

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Oakland Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Solomons Island Road (Maryland Routes 2,4)

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

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

Louis L. Goldstein

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: AWR 38/322
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CT-139

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Wayne L. Nield, II

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey
Broomes Island, Maryland 20615
586-2050

DATE

Winter 76-77

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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OAKLAND HALL

Preliminary Report

Oakland Hall is a large and impressive example of the Greek Revival "temple", which according Stein and others was built in the 1850's by Reverend John Sedwick. Sedwick's will (VCC 1/340) mentions Oakland Hall as his "home place," but no other documents have as yet been produced.

The house is two full stories high, three bays wide, and two very long bays in length. The plan is longitudinal. Additions of one and two stories telescope to the rear (west) in three distinct stages. The last would appear to include an early kitchen.

The front (east) is demonstrated by a full portico containing a second story gallery. Square columns support the large pediment which is decorated with a fanlight window and dentil-brackets. A tall and richly carved door frame includes a transom and sidelights. It is located on the south side suggesting a side-hall plan. Very tall, 9/6 sash windows suggest the high ceilings within.

There are two large interior chimneys on the north side of the building which serve fireplaces on both floors. A single story addition is on the south side of the building, and it has been decorated with Victorian gingerbread.

In addition to the house, the plantation which revolved around it is survived by a large log meathouse, an early privy, and a log cabin which appears in an early Twentieth Century photograph, which is in the possession of Beatrice Smith in Barstow.

Some distance from the house (c. 100' east of gasline right-of-way) is a family cemetery containing the grave of Reverend John Sedwick and many members of his family.

According to research done by the present owners, Oakland Hall was built c. 1850 by the Reverend John Sedwick on land which was granted to Thomas Sedwick in 1650. It is said that the construction timbers are chestnut, pine oak, and cypress (part of Battle Creek Cypress Swamp and the largest cypress in Maryland are on the property) that were cut and sent to Baltimore by boat for dressing. The house is, in fact, situated among a stand of oak trees and is serviced by several outbuildings which include a log meathouse and log cabin.

Oakland Hall derives its form from the Greek Revival phase of the Federal Period. Although that period is generally conceded to have ended with the Civil War, the 1850's building date attributed to Oakland Hall is late but, nevertheless, makes it a part of that period. Although there are several houses in the county which exhibit elements of the Classical Revival, Oakland Hall may be its best and its only example of the Greek Temple mode. There are elements of the building which are more Roman in nature, and there are indeed additions exhibiting Gothic taste. All three revivals found credibility during the first half of the Nineteenth Century.

The vertical thrust of the building and the heavy or massive portico place it among those buildings associated with the Greek Revival. It is pointed out by H. Morrison in Early American Architecture (as well as others) that both the Roman and Greek styles offered a definite symbolism to the young Republic of the United States, which could be associated with the ideals of an ancient republic. Furthermore, the trials and tribulations

of modern Greece in her fight for independence during the 1820's gave an impetus to this association that is expressed in many American art forms.

While the Greek Revival saw its hey day, 1820-50's, the Classical Revival itself finds its beginnings in the United States in the 1780's with Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Latrobe, and others asserting the Roman style. Jefferson's State Capitol in Richmond (1784-1790) was based on the Roman Maison Caireé. Oakland Hall bears a resemblance, not only in the fact that both are obviously classical, but in the relationships between the main block and the portico what is already a longitudinally, oriented building is accentuated by the portico. Perhaps an even greater resemblance can be found in Jefferson's designs for the pavillions at University of Virginia (1820-1822) particularly in Pavilions II and IV which employ both the Ionic and Doric orders. In both of these buildings and in Oakland Hall, one finds longitudinal plans, high porticos, high ceilings indicated by tall first story windows, and pediments vented by fanlight windows. At Oakland Hall, there are ornate brackets which suggest the dentils seen in the pediments and beneath the eaves of Jefferson's buildings.

that they heard him publicly, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament; that at the time of his so doing he was, to the best of their apprehension, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other. Sworn to in open Court.

J. J. Bafford
Register of Wills.

Filed and admitted to probate March 22^d, 1904.

