

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William R. Powell House
and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 11039 Worcester Highway not for publication _____
city, town Berlin vicinity of x congressional district First
state Maryland 21811 county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> yes/restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes/unrestrict.	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Status	Present Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private res.
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
Public	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> transport.
<input type="checkbox"/> in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> being considered		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	

4. Owner of Property

name Linda Lynch Tingle
street & number 10804 Worcester Highway tele. no. _____
city, town Berlin state & zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court
- Worcester County Courthouse

street & number West Market Street
city, town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863
liber WCL 988 folio 210

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local _____
depository for survey records _____
city, town _____ state _____

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7. Description
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Survey No. WO-514
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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		(date _____)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The William R. Powell House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the west side of US 113, approximately .2 miles north of MD 90. The two-story Gothic Revival vernacular building, constructed in ca. 1870, features a symmetrical east facade with three bays. The frame structure has been added to several times, both during the historic period and in more recent times. The building is covered with vinyl siding and is capped by a combination side-gable/hip roof clad with composition asphalt shingles. The original building foundation is concealed, but later additions exhibit continuous brick and concrete block foundations.

The east facade is noted by a typical feature of the Gothic Revival style, a central, front-facing gable containing an arched, five-light window. The one-story, hip-roofed front porch has been screened and extended to the north to wrap around the north side of the original building. It is not known when this work was undertaken. The south end of the original building was likely extended in the historic period with the addition of a two-story, three-sided bay. The roof was extended southward to cover the bay, and decorative brackets were added at the cornice line. The front doorway contains a twentieth century multi-light door with a three-light transom and three-light side lights. The north end of the original building exhibits a modern glass sliding door. The windows of the original building contain two-over-two double-hung wood sash with covered surrounds. The soffits have also been covered with vinyl. A slender brick chimney with a corbeled cap protrudes from the roof ridge south of the central gable.

To the rear of the original building is a large, two-story, L-shaped addition with a gable roof that ties into the original building via a higher hip roof. This addition likely dates to the historic period. The addition contains modern, single-light sash (except for a two-over-two double-hung sash at the rear), and features a large, modern brick end chimney with a large base that conceals the bottom portion of the north wall. A historic brick chimney protrudes from the ridge of a rear-facing gable. Two openings in the gable have been replaced with modern louvers.

To the rear of the two-story addition is a one-and-one-half-story, side-gabled addition that was likely constructed in the historic period. It features a one-story, shed-roofed porch on the north side that has been infilled and fitted with modern window sash and a door. A modern brick chimney protrudes from the porch roof and extends above the height of the addition. On the south side of the addition, the roofline has been

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8. Significance
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Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehist.	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-hist.	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> music	

Specific Dates	unknown	Builder/Architect	unknown
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check:	Applicable Criteria:	and/or Applicable Exception:	Level of Significance:
<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> national
<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> state
<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> local
<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> D		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William R. Powell House survives as a middle to late nineteenth century form that was popularized in the United States by the writings of Alexander Jackson Davis and Andrew Jackson Downing (McAlester 1984:200). Its presence coincides with the development of Worcester County and the immediate locale in the middle nineteenth century, when the economy of the region was expanding due to demand for produce and products from the large cities of the Northeast and because of advances in agriculture and other sectors brought on by the coming of the railroads (Touart 1994:118). Although altered over the years, the building's original vernacular Gothic Revival form can still be seen.

The dwelling was constructed in ca. 1870, based on its appearance and the evidence supplied by historic maps and census data. The 1877 atlas of Worcester County identifies William R. Powell at the location of the current dwelling (Lake 1877). The 1870 population census identifies a William R. Powell as a 57-year-old farmer with a real estate worth of \$3,000.00 and a personal estate worth \$400.00 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1870). It would appear that a man of some wealth like William R. Powell would have had the means to construct a large two-story farmhouse in accordance with the popular tastes of the day. Deed and tax records have not provided any pertinent information related to the dwelling or to William R. Powell. Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the resource at the transition between the Agricultural/Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870) and the Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the house and outbuildings encompasses 5.07 acres. Also included in the tax parcel is the ca. 1910 James E. & Hettie M. Thomas Tenant House (WO-515). The amount of land devoted solely to the Powell House, its outbuildings, and its yard encompasses approximately 3.5 acres of the total.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Survey No. WO-514

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property 3.5 ac.

