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November 13, 2000

## MEMORANDUM

To: William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager  
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From: David Brook *for David Brook*  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Re: US 52 Relocation, TIP No. R-2903, Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly  
Counties, ER 99-8988

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- Walton Log House and Barn
- Lyerly Family Farm

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William D. Gilmore  
November 16, 2000

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Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have any questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, Environmental Review Coordinator, at 919 733-4763.

cc: Mary Pope Furr, NCDOT  
Nicholas Graf, FHWA

bc: BROWN/MONTGOMERY ✓  
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Dear David:

Subject: R-2903, US 52 relocation, Rowan, Cabarrus, and Stanly Counties

Enclosed are two copies of a supplement to the Historic Architecture survey report for the subject project for your review and concurrence.

If you need additional information on any part of this report, please contact me at 733-7842 extension 298.

Reply to Gilmore  
cc: BC  
mP Farr  
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Roy

Thank you for your assistance in advancing the planning of this project.

Sincerely,

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## MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

This report is a supplement to the study entitled, *Phase II Historic Architectural Resources Survey and Report, US 52 Relocation, Rowan, Cabarrus and Stanly Counties, TIP No. R-2903* (March 1999). The basic scope of services for this project is outlined in the North Carolina Department of Transportation document "Historic Architectural Resources, Survey Procedures and Report Guidelines" (June 15, 1994) and the revised State Historic Preservation Office procedures (February 1996). The goal of the Supplemental Phase 2 survey is to identify all eligible architectural resources as defined by the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places. An intensive survey was conducted within the area of potential effects (APE) based upon the proposed bypass alternatives. The bypass alternatives in the supplemental study are located in Rowan County at the northwest section of the project. They extend approximately one mile, from the vicinity of Providence Church Road near Bringle Ferry Road (SR1002) westward to the vicinity of Union Church Road (SR 1915) (Figure 1). This supplemental report does not reiterate information already presented in the 1999 Phase II study. Sections of the existing study, which are relevant to the supplement, are referenced accordingly.

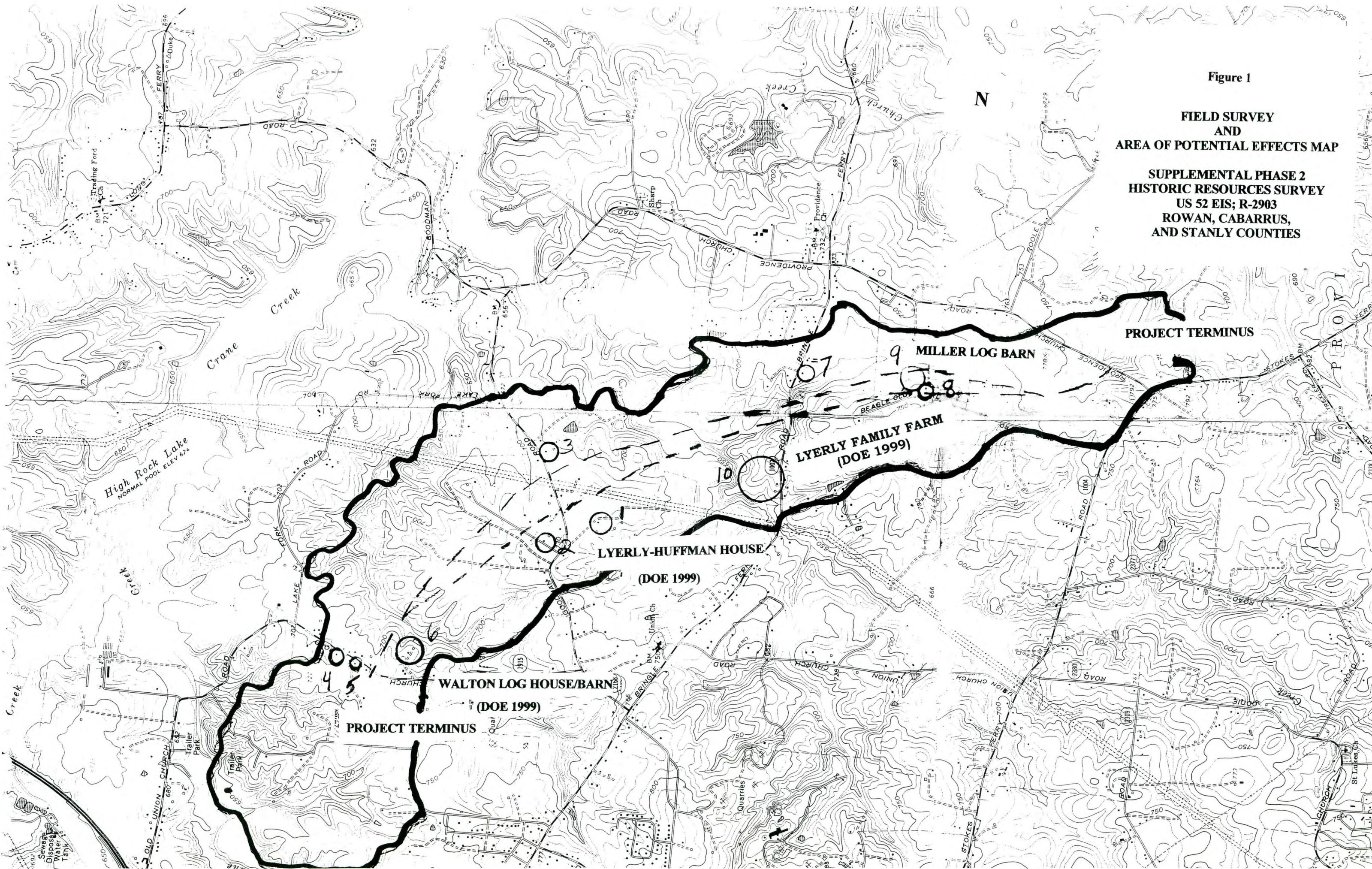
The APE for the supplement incorporates the alternatives, the view sheds of these proposed routes, and the areas that may face secondary impacts from the proposed undertaking. Modern residential development as well as areas of woodland and rolling topography delimits the supplemental APE, which overlaps slightly with the existing APE for the US 52 project. A large portion of the supplemental study area remains agrarian, although modern dwellings occupy subdivided parcels throughout the APE (Figure 1).