J. J. Bafford Register.

I, John Locke Sedwick, of Calvert County, in the State of Maryland, but now temporarily residing in Luray, in Page County, in the State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs before it shall please Almighty God to call me hence, do hereby publicly and declare this as and for my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

1st, and principally, I commit my soul unto the keeping of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body to the earth to be decently buried in the old family burying ground (if at all possible) on my home farm in Calvert County, in the State of Maryland, and my grave to^{be} arched on sides either with bricks or thick round planks, the planks if used to be not less than two inches in thickness, white oak preferred. The grave to^{be} built something after the order of those of my dear ones who have been so recently buried in the same burying ground.

And further, I desire and direct that a neat and modest marble tombstone be erected at my grave at as an early a date as practicable, to mark the spot where my body rests.

And further, should it not be done in my lifetime, I desire and direct that a neat marble tombstone be erected at an as early a date as practicable at the grave of my late wife, Mrs. Mattie H. Sedwick, who was born in Pendleton County, State of West Virginia, Sept. 18th, 1859, and died in the Lord January 20th, 1900. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." - P.S. 116-15. The aforementioned tombstone to be placed at this grave to be in keeping with those already erected in said graveyard.

And further, I desire and so direct that my grave be located near those of my dear departed loved ones, and if practicable in the same row, and on a line with those of my first and second wife, under the weeping willow tree near the little cedar, as the enclosed diagram may more explicitly indicate.

And further, I wish and so direct that this said burying ground be kept perpetually in a neat and decent order, and further as the old fence that encloses this burying ground is becoming somewhat dilapidated, I wish and direct that the same be replaced with or by a new, strong and substantial railing, and if said railing fence be built of wood that sound and substantial to cut parts be used, set at a proper depth in the ground, and the plank used to be sawed of sound locust timber, white oak or chestnut, not less than one inch in thickness, and the whole fence kept painted or whitewashed perpetually. The work of building said fence to be superintended and passed upon when finished by my brother, Thomas W. Williams.

And further, in no event shall this burying ground ever be sold, but kept as such in the or our family forever.

2d. After my debts and funeral charges are paid I, desire and bequeath as follows, viz.:

I give and bequeath to my three daughters, viz., Mary Louisa, Phoebe May and (Nellie) Elizabeth Greeman Sedwick, the proceeds of two life insurance policies now carried by me on my life, one for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in the Mutual Reserve Fund Life

Association of N. Y., now called and known as the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company of New York, and one for three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York (which last said policy is now in the hands of my brother-in-law for safe keeping, Harry S. Johnson, of Portsmouth, Ohio). The said two life insurance policies aggregating the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), and the said three children to share and share alike in the distribution of the same.

I make this disposition of the aforesaid insurance policies for the reason that I have heretofore during my life given to my daughter, Florence C. Sedwick Copp, a life insurance policy in the Maryland Life Insurance Company of Baltimore, Md., to be used and treated by her as she desired.

3rd. Further, I give and bequeath to my daughter Florence C. Sedwick Copp, aforesaid, the hair chain that was made of her mother's hair, with gold mounting.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Louise the organ or its equivalent in money, or whatever she may desire instead, of the same value, with the understanding that the said organ may be used by the other above named children at their option so long as they all remain together as one family.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe May the gold ring that was worn by her mother, with the inscription inside "John to Mattie", and also the little walnut writing desk, and a certain pedestal that she has desired to have, and any additional amount in money or its equivalent to make her share equal in value to that of Mary Louise.

I give and bequeath to my dear little daughter (Nellie) Elizabeth Greenman Sedwick my gold watch and little iron bedstead.

I give and bequeath to my three above named minor children the rest of my household furniture, together with my books, to be kept intact and to be

used by them, so long, as they may desire, or in case a division of the household furniture and books be necessary, then the four above named children are to share and share alike in the equal distribution of the same.

4th. I give and bequeath to my three grand children, viz: Hazel Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent; to Frank Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent in lieu of the colt I promised to give him; to Fitzzy Copp, fifty dollars or its equivalent.

5th. All the rest and residue of my estate, real and personal, not herein disposed of, I give, desire and bequeath unto my daughters, viz, Florence C. Sedwick Copp, Mary Louise, Phoebe May and (Nellie) Elizabeth Freeman Sedwick, share and share alike.

