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Cedar Hill Farm, (Middleton Farm)

Architectural Survey File

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Cedar Hill Farm **circa 1905**
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Waldorf vicinity
Private

Cedar Hill Farm, established circa 1905, is a good example of the Charles County agricultural landscape during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The farm consists of a two story, five bay, late Victorian L-plan frame dwelling surrounded by a typical array of agricultural outbuildings on a 250 acre parcel. Outbuildings include tobacco barns, hay barns, meathouses, chickenhouses, a workshop, corncrib and tenant house.

In 1905 Thomas E. Middleton purchased the property known as "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" and built the dwelling house and several of the surviving outbuildings. The site continues to be a working farm owned and operated by the Middleton family.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Cedar Hill Farm
other	Middleton Farm

2. Location

street and number	13130 Cedar Hill Place	___ not for publication
city, town	Waldorf	x vicinity
county	Charles	

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

name	Henry D. Middleton, Jr. & Margaret Middleton				
street and number	49713 Longneck Road			telephone	301-274-3622
city, town	Scotland	state	MD	zip code	20687-3300

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse			tax map and parcel:	25-2-10
city, town	LaPlata			liber 526	folio 82

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: _____

6. Classification

Category
___ district
___ building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
x private
___ both

Current Function

x	agriculture	___	landscape
___	commerce/trade	___	recreation/culture
___	defense	___	religion
x	domestic	___	social
___	education	___	transportation
___	funerary	___	work in progress
___	government	___	unknown
___	health care	___	vacant/not in use
___	industry	___	other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	___	buildings
___	___	sites
12	___	structures
___	___	objects
14	___	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
x 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.

Cedar Hill Farm is located on the east side of Route 5, near Billingsley Road, and to the west of Zekiah Swamp. The farm consists of a circa 1905 I-house and twelve outbuildings ranging in date from the early to late twentieth centuries. These include two hay barns, a tobacco stripping house, tobacco barn, two chicken houses, two meathouses, a workshop, corncrib and two smaller barns of undetermined function. Finally, a one story tenant house also stands on the property.

The late Victorian frame dwelling is a two story, five bay I-house with a cross gable two-story rear wing forming an overall L-plan configuration. Both the main block and the rear wing are single pile. The main block rests on a concrete block foundation while the rear wing is supported on poured concrete piers. A one-story shed porch extends the length of the façade and is supported by six turned wooden posts capped with scrollwork brackets. The roof is relatively steeply pitched and currently covered in asphalt shingles. The cornice is open. Cedar Hill has three interior corbel
capped chimneys. The first is in the southern end of the main block, while the other two are located in the interior of the rear wing.

The façade features an asymmetrical central metal replacement door. Otherwise, the façade is symmetrical with five windows on the second story and four on the first floor. Seven of the nine façade windows have been replaced with 1/1 light double-hung metal sashes. The remaining original 2/2 light wood sash double-hung windows are found in the first floor to the south of the door. All windows include metal surrounds.

The rear kitchen wing includes a later one-story enclosed shed porch on the southern elevation as well as a two story shed corner addition in the interior of the "L". While this porch and two story pent are clearly later additions, the two story rear wing was probably also part of a different building period. Evidence for this is the asymmetrical window arrangement visible on the second floor and placement of chimney stacks. As on the façade, windows in the rear have been replaced with 1/1 light double-hung metal sashes with metal surrounds.

Cedar Hill has lost a significant amount of its original materials but is well maintained and surrounded by its historic rural setting. The property is located in the Zekiah Swamp Rural Legacy area where currents efforts are underway to obtain easements in order to preserve the agricultural landscape.

TENANT HOUSE
Situated on low ground in front of and below the primary dwelling is a one story frame craftsmen/bungalow style dwelling identified as a tenant house. This is a simple front gable structure with an enclosed porch.

OUTBUILDINGS
Cedar Hill is connected to the associated outbuildings by a dirt driveway that passes along the south side of the dwelling before forking at the rear of the house. Several outbuildings are located near the house including the meathouses and a henhouse to the north, a small heated workshop and barn to the south and a corncrib and barn directly behind the dwelling to the east.

