

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

Property/District Name: Richard J. Jr., and Ellen M. Truitt House Survey Number: WO-474

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: 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

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

The Richard J. Jr. and Ellen M. Truitt House is located on the south side of Carey Road, approximately two miles north of Berlin in Worcester County, MD. The property includes a frame dwelling and four outbuildings. The property is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in the early 20th-century, the Truitt House is a two-story gable-fronted dwelling with a single-room wide, two-room-deep "shotgun" plan. The house is clad with wood shingles and features an enclosed shed-roof screen porch extending across the front elevation and providing access to the central entry door. A group of four domestic outbuildings, contemporaneous to the main dwelling, is located to the rear of it. The house and its outbuildings are typical of the small, early 20th-century farmstead found in the region; the property lacks the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify it for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Kimberly Prothro Williams March 13, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Orlando Padgett March 15, 1996
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)
- 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
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period:

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Functions:	Single-family farm dwelling; Agricultural storage
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-474

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Richard J. Jr., and Ellen M. Truitt House

2. Location

street & number 10304 Carey Road

not for publication

city, town Berlin

vicinity of

congressional district

First

state Maryland

county Worcester

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard J. Jr., & Ellen M. Truitt

street & number 10308 Carey Road

telephone no.: (410) 641-0026

city, town Berlin

state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse

liber

street & number West Market Street

folio

city, town Snow Hill

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered

Check one

original site

moved date of move _____

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

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Unknown **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

Dating from the early decades of the twentieth century, the Richard J., Jr., and Ellen M. Truitt House is situated on the south side of Carey Road, approximately two miles north of Berlin. Located about 1,500 feet east of US 113, the property contains a frame dwelling and four outbuildings. A trailer is located southeast of the building complex. Most of the 9.45-acre parcel is planted in corn.

The two-story frame dwelling, clad with brown-stained wood shingles has a rectangular plan with one-story hipped and shed roof additions to the east and south elevations. A screen-enclosed shed-roof porch covers the north, or main, elevation. The asphalt shingle gable roof on the main block features simple wood soffits, eaves and cornice. An interior brick chimney rises through the center of the ridge and an exterior brick chimney is located at the southwest corner of the main block. Windows throughout the dwelling consist of two-over-two double-hung wood sash.

The north, or main, elevation of the main block is one bay wide, including a door in the first story, a window in the second story, and a window in the gable. A door is located in the north elevation of the shed-roof wing/enclosed porch which extends along the east side of the dwelling. The shed-roof screen-enclosed porch, which covers the main block and the eastern wing, contains three bays separated by square wood posts. Each screen bay consists of paired screens with "transoms". Shingles cover the skirt of the porch.

The east elevation of the main block contains a set of paired windows and a single window in the first story, and two single windows in the second story. The east elevation of the one-story wing includes a band of four windows at the northeast corner, a set of paired windows in the center, and two single windows at the southeast corner. The east elevation of the screen-enclosed porch contains a door and a single screen.

The south elevation of the main block includes a single window in the second story and a small window in the gable. The south elevation of the one-story wing contains a door. A one-story shed-roof addition is appended to the south elevation of the main block; this addition contains a pair of windows in the south elevation.

The west elevation of the main block contains a pair of windows and a single window in the first story, and two single windows in the second story. An exterior brick chimney rises along the southwest corner of the main block at its juncture with the shed-roof rear wing.

Four frame outbuildings stand south of the dwelling. A shed and a tractor shed are situated at the western edge of the complex and a large carriage house/stable and a corn crib sit near the eastern edge of the complex.

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The one-story frame shed, clad in drop siding with wood cornerboards, rests on terra cotta piers and has a corrugated tin gable roof. The east elevation contains a board-and-batten door and a six-light window. The one-story shed-roof tractor shed, clad in weatherboard, is two bays wide.

The large frame carriage house/stable includes a loft in the upper story and two shed-roof side aisles appended to the east and west ends. Clad in weatherboard and vertical wood siding, the main portion of the building has a wood shingle gable roof, while the side aisles are covered with corrugated tin shed roofs. The north elevation contains a large sliding door; a small shed roof addition is appended to the south elevation of the main block.

