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Year Built Circa 1775, 1922

Description:

Cooke's Range, or the Pope Farm, was surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1975. No determination of eligibility has been made for the property. Cooke's Range is located north of Muncaster Mill Road and west of Airpark Road in the Redland vicinity of Montgomery County. The property consists of a circa 1775 dwelling house, a 1922 dwelling house, four modern greenhouses, two modern sheds and one modern office building. The circa 1775 house is 1½-stories tall and 3-bays wide with a porch on the west elevation and shed additions on the south and east elevations. The 1922 house is 2½-stories tall and 3-bays wide with a porch on the west and south elevations and an addition on the east elevation.

The circa 1775 house has a parged foundation and wood clapboard walls. The clapboards on the east and west elevations are beaded. The house has a gambrel roof with wood shake shingles and gable dormers. An ornamented stone chimney is located on the east slope of the roof. The 6/6 and 2/2 double-hung windows have moulded surrounds.

The west, or front elevation, has a porch on the first story. The porch has a standing-seam metal roof that is hipped on the north end and shed on the south end. Four turned posts support the roof. There is no balustrade. Behind the porch, the main entry is located slightly south of center. The 5-panel door has a moulded wood surround. On each side of the door is a 6/6 double-hung window with louvered shutters. The second story has two symmetrically-placed gable dormers with 2/2 double-hung windows.

On the north elevation, a 2/2 double-hung window is placed in the center of the first story.

On the east elevation, the southern two-thirds of the first story is covered by a shed addition. The addition rests on wood posts and has vertical board walls and a standing-seam metal roof with exposed rafter ends. The addition has two, 6-light fixed-sash windows on the east elevation. North of the addition, a 6/6 double-hung window is located on the first story of the main block. Two gable dormers with 2/2 double-hung windows are symmetrically placed on the second story.

A shed addition covers the first story of the south elevation. The addition has a concrete foundation, vertical board walls and a standing-seam metal roof. There is no fenestration on this elevation.

This house has undergone many alterations. According to the previous survey, the house was moved from its original foundation around 1922. At that time, brick chimneys were removed from the north and south elevations and the original clapboard was replaced. A 2-story log wing on the south elevation was also removed. The front porch and 2/2 double-hung windows date to the late-nineteenth century. The two shed additions date to the mid-twentieth century. Original materials remain on the east and west elevations and around windows and doors. The previous survey also indicates that some original ornamentation remains on the interior.

Northwest of the circa 1775 house is the 1922 house. This house has a parged foundation and vinyl siding on the walls. The hipped roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has a deep, boxed cornice. The roof also has a hipped dormer on the west elevation and a projecting gable on the south elevation. A brick chimney, now covered in vinyl siding, is located on the north wall. The house has 6/1 double-hung windows with plain wood surrounds.

The west, or front elevation has a porch over the first story. The porch has a standing-seam metal hipped roof supported by battered posts on square piers. Shallow arches connect the posts. There is no balustrade. Behind the porch, the main entry is located slightly south of center. The half-glass door has a plain surround. Paired windows are located north of the door, while a single window is located to the south. An entry and a single window are visible on the west wall of the projecting gable. Two windows are symmetrically arranged on the second story. An additional window is located on the west wall of the projecting gable. The hipped dormer at the attic level has paired, 6-light casement windows.

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The brick chimney stands at the west end of the north elevation. A window is located west of the chimney on each story. Single windows are also located at the east end of each story. Two 6-light, fixed sash windows are visible on the north wall of the addition.

On the east elevation, the first story is covered by a hipped-roof addition. The addition has a concrete foundation, vinyl siding walls and a standing-seam metal roof. Two doors are symmetrically placed on the addition. The southern door is half-glass, while the northern door is identical to that on the circa 1775 house. Paired, 6-light fixed-sash windows are placed between the doors and on each end of the elevation. The second story has two symmetrically placed windows. A smaller window is asymmetrically placed between them.

The projecting gable occupies the eastern end of the south elevation. The gable has a small, fixed-sash window on the first story and a 6/1 double-hung window on the second story. A 9-light, fixed sash window is located in the gable above the cornice return. The main block is sheltered by the porch and has one window on the first story and two windows on the second story. Paired, 6-light fixed-sash windows are visible on the south wall of the addition.