Quadrangle name Selbyville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References - do not complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Portion of 5.07-acre Legal Tax Parcel belonging to house and outbuildings (= 3.5 acres; 1.57 acres go with WO-515) (Map 15, Parcel 236, Lot 2)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization TRC Garrow Associates Inc. date 9/28/98
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city or town Atlanta state GA zip code 30340-4214

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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extended southward to cover a later addition. Attached to the west side of the addition is a one-story gabled garage with modern sash and doors.

The single historic outbuilding on the property is a one-story, front-gabled shed located a few feet south of the dwelling's rear additions. The building has a brick foundation, aluminum siding, and a composition asphalt shingle roof. It contains a single-light sash at the west side and vertical board doors at the north and south ends. Several feet to the east is a concrete well cap set flush with the ground. Across the loop driveway from the dwelling are several modern outbuildings: a barn with attached sheds next to a fenced corral, a stand-alone shed, a dog pen/shed, and a doghouse. The property exhibits several mature trees as well as ornamental yard trees and shrubs.

Alterations to the dwelling include the side and rear additions, both historic and modern; the extension of the front porch and the infilling of the rear porch; the vinyl siding; the covering of the window surrounds and soffits; the modern window sash and doors; the changes to the roofline; and the two large modern brick chimneys. Alterations to the historic shed include the aluminum siding and the later window sash. It is assumed that other historic outbuildings have been demolished over time and were perhaps located where the modern outbuildings are now situated.

The William R. Powell 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, setting, 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).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
	<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	10/9/98 Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR program	9/1/99 Date

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson

1877 *Atlas of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties, Maryland.*
Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, Philadelphia.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee

1984 *A Field Guide to American Houses.* Alfred A. Knopf, New York.

Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland.* Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

U.S. Bureau of the Census

1870 Manuscript Returns of the Ninth Census of the United States,
Population Schedule. Microfilm on file, Snow Hill Public Library,
Snow Hill, Maryland.

