

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

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Anderson House Inventory Number: W1-548

Address: Pratt Road City: Salisbury Zip Code: _____

County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Eden Quadrangle

Owner: Rebecca L. Johnson [Taylor-White], 5915 North Upper Ferry Road, Salisbury MD

Tax Parcel Number: 229 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: 2302002930

Project: North Upper Ferry Rd Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

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 the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Fiedel, Cheek and Culhane, 2000, Phase I Archeological and historic Architectural Inventory Survey, North Upper Ferry Road Project, Wicomico County, Maryland. John Milner Associates, Inc.

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

The Anderson House stands east of North Upper Ferry Road, south of Pratt Road. The house is identified as belonging to Isaac Anderson on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, and appears on the 1942 USGS Eden 7.5' topographical quad (USGS 1942). It appears to date to ca. 1870. The two-story, three-bay-wide, side-gabled house has a large, two-story gable ell to the rear. Paired interior chimneys are located along the ridgeline of the main roof, while an interior chimney is also located in the ell. The windows are all 2/2 wood sashes. A hip-roofed, one-story, three-bay porch extends across the facade of the house and features slender wooden colonettes. East of the house is a collapsed frame shed and a two-story frame barn that appears to pre-date the house. The barn is timber framed, one-bay-wide and two-bays-deep, with clapboard siding. The 6/6 wood sash windows with one over one raise-panel shutters clumsily attached with strap hinges. The single door to the barn is located on the south gable end, and it rests on a brick foundation which may post-date the barn's construction.

The Anderson House is a modest vernacular late-nineteenth century I-house typically found on the Eastern Shore. It and its associated out buildings are not significant architecturally, nor do they retain architectural integrity. They are not known to have been associated with people or events significant to local, state, or national history, and in their current state of dilapidation, are not adequately illustrative of tenant occupations of the Eastern Shore. Therefore, the Anderson House is not recommended for inclusion in the National Register.

Prepared by: Charles L. Hall/Kerri E. Culhane Date Prepared: 3/19/01

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/6/05/01</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>6/7/07</u> Date

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Anderson House

other

2. Location

street and number North Upper Ferry Road not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Rebecca L. Johnson [Taylor-White]

street and number 5915 North Upper Ferry Road telephone 410-742-2154

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Salisbury Court House tax map and parcel 36/229

city, town Salisbury liber 1122 folio 568

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: Maryland Historical Trust

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>1</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The Anderson House, dating to the last quarter of the nineteenth century, stands east of North Upper Ferry Road, south of Pratt Road. North Upper Ferry Road is a narrow two-lane road that leads south from Nanticoke Road, a major secondary road, to the Upper Ferry Landing, one of a limited number of river crossings along the Wicomico. Pratt Road is a narrow unsurfaced road for approximately a quarter of a mile from its intersection with North Upper Ferry Road to the point at which modern suburban development occurs and asphalt paving commences. The character of the landscape in the vicinity of North Upper Ferry and Pratt Roads has been rapidly changing over the past two decades. The land was historically a combination of forest and agricultural fields from its patenting in the eighteenth century through the first half of the twentieth century. Loblolly pine and second growth (or later generation) forest and agriculture remain the primary land uses centered around the North Upper Ferry/Pratt Road intersection, however the margins of this agricultural nucleus have been rapidly developed in a suburban residential pattern. The house and its associated outbuildings have been abandoned and are also overgrown.

The house is identified as belonging to Isaac Anderson on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, and appears at a crook in an unpaved private farm lane on the 1942 USGS Eden 7.5' topographical quad (USGS 1942). The house was probably constructed shortly before the publication of the first map, as it appears to date to ca. 1870. The two-story, three-bay-wide, side-gabled house has a large, two-story gable ell to the rear. Paired interior chimneys are located along the ridgeline of the main roof, while an interior chimney is also located in the ell. The windows are all 2/2 wood sashes. A hip-roofed, one-story, three-bay porch extends across the facade of the house and features slender wooden colonettes. East of the house is a collapsed frame shed. Farther east is a two-story frame barn that appears to pre-date the house. The barn is timber framed, one-bay-wide and two-bays-deep, with clapboard siding. The 6/6 wood sash windows are shuttered by wooden, one over one raise-panel shutters clumsily attached with strap hinges. The single door to the barn is located on the south gable end, while the north gable end is blind. The clearance of the vertical-board door seems low; a loft door is located directly above the main door. The roof of the barn is pronouncedly pitched. The function and age of this barn are not clear. It rests on a brick foundation, which may post-date the barn's construction.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates n/a **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1870

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Statement of Significance

The Anderson House is a modest vernacular late-nineteenth century I-house typically found on the Eastern Shore. It and its associated out buildings are not significant architecturally, nor do they retain architectural integrity. They are not known to have been associated with people or events significant to local, state, or national history, and in their current state of dilapidation, are not adequately illustrative of tenant occupations of the Eastern Shore. Therefore, the Anderson House is not recommended for inclusion in the National Register.

