

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

Property Name: Roy Squares House (common) Inventory Number: WO-512

Address: 10498 Worcester Highway, Berlin (vic.), MD 21811

Owner: Roy Squares

Tax Parcel Number: 94 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 Roy Squares House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the east side of US 113, approximately .3 miles south of MD 452. The one-story, side-gabled bungalow, constructed in ca. 1930, exhibits an asymmetrical facade with four bays. The balloon-frame structure is clad in aluminum siding, and features a roof covered with composition asphalt shingles. According to the current owner, the building once had a slate roof and then a cedar shingle roof before it received its present roof. The foundation is concrete block with an ashlar masonry face. See Continuation Sheet #1.

The Roy Squares 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).

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Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/2/98</u> Date
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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- 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:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

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

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source:

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-512

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The west facade is notable for its front-gabled canopy above a 1950s single-leaf door. The canopy is supported by a pair of simple wood brackets. The facade also features a pair of six-over-one double-hung sash windows and two large picture windows, each comprised of a center eight-over-one double-hung sash flanked by two one-over-one double-hung sash. The window openings throughout the rest of the dwelling contain both single and paired one-over-one and six-over-one double-hung sash. Many of the window openings contain storm sash. The window surrounds and the soffits of the house have been covered with aluminum. The south end of the building exhibits a one-story, half-width addition with a half-hip roof. To the rear of the dwelling is a modern wood deck with modern glass patio doors leading into the house. Nearby is a canopied entrance to the basement, with supports like those at the facade and a wood door with a single light over three horizontal panels. An interior brick chimney with a rounded top protrudes from the south end of the west roof slope. The current owner notes that the interior retains some original wood flooring and wood trim at the doors and windows.

The property includes two outbuildings and the rusted remains of a chicken house hopper. One of the outbuildings is a single-bay garage of frame construction located to the rear of the dwelling. The structure is clad in wood shingles and exhibits a corrugated metal roof. An adjacent room is fitted with modern paneling and features an eight-over-eight double-hung sash window and a storm window with a transom sash above. The second outbuilding is a nonhistoric garden shed/playhouse. The current owner burned three chicken houses on the property several years ago. An asphalt loop drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property contains many mature trees as well as ornamental trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the aluminum siding and covering at the window surrounds and soffits, the later roofing, the 1950s front door, the later one-over-one sash, the storm sash, the south end addition, and the rear deck and patio doors. Alterations to the garage include the modern paneling and the storm sash.

The Roy Squares House is a representative example of the side-gabled bungalow type. Its presence signifies the historic introduction of early-twentieth-century architectural types into an agricultural area developed during the nineteenth century, and it illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the local area into the twentieth century.