The supplemental field survey was conducted by automobile as well as on foot to delineate the APE and to identify all properties within this area that were at least fifty years of age. These properties were photographed, mapped, and evaluated, and those considered worthy of further analysis were intensively surveyed and evaluated for National Register eligibility. For those resources considered to be eligible for the National Register, site plans were drawn and National Register boundaries were determined.

A total of ten resources, which appeared to be at least fifty years of age, were surveyed. Three of these properties were previously determined eligible for the National Register in the Phase II report. One additional resource, the Miller Log Barn, is recommended eligible for the National Register.



Figure 1  
FIELD SURVEY  
AND  
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS MAP  
SUPPLEMENTAL PHASE 2  
HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY  
US 52 EIS; R-2903  
ROWAN, CABARRUS,  
AND STANLY COUNTIES





### Supplement

Properties Listed in the National Register

None

Properties Listed in the National Register Study List

None

Properties Previously Determined Eligible for the National Register

(Keyed to Survey Map)

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| 10. | Lyerly Family Farm (DOE 1999)        | 5 |

Properties Evaluated Intensively and Considered Eligible  
for the National Register (Keyed to Survey Map)

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| 9. | Miller Log Barn | 6 |
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Properties Evaluated Intensively and Considered Ineligible  
for the National Register

None

Other Properties Evaluated and Considered Ineligible  
for the National Register

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|----|----------------|----|
| 2. | House          | 15 |
| 3. | House and Barn | 15 |
| 4. | House          | 15 |
| 5. | House          | 15 |
| 7. | House          | 15 |
| 8. | House          | 15 |

**Properties Previously Determined Eligible for the National Register****1. Lyerly-Huffman House (DOE 1999)(R-2903)**

East side SR 2168, 0.2 mile down unpaved lane, approximately 1 mile north of junction with SR 1915, Union Church vicinity, Rowan County

This property remains unchanged since the determination of eligibility (see Phase II report for description and boundaries).

**6. Walton Log House and Barn (DOE 1999)(R-2903)**

Northeast side SR 1916. 0.2 mile down unpaved lane, approximately 1 mile north of junction with SR 1002, Union Church vicinity, Rowan County

This property remains unchanged since the determination of eligibility (see Phase II report for description and boundaries).

**10. Lyerly Family Farm (DOE 1999)(R-2903)**

North Side SR 1002, 0.75 mile east of Union Church Road  
Union Church vicinity, Rowan County

This property remains unchanged since the determination of eligibility (see Phase II report for description and boundaries).