6th. It is my wish and desire that my home place, "Oakland Hall," be saved for my said children, together with my books and household furniture thereof, and not sold, so long as they all may desire, except if necessary the outlying fields, and that any other property be first disposed of if necessary for the payment of any of my debts, to be sold by my executors.

7th. And further, it is my wish and desire that my brother, Thomas W. Williams, shall act as guardian to and for my said minor children, and hereby request that he be constituted and appointed as such.

8th. It is my wish and desire, and I hereby constitute and appoint, my daughter, Florence C. Sedwick Copp, and her husband, D. G. Copp, of Durango, Colorado, executors of this my last will and testament (and recommend if necessary they confer and advise with John B. Gray, of Calvert County, State of Maryland, who perhaps knows more about my financial condition and worldly affairs than any other living man), hereby revoking all other and former wills heretofore made by me, and ratifying and confirming this and none other as and for my last will and testament.

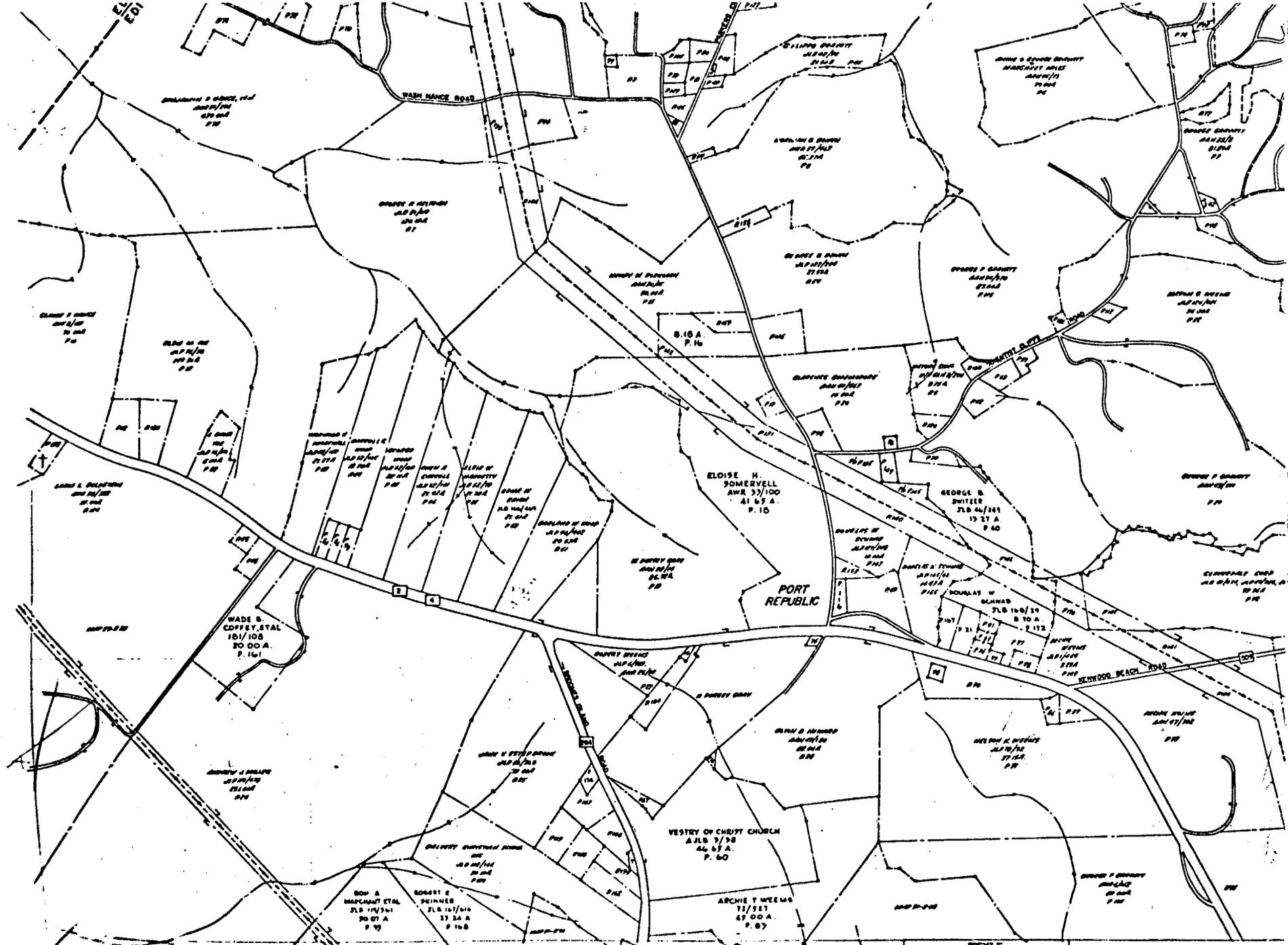
Witness my hand and seal this (20th) twentieth day of December, in the year 1902.