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

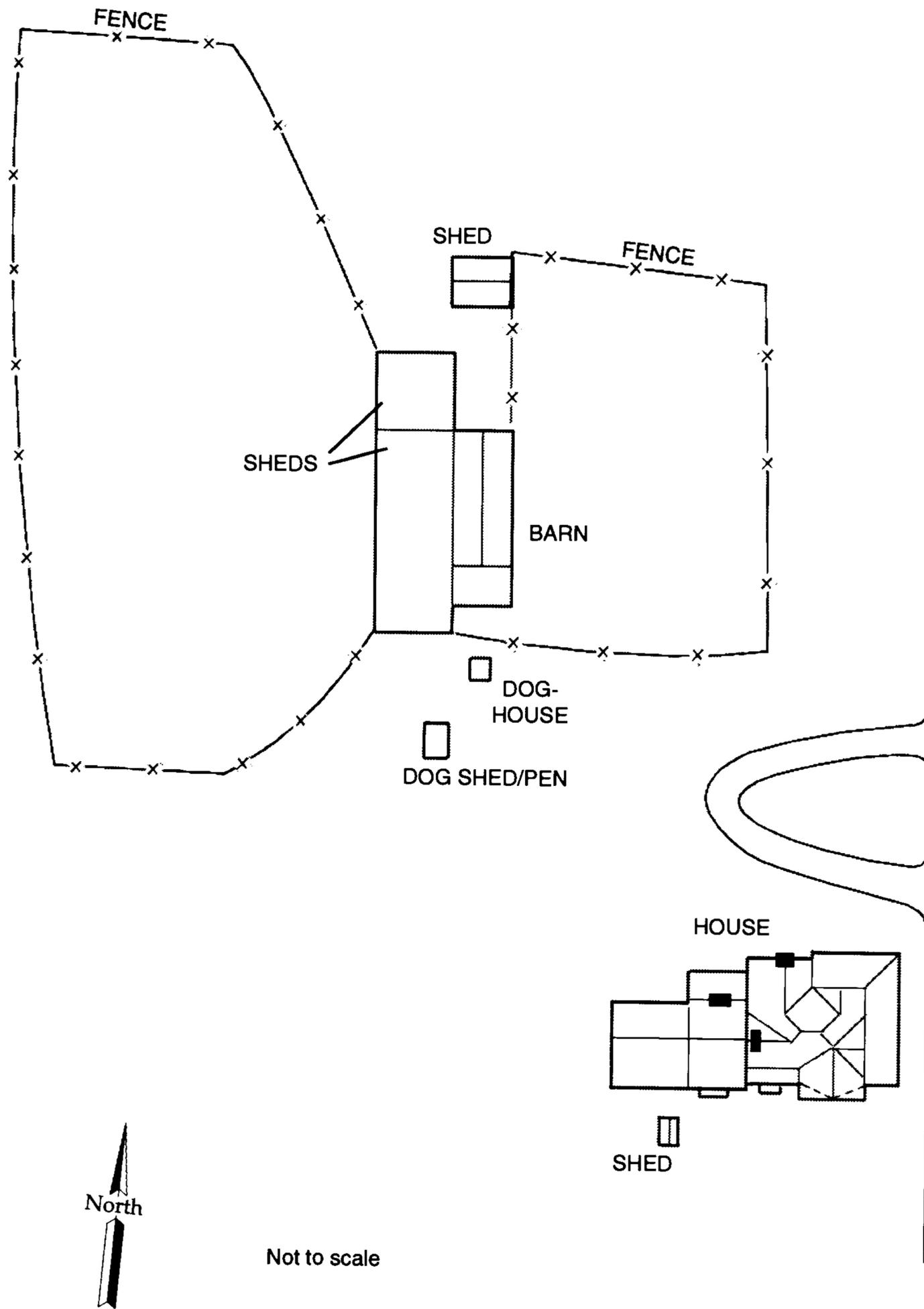
- 11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

