

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

Property Name: Alice M. & Emma A. Fisher Property (common) Inventory Number: WO-518

Address: 11317 Worcester Highway, Berlin (vic.), MD 21811

Owner: Alice M. & Emma A. Fisher

Tax Parcel Number: 46 Tax Map Number: 15

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 Alice M. and Emma A. Fisher Property is located on the west side of US 113, approximately .2 miles south of MD 589. The property contains a historic barn built in ca. 1925 and a nonhistoric barn/shed. A historic dwelling that once sat on the property burned in recent years, according to tax records. A photocopy of a picture of the structure in the tax file shows a two-story dwelling that appears to date to the ca. 1920s (WCTA 1998). See Continuation Sheet #1.

The Alice M. and Emma A. Fisher Property 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, most notably the loss of the historic dwelling. The historic barn is not considered eligible in and of itself, and it and the property as a whole have no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), are not significant for their architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of them 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>10/9/98</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>9/1/99</u> Date

**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): Agricultural Outbuilding (Barn)

Known Design Source:

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CONTINUATION SHEET #1

Inventory No. WO-518

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (continued):

The historic barn consists of a large central bay with two smaller flanking bays, all under the same front-gabled roof. The structure is clad in drop siding, and the roof is covered with standing seam metal (there is evidence of wood shingles beneath the metal). The floor of the barn is a concrete slab, and the framing appears newer, from the telephone pole supports to the lumber comprising the roof framing. The only interior wood that appears to be historic is found at the walls of the center bay, where wide, circular sawn planks are used. The entrance to the center bay has a large metal sliding door.

The nonhistoric barn/shed is built of plywood and corrugated metal and is comprised of two front-gabled sections. The smaller section stands in the front, while the larger section is to the rear. Both gables have a very shallow pitch.

The historic barn on the Alice M. and Emma A. Fisher Property is a representative example of an early-twentieth-century agricultural outbuilding. Its presence illustrates the continued development of Worcester County and the immediate locale in the early part of this century, when truck farming was replacing older agricultural models and new fruit and vegetable crops were on the rise (Touart 1994:165-167; Truitt and Les Callette 1977:249, 253-255).

It is assumed that the historic barn dates to the same time period as the former dwelling depicted in the tax records. This would give the barn an approximate construction date of ca. 1925. Because the building evidences a concrete slab floor and newer framing, it is possible that it may not be 50 years old. The historic planks found on the interior may have been reused from another, older outbuilding. On the other hand, the building may be historic and simply was updated over the years with newer materials as the older materials deteriorated (leaving only the plank walls and the wood roofing shingles). Without further evidence to the contrary, it is assumed that the building is likely over 50 years of age.

Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the barn near the end of the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930). The current legal tax parcel containing the two outbuildings encompasses 55.09 acres.

Major Bibliographical References:

Touart, Paul Baker

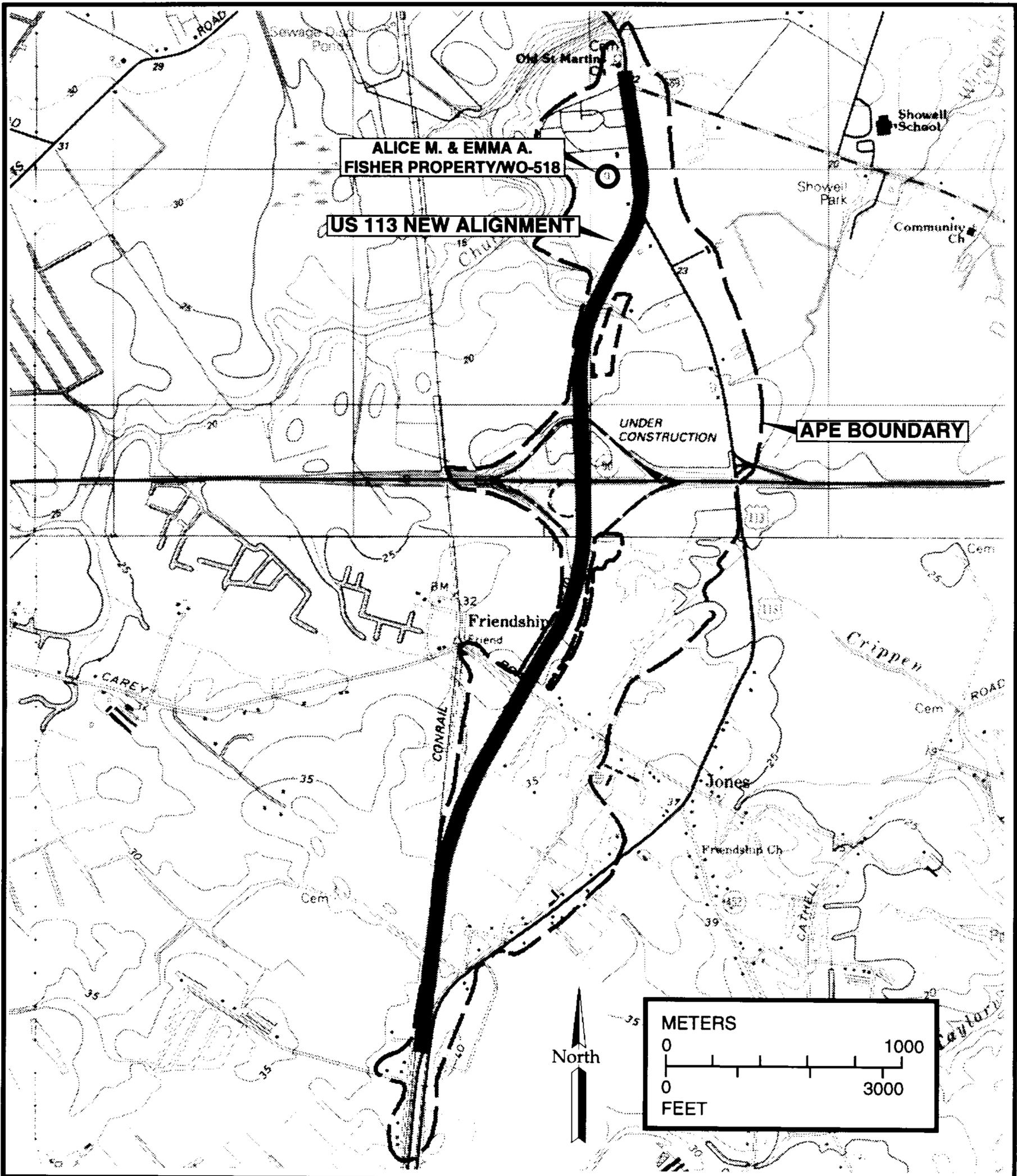
1994 *Along the Seaboard Side: The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland*. Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, Maryland.

Truitt, Reginald V., and Millard G. Les Callette

1977 *Worcester County, Maryland's Arcadia*. Worcester County Historical Society, 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.



LOCATIONAL MAP

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

Showing the Alice M. & Emma A. Fisher Property/WO-518

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

Barn and Barn/field, view West

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