John C. Sedwick

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REVISION MAP 07/26/1987
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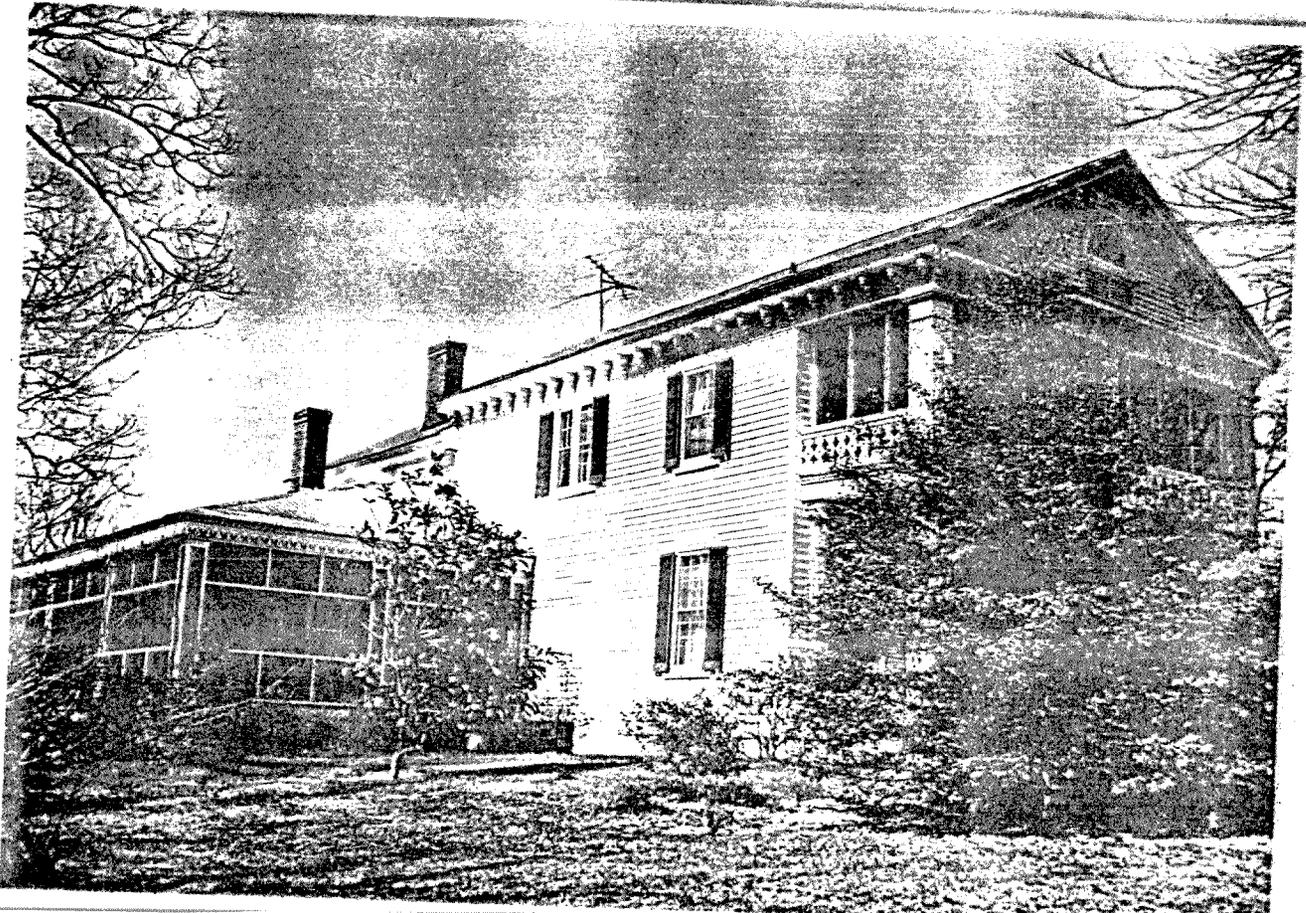
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	CONTINUING OWNERSHIP - P 345 (SUBJECT TO INTEREST AND ENCUMBRANCES THAT MAY BE FILED OR MAP NUMBER)
	SCALE 1" = 800' T.P. 174





