

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

Property/District Name: Sharp Tenant House Survey  
Number: CARR-1347

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) 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)

This property was determined not eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

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

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Bzk \_\_\_\_\_ 5/23/97  
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: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Sharp Tenant House  
Tannery, Westminster  
Carroll County

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,  
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930-Present A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture  
Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

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

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Sharp Tenant House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Tributary Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Westminster \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

ate  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 8.1

# 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1900

Builder/Architect

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.

SEE CONTINUATION 7.1



Sharp Tenant House  
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This structure is located on a rise north of the settlement of Tannery in a sparsely settled area of Carroll County northeast of Westminster. It is located at the end of a long dirt road which extends from the west end of a row of the early twentieth century Tannery workers housing, itself located on a rise overlooking the West Branch of the Patapsco River and the Western Maryland Railroad.

The principal dwelling on the property, which was located about one-half of the distance of the entrance road, was destroyed some time ago, along with all agricultural and domestic outbuildings. The only extant building is a very modest, run down turn-of-the-century frame building located at the end of the drive and built for tenants, according to local history and Long family historian and one-time resident John Long. The property was evidently originally settled by Peter Rits, occupied in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by John and Henry Sharp, then by the Wrights, who sold the property to the Long family in the 1920's. The Judge family, lived in the house from 1946 to 1969, before selling the land to a development company.

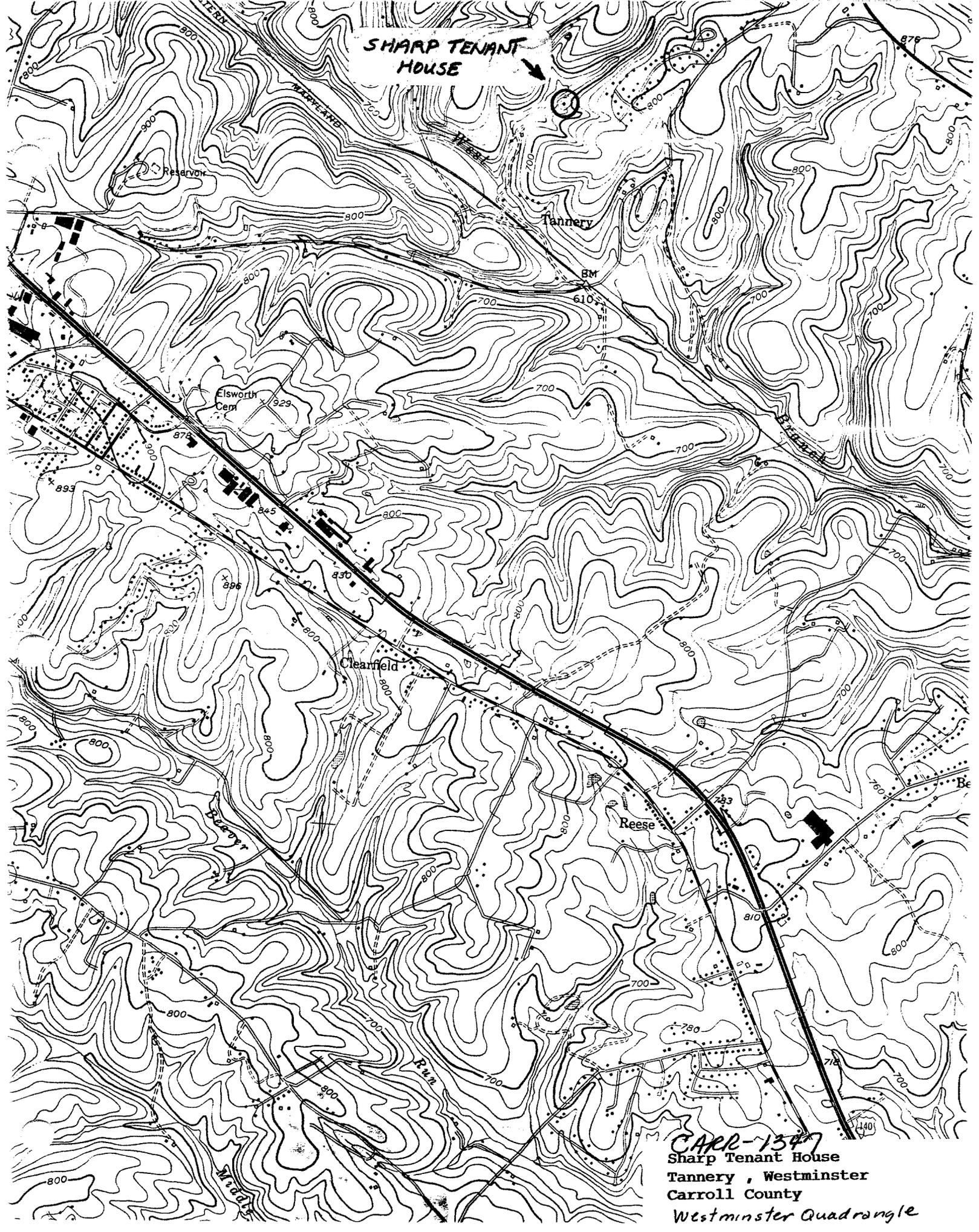
The structure, partially clad with vinyl siding, with new windows, roof skylights and chimney, is built into a rise on the southeast or rear of the structure, thus exposing the foundation level on the northwest, or principal elevation. The fenestration on this facade is irregular, with the entrance offset from center toward the west. The gable roof parallels the forward plane of the northwest elevation, with a cross gable complete with paired windows, located over the center bay. A one-story porch, now screened, extends the full width of this elevation. The fenestration on the gable ends is regular, with paired windows at the attic level. A full width, fully enclosed porch is located on the rear, or southeast elevation. Skylights have been cut into the roof, and a square window cut into the rear wall between the middle and south bays.

There are no outbuildings, and the building is in poor condition, despite the partial cladding in vinyl siding and other attempts at improving it. Some portions of original wood cladding are exposed. There is a brick chimney inside the southwest end wall, and a metal flue outside of the northeast end wall.

Sharp Tenant House  
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This altered, turn-of-the century frame dwelling is a building type very widely represented in Maryland and, indeed, throughout the United States. It has undergone exterior modifications which has undermined its integrity and introduced features discordant with its original design. It is the sole remnant of the John Sharp Farm, much of which is slated for development.



SHARP TENANT  
HOUSE

Tannery

Elsworth  
Cem

Clearfield

Reese

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Sharp Tenant House  
Tannery, Westminister  
Carroll County  
Westminister Quadrangle



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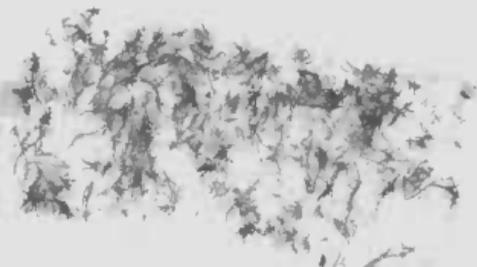




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