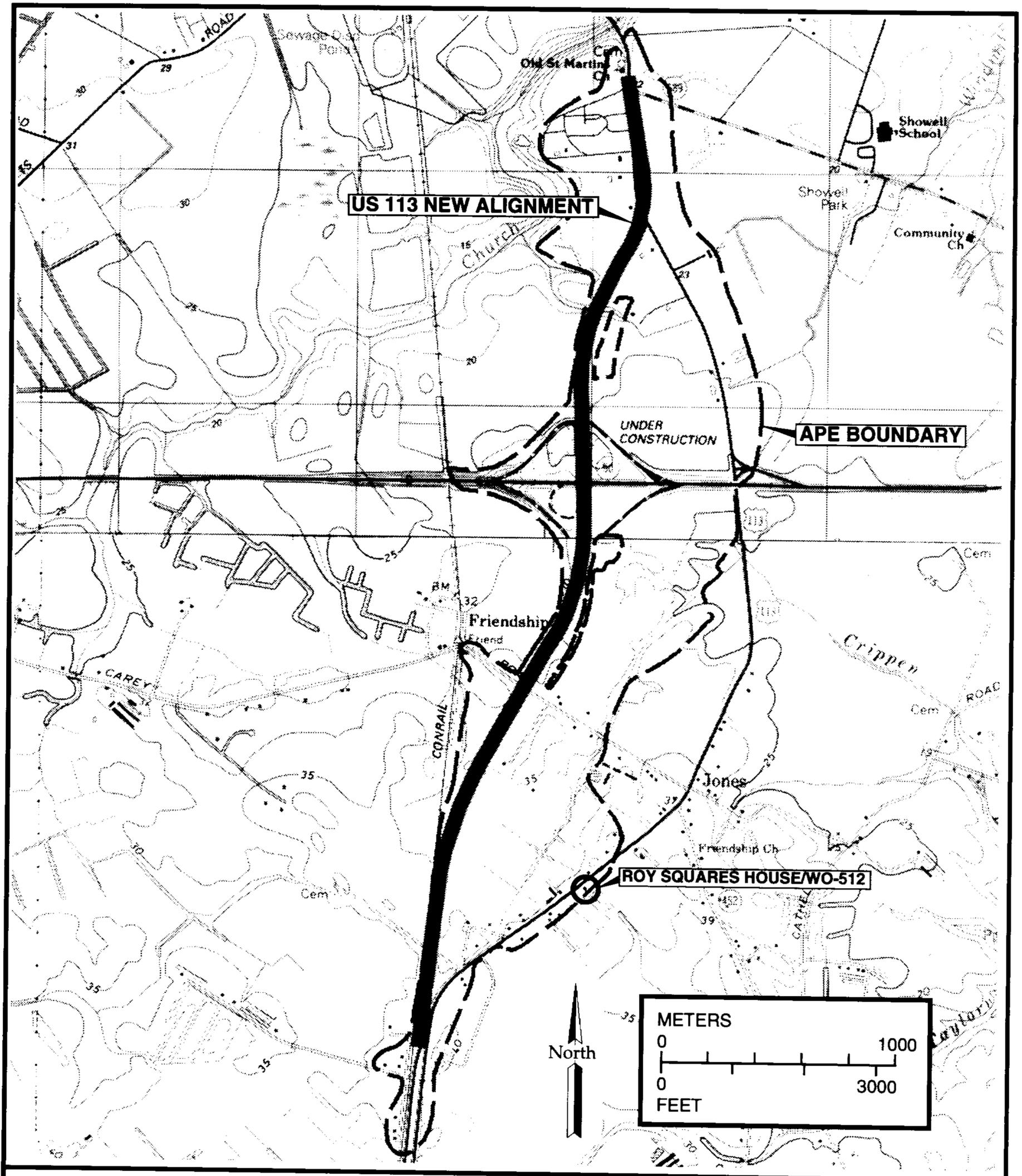
The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1930, based on tax records and information supplied by the current owner, Roy Squares. The tax records place the date of construction at 1940 (WCTA 1998), but Mr. Squares claims that his father, Leroy Squares, who owned the property before him, once stated that the dwelling was built in the 1920s. Based on this evidence, a construction date of ca. 1930 has been assigned. Such a date would certainly fit within the timeframe of popularity for the side-gabled bungalow type.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the structure at the division between the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870–1930) and the Modern Period (A.D. 1930–Present). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and outbuildings amounts to 4.975 acres.

Major Bibliographical Reference:

Worcester County Tax Assessor (WCTA)

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



LOCATIONAL MAP

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

Showing the Roy Squares House/WO-512

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Roy Squares House (common)
Worcester County, MD

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Mark Charella - photographer

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

View East toward Dwelling + Garage

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Roy Squares House (common)
Worcester County, MD

000 224/E-1 /T-N /120E 82 < >

Mark Chancellor - photograph

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

Dwelling, North + West Elevations

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Pine Square House (Summer)

Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - 7th stoppage

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHP - negative

Dwelling, South + East Elevations

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Roy. Square House (common)

Warrenton County, MD

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Mark Chancell - photographs

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

Garage, view Southwest

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WO-512

Ray Rogers House (common)
Worcester County, MD

000 2143/T-1/T-N /129Z 8Z < >

Mark Chancellor - photographer
Sept. 1998

Mayland SHPO - negative
East building, view Northeast

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