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Pennington Farm

Architectural Survey File

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

Property/District Name: Pennington Farm Survey Number: WO-470

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 Pennington Farm is located on the east side of US Route 113 north of its intersection with Georgetown Road in Worcester County, MD. The property, on nearly 42 acres of land, consists of a dwelling and nine associated outbuildings. The property is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in 1935, according to the documentation, the main dwelling on Pennington Farm is a 1-1/2-story frame bungalow. Set upon a brick pier foundation, the house is covered with a wide, gable roof with a shed-roof dormer and exposed rafter ends. Now enclosed by apron walls, the west elevation once possessed a cut-away porch enframing two of its three bays. The house has been further altered by the addition of asbestos shingle siding and stands in vacant and deteriorating condition.

The house is surrounded by several domestic and contemporaneous out buildings and associated agricultural buildings, including, most notably a long, one-story chicken house and a gambrel-roofed barn. Although the property retains much of its original secondary buildings, all of the buildings are in deteriorating condition and lack the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify the property for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places 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 for listing under Criteria A or B.

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

Prepared by: Stuart Paul Dixon/Historian, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 17, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Charles Pridemore March 27, 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;
Agriculture/Subsistence/barn/chicken house/shed

Known Design Source: _____

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-470

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Pennington Farm

2. Location

street & number 10210 Three Penny Lane not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

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|---|--|---|---|---|
| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" 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 | 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 Paul E. & Audrey E. Pennington

street & number 10210 Three Penny Lane telephone no.: (410) 641-0886

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 1 West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 10

The Pennington Farm located on the east side of US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) north of its intersection with Georgetown Road in Worcester County, Maryland, consists of a dwelling and nine outbuildings surrounded by a grass lawn, mature cedar trees and vegetable gardens on nearly 42 acres of agricultural land. Although 12 acres of the parcel contain woodland, portions of the property immediately surrounding the house and related buildings are intensively cultivated.

The Pennington farmhouse consists of a one-and-one-half story frame bungalow with an asphalt-shingled gable roof and a small shed roof dormer piercing its western slope. A Flemish bond brick foundation underlay the main, western elevation while rusticated concrete block composes the foundation of the other three elevations. A corbeled brick interior chimney penetrates the south gable end. A second, thinner brick chimney rises from the edge of the dormer. Ornament includes exposed rafter feet and craftsmanesque brackets in the eaves. Asbestos siding covers most exterior wall surfaces.

Although now enclosed by apron walls and screens, the west elevation once possessed a cut-away porch enframing two of its three bays. Brick pedestals supporting chamfered wood piers that composed elements of the porch have been incorporated into the screen enclosure. A large two-over-two sash occupies the northern bay of the west elevation. A group of four two-over-two sash flank the opposite side of the centrally-placed bungalow door. Four bays consisting of three two-over-two sash and a triple two-over-two penetrate the south elevation's first story. Four-over-four wooden sash flank the interior chimney pile in the south gable peak.

Southwest of the dwelling stands an elongated, rectangular one-story chicken house. Possessing a corrugated tin sheathed gable roof, the frame chicken house now functions as a storage shed. Wooden shingles and weatherboard both serve as exterior siding. Fenestration primarily consists of six-over-six sash and board-and-batten doors.

A one-story frame shed with weatherboard siding and a corrugated tin shed roof lies east of the chicken house. Another frame, weatherboarded shed is located further east. This second shed possesses a tin gable roof, six-light fixed sash and board-and-batten doors. A horse corral lies east of the second shed while a dilapidated shed-roofed, frame shed has nearly caved in on the east side of the corral perimeter.

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Adjacent to the north end of the corral is a gambrel-roofed, weatherboarded barn/stable. Standing-seam tin covers the barn's roof and flared eaves. North of the barn/stable, across a dirt drive, stand a row of five frame outbuildings: two sheds, a corn crib and two garages. Four of the five possess gable roofs. The crib exhibits terra cotta piers and a standing seam tin roof. Both garages display clapboard siding and asphalt shingled roofs. The easternmost of the five buildings, a shed-roofed shed sheathed with wood shingles, is collapsing.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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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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Built in 1935 according to county tax records, the Pennington farmhouse and its related outbuildings help document agricultural trends in Worcester County during the early twentieth century. Boasting nine surviving outbuildings serving the varied requirements of the farm, the Pennington Farm reflects the mixed-crop cultivation and animal husbandry practices that evolved in the county in this period.

County farms raised an array livestock, including cattle and poultry. Corn and other grains formed a significant portion of the county's agricultural production as well. As evidenced by the Pennington Farm's chicken house, barn, corn crib and storage sheds, the Pennington property participated in these wider trends associated with Worcester County's past.

