

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Fertile Meadows

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/59

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8  
Coordinate C-10

4. Address: 9000 Brink Rd.  
Laytonsville, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition N/A  
Status occupied  
Accessible no  
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC  
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory  
1976

Federal      State   x   County   x   Local     

6. Date: c. 1790

7. Original Owner: Joshua Pigman

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description: The house is a 1½ story structure, the west end of which is frame; the east end is brick on the first floor and frame above. At the east end is a one-story brick chimney with a free-standing stack. The frame section has an internal chimney where it adjoins the brick wing, and an external one-story chimney on the west end, with a narrow, free-standing stack. The frame section is five bays with a central doorway and a four-light transom. The windows are nine-over-nine double-hung sash. The steep "A" roof is broken by three dormer windows on the main facade. The sheathing is clapboard and the cornice boxed with an ogee bed molding. On the gable sides, there is a fascia with a wide bead.

The brick section has a two-bay facade, and is a half level lower than the main house. The east bay was a door but has been altered into a window. There is one dormer on the north slope of the roof.

10. Significance: Near the house is a small log smokehouse with an external brick smokestack. The gable ends have horizontal weatherboarding.

The Fertile Meadows is an excellent example of a later 18th century farm house. The property is associated with the Riggs family, prominent in Montgomery County history.

In 1743 a large tract was granted to Benjamin Wallingford and before 1792 Joshua Pigman bought the land and built a house on a hill overlooking a mill.

That year he sold the land. The house had several owners before being purchased by George Washington Riggs in 1819.

George Riggs was a self-made man. He started out as a silversmith in Georgetown and soon had a thriving business. In 1820, the year after he purchased Fertile Meadows, he had a license to be a storekeeper in Montgomery County, and eventually he moved to Baltimore where he became an exporter in the lucrative tobacco trade. He purchased several other large, expensive tracts of land in the county.

George gave his son Remus a small farm in 1859 and in 1864 sold him 288 acres, including Fertile Meadows. Remus farmed the land while selling off parcels, and in 1901 gave the remaining 60 acres to his wife. His son George sold the house in 1912. It changed hands several times before being bought by Lee Counselman, a finance expert from Detroit.

11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt/7/79      Mike Dwyer/Arch. Desc.

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

15. Acreage: 93.7 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Fertile Meadows

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 9000 Brink Road

CITY, TOWN Laytonsville  VICINITY OF Goshen CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**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 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"/> NO       | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                           |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Lee Counselman

Telephone #: 926-3055

STREET & NUMBER 9000 Brink Road

CITY, TOWN Laytonsville  VICINITY OF Goshen STATE, zip code Maryland 20760

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 572

Folio #: 232

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                              |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a one-and-one-half story structure, the west end of which is frame; the east end is brick on the first floor and frame above. At the east end is a one-story brick chimney with a free-standing stack. The frame section has an internal chimney where it adjoins the brick wing, and an external one-story chimney on the west end, with a narrow, free-standing stack. The frame section is five bays with a central doorway and a four-light transom. The windows are nine-over-nine double hung sash. The steep "A" roof is broken by three dormer windows on the main facade. The sheathing is clapboard and the cornice boxed with an ogee bed molding. On the gable sides, there is a fascia with a wide bead.

The brick section has a two-bay facade, and is a half level lower than the main house. The east bay was a door but has been altered into a window. There is one dormer on the north slope of the roof.

In plan, the brick wing is one room with a corner boxed staircase. The mantel has been removed. The second floor has been divided into several rooms; all have simple detailing.

The main house has a central hall with flanking parlors. The east room is divided from the hall by a vertically beaded board partition along which the staircase rises. The boarding continues around the east room wainscotting. The fireplace has a jack arch over the opening; a molding surrounds the opening and above is a shelf with a bed molding. To the north of the fireplace is an open cupboard with butterfly shelves and an enclosed cupboard.

The west room has a plaster partition wall. The room is plastered, with a chair rail. The fireplace has a wood surround with a molding around the outside edge. The frieze is plain; the shelf has a deep bed molding above a row of fretwork. The corner posts and plates are exposed in this room as well as the hall and east room; the posts and plate have a quirked bead on the exposed edge.

On the second floor, there are two rooms on either side of the hall. The partition walls are vertical beaded boards. The east room has a small fireplace; the west room none. The door to the west room is six panelled and the walls plastered. The east room has a door of three beaded boards. The mantel shelf is attached to the wall. The chair rail is a double beaded board with an astragal in the center. The door frames are moldings applied to the partition walls.

