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

Property/District Name: Buckingham-Owings Farm Survey Number: ~~CR~~ CARR-1360

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

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

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended _X_

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 property known as the Buckingham-Owings Farm is a mid-to late 19th-century farm complex located on the west side of the Old Washington Road in the vicinity of Fenby, south of Westminster. The property is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Situated in a low area near the head of a tributary of Morgan's Run, the Buckingham-Owings Farm consists of tightly knit group of domestic and agricultural buildings, both historic and modern. The focal point of the complex is the two-story frame house with a two-story rear ell, covered with a cross gable roof and its associated summer kitchen. The original portion of the house is purportedly of log construction and dates to 1869, though this was not verified by a site visit. As it stands today, it appears as a late 19th-century farmhouse with significant mid-20th-century additions. The summer kitchen is a small frame building set upon a stone foundation and covered with a gable roof located southwest of the dwelling and featuring a large brick end chimney. Directly south of the dwelling is a late 19th-century bankbarn, which has been extended by mid-20th-century additions. Numerous other agricultural buildings constructed in recent decades are found on the property.

Because of the extent of alterations to the individual buildings and the additions of multiple new structures and buildings, the farm does not qualify for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events important 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

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

Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/26/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

BK 4/21/97
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)
X	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
X	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
X	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:

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

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Domestic/Secondary Structure/Smokehouse;Agriculture/Subsistence/Barn

Known Design Source: _____

Buckingham - Owings Farm
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/single dwelling residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Buckingham-Owings Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1812 Old Washington Road ___ not for publication

city, town Westminster x vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

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

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

name Nelson Barnes, grandson of Raymond Owings

street & number 1812 Old Washington Road telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

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		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
x good	___ ruins	x altered	x moved date of move Barn, Unknown
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

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Period

__ prehistoric
__ 1400–1499
__ 1500–1599
__ 1600–1699
__ 1700–1799
x 1800–1899
x 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

__ archeology-prehistoric
__ archeology-historic
x agriculture
x architecture
__ art
__ commerce
__ communications
__ community planning
__ conservation
__ economics
__ education
__ engineering
__ exploration/settlement
__ industry
__ invention
__ landscape architecture
__ law
__ literature
__ military
__ music
__ philosophy
__ politics/government
__ religion
__ science
__ sculpture
__ social/humanitarian
__ theater
__ transportation
__ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1850-present **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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal communication with Mr. and Mrs. N. Barnes, Louise Walkling, Eva Owings
Land Records and Wills, Carroll County.
Owings and Allied Families: A Genealogy of Some of the Descendents of Richard Owings of Maryland, by Addison and Elizabeth Owings

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A			
B			
C			
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E			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural Resources Group		
organization	Maryland State Hwy. Administration	date	March 5, 1993
street & number	707 N. Calvert Street	telephone	410-333-1183
city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Description

The farm is reached by means of a entrance located on the west side of Old Washington Road in the vicinity of Fenby, south of Westminster. Situated in a low area near the head of a tributary of Morgan's Run, the farm buildings cluster around a two story log and frame dwelling which is currently clad in vinyl siding. The principal, or east elevation, is four bays wide, with dual entrances in the center bays. A cross gable interrupts the gable roof which parallels the north-south orientation of this facade. The facade is evenly fenestrated with two-over-two lights. The cornice and cornice returns are boxed, and there are chimneys inside of each of the end walls, and a full width front porch which wraps around the north side, extending the full depth of the two-bay long ell. The ell was evidently expanded to the south with an extension of the roofline, and the resultant two story gallery was ultimately enclosed.

The current owner, Mr. Raymond Barnes, reports that the easternmost portion of the ell, plus the main block, may be composed of log. He understands that his father and grandfather, during their tenure on the property, expanded and altered the dwelling. He reports that in a recent renovation of the structure, all interior plaster walls were replaced with drywall, some mantlepieces were removed, some walls were clad with wood panelling, and the kitchen was remodelled. In previous alterations, according to a family member who resided in the dwelling from 1911 to 1963, bathrooms were added, and some internal walls removed on the second floor by way of reconfiguring the space. She reports that with the current remodelling, the house has been altered to the point that she no longer strongly identifies with it as her prior residence for over fifty years because of the changes. As for outbuildings, she reports that only the bankbarn, summer kitchen, henhouse, and springhouse preceeded or were built during her tenure on the site. All other's have been constructed since the 1960's.

The summer kitchen, located southwest of the dwelling, is small, one-room structure with a large brick chimney on the stone foundation located on the outside of the rear, or west wall, with an entrance located on the opposite side, or east elevation, in the gable end.