Possessing good integrity of location, design, setting and feeling, the Pennington Farm is recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, broad patterns of history.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 41.87

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

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Historic Context:

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Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions: Farmstead, Dwelling, Sheds, Corn Crib, Barn,
Chicken House

Known Design Source: None

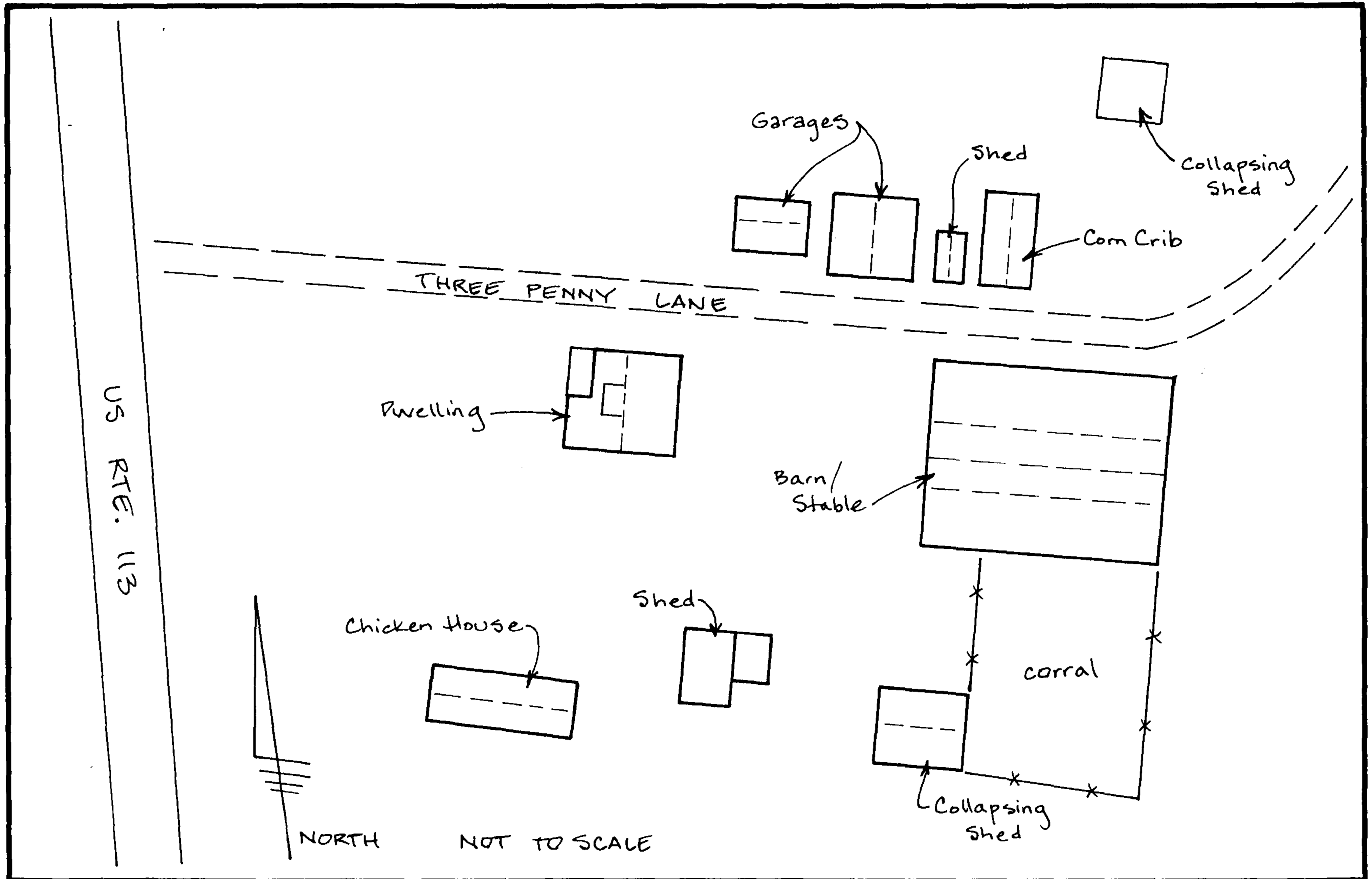
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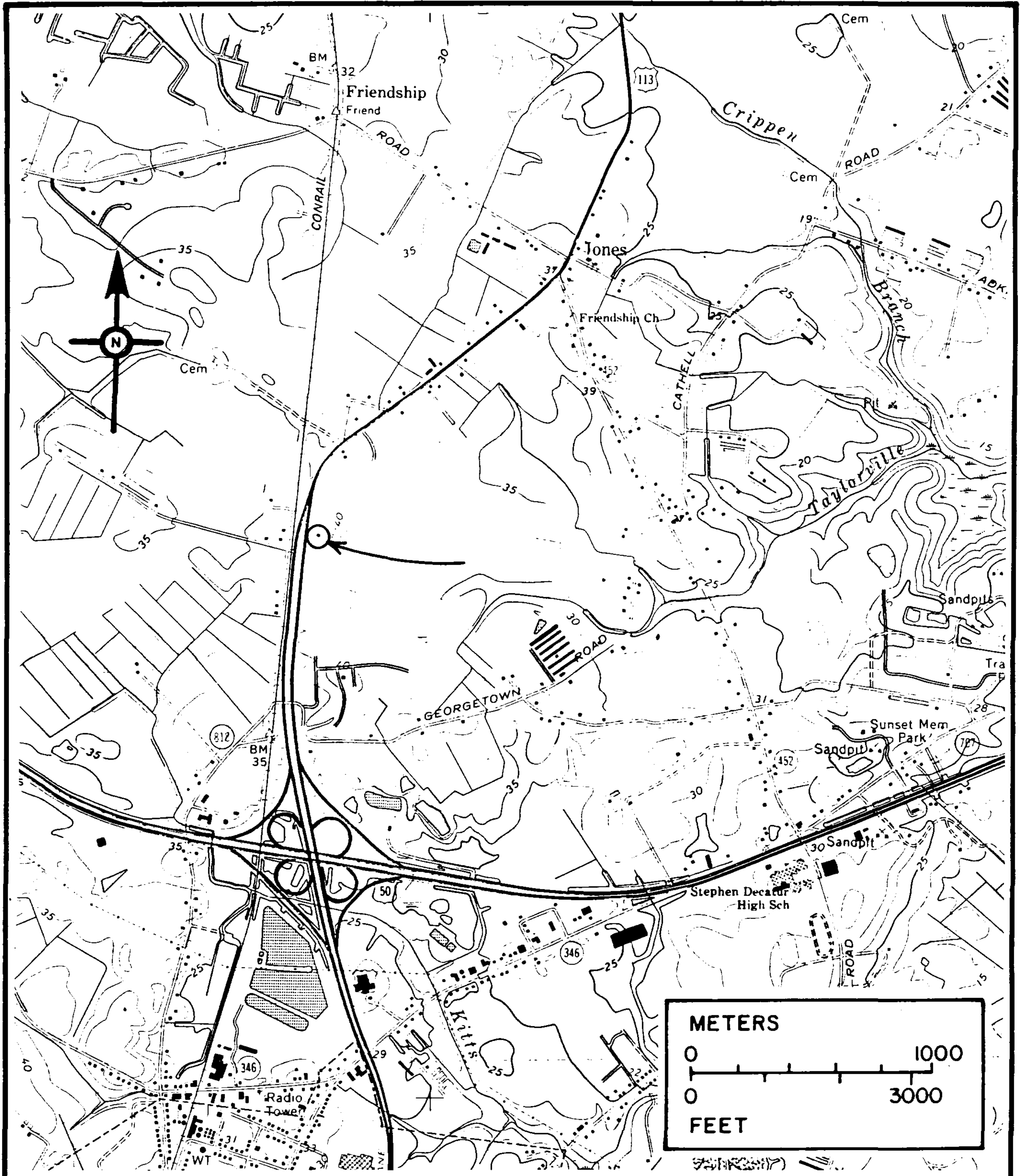
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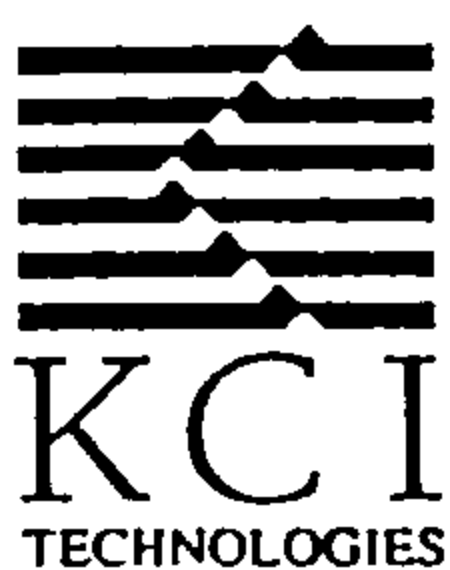
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
 Pennington Farm (KCI-10)
 North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD
 Berlin, MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)
 Showing the Pennington Farm (KCI-10),
 North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD.



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PENNINGTON FARM

WORCESTER CO, MD

STUART DIXON

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WO 470 (KCI #10)

PENNINGTON FARM

WORCESTER CO, MD

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WEST & SOUTH ELEVATIONS - OUTBUILDINGS

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WD 470 (KCI #10)

PENNINGTON FARM

WORCESTER CO, MD

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS - CHICKEN HOUSE

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