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The meathouses are square with weatherboard siding and metal roofs. The single bay chicken house stands to the east of these two structures and incorporates a shed roof. A large oak tree strands in the center of this grouping.

The workshop is a square structure with a concrete block pier foundation, metal seam roof and German wood siding. A brick chimney is located near the north wall. Near this is corncrib with a concrete block foundation. The structure is lit by a single double-hung wood sash window with 6/6 lights. Two small barns are also part of this grouping. The larger of the two may have possibly been used as a tobacco barn and features a steeply pitched metal seam roof and vertical board siding. The smaller barn has a shallow pitched metal seam roof and vertical board siding. Both have concrete block foundations.

On the southwestern corner of the property is a large tobacco barn and shed as well as a chicken house facing south. The stripping house is constructed of concrete blocks with an exterior concrete block flue at the southeastern corner. The tobacco barn is located to the northeast of the stripping house, away from the dwelling.

On the northeastern section of the property are two large gambrel roof hay barns with one story sheds extending from each eave. These barns sheathed with vertical boards appear to be of recent construction.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates	Circa 1905	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	Circa 1905	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

____ National Register ____ Maryland Register x 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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Cedar Hill Farm, established circa 1905 is a good example of the Charles County's agricultural landscape during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The typical two story, side gable frame structure is surrounded by a variety of domestic and agricultural outbuildings that were once common features of farmsteads in the region. The presence of tobacco barns, hay barns, meathouses, chicken houses, a workshop, a corncrib and a tenant house strongly convey the rural landscape of the early part of the twentieth century.

In 1905, William G. Smith and Mary Middleton Smith of Baltimore sold to Thomas E. Middleton the property known as "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan". It is believed that Thomas built the original structure which consisted of a two story, five bay frame structure. Thomas E. Middleton sold the property in 1930 to Henry D. Middleton who added later additions to the rear of the dwelling. Cedar Hill Farm is owned by the Middleton family today. Originally consisting of approximately 250 acres, Cedar Hill Farm would have been considered a medium size farm which accounted for almost half of all farms in Charles County during the first quarter of the twentieth century.

For centuries Charles County has been predominantly agrarian. In addition to cultivating cash crops such as tobacco and to a lesser extent corn and wheat, farm families exercised a good deal of self-sufficiency, growing vegetables and raising chickens and hogs for home consumption. These practices are reflected in the landscape by the presence of structures designed for housing chickens, processing and storing meats and storing grain. The structures found at Cedar Hill Farm, including the meathouse, chickenhouse and corncrib are typical of those traditionally built for these purposes.

Cedar Hill is noteworthy not only due to the presence of typical building and structures of the early twentieth century, but also the location of these resources in relation to one another and to the overall landscape. Here meathouses, henhouse and workshop are located closest to the dwelling and constitute the domestic outbuildings intended for subsistence activities. In contrast, large barns intended for cash crop activities and products are located further from the dwelling and constitute a separate grouping of agricultural outbuildings.

Despite alterations and additions to the dwelling, Cedar Hill Farm retains a high degree of integrity in the presence of a representative assortment of structures and

buildings, that retain their historical orientation and rural setting.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	250		
Acreage of historical setting	15		
Quadrangle name	Hughesville	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Cedar Hill Farm is and has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 25, Grid 2, Parcel 10.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	9/25/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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Chain of title:

February 17, 1890	Joseph Middleton of Baltimore to Mary Middleton. Land known as "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" with buildings and improvements. No mention of acreage. **J.S.T. 3 Folio 175**
September 17, 1890	Mary Middleton to William G. Smith. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" with buildings and improvements. No mention of acreage. **J.S.T. 3 Folio 420**
March 14, 1905	William G. Smith and Mary Middleton Smith of Baltimore to Thomas E. Middleton $800. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan." No mention of acreage. **F.D.M. 16 Folio 104**
March 10, 1930	Thomas E. Middleton and Genevieve his wife to Henry D. Middleton."Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" **248a.** $3500. **Liber 51 Folio 373**
December 18, 1975	Margaret E. Middleton wife of Henry D. Middleton, Sr. to Henry D. Middleton, Jr. 248a. "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan". **Liber 438 Folio 7**
September 6, 1977	Henry D. Middleton, Jr. transfer to Henry D. Middleton, Jr. and Margaret E. Middleton, wife "Cedar Hill" or "Jordan" 248a. **Liber 526 Folio 82**