Directly to the south of the dwelling at approximately the same level on a rise is the bankbarn, which has been extended to the north with a concrete block addition. A concrete silo is located on the west side of the barn. Evidently the core of the structure was moved from some other location on the property. It was re-located into a hill on the west side so that a forebay extends to the east. It was greatly expanded shortly after the move. One accesses the threshing floor and hay mows on the main level from the raised entry on the west side.

The barn has been further altered with the enclosure of the forebay by concrete block in order to create a milking parlor.

The frame springhouse is located at the head of a tributary of Morgan Run immediately east of the dwelling and south of the entrance. The very small structure, constructed on a masonry foundation, has a gable roof oriented east-west, with the entrance on the west elevation sheltered by the projecting gable roof.

There are numerous agricultural outbuildings which have been constructed during the last few decades, such as wagon sheds, corncribs, silos, chicken houses, miscellaneous sheds, etc.

History

The current farm resulted from the amalgamation of two properties acquired by George W. Owings. The first, which may have included a dwelling, possibly later expanded into the present Owings farmhouse, was purchased by George in 1869 from the widow of Vachel Buckingham (JBB 7/114, 3/31/1869). This may be the same parcel previously owned by Edward Burns and David Shriver. The second, and by far largest component of the 126 acre farm, is the parcel George purchased from his brothers (GEW 27/417, 1/23/1861) of the legacy of 930 acres received by the siblings from their uncle James Owings. This was an inheritance of land only and did not have any buildings, according to the 1837 Tax Assessment for Carroll County. James Owings is thought to have been a resident of Baltimore city or county.

As it was not possible to view the interiors of any of the buildings, it was not possible to ascertain if the existing dwelling was constructed around a portion which could date to the mid-nineteenth dwelling of Vachel Buckingham.

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Buckingham-Owings Farm
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This medium sized, 126 acre farm was developed by George W. Owings in the late nineteenth century on land he acquired from Vachel Buckingham, and a small portion of the land he and his siblings inherited from their uncle James Owings. A log dwelling may have existed on the site prior to Owings' purchase in 1869. If it constitutes the core of the present dwelling, it has been disguised, according to the present owners, by many exterior and interior alterations. They believe the structure postdates 1869 as family tradition holds that all structures were built by the Owings. Evidently only about one-half of the existing buildings pre-date the 1960's, with the barn having been re-located sometime during the twentieth century and greatly expanded/altered. Although retaining considerable integrity of location some of the original five buildings have been greatly altered. The addition of concrete block structures and such features as vinyl cladding have undermined integrity.

Although the Owings family is prominent in Maryland generally, the branch of the family in whose possession the farm has been for four generations is not documented as having made a significant contribution to Carroll County history. They continue in the agrarian tradition, which is strong in Carroll County, by having retained considerable farmland in productive agricultural use for over 100 years.

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Abstract of Chain of Title

Children of David Carroll Owings	to	Raymond Owings	126 acres	1964 (Will)	JWM 11/91
Ralph Hoffman	to	David Carroll Owings	126 acres (Rochester)	1944	183/34
David Owings	to	Ralph Hoffman	126 acres	1945	
George Owings	to	David C. Owings	103 acres $2,000	1902	96/423
David Owings Jonathan Owings Sarah Yingling Mary Cook Richard Owings	to	George Owings	600 acres +200 acres +Rochester 130 acres	1861	27/417

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(1) James Owings of Baltimore County	to	Nieces/Nephews (David Owings, et.al.)		1849	Will Record
(2) Ellen Buckingham	to	George W. Owings	23 acres Rochester Resurveyed	1869	JBB 37/114
(2a) Edward Burns	to	Vachel Buckingham			

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Abstract of Chain of Title
from 1845 - Present
Two Pieces

Shriver→Burns 1845 JH 8/152
50 acres

Burns→Vachel 1855 24/249
Buckingham 23 acres
(1790-1866) $900.00

Ellen → George W. 1869
Buckingham Owings 23 acres
37/114

James → children of 1849 Will
Owings brother
(1780-1859) Richard C. Owings
600 acres
+200 acre farm
+130 acre

(Rochester)
Children of → George 1861
Richard C. W. Owings 27/417
Owings (1828-1907)

One Piece

George W. Owings →	David C. Owings (1876-1962)	103 acres $2,000	1902 96/423
David Owings →	Ralph Hoffman	126 acres	1945
Ralph Hoffman →	David C. Owings	126 acres	1944 183/34
Children of David C. Owings →	Raymond Owings (1905-)	126 acres $30,000	1964 Will JWM18/243

