

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Lorenzo Joseph & Irene Tindley Bowen House (common) Inventory Number: WO-506

Address: 10445 Worcester Highway, Berlin (vic.), MD 21811

Owner: Lorenzo Joseph & Irene Tindley Bowen

Tax Parcel Number: 246 Tax Map Number: 20

Project: US 113 - North of US 50 to MD 589 (Worcester County, MD) Agency: Maryland SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  
 G  None

Is property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district N/A

Is district listed? \_\_\_\_\_ no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Additional Phase I Archeological Survey and Historic Structures Survey Along US 113 From North of US 50 to South of MD 589, Worcester County, Maryland (Cleveland et al. 1998)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Lorenzo Joseph and Irene Tindley Bowen House is a detached, single-family dwelling, located on the west side of US 113 approximately .5 miles south of MD 452. The one-story cottage, constructed in ca. 1944, has been added to a number of times during its life. The building features an asymmetrical south facade with three bays. The balloon-frame structure is clad with vinyl siding and has a side-gabled roof covered with composition asphalt shingles. The foundation is continuous concrete block. Tax records note that the siding was installed in 1980 or 1981 and that interior remodeling occurred in 1982 (WCTA 1998). See Continuation Sheet #1.

The Lorenzo Joseph and Irene Tindley Bowen House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised by alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

Prepared by: Mark D. Chancellor/Preservation Planner/TRC Garrow Associates Inc./29 Sep 98

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<u>Mark D. Chancellor</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/19/98</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>9/1/99</u> Date

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-506

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The south facade is notable for a one-story, shed-roofed addition that may originally have been an open porch. It features a modern door as well as modern one-over-one and single-light window sash. Windows throughout the rest of the dwelling contain single and paired one-over-one sash; there is a six-light picture window on the east side of the building. Several of the windows are flanked by modern fixed shutters. To the rear of the dwelling is a large gabled addition, which nearly doubles the length of the house. A secondary entrance is located on the east side, and a central concrete block chimney is located at the main roof ridge.

The property contains two modern outbuildings, both located west/southwest of the dwelling. One is a gabled shed with an attached canopy, while the other is a gambrel-roofed storage shed. A grassy drive provides access to and from Huckleberry Road (just west of its intersection with US 113), and the property features a single mature tree and several ornamental shrubs.

Alterations to the resource include the vinyl siding, the front addition, the modern doors, windows, and shutters, the large rear addition, and the likely loss of historic outbuildings.

The Lorenzo Joseph and Irene Tindley Bowen House is a representative, albeit extensively altered, example of a ca. 1940s side-gabled cottage. Its presence signifies the continued introduction of twentieth-century architectural types in an agricultural area developed during the nineteenth century, and it illustrates the continuing development of Worcester County and the local area into the middle part of this century.

The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1944, according to physical observation of the building as well as deed records. Tax records give a construction date of 1965 (WCTA 1998). This date seems too late, based on the form of the core of the building, which appears to be at least 50 years old. A 1944 deed reveals that the property containing the dwelling was once part of a larger parcel that contained the Shirley T. Bowen House (WO-504) and the Henry Hastings House (WO-505) (WCCC Deed Book JEB 21:195). In 1944, the property was sold to Samuel W. and Lottie H. Bowen, who sold it to the current owners in 1971 (WCCC Deed Book FWH 363:502). The 1944 deed notes that the transfer at that time included a "farm and parcel of land." Although the deed records are inconclusive, it seems likely that the dwelling was in place by ca. 1944. However, since the owner who constructed the dwelling cannot be determined exactly from the deed records, the structure has been denoted by the current owners' names.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the resource in the Modern Period (A.D. 1930–Present). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and outbuildings encompasses 1.02 acres.

