

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-19-2
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Waters Log House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 19/2

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7

Coordinate B-11

4. Address: Waters Road
Germantown, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status unoccupied
Accessible no
Present use agriculturePrevious Survey Recording MNCPPC
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory
1976Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 19th century

7. Original Owner: Waters family

8. Apparent Condition

a. deteriorated b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by two bay, two and a half story log and frame house faces south. The west section is log; the east section is frame. The house has brown-stained shingles on its exterior walls. There is a flagstone patio on the south elevation with a gabled hood above the south door. The log section had four over four windows; the frame section had modern casement windows. The gable roof has wooden shingles. The house is in poor condition.

10. Significance: The Waters log house is the only remaining structure of this William A. Waters farm. The Waters family were prominent landholders in the Germantown area in the early 19th century.

The manor house on the William A. Waters farm was constructed in the early 19th century, and was the home of Baker Waters until 1846. His sister-in-law Ellen Waters lived there for many years and operated a saw and grist mill on the property, marrying Dr. Washington Waters after the death of her husband Tilghman Waters.

The Waters family lost the property as a result of a mortgage default in 1895, but nine years later it was repurchased by William A. Waters. He restored the brick dwelling house on the property for his home and the log house as a tenant house for farm workers.

The next owner used this house for his guests, including Franklin Roosevelt, Jr.

After 3 more transfers the present owner bought the property and razed the main house. A caretaker occupied the log house for a time, but it has been vacant for several years.

11. Researcher and date researched: Geraldine Berkman 6/79

12. Compiler: Margaret M.
Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 6/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 1 acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Waters Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Waters Road near Route 270

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

on golf course

NAME

Fairchild Industries, Inc.

Telephone #: 428-6000

STREET & NUMBER

20301 Century Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20767

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4208

Folio #: 764

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:19-2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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

This three bay by two bay, two and a half story log and frame house faces south. The large squared oak logs are chinked with cement, and form the frame of the house.

The house has brown-stained shingles which cover the west (log) section and the east (frame) section. There is a flagstone porch on the south elevation. A shingled gabled hood, supported by angle braces, hangs above a modern hollow-cone wooden door with one glass light. There are small four-over-four double-hung windows on the south elevation; the remaining windows are modern casement style windows. The house has a gable roof covered by wooden shingles. There are two exterior end chimneys at the west and east ends of the house.

The house is in deteriorating condition: the west (log) room had random width flooring and plaster over lath walls and ceilings. The two east rooms are of more recent construction. They have narrow floor boards, plaster board walls and ceilings. A closed string single run staircase ascends to the second level on the east side of the log room. The fireplace at the west end of the log room appears to be contemporary with the east fireplace.

This structure was originally a cabin of hewn logs. Robert Waters, William A. Waters' son, remembers it as having two sections with the roof of one section higher than that of the other, and a loft. At present, the log portion is about 16' x 20'. A full second story has been provided by adding frame to the log walls. In the present house the log portion of the walls ends about four feet above the floor of the second story. The first floor has three rooms, two of which, including a kitchen, are in the frame addition. The second floor has one bedroom. There has been extensive vandalism, doors and windows are missing, and although the roof and walls look very solid, deterioration is under way.

Family burying ground: See map for location. During the ownership of William A. Waters the unused graveyard of five or six graves was intact. It extended toward the northeast, and although the field was cultivated, the borders of the cemetery were not encroached upon. It contained the graves of Zachariah Waters, Anna Waters, Baker Waters, Courtney Waters and Tilghman Waters, all of whom were buried here in the early to middle 19th century. The graveyard may have had an iron railing enclosing it, in accordance with Tilghman Waters' will. There was no railing there in Robert Waters' childhood in the early 20th century. At present, all that remains is an area surrounding a large wild cherry tree beneath which the grave-stones are thrown haphazardly, the major part of the graveyard being ploughed under.

Negro graveyard: See map. Long unused, this graveyard was in existence in the earlier 20th century. If there are any stones, they are visible only when vines have withered.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Before 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Waters log house is significant as the only remaining structure of the William A. Waters farm, home since the early 19th century of one branch of the prominent land-holding family.

The Waters log house was in existence prior to 1904, as part of the farm purchased from the heirs of Michael and Charity Fout¹ by William A. Waters, a brother of Julian Waters, owner of the neighboring property. William, having repaired and restored the brick farmhouse (now destroyed but which had been used as a granary by the previous owners, who had either lived in or rented the log house), made it his home. During his occupancy of the farm (1904-1936), the log house was used as a tenant house for hired men and other farm workers, and their families.