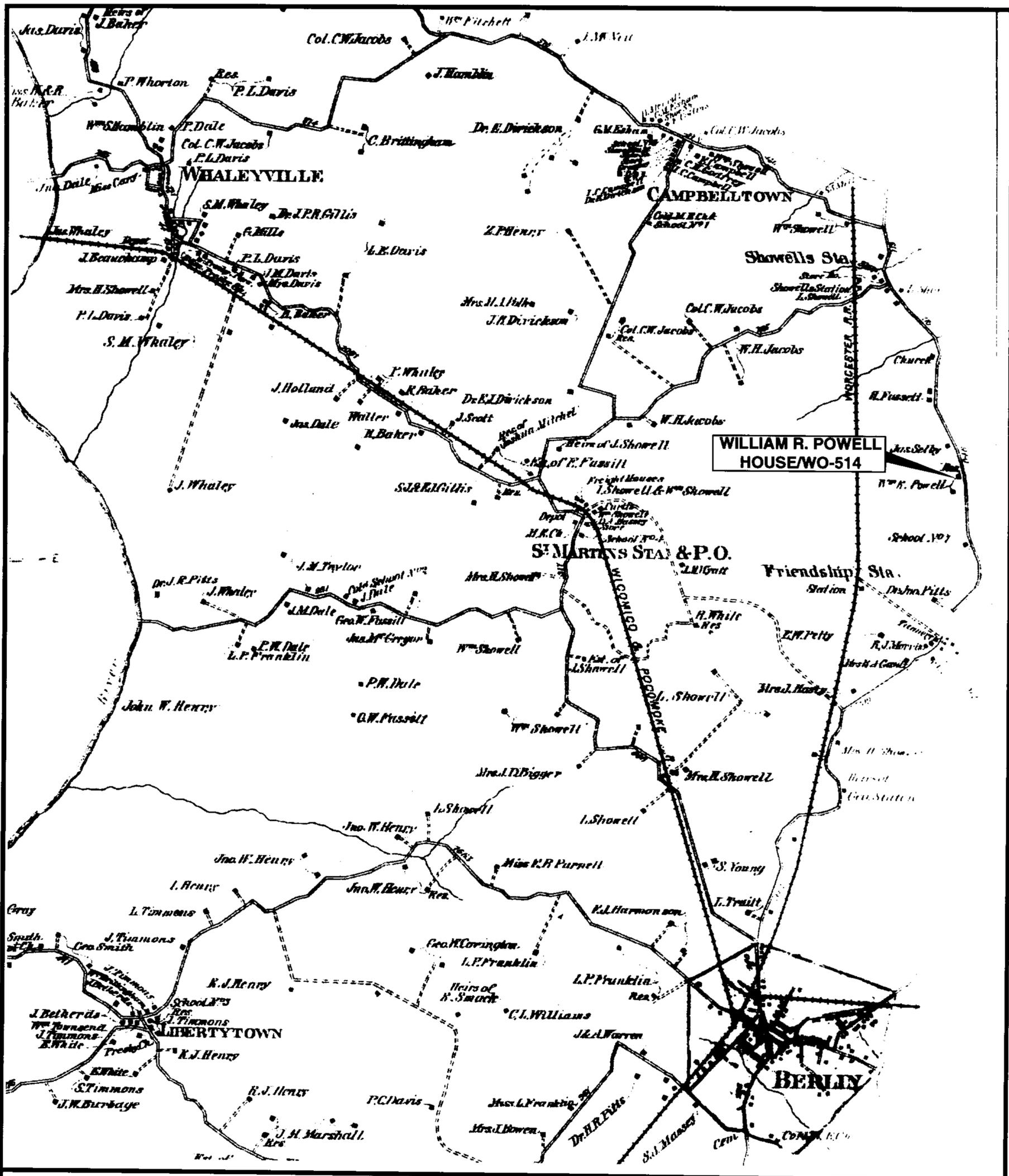
- 1) Agriculture
- 2) Architecture

Resource Type:

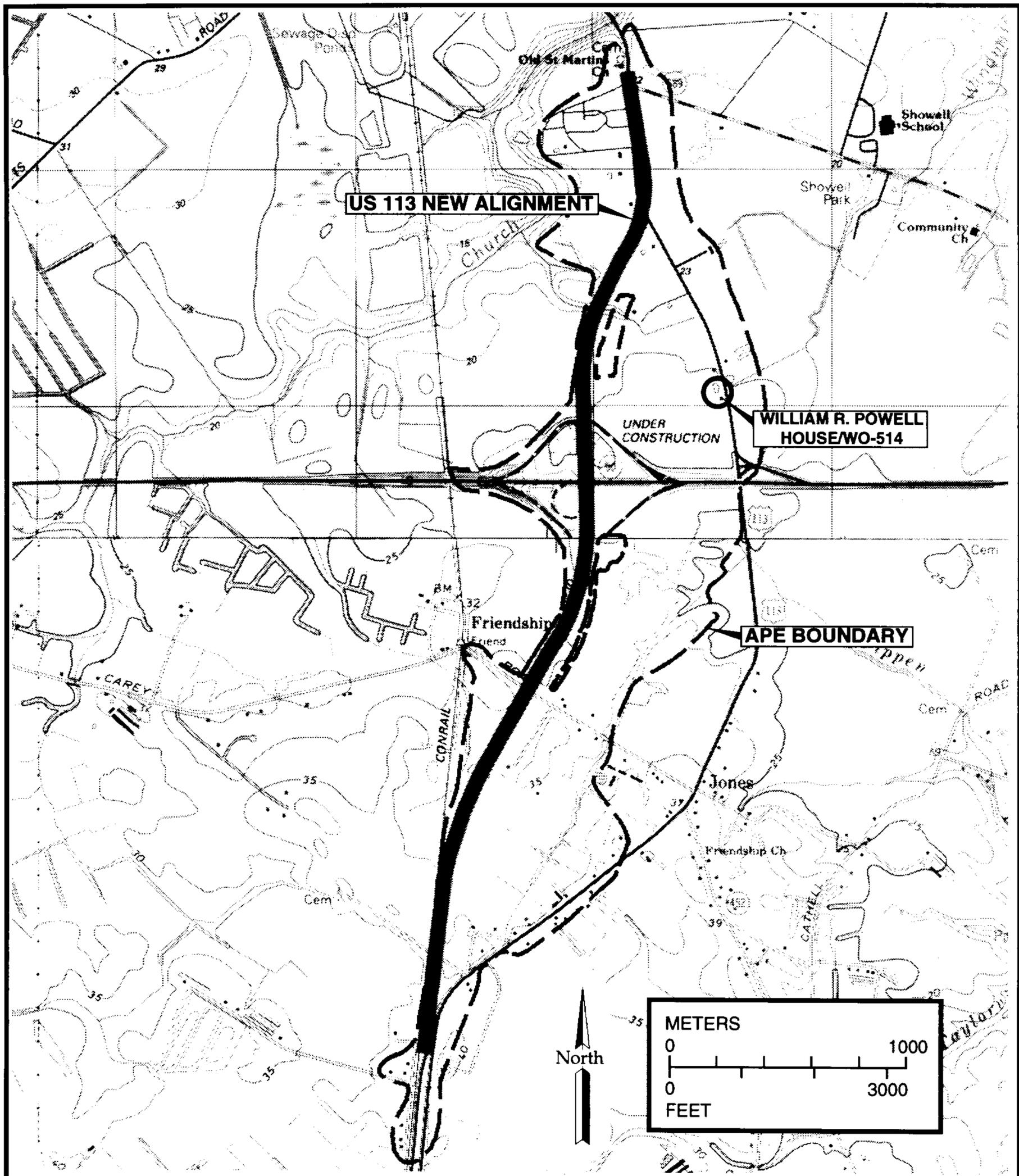
Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Single-family Dwelling; Farmstead
Known Design Source:	None



RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
 William R. Powell House/WO-514
 Berlin Vicinity
 Worcester County, MD



Section of a Map of West Berlin District, from the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, Showing the William R. Powell House/WO-514, Berlin Vicinity, Worcester County, MD



LOCATIONAL MAP

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

Showing the William R. Powell House/WO-514

Worcester County, MD.



W10-514

William R. Howell House (Historic)

Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1978

Mayland Studio - negative

East & North Elevations

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11. 2. 1992

William Marshall House (historic)

York County, VA

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Mark Chavallor - photographer

Sept. 1992

Marshall 0170 - negative

South + East + West

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R. ... House (historic)

Moravian Council, etc.

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William K. Powell (White Mountain)

Massachusetts Court, etc.

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John Chavellier, ...

Sept. 1972

William K. Powell - negative

Smith & West ...

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NO. 514

1000 ... (faint text)

Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept 1992

110 park ... (faint text)

Dwelling + Shed, West Elevation

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NO-514

William K. Russell House (historic)

Yonkers County, NY

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Frank Chavener - draughtsman

Sept. 1998

Manford SHFD - negative

Dwellings - Shed, West & South Elevations

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WPA - 1941

WPA - R. for 11 House (historic)

WPA - for ...

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1998

Manfred ... - negative

John ... buildings, ... 1998

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11/10/00 (original House '11/10/00')
Lyon Center County, MD

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White Chancellors - 11/10/00

Sept 1998

White Chancellors - 11/10/00

White Chancellors - 11/10/00

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R Howell House (historic)

Wilmington, Delaware

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W. A. C. Howell, photographer

Sept. 1992

Manford (144) - negative

Modern Buildings, Looking SW

10/1/92