Historical Background

Wicomico County was formed in 1867 from northern portions of Somerset and Worcester Counties. This region has been agricultural in character since its settlement in the seventeenth century. The late twentieth century, however, has been characterized by a loss of farmland and the growth of suburban development. As Salisbury, the county seat expands and the economy shifts from agriculture-based to commerce- and industry-based, the replacement of farm fields by housing units intensifies. New roads are built and old roads are enlarged or expanded to serve the changing and growing population, dramatically altering the character of the once-rural community.

The navigable Wicomico River has enabled settlement to occur along its banks since the seventeenth century. Tobacco, grain, and produce culture have been practiced successively on the land. As was typical of colonial settlement, major houses and plantations were built along the transportation routes, in this case the Wicomico River, while tenants and small-scale farmers occupied interior, less accessible and thus less valuable land. At some point in the mid-seventeenth century the Upper Ferry was inaugurated (Cooper 1991:251-253). The first Presbyterian meeting house was established near the ferry landing in 1706. In 1727, the county mandated the construction of a road to be maintained to the Upper Ferry, officially establishing the ferry landing as an access point for both transshipment of goods and for settlement (Slemons n.d.:3; Torrence 1979:359).

Around the turn of the eighteenth century, three hundred acres of land were held by Joseph Venables under the patent “What You Please” in the vicinity of the Upper Ferry, and including the Upper Ferry landing (Slemons n.d.:3). This land was passed to his son, Benjamin, after Venables’ death in 1717. It is unclear from the land records whether Venables’ land encompassed the entire area, but it is likely. Irrespective of ownership, the land was certainly cultivated. Eighteenth-century tax documents from the Wicomico Hundred district of Somerset County describe earth-fast corn houses, storehouses, and log dwellings scattered throughout the Upper Ferry vicinity (Somerset Tax Roll 1798). Tax documents also indicate the types of substantial dwellings constructed in the area. Along the river at the Upper Ferry was a hip-roofed brick dwelling and numerous outbuildings belonging to William Anderson. The tax documents confirm that the major domestic structures and occupations were located along the river.

Until the mid-nineteenth century, the property ownership in the area is unclear. By the eighteenth century, the Anderson name is associated with the area through tax rolls and the ownership of the mill at Rockawalkin Creek; however, the chain of title to the land is

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not complete (Somerset County Tax Rolls 1798; Taylor-White 2000, personal communication). The first map depicting structures in the vicinity was the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson *Atlas of the Eastern Shore*, published in 1877 (Figure 1877). Isaac Anderson, Naaman P. Turner, "Mrs." Anderson and W.M. Hanley are all identified on the map as owning or occupying houses in the area. The census records for Somerset and Wicomico County enumerate Isaac Anderson and Naaman Turner, but W.M. Hanley cannot be identified through census records. Mrs. Anderson is probably Maria Anderson, the only female head of household identified in the 1870 census.

The late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were a transitional period in agriculture. The pre-emancipation slave economy enabled farmers to work large, labor-intensive tracts of land at a minimum cost. In the post-war era, advances in agriculture coincided with advances in the transportation of fresh produce, and truck farming became prevalent on the Eastern Shore. The Eastern Shore Railroad served Salisbury starting in the 1860s, and soon fresh produce was expedited to markets along the eastern seaboard. The farms in the area appear to fit into the pattern of Eastern Shore agricultural transition from slave to tenant farming, share-cropping, and ultimately farm abandonment in the late-twentieth-century.

Isaac Anderson moved from the Trappe District to the Salisbury District of Somerset County (later Wicomico) sometime between 1850 and 1860 (USBC 1850; 1860). Anderson owned the large tract of land stretching from the Upper Ferry on the Wicomico north to Pratt Road. The 57-year-old farmer had seven children between the ages of 1 and 23 living in the household. Anderson owned 22 slaves at the time of the 1860 census, and lived in a house near the Upper Ferry landing (Taylor-White 2000, personal communication). The census also indicates that Anderson held large amounts of property and real estate. In 1860, Anderson's real estate was valued at \$40,000 and his personal property was valued at \$15,000. Anderson's first wife, Mary, was listed in the 1850 census, but disappears by 1860. Ann Anderson, the 23-year-old second wife of Isaac, held \$25,000 worth of real estate in 1860 (USBC 1860). Though he had amassed a considerable empire, the census also noted that Anderson could not read nor write (USBC 1860). Anderson remains in the farming business into the late-nineteenth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property approx. 5 acres in immediate area
Acreage of historical setting unknown
Quadrangle name Eden 7.5' Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Southeast of the intersection of Pratt Road and North Upper Ferry Road. This house stands on piece of a larger 116 acre parcel that spans the intersection.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	John Milner Associates, Inc.	date	8/2000
street & number	5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 300	telephone	703/354-9737
city or town	Alexandria	state	VA