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Major Bibliographical References:

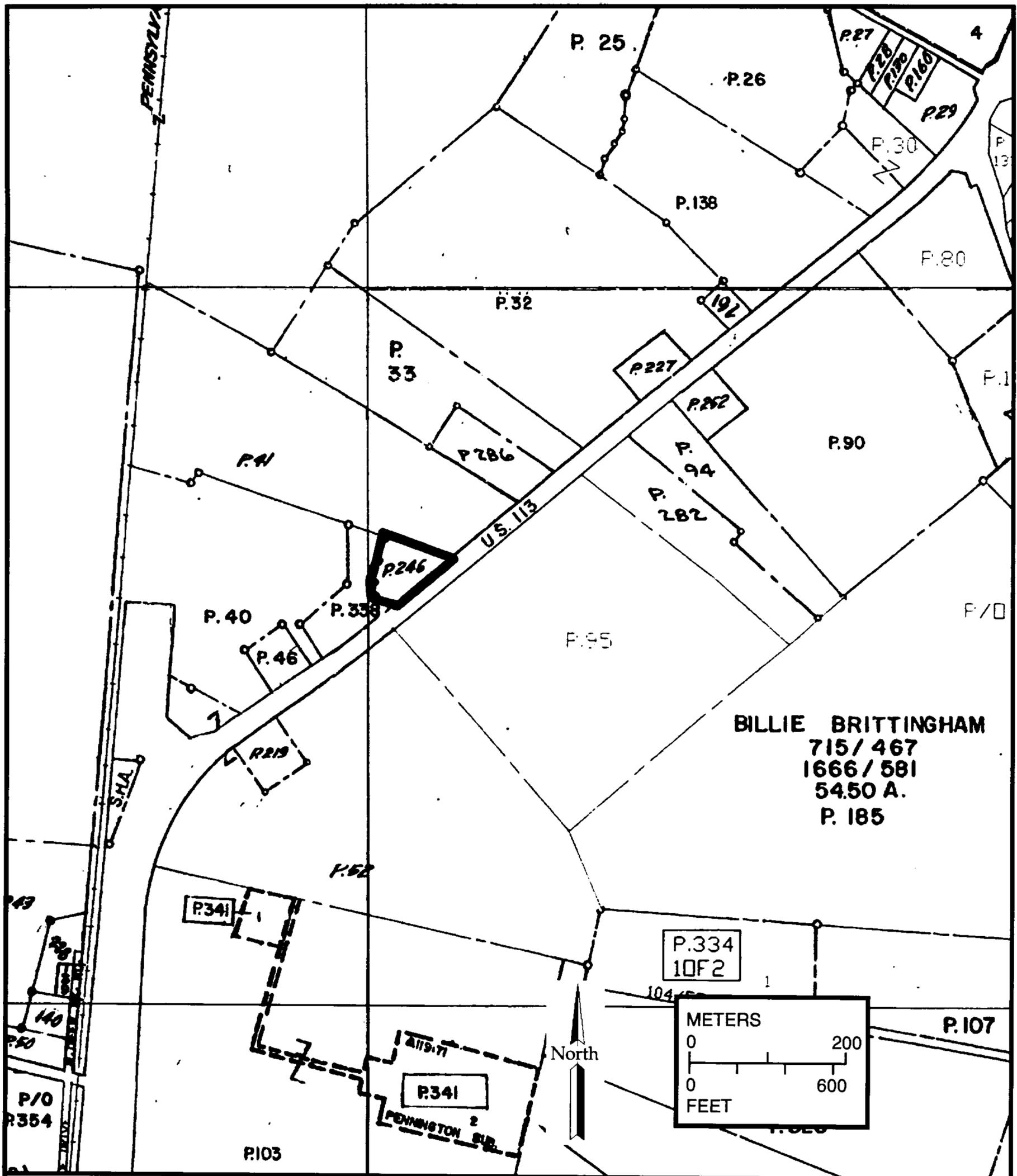
Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887–1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

