers, trustee, to Robert and Elizabeth Alcorn
52 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 66 Folio 317

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Deeds A1 and A2:

January 19, 1907 — Robert Alcorn, widower, to Thomas Miller Parker
Conveyed 107 7/8 acres, combining two parcels
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWLC 83 Folio 245

December 14, 1912 — Thomas Miller and Elizabeth Parker to Joseph Frank Harrison
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWLC 94 Folio 191

Deed B:
Unable to trace deed back further

March 22, 1890 — Mary Cross, George and Leanna Giddings, and John H. and Caroline Cross, heirs of late Henry Cross, to Dennis Cross and Thomas Cross
Part of previous land, conveyed 64 acres, 2 roods, and 26 perches
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 55 Folio 47

August 14, 1918 — Reuben D. Rogers, Isaac Scaggs, James Clark, trustees in suit between John T. Cross et al (plaintiffs) v. Isaac Scaggs, et al (defendants) to George W. Giddings, Jr.
Sold 64 acres, 2 roods and 26 perches for $3242.49

August 30, 1919 — George W. Giddings, Jr. and wife Nellie to Benjamin F. Murphy
Conveyed 27 acres, 3 roods, 21 square perches, part of previous property
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 108 Folio 162

September 15, 1919 — Benjamin F. and Ida E. Murphy to Joseph Frank Harrison
Land Records of Howard County
Liber MWB 222 Folio 442

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Deed C:

Deed C1:

December 31, 1867 — John Renn and wife to Christopher Renn
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWW 28 Folio 530

Deed C2:

July 22, 1874 — John Renn and wife to Christopher Renn
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 34 Folio 104

Deed C3:

May 10, 1865 — Heirs of Robert O. Edmonston to Ethan A. Edmonston
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWW 24 Folio 428

September 2, 1877 — Ethan A. and Mary V. Edmonston to Robert Edmonston
Sold land for $3000
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 38 Folio 326

October 1, 1878 — Robert O. Edmonston to Henry Aaron and Christina Iager
Sold land for $2200
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 40 Folio 98

December 15, 1888 — Henry A. and Christina Iager and Peter and Elizabeth Bauer to Christopher Renn
Sold 7.5 acres of Neal's Delight for $187.50, part of previous property
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 51 Folio 396

Deed C4:

March 3, 1874 — Benjamin H. Dorsey to Seth W. Warfield
Land Records of Howard County
Liber LJW 33 Folio 334

November 11, 1884 Seth W. and Lydia Warfield to Christopher Renn
Sold 6 acres and 28 square perches of Neal's Delight or Mobley's Purchase, part of previous property, for $247

Deeds C1, C2, C3, and C4:
November 18, 1899 Christopher and Barbara Renn to George W. Renn
Sold 69 acres and 28 perches, four parcels of Neal's Delight, for $1800
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 71 Folio 287

January 9, 1917 George W. and Louise E. Renn to Joseph F. Harrison
50 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber HBN 103 Folio 191

Deeds A, B, and C:
February 9, 1951 Martha E. Harrison to Charles R. and Caroline C. Soper
Land Records of Howard County
Liber HBN 108 Folio 512

September 23, 1960 Charles R. and Caroline C. Soper to Maybelle Ankney
Land Records of Howard County
Liber RHM 361 Folio 395

September 24, 1960 Maybelle Ankney, unmarried, to Charles R. Soper
138 acres comprised of 3 parcels of the Harrison land, with 5 exceptions
Land Records of Howard County
Liber RHM 361 Folio 397

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. HO-720

Whetzel Farm
name of property
Howard County, Maryland
county and state

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July 9, 1976

Charles R. Soper, died testate October 24, 1973, leaving the northwestern third of his 99.537 acre property, including farm buildings, to his daughter, Betty L. Whetzel According to Charles Soper's will (Wills Liber 19, Folio 131), the middle third of the property was left to Soper's son, Richard Warren Soper, and the southeastern third was left to his widow, Caroline.
The property is described as part of the previous 138 acres, located south of 216 and west of Old Columbia Road
Land Records of Howard County
Liber CMP 813 Folio 575