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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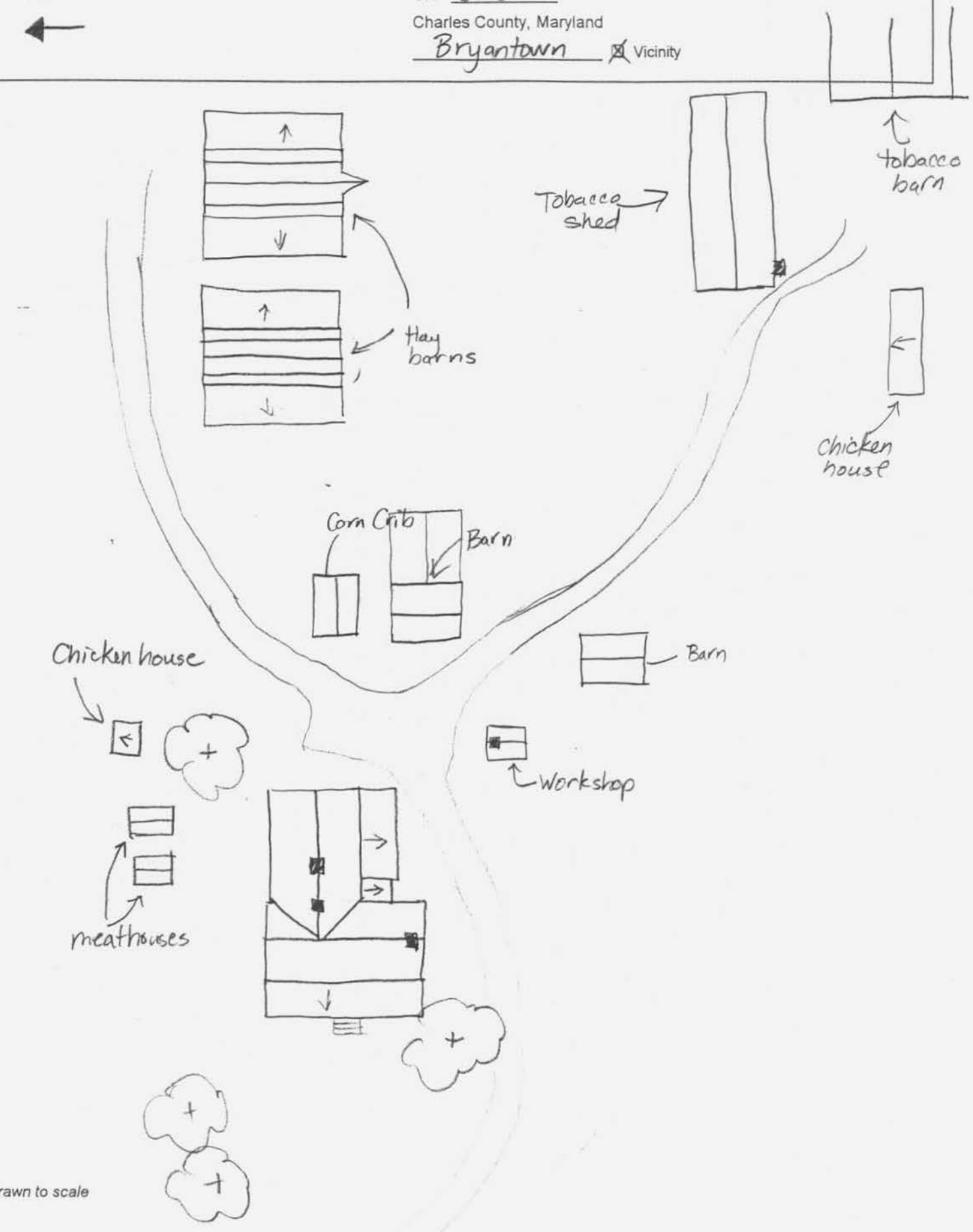
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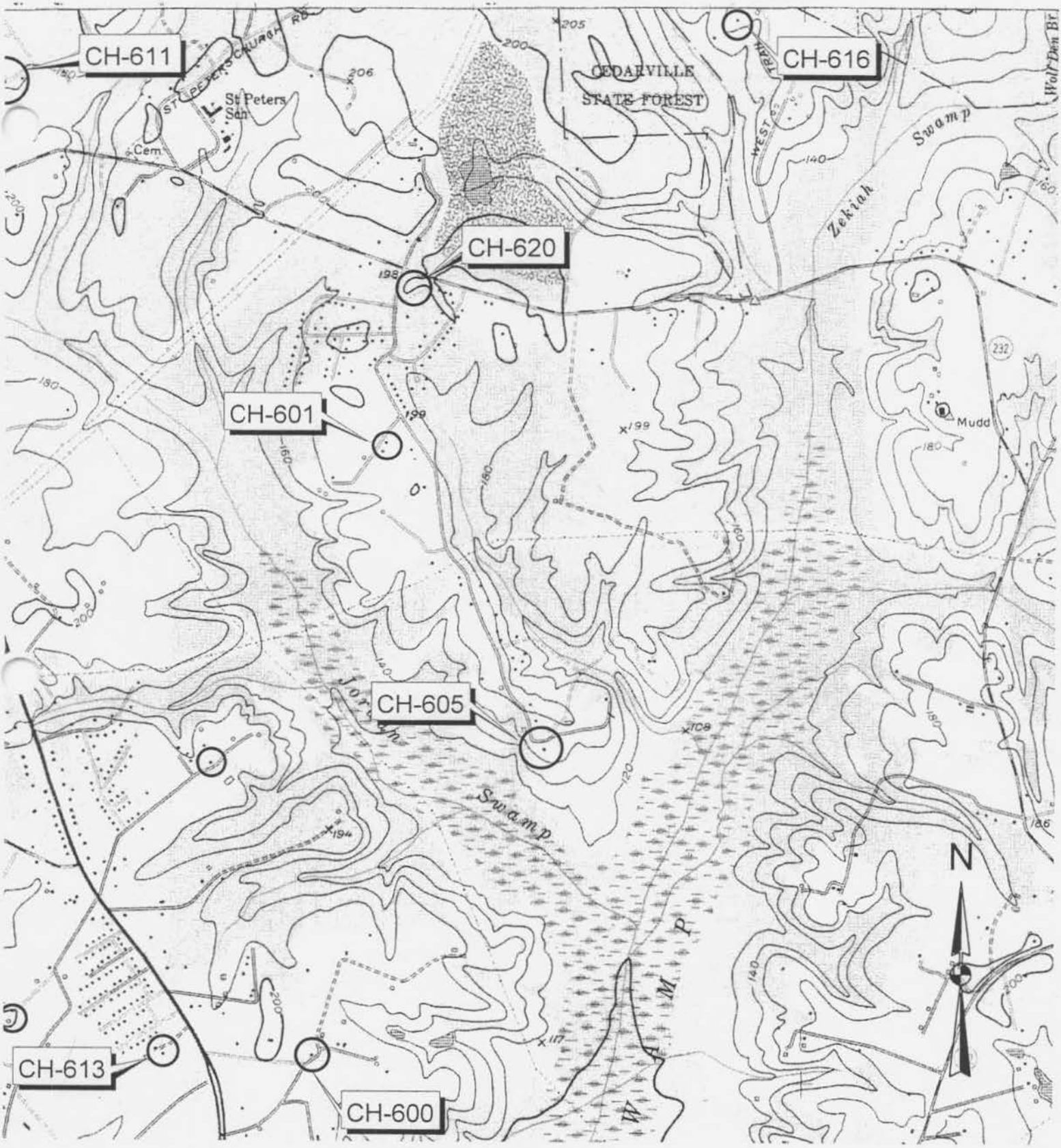
