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

Property/District Name: Morgan Property (Colonel John Miller House) Survey Number: WA -II-1142

Project: Antietam ISTEA Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ____

Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

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

Based on the information provided by SHA, the Morgan property, a 19.5 acre parcel located on Landing Road, northwest of Sharpsburg, appears to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for architecture. The property is the location of the remains of a nineteenth century farmstead which, based on historic map evidence, may have been owned by an "L. Miller" (and/or "J. Miller") in the early 1860s. The site has been unoccupied for over 40 and the remaining buildings are in poor condition. However, in our opinion, they retain sufficient integrity for listing. The property contains a three part dwelling, two outbuildings and numerous ruins. The house is composed of a substantial stone section to the north, a log section with clapboard sheathing to the south and an infill section composed of stud walls nogged (?) with brick and sheathed with clapboard. (According to SHA, the infill section has "stud walls **sheathed** with brick" but the photographs do not show any brick. Thus, we are guessing that SHA meant to say brick nogging.) While SHA says no original sash remains, the photographs show numerous intact sash which appear to be original as well as shutters and doors which also appear to be original. According to SHA, little interior finish remains. However, the house, even in its current poor condition, is of interest as it exhibits a number of significant local building traditions, including stone masonry and log construction and the banked plan of the stone section and raised cellar of the log section. The brick nogging, if present, would be of additional interest as yet another construction method and one which is less common. Germanic influences appear to be present and may lend weight to the supposition that the property belonged to a member of the Miller family, prominent early settlers who came to Sharpsburg from Lancaster, PA, after emigrating to the U.S. from Germany in 1731. The house is also interesting in terms of the evolution of construction and merits further investigation. In addition to the house, a stone springhouse and "remarkably intact" log blacksmith shop remain standing. The ruins of a large barn complex and other outbuildings still provide a sense of the arrangement of the farmstead. The property has high archeological potential associated with its proximity to Antietam Battlefield. The house may have been used as a hospital after the battle.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file

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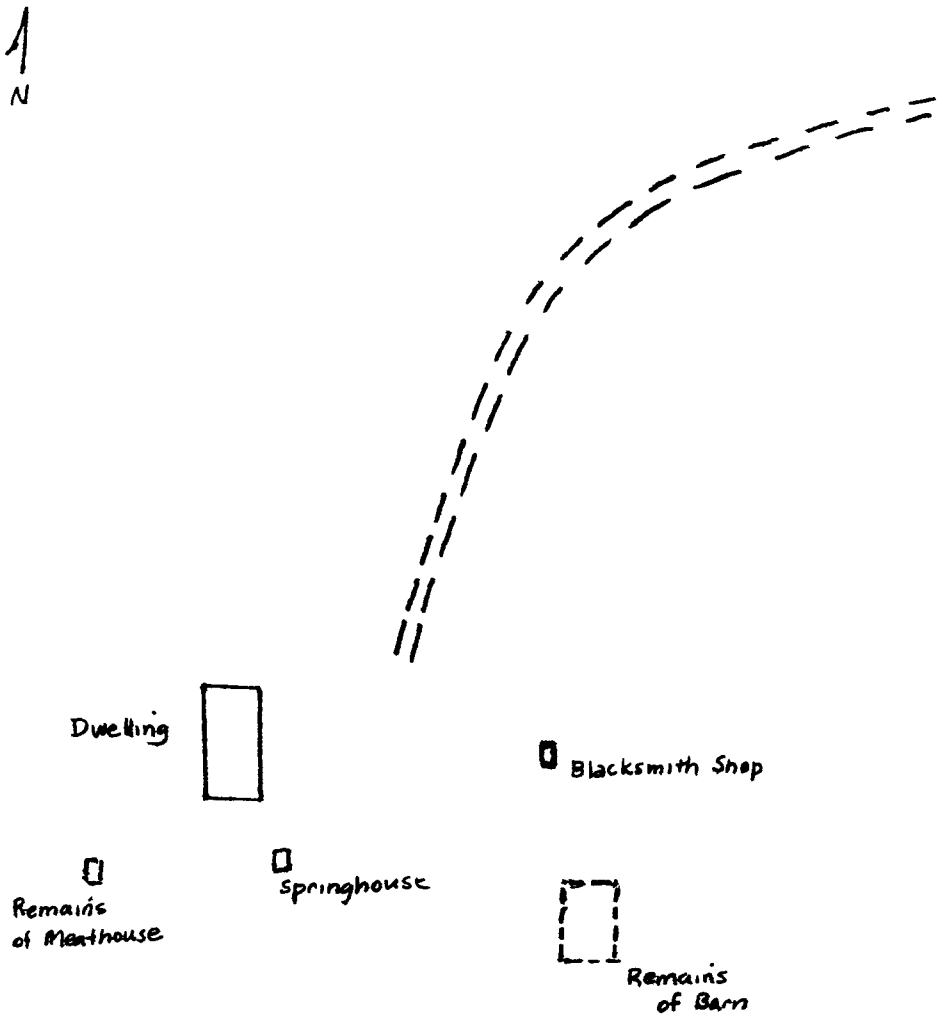
Elizabeth Hannold — January 18, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Orlando Rabinowitz — Jan. 19, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program — Date