The original siding, cornice, chimney and porch cornice have been covered in vinyl siding. The roof is also modern, and a few doors and windows have been replaced. With the exception of the hipped-roof addition, the house retains its original form. The house displays some elements of the Craftsman style, including a hipped roof with deep eaves and battered porch supports.

The Cooke family cemetery is located southeast of the two houses. The cemetery contains approximately fifteen headstones dating from the mid- to late-nineteenth century. Several of the graves are surrounded by a wrought-iron fence. Others are arranged in a linear design.

At the time of the previous survey, a bank barn, a blacksmith shop and an ice house remained on the site. These buildings have since been demolished, and modern buildings pertaining to the county tree nursery now on the site have been constructed. A complex of three greenhouses constructed of metal, wood and plastic is located south of the houses. Northwest of the greenhouses are two wood-frame sheds with standing-seam metal roofs. Northwest of the two houses is a modern, 1-story, 3-bay, wood-frame office building. Three greenhouses are attached to the south wall of the office building. An additional greenhouse stands west of the office building. The complex of buildings is surrounded by a system of curvilinear roads. The site is open with groves of trees located north of the 1922 house and south of the greenhouse complex. The complex is approached by a long, gravel road leading from Airpark Road. An additional road leads to Muncaster Mill Road.

Cooke's Range is located in a large, undeveloped area bordered on the southwest by Muncaster Mill Road, on the southeast and northeast by Airpark Road, and on the northwest by Woodfield Road. Most of the land belongs to Montgomery County. A large portion is part of Rock Creek Stream Valley Park. Another part of the land is used by the Montgomery County Department of Natural Resources Nursery, and a small part is leased as agricultural land. Suburban commercial and residential properties are located southwest of Muncaster Mill Road.

Significance:

The circa 1775 house at Cooke's Range was constructed by John Cooke, a tobacco planter who established large land holdings in what would become Montgomery and Prince George's Counties beginning in 1742. Cooke was born around 1720 and died in 1778. His plantation, Cooke's Range, was patented in 1760 for 445.17 hectares (1,100 acres) of the earlier

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Turley's Choice tract. By the end of his life, Cooke had accumulated over 1618.8 hectares (4000 acres). Since John Cooke died intestate, his eldest son, also named John received the whole estate. In the spring of 1778, the younger John Cooke drew up a will which divided the estate among his siblings: minors Basil, Nathan, Sarah, Ruth and Rachel. Nathan Cooke inherited Cooke's Range following the death of his elder brother Basil (Heibert and McMaster 1976, 18). The property remained in the Cooke family until 1909, when Rachel D. Cooke and Zadoc M. Cooke sold it to Randolph Macon Women's College. Carson W. Pope bought the property, then 78.82 hectares (194.75) acres, the following year. Pope eventually owned more than 93.08 hectares (230 acres), which were divided among his wife and children following his death in 1946. The heirs of Carson W. Pope sold the property to Montgomery County in 1971. The current tax parcel totals 14.39 hectares (35.55 acres).

Cooke's Range is located near Redland. The late-nineteenth century crossroads of Redland, which included its own store, post office and blacksmith shop grew as a community with the completion of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad. The railroad extended through Derwood, 3.21 kilometers (2 miles) west of Redland. By 1889, a second railroad station was constructed in Derwood, replacing an earlier "waiting shed," which served as a commuter stop, as well as a freight and baggage station. The station also had an office for handling agricultural and dairy products, in support of the local agricultural industry.

The majority of the housing in Redland was built in the late-nineteenth century and the community grew to include the post office, blacksmith shop and store, although the primary occupation of the area remained farming. In 1890, the crossroads had a church and public school and a population of fifty residents (Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) 1975).

Cooke's Range has been an agricultural property since at least the 1760s, and has seen more than 200 years of change in agriculture. The agricultural economy of the eighteenth century included crops such as corn and grain. As the primary crop, however, tobacco growing and trade remained the economic base of eastern Maryland. Tobacco inspection stations were established along the major creeks and rivers with centers of tobacco trade developing around these stations. Communities such as Georgetown and Bladensburg were established to accommodate these stations, and included stores and other services (Hiebert & MacMaster 1976: 13-14).