In 1943, William's heirs sold the farm to Frank Cooper,² an electrical contractor who lived in New York. Mr. Cooper remodeled and modernized both the log house and the William A. Waters brick farmhouse. He sold the property in 1951 to Dyke and Ina Mae Cullum.³ Mr. Cullum was postmaster at Silver Spring. He hired a farm manager, for whom he built a small brick house near the site of the main farmhouse. The log house was used as a place in which to entertain; Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., a friend and, for a short time, a business associate of Mr. Cullum, was an occasional visitor. Later the log house was rented.

The Cullums sold the property to David Isen in 1965.⁴ In 1972, after two more transfers, the land became the property of Fairchild Industries.⁵ The William A. Waters house was razed in the late 1960s. For a period of time after the departure of the Cullums, a caretaker occupied the log house, but it has been vacant now for several years.

The log house may have been in existence much earlier than 1904. If so, it is likely that it was used as a habitation for farm workers then, too.

The William A. Waters house was traditionally regarded as a companion house to the Horace Waters brick house on the neighboring farm. With minor differences, the two houses had the same plan. A brick from the William A. Waters house, in the possession of Mrs. Mollie Christie, niece of Wm. A. Waters, is inscribed "BW 1807", providing a clue to the period of construction.

Late 19th and early 20th century records refer to the property as "Tilghman Waters' homeplace" and, occasionally, "Poplar Spring". It was apparently occupied by Zachariah Waters (1748-1824), oldest of the sons of William Waters, Sr., the progenitor of the Waters family in Montgomery County. Zachariah divided (1824) his estate between his three children, Baker, Tilghman, and Courtney.⁶ Tilghman (1785-1864) inherited

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Attachment Sheet A
Waters Log House

with other tracts "a tract called the William and Mary" with a saw mill and a grist mill. These mills existed on the Little Seneca Creek north of the log house until the early 20th century. Baker (1780 - 1846) inherited his father's dwelling with other real estate. He died in 1846, a widower without issue. His sister, Courtney, died unmarried in 1854. Tilghman inherited their estates, including the house. He married, at age 69, Mrs. Eleanor (Ellen) Magruder Briscoe. His will, probated 1864, provided that his cousin, Dr. Washington Waters, inherit the "homeplace" for life and after his death it would go to his son, Washington D. Waters; Ellen Waters in addition to lands in Frederick County, was to be permitted to occupy the farm for three years after Tilghman's death. The will also provided for "the proper suitable and permanent enclosure with iron railings of the family burying ground on my homeplace, to the erection of suitable head and foot stones of Italian marble over the remains of my father, mother, brother, sister, and reserving and declaring the said piece of ground is to be kept as a place of interment for myself and wife only, and reserving for my family and connections the right of access thereto".⁷

The Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County, 1865, shows Mrs. Ellen Waters on the farm and "Mrs. Waters S & G Mill" on the Little Seneca. She married Dr. Washington Waters, whom the 1879 G.M. Hopkins Map of Montgomery County shows residing at the farm. In 1882 Washington Waters died and his son Washington D. acquired the farm in accordance with the will of Tilghman Waters. As a result of a mortgage default, Michael Fout bought the property at public sale in 1895.⁸ It remained in the possession of the Fout family until 1904.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, 178/159 (June 16, 1904).
- 2 Ibid., 919/129 (Sept. 15, 1943).
- 3 Ibid., 1596/535 (Nov. 9, 1951).
- 4 Ibid., 3459/604 (Dec. 17, 1965).
- 5 Ibid., 4208/764
- 6 Montgomery County Will Records, 0/169 (probated March 16, 1825).
- 7 Ibid., JWS 1/256 (probated April 12, 1864).
- 8 Montgomery County Land Records, JA 49/225 (May 21, 1895).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Wills
U.S. Census Records, Montgomery County (1820-1900)
Interviews: Ethel Browning
 H. Dorsey Waters
 Robert L. Waters
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Area enclosed by fence, surrounding house, at the end of the road joining Waters Road at Route 270 on the west side.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Geraldine Berkman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

6/79

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Md. 21401
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SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
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Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Waters Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 70-S at golf course (off old Waters Road)

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Germantown

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: golf

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ervin Construction Co.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8630 Fenton Street

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M:19-2

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a tall, narrow, three-bay structure that appears to be of modern construction, since it is covered with wooden shingles and has a newer brick chimney on the west end. However, it is actually a log building underneath, with large squared oak logs. The logs are chinked with cement, and form the frame of the short, two-story house. The entire house, including a low, one-story wing on the east, has been covered with shingles in a beach cottage style. The window frames and sash are new, as well as the hooded porticoes on the front and rear center doorways.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:19-2