Doors throughout the house have six raised panels and iron hardware. Hinges are rat-tail in the main rooms, H or HL for the secondary rooms and strap on the exterior doors. The floors are wide boards.

The wing to the south has been added by the present owners.

Near the house is a small log smokehouse with an external brick smokestack. The gable ends have horizontal weatherboarding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M 14-59

| 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/HUMANITARIAN                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>Local History |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fertile Meadows is an excellent example of a late 18th century farm house. The property is associated with the Riggs family, prominent in Montgomery County history.

In 1743 Benjamin Wallingford was granted the land upon which Fertile Meadows now sits, calling it "Benjamin's Square". Some years later the land was resurveyed and a mill was built where the road from Laytonsville to Clarksburg crosses Goshen Branch, providing the nearby town with its name, Goshen Mills. Joshua Pigman came into possession of a part of the Resurvey on Benjamin Square and it is believed that he built the Fertile Meadows house on the hill overlooking the mill sometime before 1792. In that year he sold the land,<sup>1</sup> and improvements, and the house passed through several owners before being purchased by George Washington Riggs in 1819.<sup>2</sup>

George Riggs was a self-made man. He started out as a silversmith in Georgetown and soon had a thriving business. In 1820, the year after he purchased Fertile Meadows, he had a license to be a storekeeper in Montgomery County, and eventually he moved to Baltimore where he became an exporter in the lucrative tobacco trade. He purchased several other large, expensive tracts of land in the county.

He gave his son Remus a small farm in 1859,<sup>3</sup> and in 1864 sold to him for \$1 all 288 acres of "Goshen Farm and Mills", a parcel that included Fertile Meadows.<sup>4</sup> Although Remus owned the mills he did not run them and instead farmed. As he grew older he sold off pieces of the land until 1901 when he gave the remaining 60 acres to his wife in consideration of "her promise to take care of me and provide for me for and during my natural life".<sup>5</sup> After Remus' death his son George lived in the house before selling it in 1912.<sup>6</sup>

Several other parties owned Fertile Meadows before the Counselmans bought it in 1934. Lee Counselman had been a finance expert in Detroit and had helped organize several auto firms. Mrs. Counselman had been a fashion model.

Fertile Meadows in 1934 had been spared the threat of "modernization", and the Counselmans successfully retained its primitive atmosphere while making the house livable.

The name "Fertile Meadows" came from a small tract which made up part of the original farm.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., E/167, (4/13/1792).

2. Ibid., V/19, (11/13/1819).

3. Ibid., JGH 7/512, (8/30/1859).

4. Ibid., EBP 1/97, (2/19/1864).

5. Ibid., TD 17/195, (5/31/1901).

6. Ibid., 230/204, (10/15/1912).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland. Vol. I, Philadelphia: Lewis H. Everts, 1882.

Farquhar, Roger Brooke, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, MD. Washington, D.C., Judd and Detweiler, 1962.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 93.68 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located on the south side of Brink Road, approximately 1 mile west of Route 124.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

|                 |                           |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| NAME / TITLE    | Donald M. Leavitt         | Mike Dwyer                |
| ORGANIZATION    | Sugarloaf Regional Trails | Architectural Description |
| STREET & NUMBER | Box 87                    | DATE<br>July 1979         |
| CITY OR TOWN    | Dickerson                 | TELEPHONE<br>926-4510     |
|                 |                           | STATE<br>Maryland 20753   |

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

1402.15204

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Fertile Meadows

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**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 9000 Brink Road

CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                     |   |  |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                    |  |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   |  |                                   |

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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Lee Counselman

STREET AND NUMBER: 9000 Brink Road

CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg STATE: Maryland (20760)

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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PROPERTY, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region

1969  Federal  State  County  Local

Survey Records: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

111 Georgia Avenue

College Spring STATE: Maryland

11-57

7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                   |                                    |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered   | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> </ul> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |           | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |           |         |         |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

|        |  |         |  |
|--------|--|---------|--|
| STATE: |  | COUNTY: |  |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 12 July 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

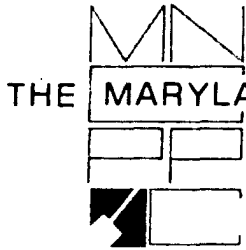
Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 12, 1984

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development  
 John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office  
 Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

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I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

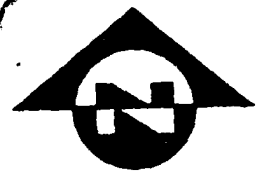
Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr  
 Enclosure