The beginning of the nineteenth century in Montgomery County was marked by significant changes in the agricultural economy of the area. Although tobacco remained the predominant crop, experimentation with other crops began in response to the diminishing productivity of the soil. As a result of years of continuous cultivation of tobacco, the land became depleted of nutrients. As the livelihood of many farmers was lost or diminished, much property fell into disrepair or was abandoned when farmers migrated west to new territory and fertile land. In response to these events, those remaining in the area began to organize groups such as the Sandy Spring Farmers' Society and the American Board of Agriculture, aimed at developing ways to improve the farming techniques in the area (Hiebert & MacMaster 1976: 119). Through deep plowing, improved equipment, and most notably, the use of fertilizer, agricultural yield was increased, and by mid-century, agricultural prosperity had been restored.

With the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of slaves, dramatic changes in life and business were evident in Montgomery County. Agriculture was still the base of the economy, with tobacco remaining an important crop, however, smaller farms that grew tobacco, as well as other crops, were evident. While the large plantations did not vanish, the face of agriculture was altered by the emergence of smaller farms, including those owned by African-American landholders. During the period from the end of the Civil War to the turn of the century, the number of farms in Prince George's County doubled, while the average farm size decreased dramatically (M-NCPPC 1993: 13). In addition, by 1880, Montgomery County had become a major grower of wheat, deviating from its tradition as primarily a tobacco producer.

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The agricultural economy changed again during the twentieth century. The number of farms in Montgomery County decreased by nearly fifty percent between 1920 and 1959, while much farming that did continue shifted to large-scale commercial agricultural production. Other changes in society included a decrease in the number of African-American residents and an increase in middle and upper-income "city workers". The area also experienced an influx of private enterprise including highly technical business and research facilities, which, combined with the expansion of the federal government, resulted in a diversifying and expanding economic base (Farquhar 1962: 45-47).

The circa 1775 house on Cooke's Range is an example of an early plantation house in Montgomery County. The typical "plantation house" in Montgomery County was nothing like the substantial manor homes and brick mansions of Prince George's County. Rather, tobacco farmers such as Cooke often lived in one or 2-room log houses with sharply pitched roofs. A summer kitchen or an ell was sometimes added to the main block for storage. A log barn, one or more log tobacco barns, and a springhouse may have been located near the house (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976:18). While modest architecture was typical in Montgomery County, some early plantations prospered sufficiently to construct substantial homes. Cooke's Range is an example of one of these. Common elements of substantial vernacular dwellings include moulded and beaded trim and paneling, enclosed stairs and architectural furniture (Lanier and Herman 1997, 124).

The 1922 house on Cooke's Range has some elements of a Craftsman House. The hipped-roof, 2½-story house became common during the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries and was adapted to several styles. These houses frequently have centered, hipped dormers, off-center entries, and full-width front porches. The influence of the Craftsman style on this example can be seen in the deep eaves and the battered porch columns (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, 194-195).

National Register Evaluation:

Cooke's Range, constructed circa 1775 and in 1992, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1975. No determination of eligibility was made at the time. Cooke's Range is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Property is eligible under Criterion A for its association with eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth century agriculture. The property has been cultivated for more than 200 years, and the two houses reflect the evolution of farm dwellings as the property shifted from a large plantation to a small farm. The property is not eligible under Criterion B, as research conducted indicates no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history. The property is eligible under Criterion C as a good example of the vernacular dwelling of a successful tobacco planter. This example is not high style, but rather reflects the choices made about style and detail in a less prosperous area such as Montgomery County. Few examples of frame buildings of this age survive. The building retains its integrity of setting, association, materials, design, and workmanship. Although the building has been altered, all changes are of a historic period and reflect the evolution of the dwelling over time. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register Boundaries of Cooke's Range/Pope Farm follow the current property lines of Parcel N560 on Tax Map GT343. The parcel is bounded on the north, south, east and west by adjacent tax parcels which are also owned by Montgomery County. The boundary includes the two dwelling houses, and the cemetery as contributing resources and the office building, seven greenhouses and two sheds as non-contributing buildings. The parcel is 14.39 hectares (35.55 acres) and consists of all the land currently associated with the historic buildings.