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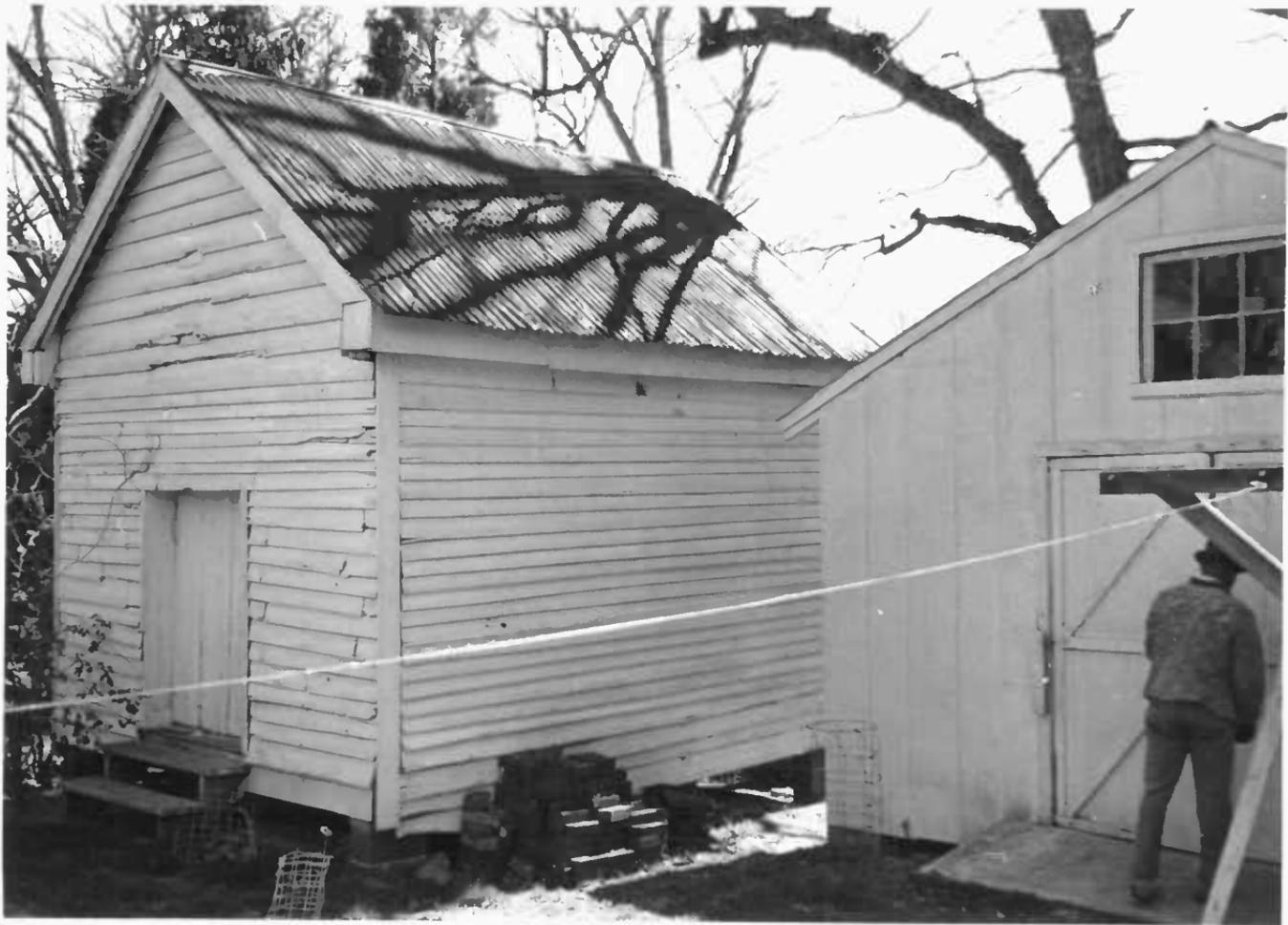