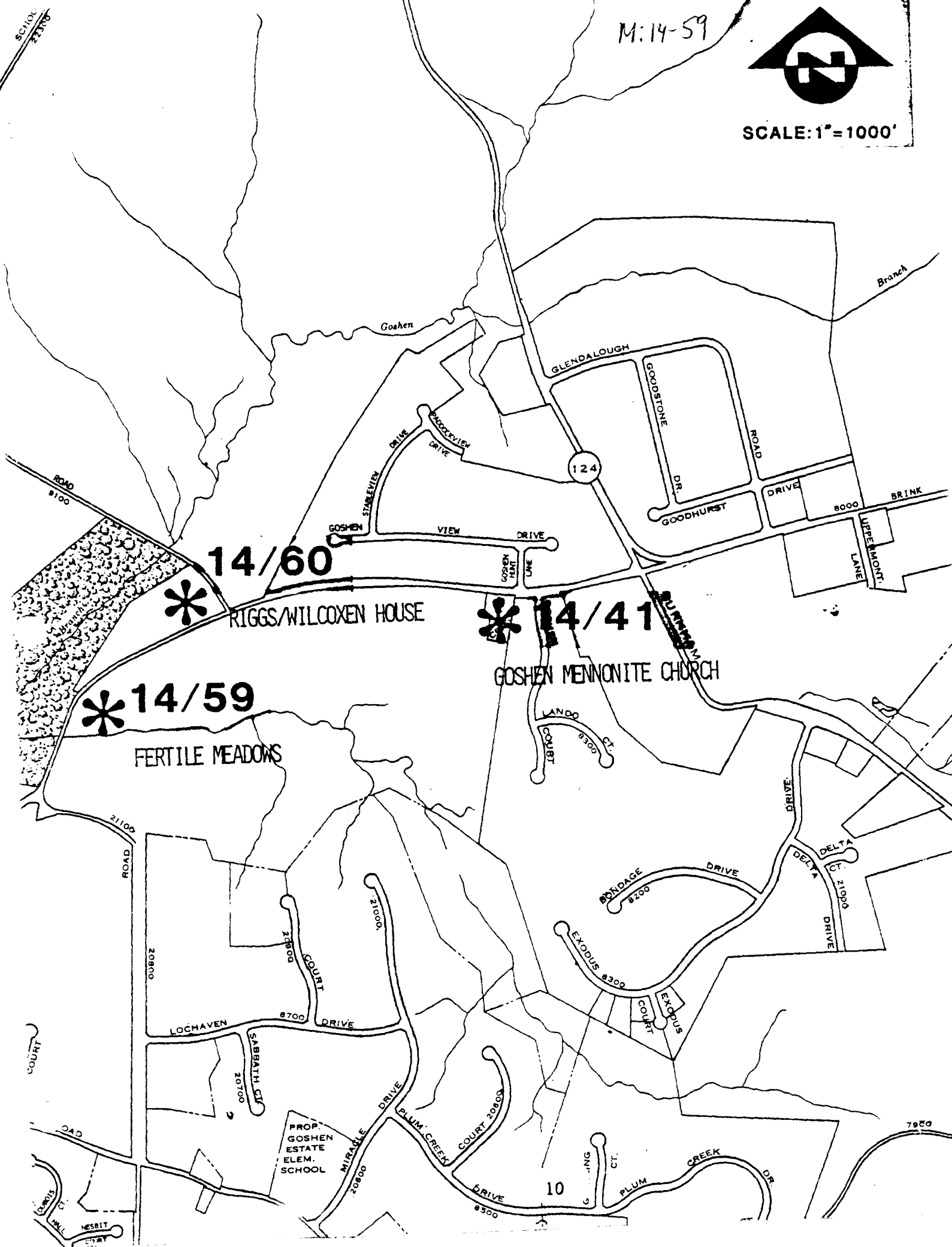
- Associated with the Pearre family, early agriculturalists and prominent citizens of upper Montgomery County.
  - Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting of approximately 6.7 acres to include the main house, the log dairy, the corn crib, and bank barn as features representative of the historic farmstead.
- 14/41 Goshen Mennonite Church (p. 10)
- 1870 -- Unique brick structure, based on a design by Washington architect, Walter West, and built by master builder S. G. Henseley.
  - Site of one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal Churches in Montgomery County.
  - The parcel includes, in addition to the church building, a cemetery and semi-circular tree-shaded drive with wrought iron entrance gates, all of which contribute to the churchyard setting. The entire parcel should, therefore, be retained as the environmental setting.
- 14/59 Fertile Meadows (p. 10)
- Fine example of a late 18th century County farmhouse with a "distinctive southern Maryland flavor."
  - Associated for nearly a century with the Riggs family, prominent businessmen and farmers in Montgomery County.
  - An appropriate setting should include the main house, the log meat house and corn crib, plus sufficient land to protect the complex from future development.
- 14/60 Riggs/Wilcoxon House (p. 10)
- Late 18th century, simple Federal style farmhouse with Flemish bond brickwork.
  - Example of typical tenant farmhouse once found throughout the County.
- 15/65 Waters Gift (p. 11)
- Mid-18th century altered log farmhouse.
  - Associated with the Waters family, early settlers of the northeastern part of the County.
- 22/17 Flint Hill II (p. 12)
- Early 19th century log and frame farmhouse.
  - Associated with the Bowie family, a prominent family in Montgomery County and Maryland history.