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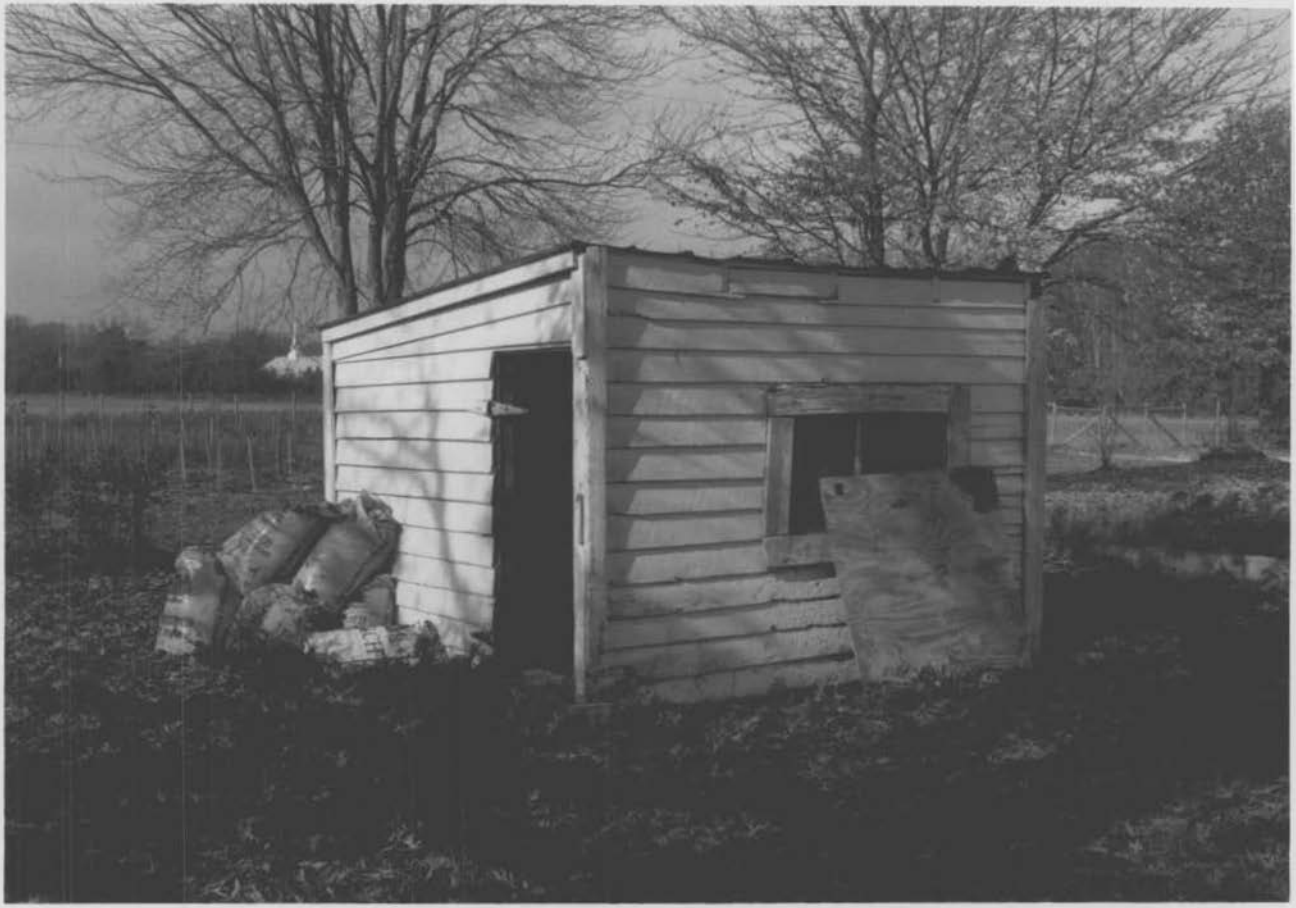