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Col. John Miller House
Sharpsburg Vicinity
Sketch Plan - Not to Scale

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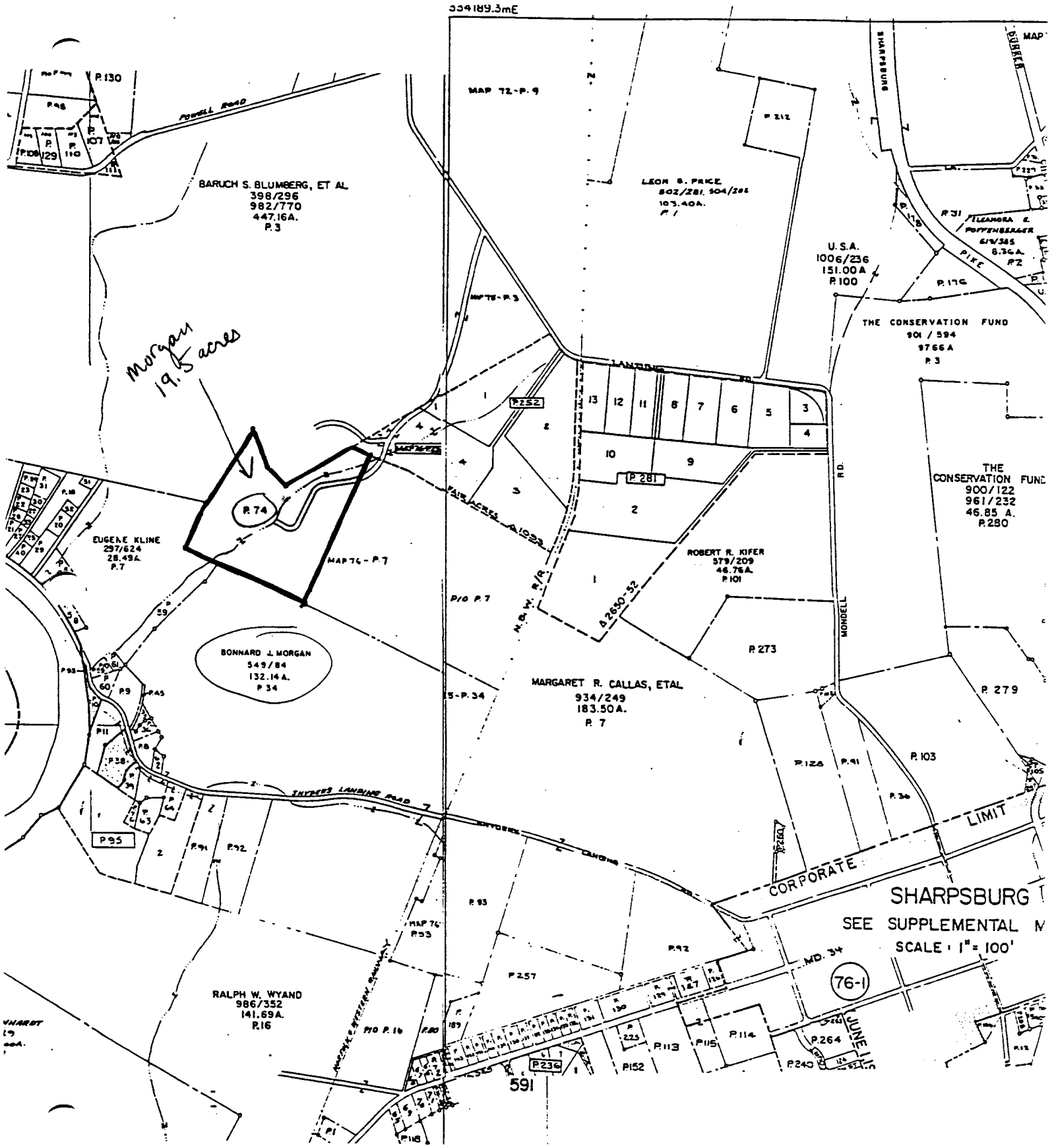