11425 Scaggsville Rd. - Whetzel Farm, Fulton, Howard County, MD

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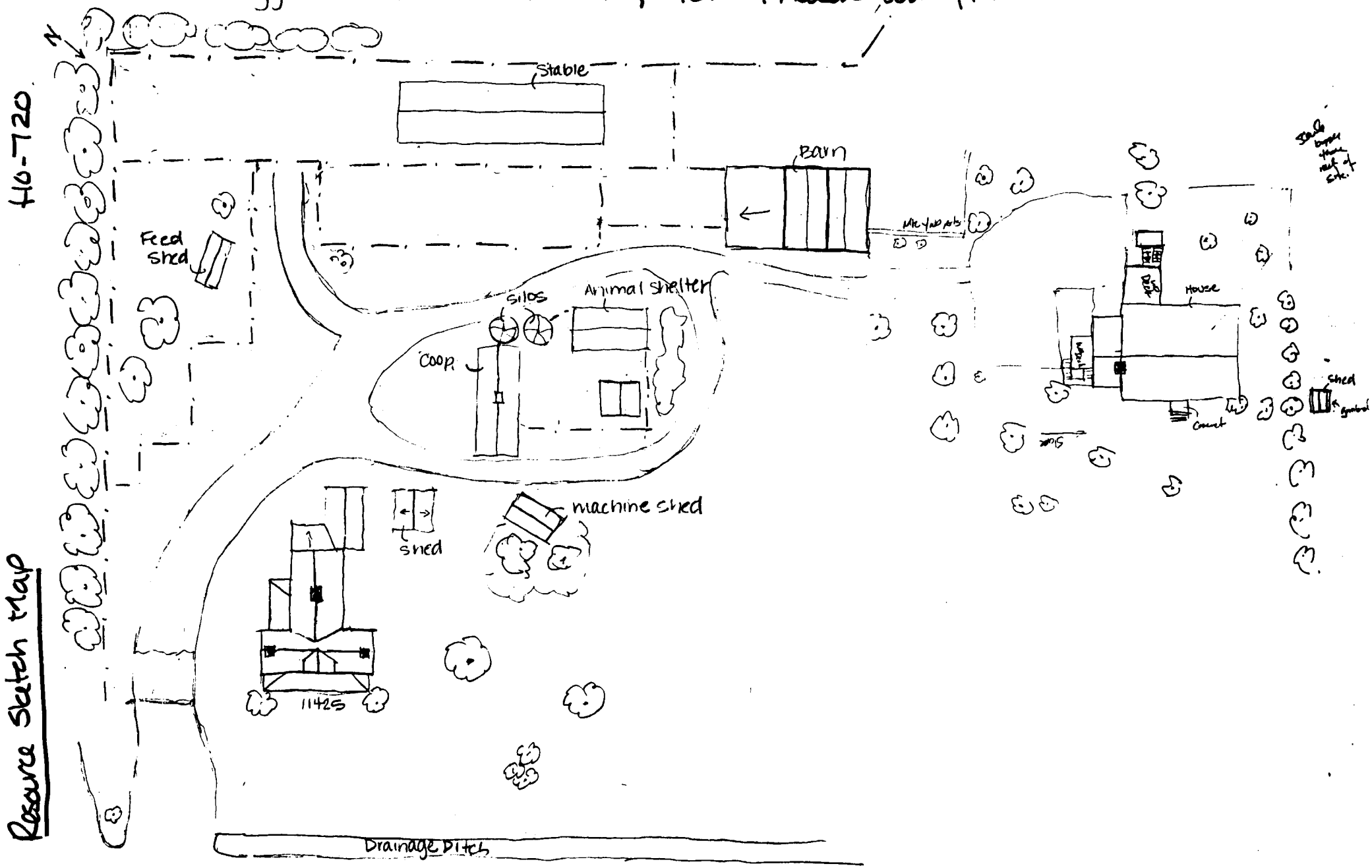
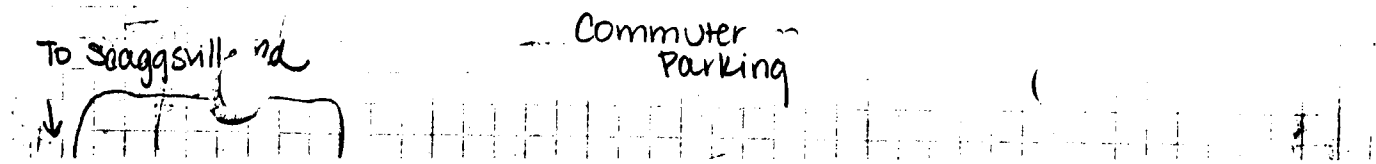
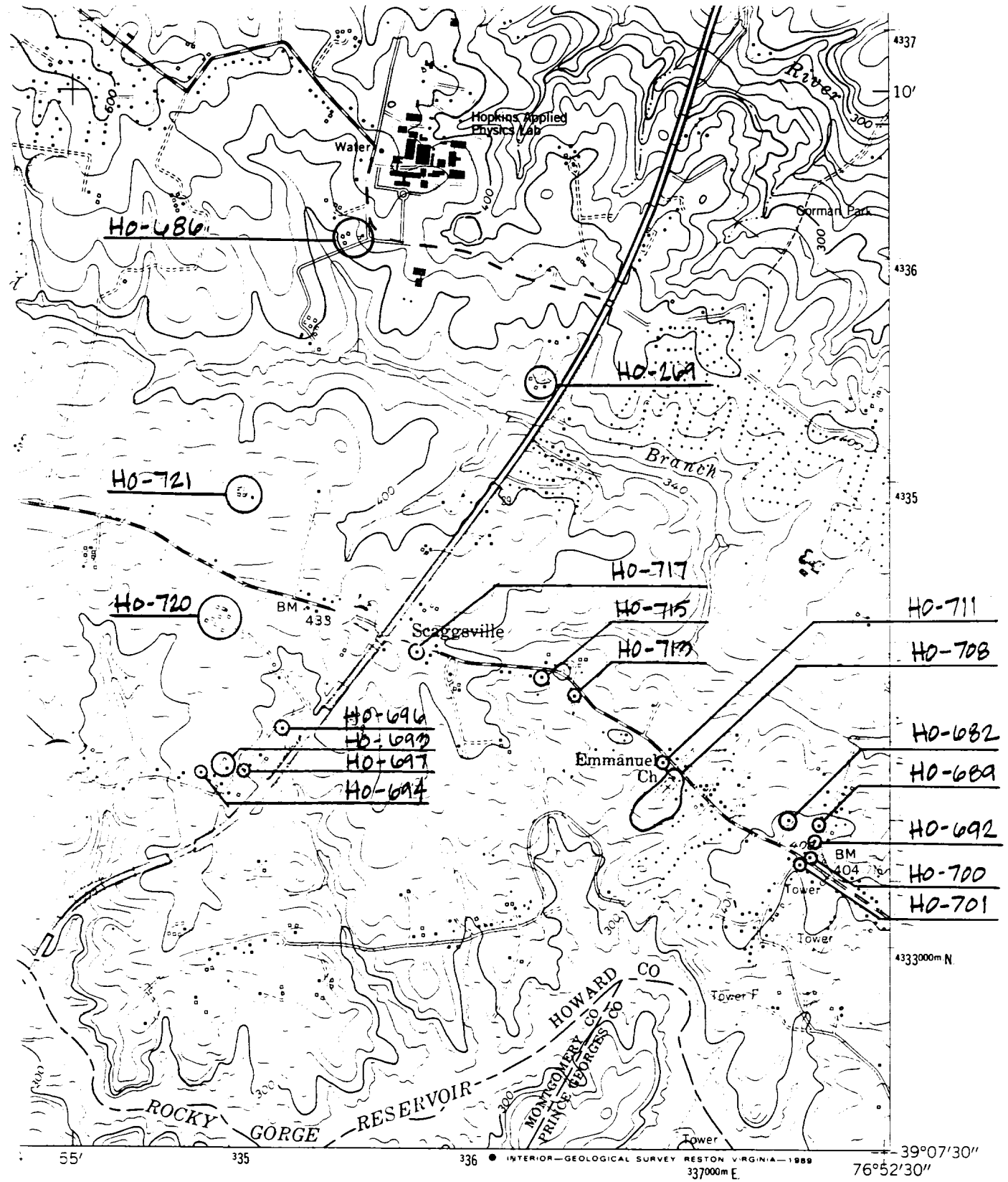
Resource Sketch Map