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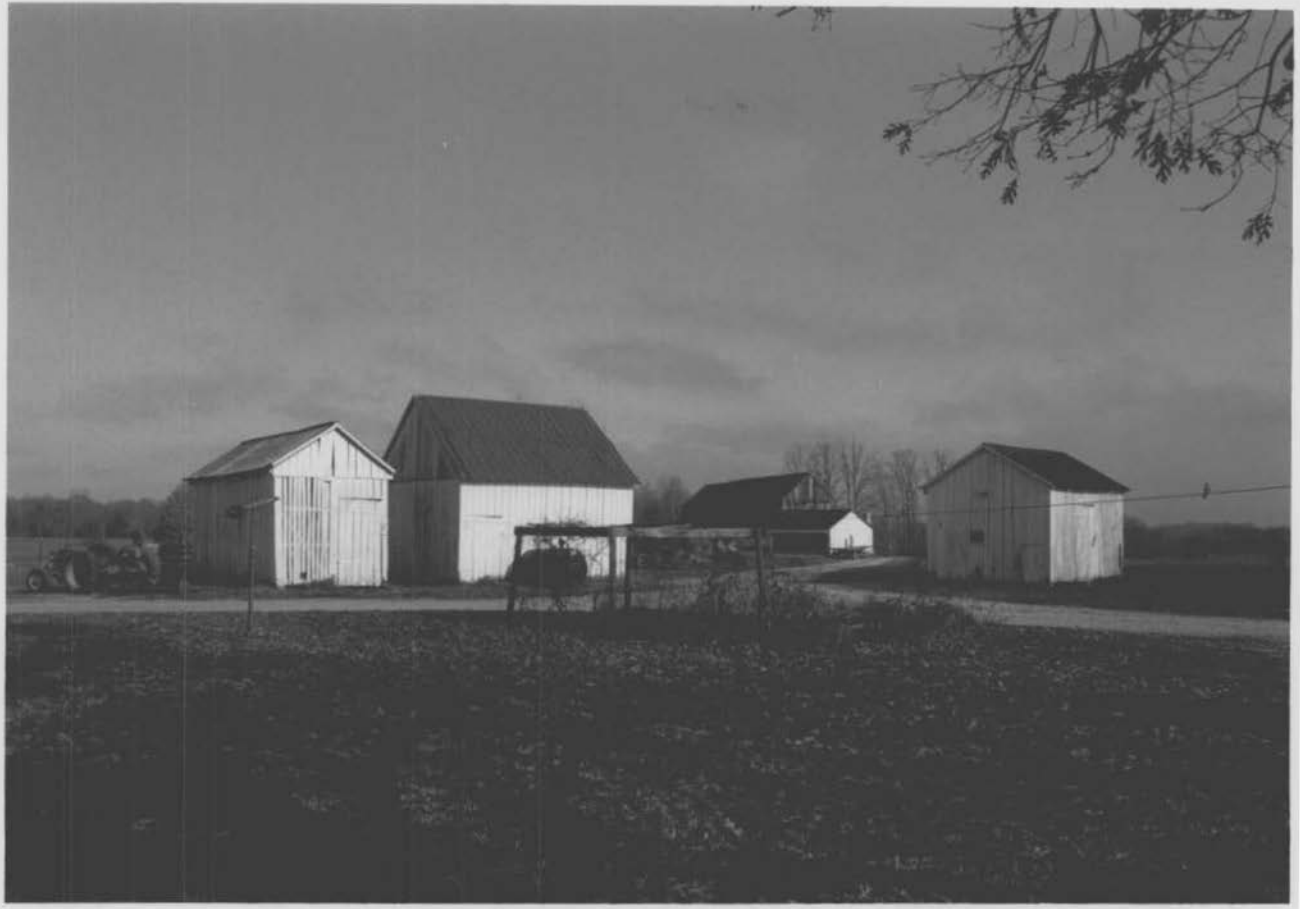


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