SCHOOL

M: 14-59



SCALE: 1" = 1000'



14/60

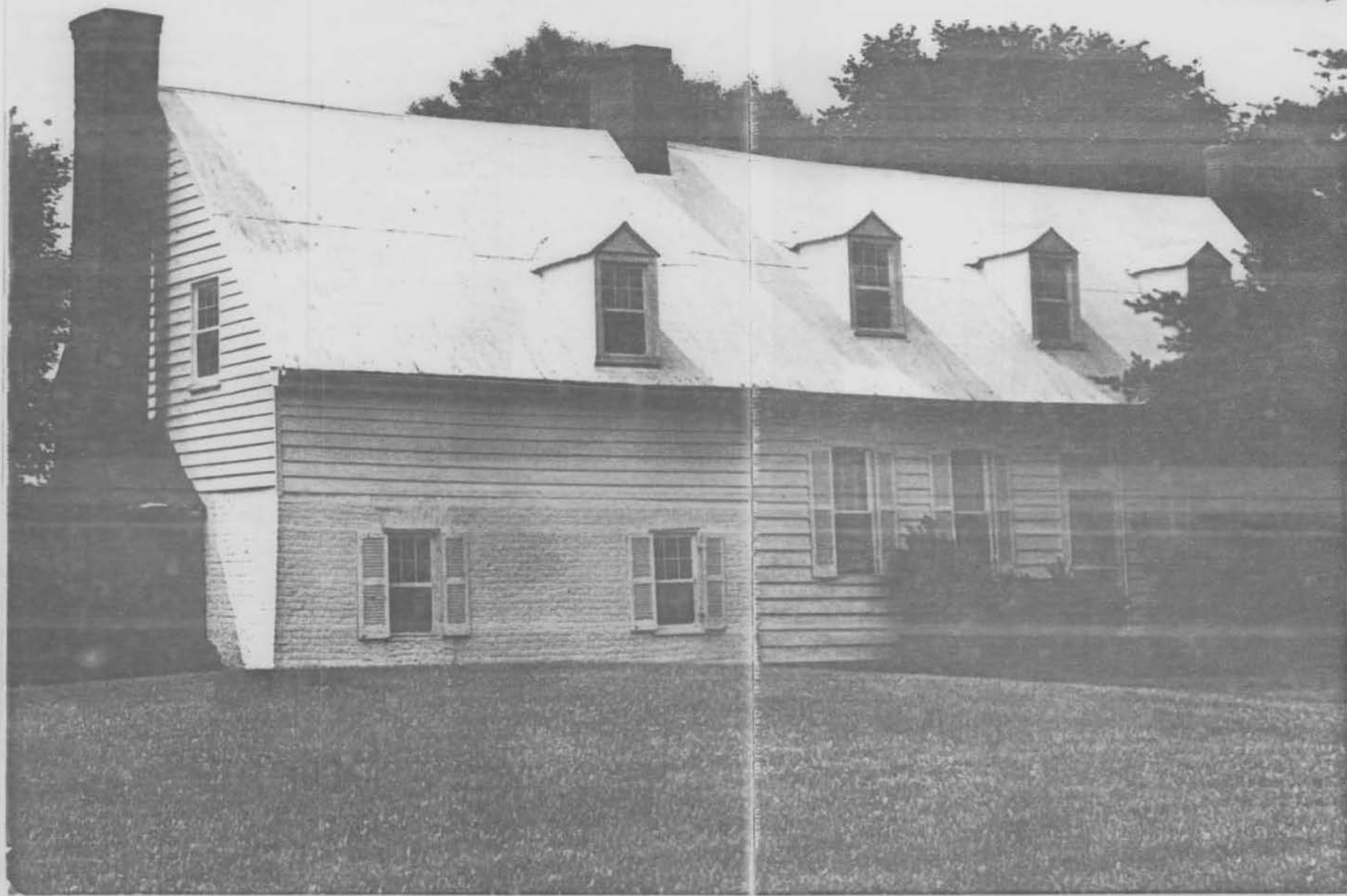
RIGGS/WILCOXEN HOUSE

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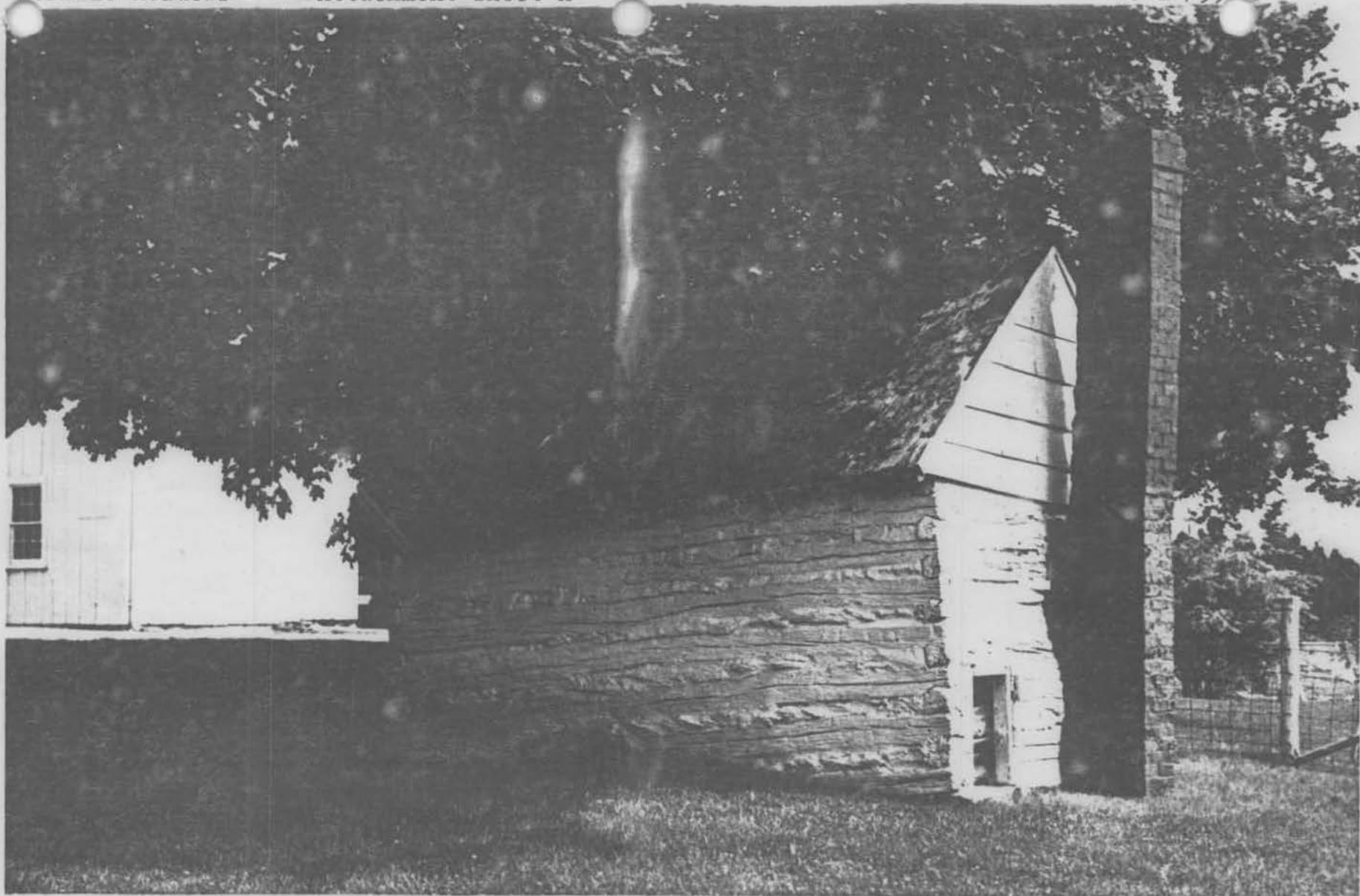
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FERTILE MEADOWS



July 1972 --- Excellent condition and furnished in "primitive" style.



Smokehouse -- July 1972





NAME #<sup>M.</sup>14-59 FERTILE MEADOWS (COUNSELLMAN)

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