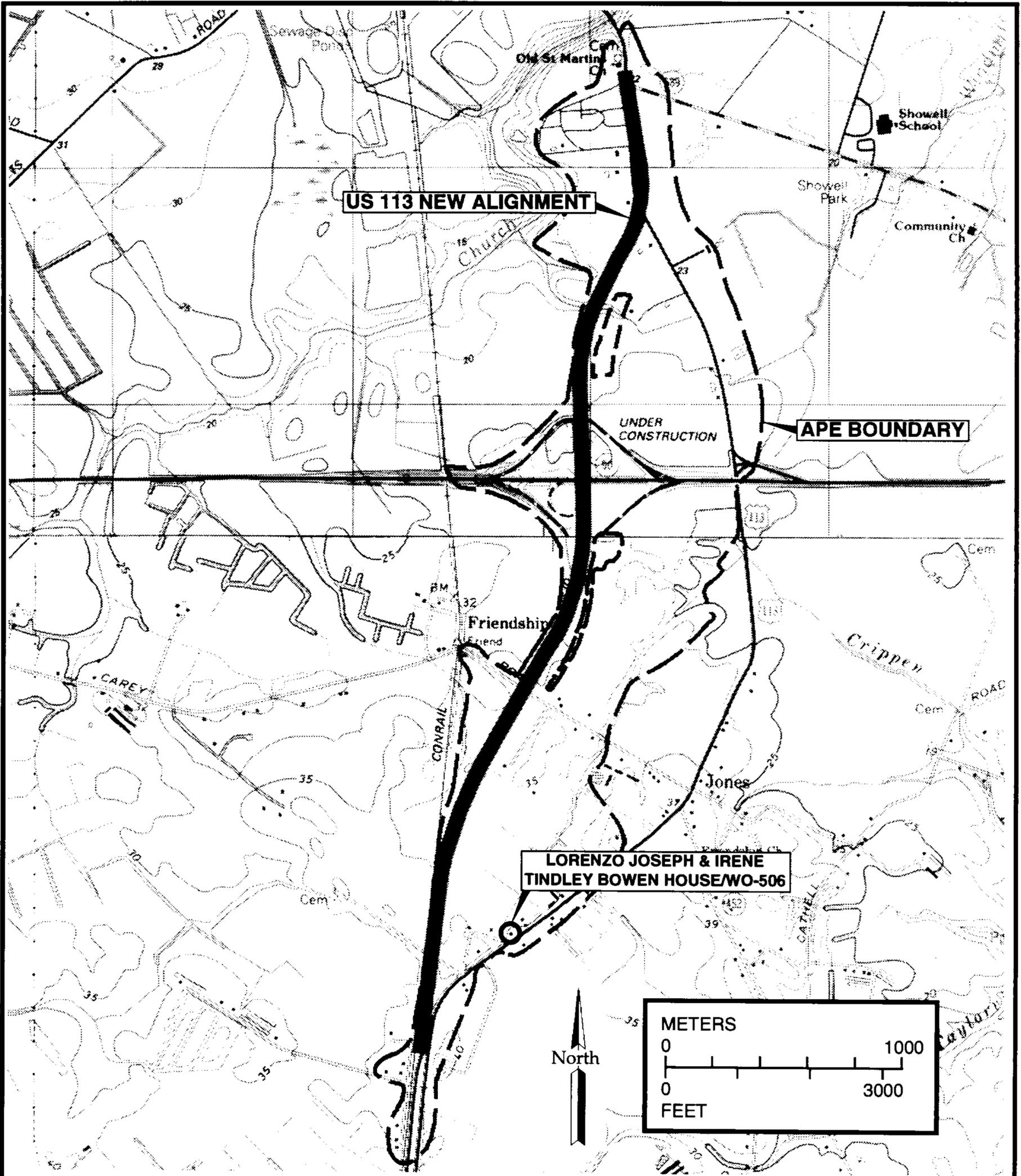
1998 Tax assessment records on file at the Worcester County Tax Assessor's Office, Snow Hill, Maryland.





**TAX MAP**

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 246, Worcester County, Md.  
 Containing the Lorenzo Joseph & Irene Tindley Bowen House/WO-506  
 Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



**LOCATIONAL MAP**

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the Lorenzo Joseph & Irene Tindley Bowen House/WO-506

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Mark Chavalko - photographs  
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Inventory of photos & negatives  
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Walter Chavala - photographer

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