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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — Light-duty

Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route — State Route

(LAUREL) 5662 III SE

MARYLAND

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 8 meters south and 26 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

CLARKSVILLE, MD.

NW/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE

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PHOTOREVISED 1979

DMA 5662 III NW—SERIES V833

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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Main House, looking southwest
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Wheltzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
MainHouse, northwest elevation
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Tracenes
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Main house, Northeast elevation
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Wheizel Farm
Howard County, MD
Tracenes
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Main House, Southeast Elevation
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Shed, looking south
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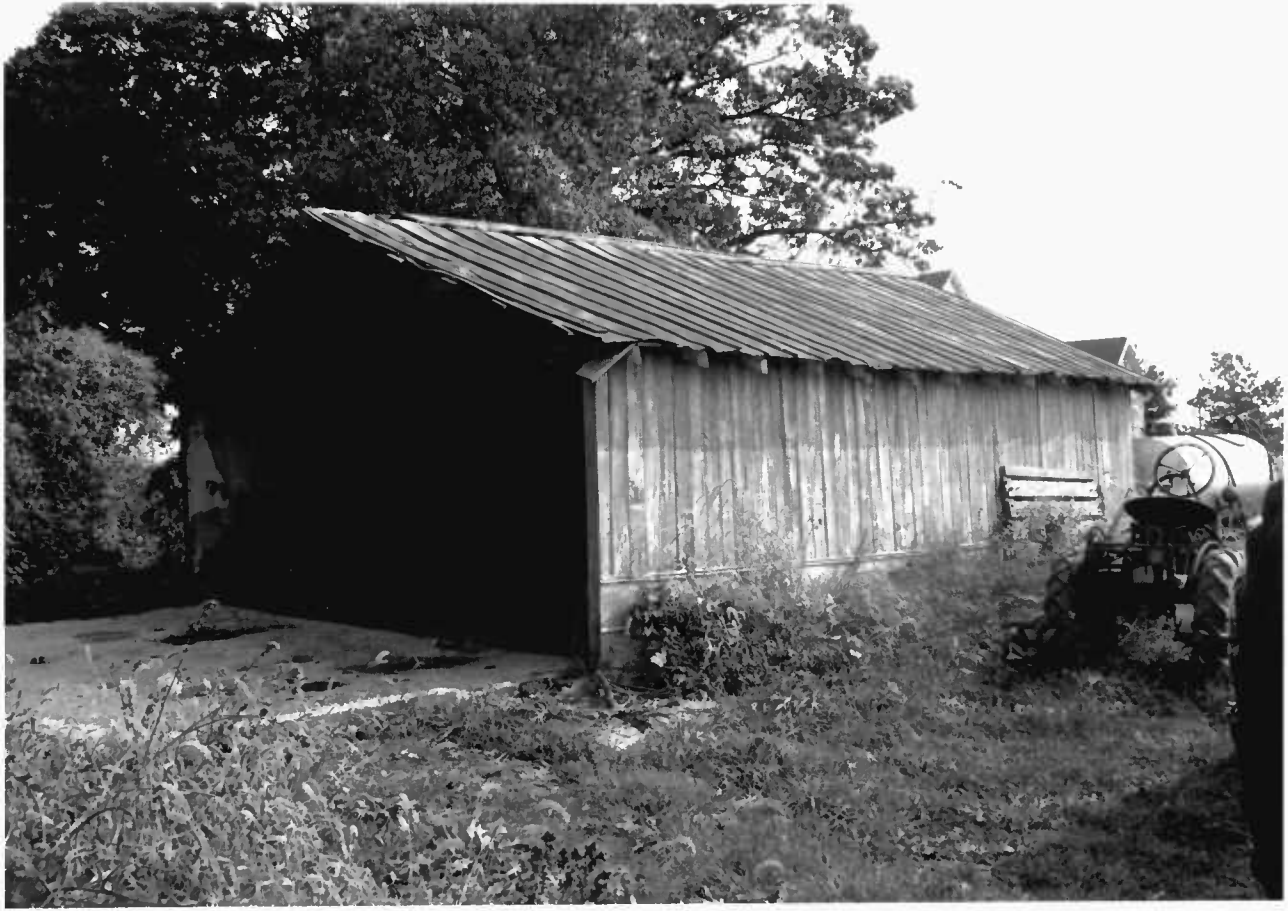

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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Tracenes
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Machine Shed, west corner
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
october 1997
Maryland SHPO
Animal Shelters & Barn, looking west, with barn in background
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Silo and Coop, looking north
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Wetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
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October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Animal Shelter & Silo, looking northwest
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Tracenes
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Feed Shed, looking North
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Wheizel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Stable, looking south
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Tracenes
October 1997
Barn, looking west
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Wretzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
House, looking south
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
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October 1997
House, looking north
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Whetzel Farm
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Shed, looking northeast
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