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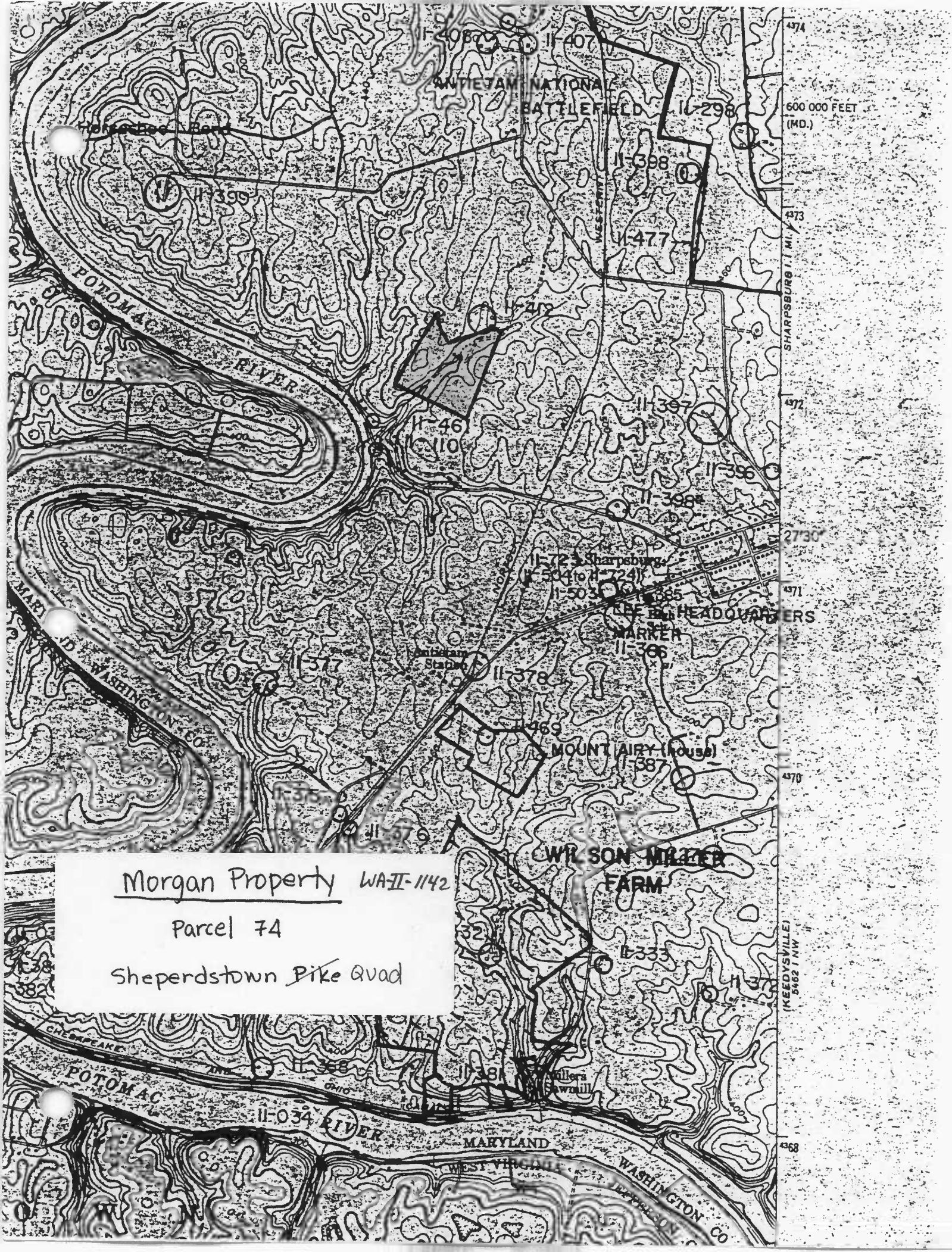
MAP 72-P.9
POWELL ROAD
BARUCH S. BLUMBERG, ET AL
398/296
982/770
447.16A.
P.3
LEON S. PRICE
502/281, 504/202
103.40A.
P.1
U.S.A.
1006/236
151.00A
P.100
THE CONSERVATION FUND
901 / 594
97.66A
P.3
THE CONSERVATION FUND
900/122
961/232
46.85 A.
P.280
Morgan
19.5 acres
P.74
EUGENE KLINE
297/624
28.49A.
P.7
MAP 76-P.7
BONNARD J. MORGAN
549/84
132.14A.
P.34
ROBERT R. KIFER
579/209
46.76A.
P.101
MARGARET R. CALLAS, ETAL
934/249
183.50A.
P.7
SHYDERS LANDING ROAD
CORPORATE LIMIT
SHARPSBURG
SEE SUPPLEMENTAL M
SCALE: 1" = 100'
MD. 34
76-1
RALPH W. WYAND
986/352
141.69A.
P.16
591



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Parcel 74

Sheperdstown ~~Pike~~ Quad

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