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was one of the 19th Century Waters Homes. This family farmed most of the acreage in the Germantown area for many generations. This was possibly the home of Mrs. Ellen Waters, at one time.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/6/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

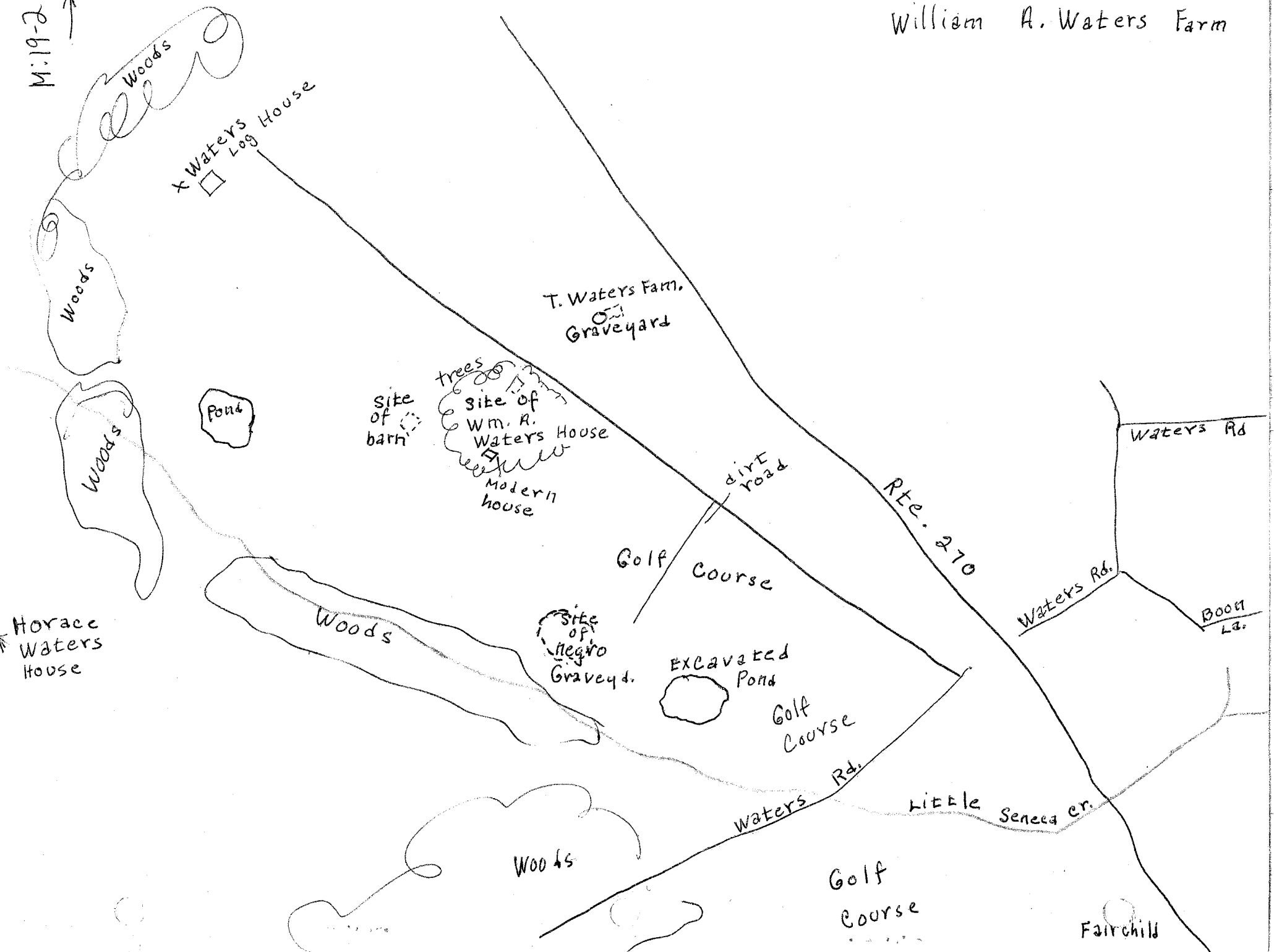
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Waters log House

William A. Waters Farm





NAME WATERS LOG HOUSE #19-2

LOCATION WATERS Rd. + 705 GERMANTOWN, Md

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



NAME WATERS LOG HOUSE #A-2
LOCATION WATERS Rd + 705 GERMANTOWN, Md
FACADE E
PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



NAME WATERS LOG HOUSE #19-2
LOCATION WATERS Rd + 705 GERMANTOWN, Md
FACADE W
PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD