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

Property/District Name: R. Emerson Roberts House Survey Number: CT-501

Project: MD 2/4 N of MD 765 to N of Stoakley Rd Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

Criteria: X A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on available information, the R. Emerson Roberts House, located at P.O. Box 194, Clay Hammond Road, Prince Frederick vicinity, meets the National Register Criteria for listing under criterion A for agriculture. The property, consisting of a large, c. 1905 frame, cross gable farmhouse and two tobacco barns and a corncrib dating to c. 1945, is representative of Calvert County tobacco culture in the 20th century.

Of the Maryland counties growing tobacco, Calvert County has retained the strongest ties to this 300 year tradition. Throughout the 20th century, up until the last decades, Calvert County has remained a largely traditional, rural farming community, characterized by small scale, family run tobacco farms. What had been a relatively steady market for tobacco collapsed in 1983, leading to a 60% decrease in acreage under cultivation. The traditional ay of life represented by these tobacco farms has come under increasing pressure in recent decades not only from the collapse in tobacco prices, but also from the growth of the Washington Metropolitan area and high labor costs. Because tobacco cultivation in 20th century Calvert County has been characterized by modest farms, one would not expect high style resources. In addition, because the period of significance for tobacco cultivation extends well into the 20th century, and perhaps even up to 1983, tobacco barns which were built in the 1940s, 1950s and even later could be considered to contribute to the farmsteads.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form CT-501 and project file

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Elizabeth Hannold — July 8, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: ☑ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

[signature] — 7.11.94
Reviewer, NR program — Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
X	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
X	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
X	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

X	Agriculture
____	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

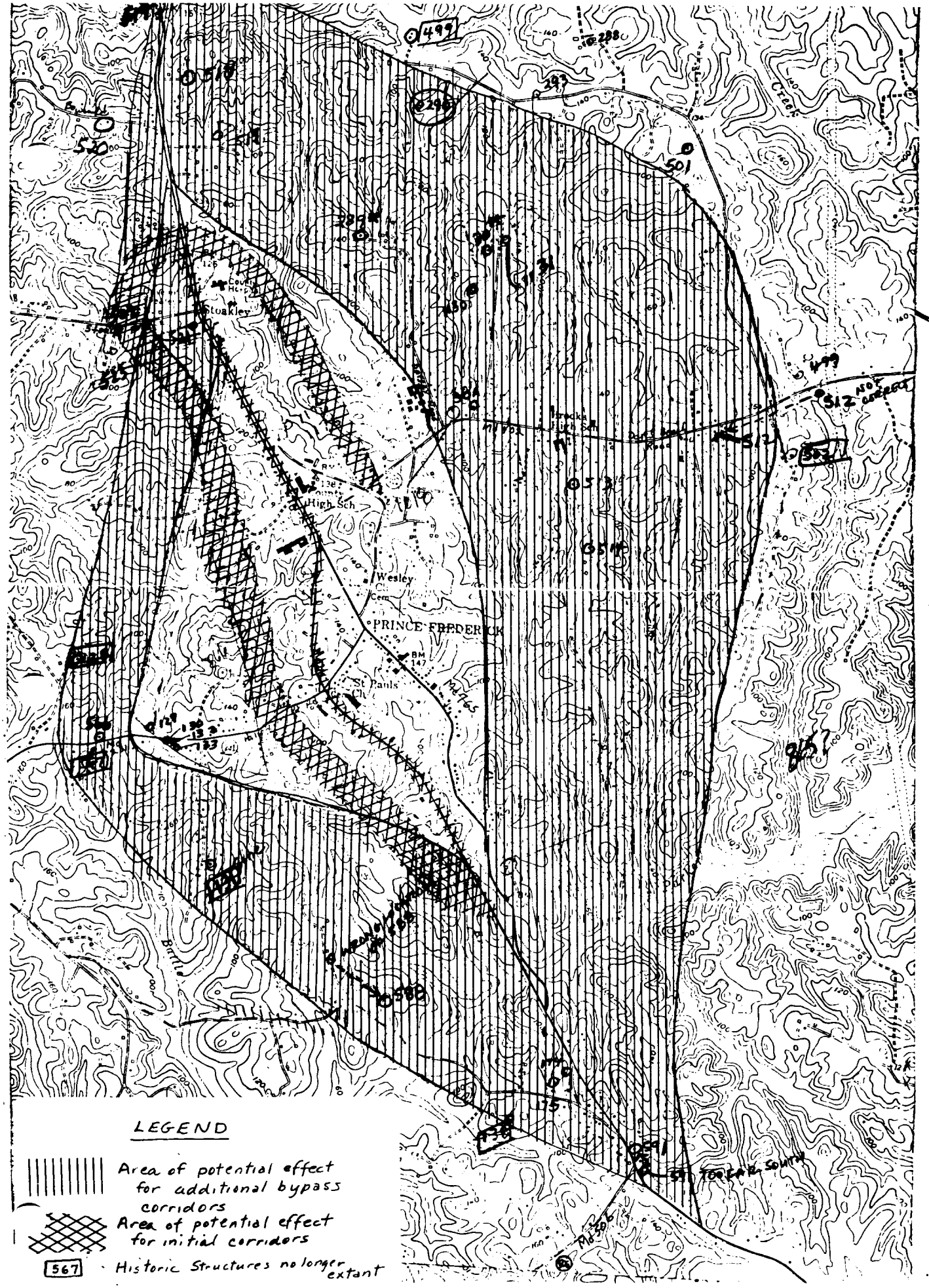
V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single family residence, Agricultural

Known Design Source: n/a



* western bypass alt extends much further to west than the as shown in June Public hearing booklet

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R. Emerson Roberts HOuse
(CT 501)

R. Emerson Roberts HOuse
East (Principal) Elevation

Dwelling
N.E. Corner

Dwelling
West Elevation

R. Emerson Roberts HOuse
Wing (ca. 1970)

Corncrib
East Elevation

Tobacco Barns
East Elevation