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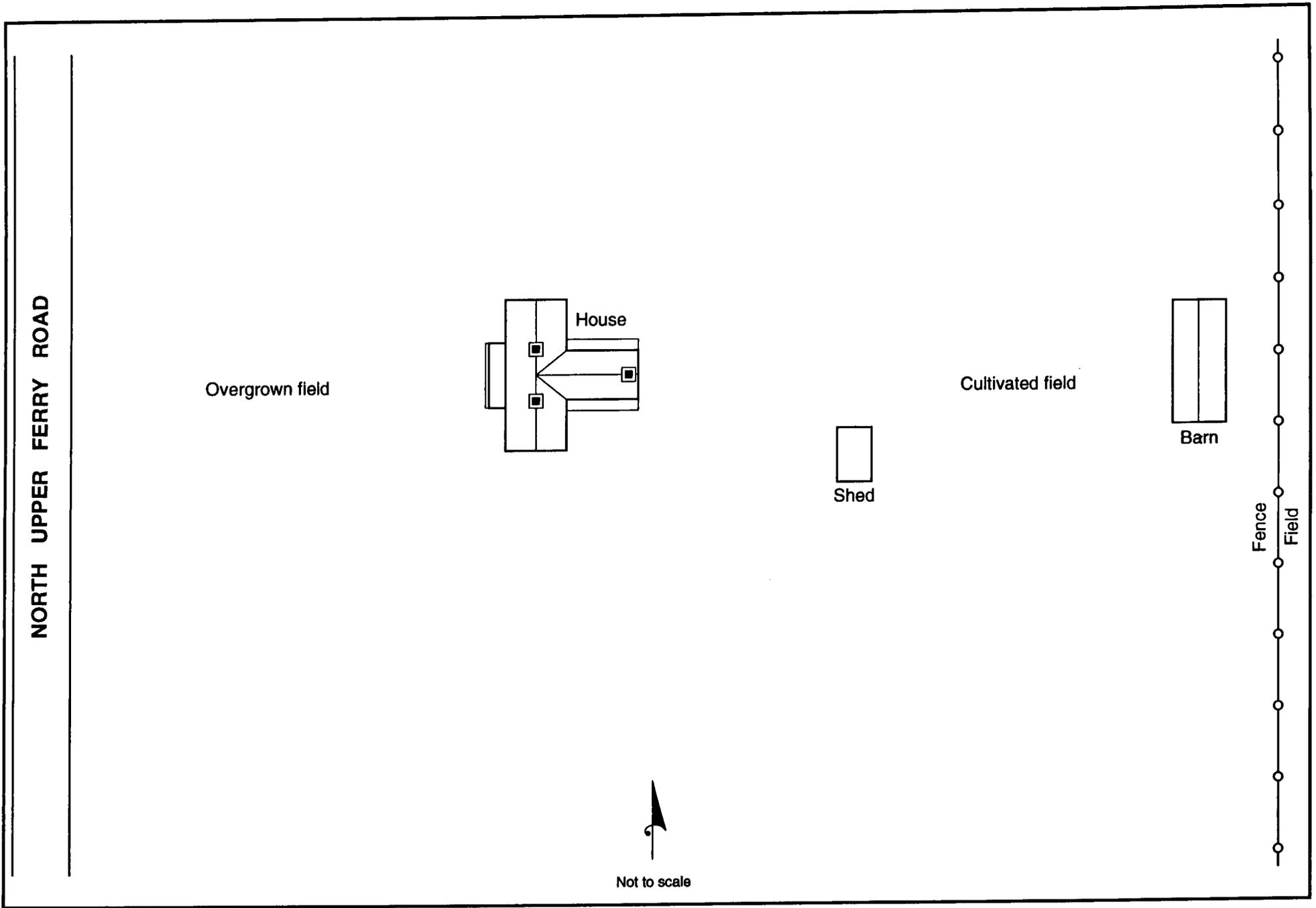
Somerset County Tax Rolls. 1798. Wicomico Hundred, List of Lands, lots, buildings and wharves. Available on microfilm at the Nabb Research Center, Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Maryland.

Taylor-White, Rebecca. Personal communication. Mrs. Taylor-White is knowledgeable about local history and was interviewed at her home on 29 June.