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The Richard and Ellen Truitt House stands as a representative example of an early-twentieth-century farmstead which retains good integrity of association, feeling, location, materials, setting, and workmanship. The property contains a rectangular-plan dwelling and four outbuildings that convey the appearance and feeling of a typical agricultural complex from this era. As an intact farmstead, the resource is associated with the turn-of-the-century agricultural landscape in Worcester County, which contained predominantly small and middle-sized farms growing cash crops of wheat, corn, potatoes, and tomatoes, as well as orchard fruits (Touart 1994:165).

The Richard and Ellen Truitt House is recommended for inclusion into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, for its reflection of the broad agricultural climate of early- twentieth-century Worcester County.

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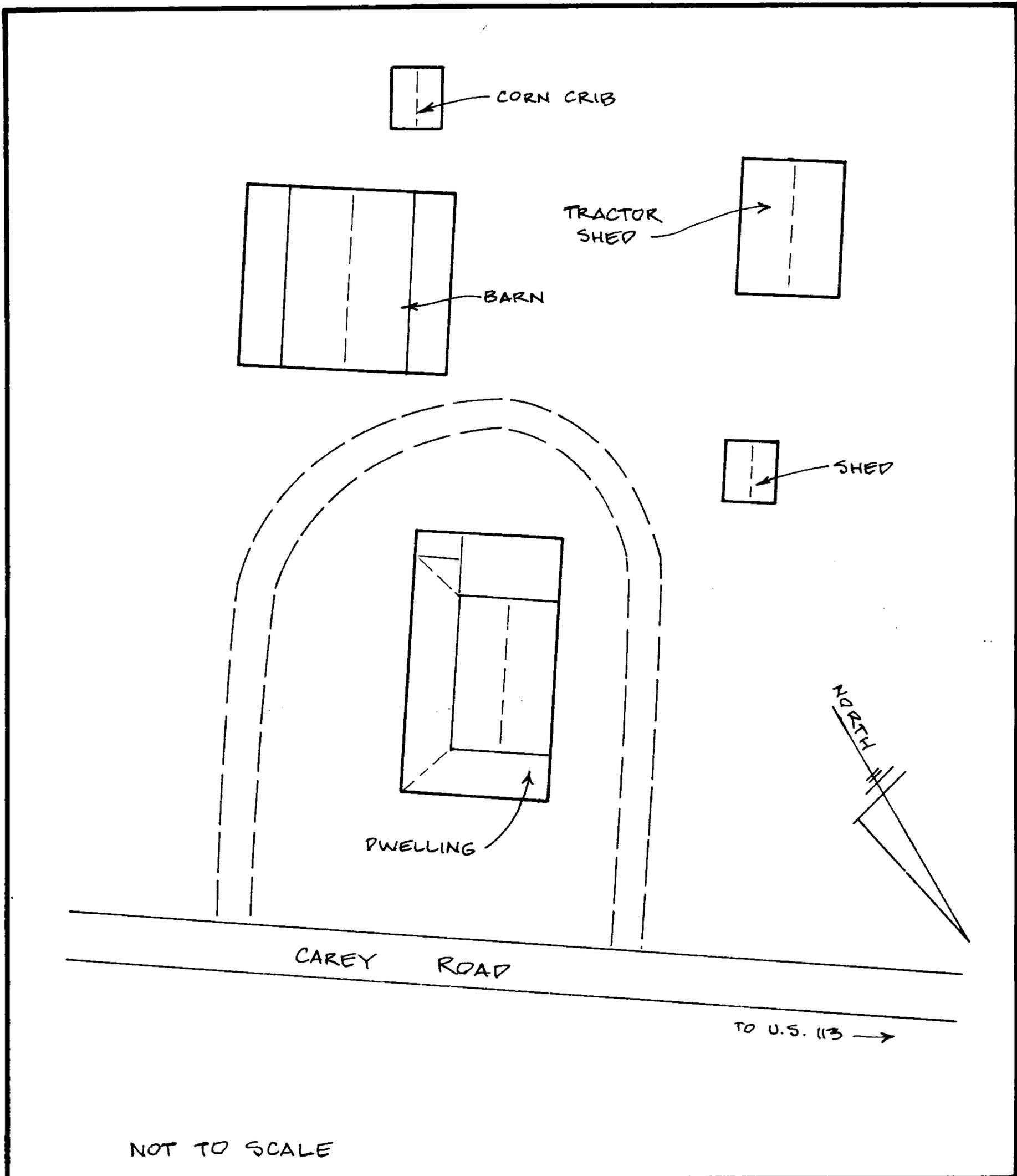
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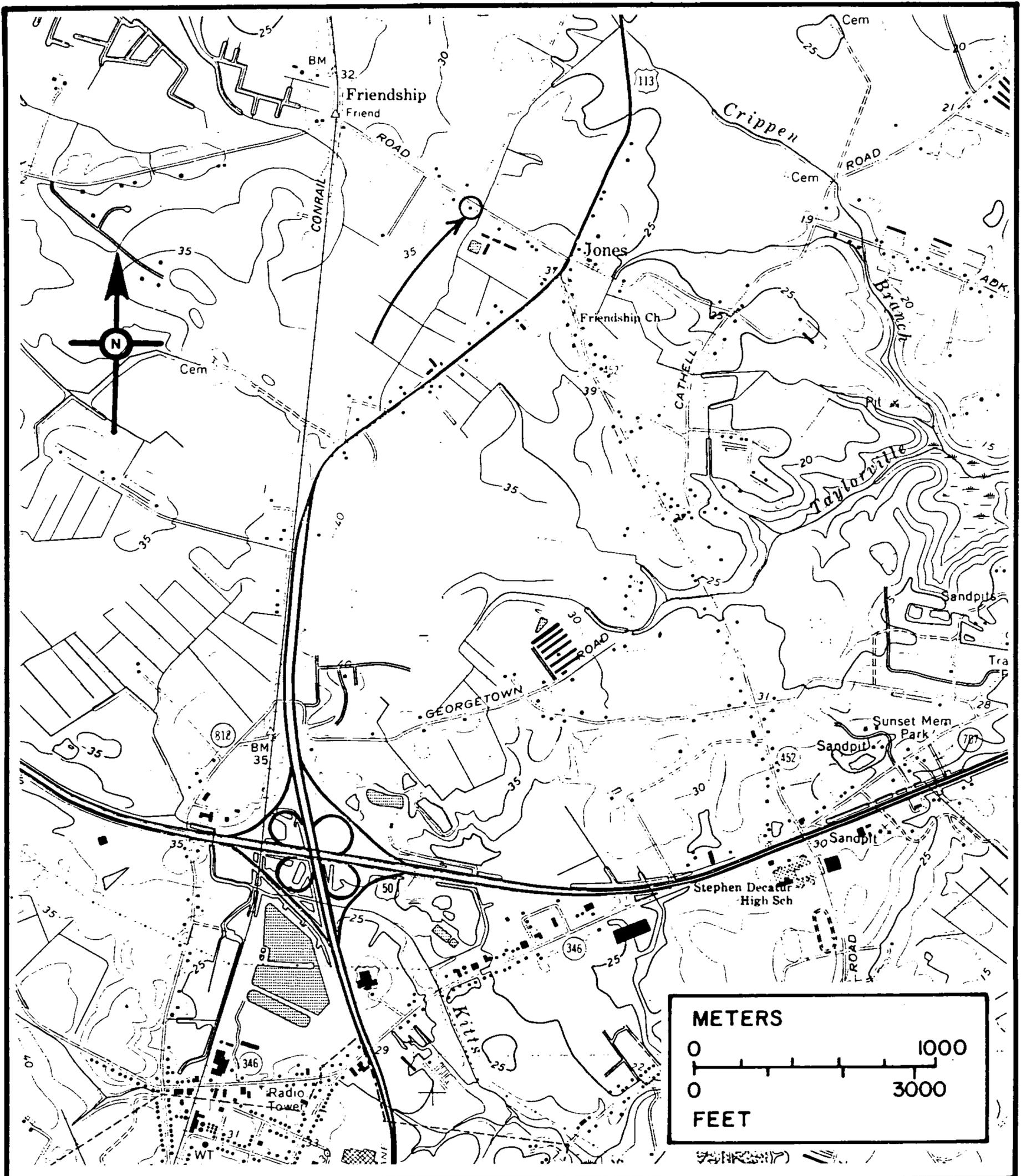


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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
 Richard and Ellen Truitt House (KCI-14)
 North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD
 Berlin, MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)
 Showing the Richard and Ellen Truitt House (KCI-14),
 North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD.



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