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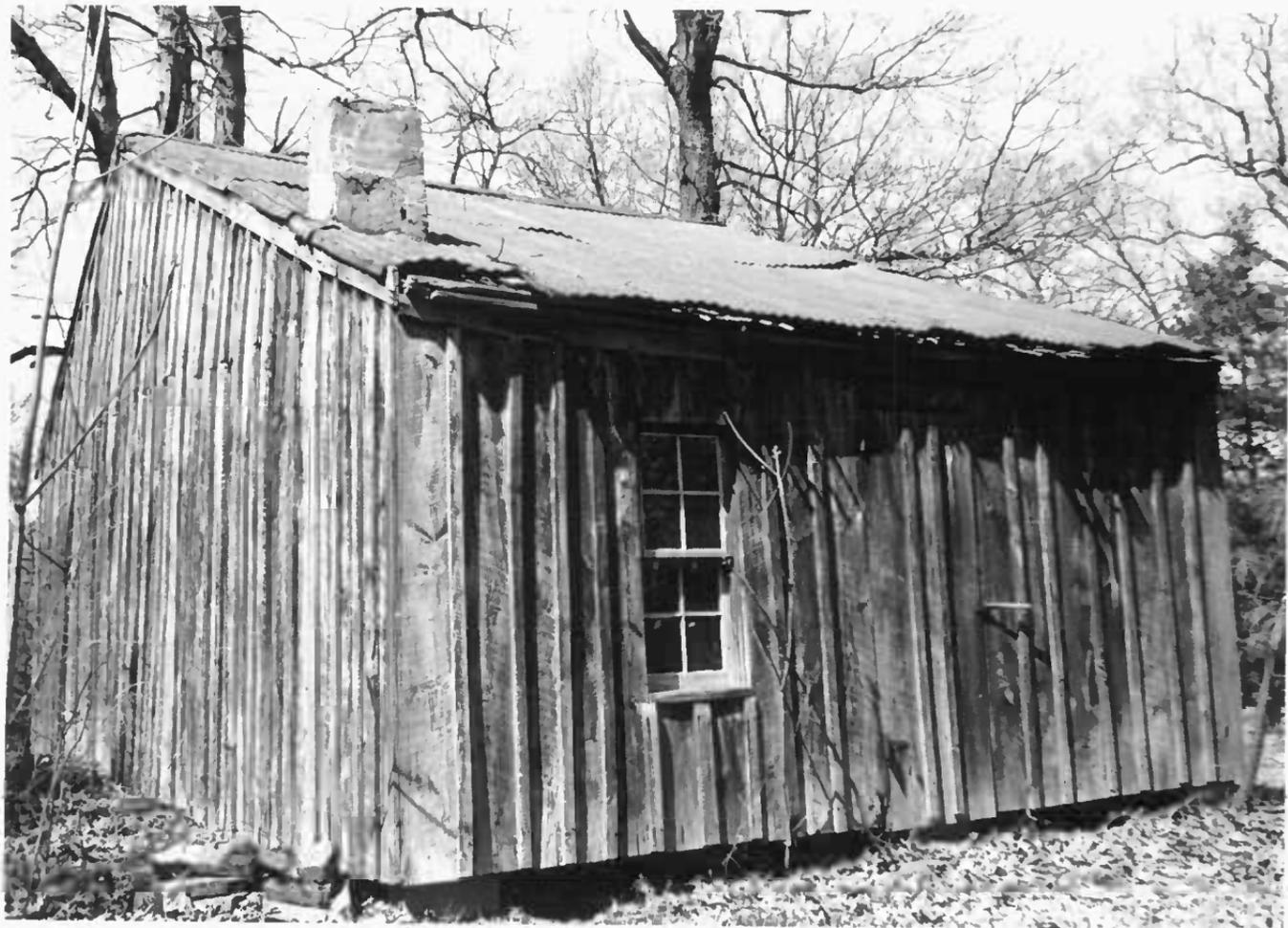