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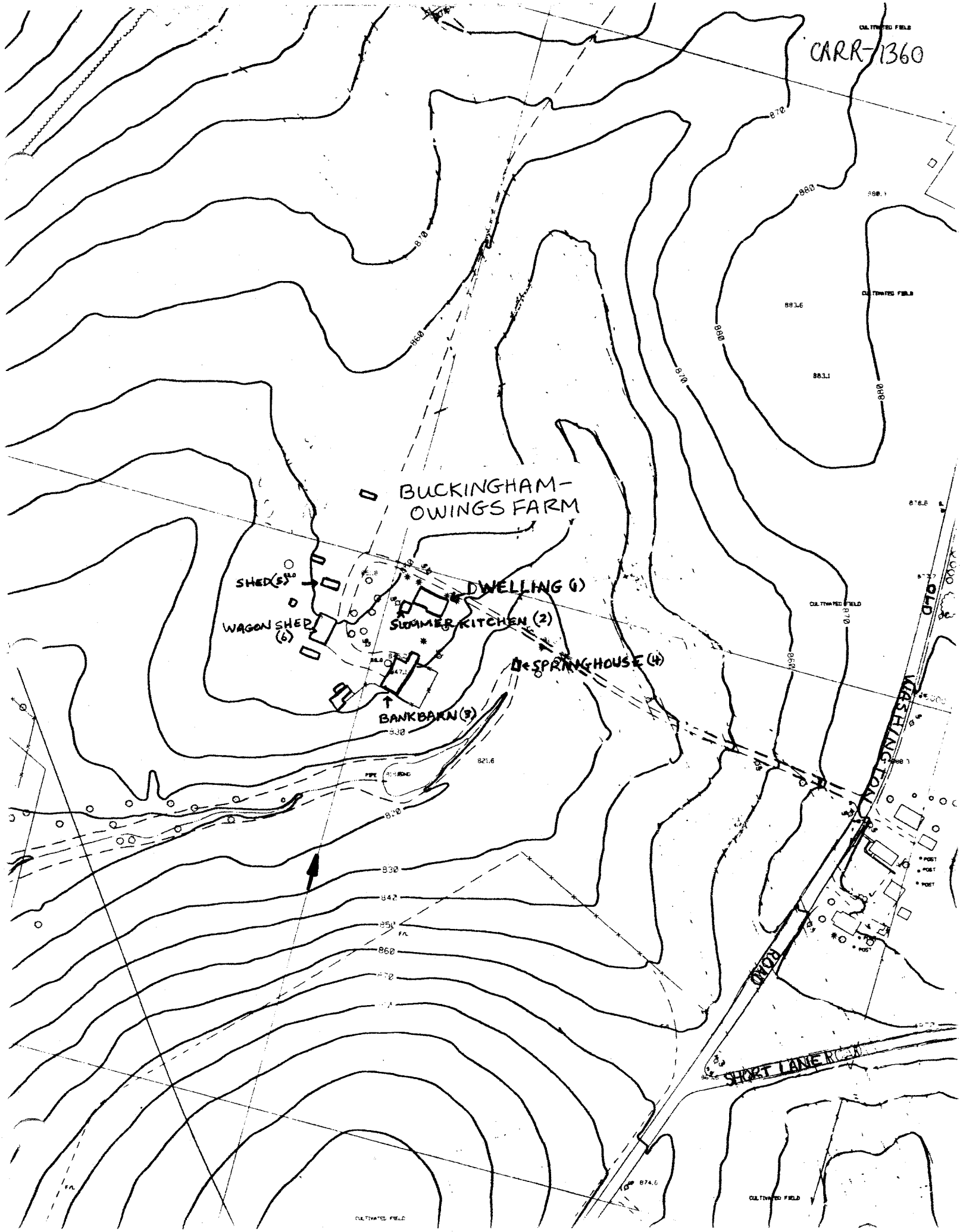
BUCKINGHAM-
OWINGS FARM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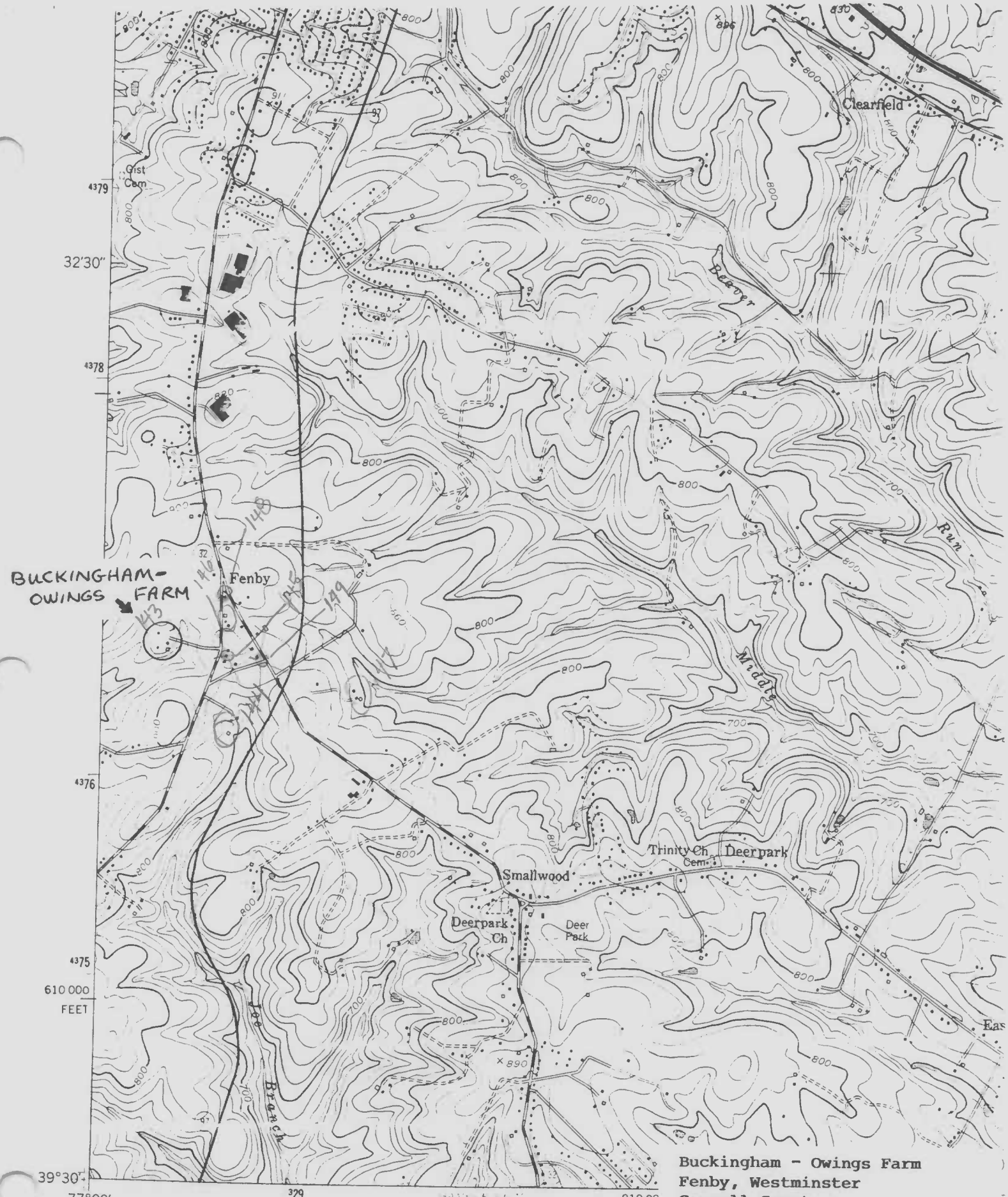

Buckingham - Owings Farm
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County
Westminster Quadrangle
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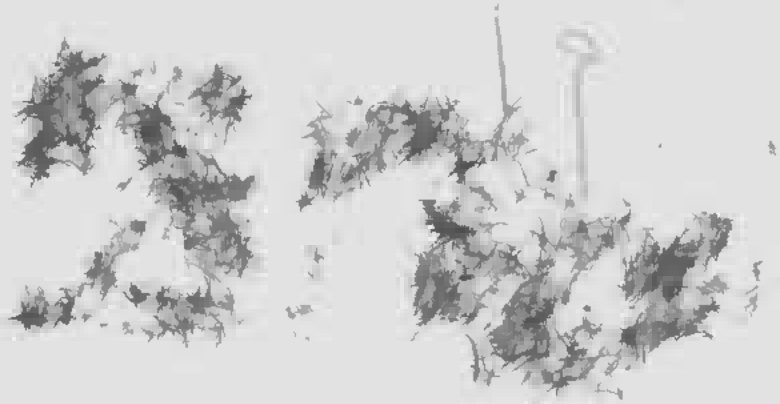

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