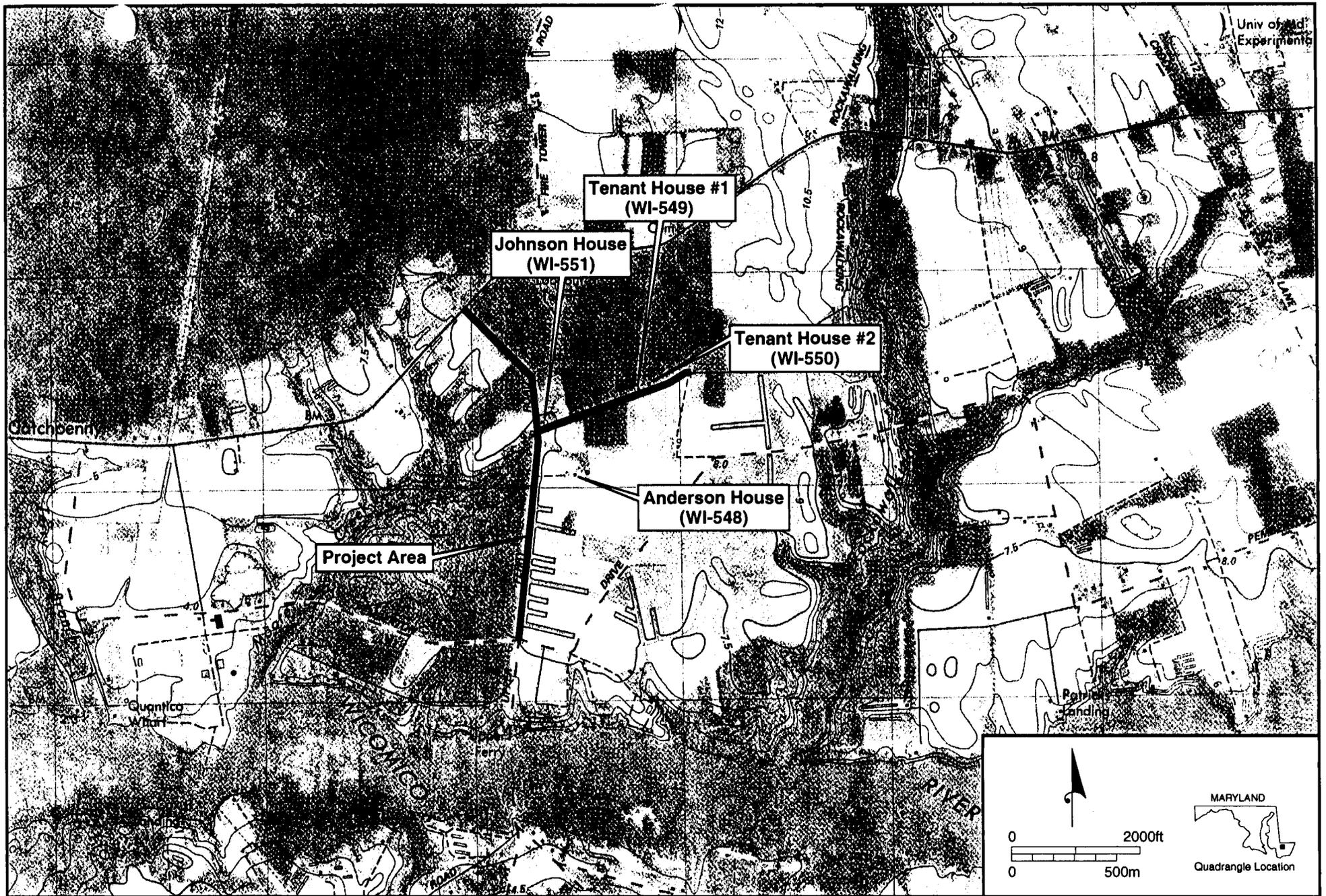
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Anderson Farmhouse (WI-548), site plan.



Location of project area on USGS 1983 *Eden, MD*, 7.5-minute quadrangle, showing standing structures assessed in architectural survey.



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Anderson House, Salisbury Vic.

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Facade, view to east



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Detail, porch. View to east.

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South gable clad in corrugated
metal. view to north/northeast.

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3/4 view to northwest



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3/4 view to northwest

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New development south of Anderson House
view to west.

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Anderson House out buildings

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Collapsed shed and overgrown barn east
of Anderson House. View to east



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Anderson House, collapsed shed

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view to northeast



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Barn, Anderson House

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View to northeast.

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Barn, Anderson House

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South gable (entrance) view
to north.

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Construction detail, Southwest
corner at foundation. View to
Northeast

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Shutter detail, west side.
view to east.

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Detail, barn, Anderson House
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Detail, east side

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