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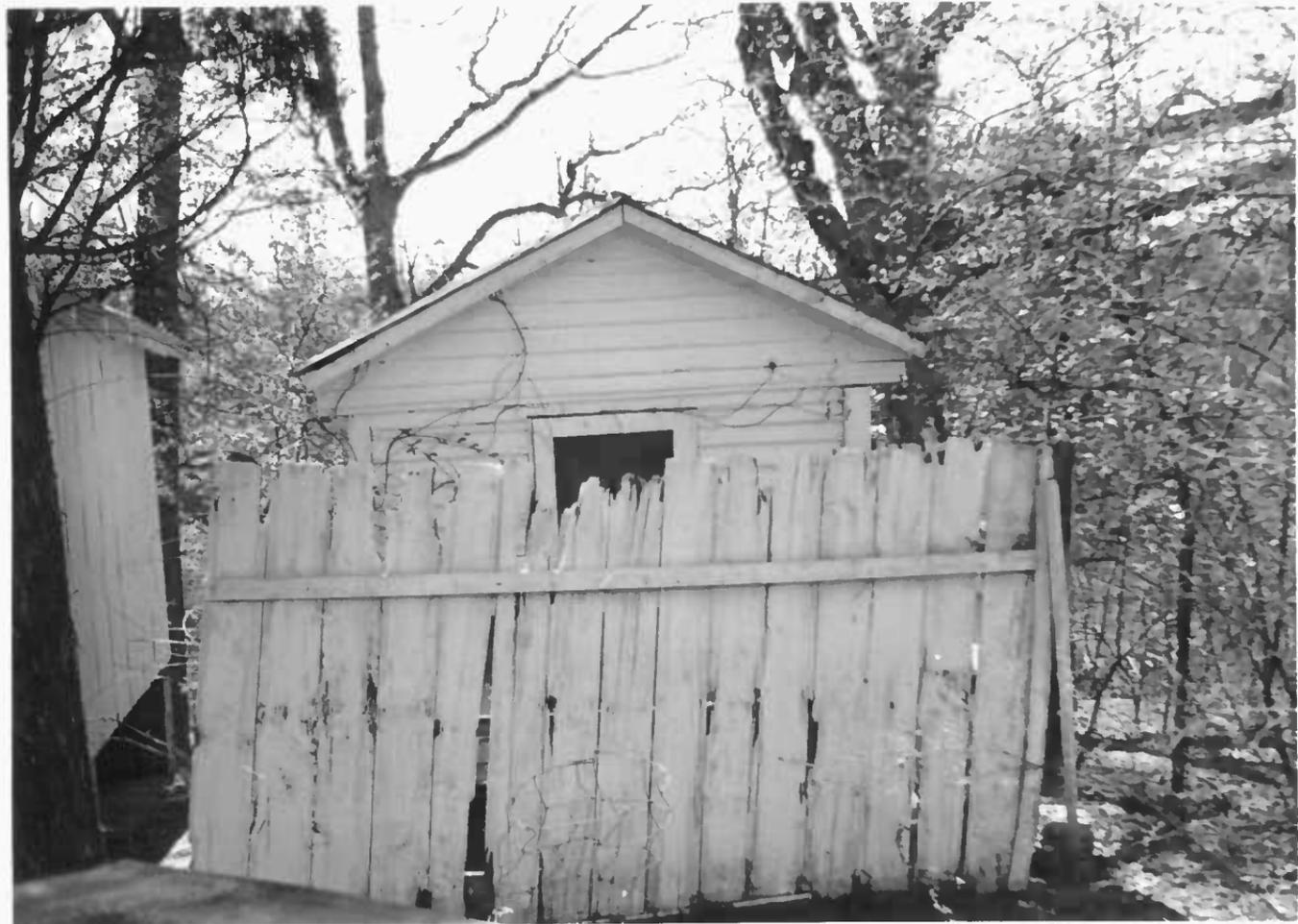
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