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There are almost no remaining 18th Century, frame farmhouses left in Mont. Co. However, this house appears to be one of the last. It is a small, three-bay structure with a gambrel roof (also quite rare here.) Originally (according to Mr. Russell Pope, who was born here) the house had large, external brick chimneys on the north and south ends. These were removed when the house was dragged off its original foundation in order to build the Pope farmhouse in 1922. The house also had a two-story, log section on the south end (this is gone now.) The handmade bricks are still in chimneys on the farm. The siding has been replaced for the most part on the north and south ends, but the original rived and beaded clapboards remain on the front (west) and rear.

The windows on the first floor are 6/6, double-hung, in old frames that are surrounded by molded trim on the inside and outside of the house. This hand-beaded trim is repeated in the doorway trim and throughout the interior of the house in the chair rails.

The house consists of two rooms upstairs and two rooms down. The central door actually enters into the north room, and there is an old boxed staircase in the NW corner here. This staircase features a number of beaded panels and trim boards and has a simple, hand-made rail at the top of the steps.

Most of the original sand plaster is crumbling, and hand-split oak lath can be seen everywhere in the walls and ceilings. The hewn-oak framing is also visible. The shingle roof (covered partly with tin) features two dormers on both the front and rear. The frames for these dormers appear early, but the present sash is 2/2. A late-19th Century "farmer's porch" crosses the front of the house.

Nearby is the graveyard of the Cooke family, that includes members of the Magruder and Robertson clans. There is also a bank barn, blacksmith shop and turn-of-the-century ice house.

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If not designated, these resources will be added to the following area sites removed from the Locational Atlas as part of previous amendments:

Site	Name	Removed As Part Of:
22/5	Caven/Sabine Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/6	Newmantown (Ross Wheat)	May 1983 Amendment
22/18	Cashell (Hazel) Farm-Outbuildings	May 1983 Amendment
22/21	Griffith (David) House	May 1983 Amendment
(22/22)	Cookes Range/Pope Farm	May 1983 Amendment
22/23	Cashell - Tenant House	May 1983 Amendment
22/24	Robertson Log House (Ruins)	May 1983 Amendment

Although removed from the Locational Atlas, all sites would remain on the Maryland Historic Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

In addition to these individual historic sites, the Locational Atlas identifies three historic districts within the planning area. These Locational Atlas Rock Creek districts

Atlas #	Site	Location
22/3	Claysville	Olney/Laytonsville Road in the vicinity of Riggs Road
22/20	Redland	North & southeast quadrants, Muncaster Mill and Redland Road
22/23	Derwood Station	Redland & Derwood Road along the B&O Railroad North

These three districts are scheduled for evaluation within the coming year. These evaluations will be processed as a separate amendment to the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>. Processing of that amendment should be completed prior to the approval and adoption of this Plan. The historic status of the districts will then be included in the final publication of the Approved and Adopted Comprehensive Rock Creek Master Plan Amendment.

The location and status of all historic resources within the Rock Creek Planning Area that are recognized on the Locational Atlas are shown in the following three figures. (Note: Sites identified in Figure 25 — those recommended for designation or removal by the Preservation Commission — are the subject of this preliminary draft public hearing.)

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The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be

subject to regulation under the Moratorium

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10/74	16/19	27/7	Site No.	
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13/28	19/8	30/17	Mont. Co. Historic Pre	eservation
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14/15	20/14	33/3	by the County Council	
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Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.

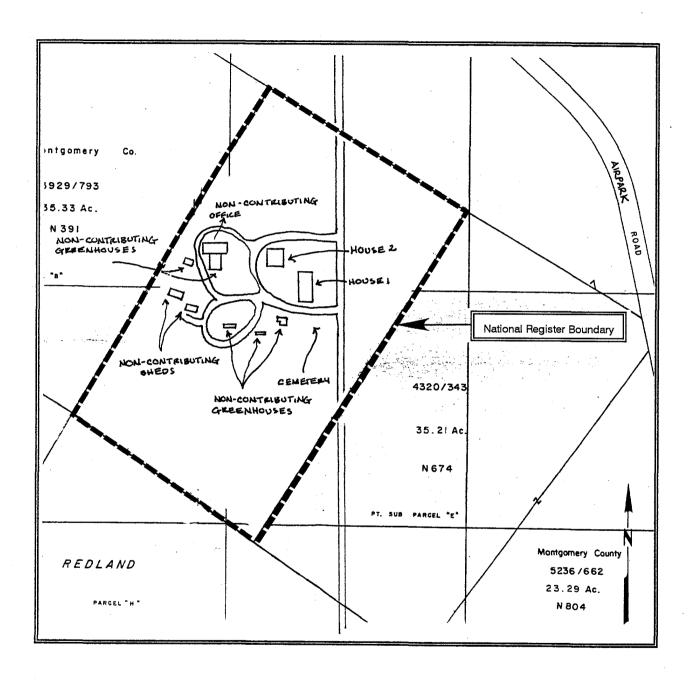
24 Sites Removed From Historical Atlas on April 29, 1982

	SITE	INDEX NO.	DEP CASE NO.
. 1.	Moxley Log Cabins	10/2	10-1-60, 10-1-57, 10-1-58
2.	Mary Day House	10/9	10-2-181
3.	Glaze Log House	10/22	10-2-222
4.	Middleton King Farm	10/25	14-2-94
5.	Thomas Hilton Farm	11/8	10-2-29
6.	Sellman Station	12/14	7-1-366
7.	William T. Poole House	12/16	7-1-315
8.	McKendree Bowman Farm	14/1	10-6-135
9.	Abandoned Log House	14/19	10-3-24
10.	Sylvester Burns House	14/23	10-3-29
11.	William Soper House	14/30	10-3-17
12.	A Mullinix Log House	15/11	10-4-286
13.	Etchinson Log House	15/18	11-3-148
14.	Caleb Carr House	15/68	13-2-4
15.	Ashton Acres Farm	15/69	12-2-17A
16.	James Dawson Farm	18/22	18-2-93
17.	Americus Dawson Farm	18/27	9-3-44
18.	Brownstown School	18/29	-
19.	Caven/Sabine Farm	22/5	11-2-228A
20.	Cooke's Range/Pope Farm	22/22	11-2-223
21.	Howard Log Cabin	23/8	11-4-85
22.	Jones/Claggett Farm	24/14	9-4-154
23.	Travilah Town Hall	25/10	9-2-223
24.	Mills House	24/15	

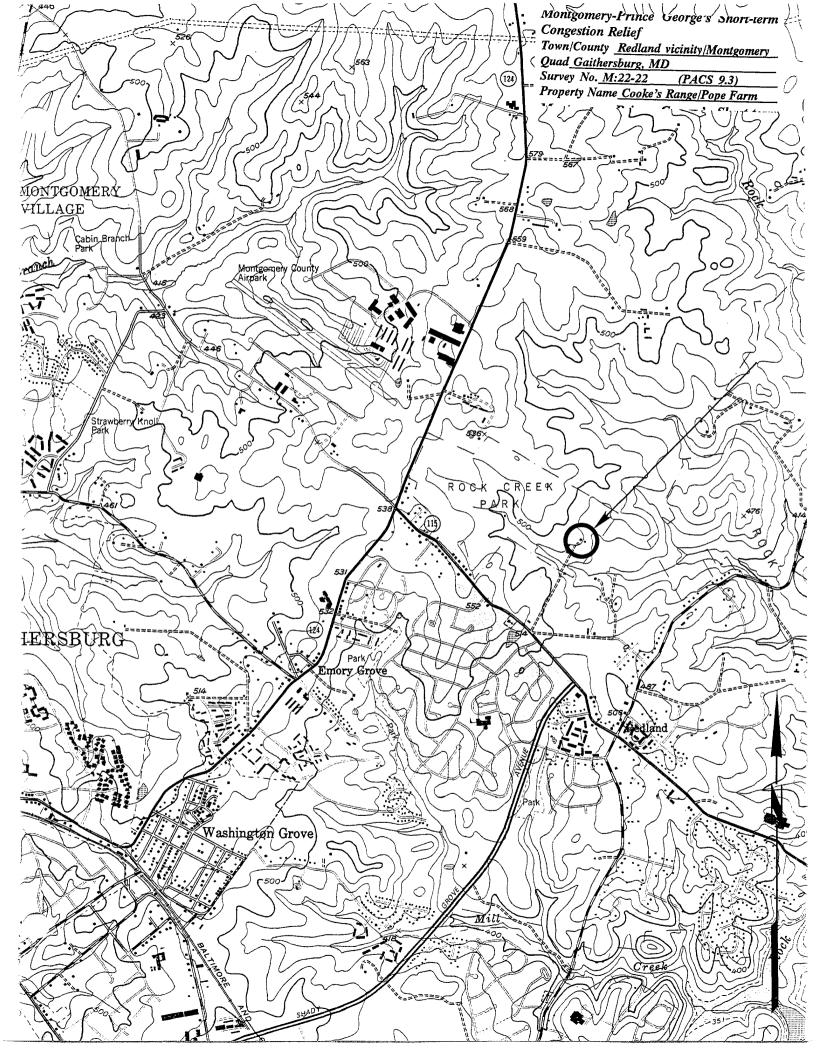
Property Name: Cooke's Range/Pope Farm Survey No.: M:22-22

Property Address_7004 Airpark Road, Reland vicinity, Montgomery County
Owner Name/Address_Montgomery County, EOB 101 Monroe Street, Rockville MD 20850
Year Built_Circa 1775, 1922

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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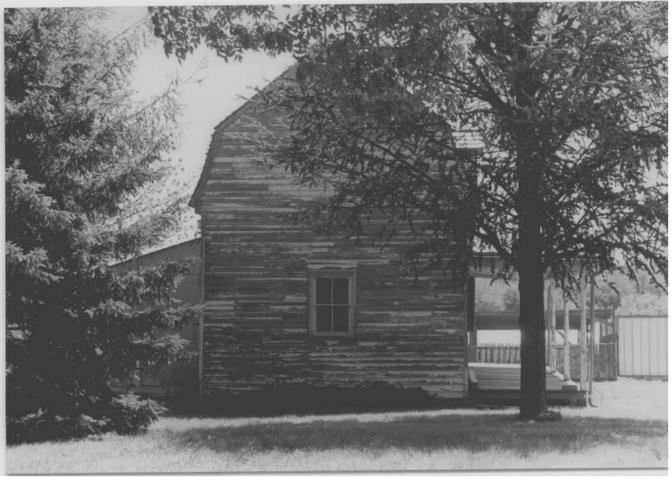




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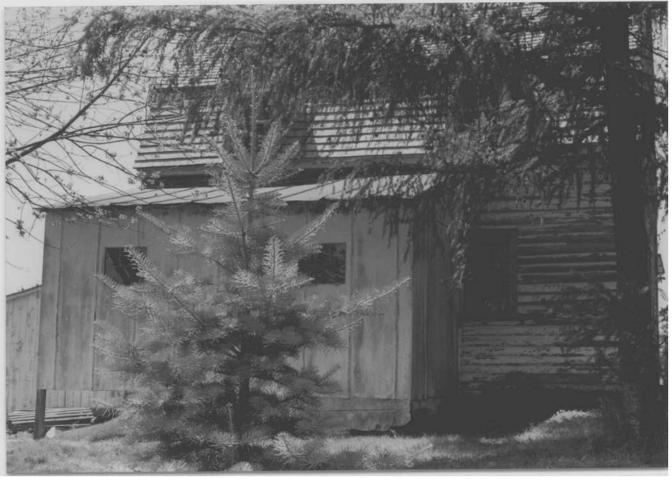
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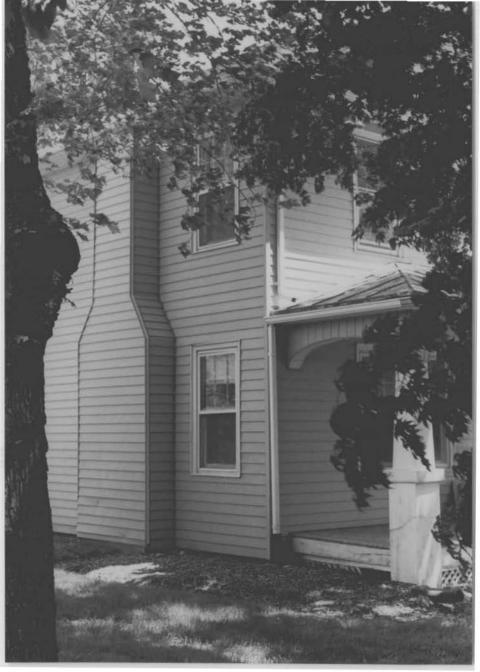
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