## **Properties Evaluated Intensively and Considered Eligible for the National Register**

### **9. Miller Log Barn**

North side Beagle Club Road, 0.1 mile down unpaved lane, approximately 0.5 mile east of junction with SR 1002, Union Church vicinity, Rowan County

#### **Date of Construction**

Mid-nineteenth century

#### **Associated Buildings and Sites**

Frame Granary, Tack House, Sheds (3), Hay Storage Shelter

#### **Setting and Landscape Design (Figure 2)**

The Miller Log Barn is located in a rural, agrarian setting along Beagle Club Road near Bringle Ferry Road (SR 1002). The barn is the focal point of a small, well-defined complex of farm outbuildings sited in a tree-shaded area north of the modern house and yard. There are fields to the north, east, and west of the complex.

#### **Physical Description and Evaluation of Integrity**

The Miller Log Barn is a substantially intact, half-dovetailed log barn. It follows a traditional double-crib plan with a standing-seam metal, side-gable roof that projects slightly over the front facade to create a protective overhang. The upper sections of the barn were used for hay storage while the lower sections were used for storing grain and sheltering livestock. Typical of such barns, there were later frame extensions on the side elevations. Hurricane Hugo destroyed these appendages, and they were replaced by the present metal extensions.

The fence-enclosed farm complex also includes a cluster of later outbuildings erected during the course of the twentieth century. A side-gable, frame granary with vertical-board siding and a metal-sided appendage stands directly south of the log barn. A gable-front, board-and-batten tack house is sited to the east, beside a frame equipment shelter. Two small, frame sheds and a modern hay storage shelter are also located east of the barn, opposite the tack house and equipment shelter.

#### **Historical Background**

Little is known about the history of this property. The Miller family whose ancestors settled this region during the great migration of Germans and Scotch-Irish into the North Carolina Piedmont in the eighteenth century apparently originally owned the tract. The property continues to be owned by descendants of the Miller family, and a ruinous, late-nineteenth-century Miller residence remains nearby.

#### **Evaluation of Eligibility**

The Miller Log Barn is recommended as eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for architecture (see the Phase II report, Architecture Context). It is a well-preserved example of the traditional double-crib log barn type, which was once common throughout Rowan County but is now rare. Although the later frame and metal outbuildings that stand nearby are non-contributing resources, they are part of a tree-shaded farm complex that clearly defines the setting.

The property is not associated with an historical event or pattern of events that would qualify it for eligibility under Criterion A. Specifically, the tract is not considered to have historical agricultural

significance. The late-nineteenth-century Miller farmhouse is ruinous, and while some pasture remains, woodlands have reclaimed cultivated fields. The property is also not considered eligible under Criterion B because it is not associated with individuals whose activities were demonstrably important within a local, state, or national historic context. Finally, the property is not eligible under Criterion D because the architectural component is not likely to yield information important in the history of building technology.

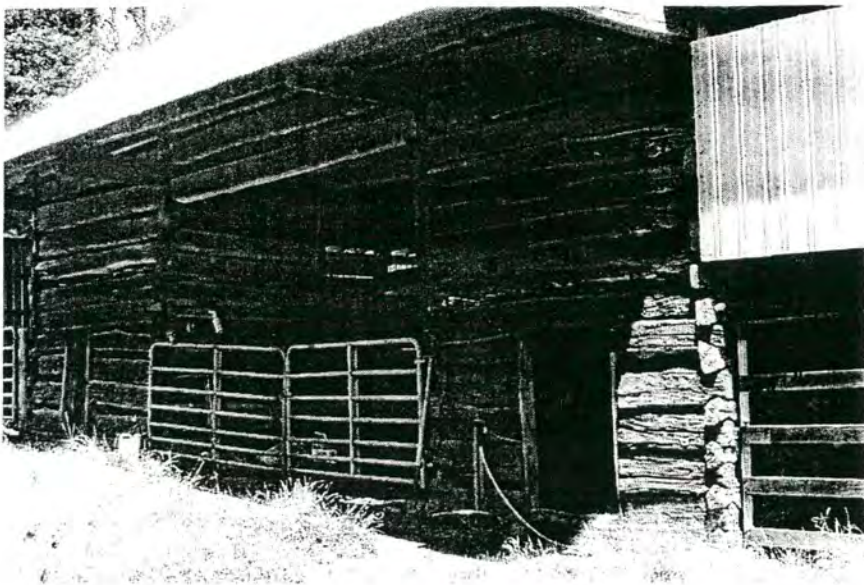
Boundary (Figure 3)

The proposed National Register boundaries consist of the log barn (contributing resource) and the adjacent outbuildings (non-contributing) that form the well-defined farm complex. The boundaries generally follow fencing along the north, south, and west sides of the complex, and trace the farm lane along the east side.

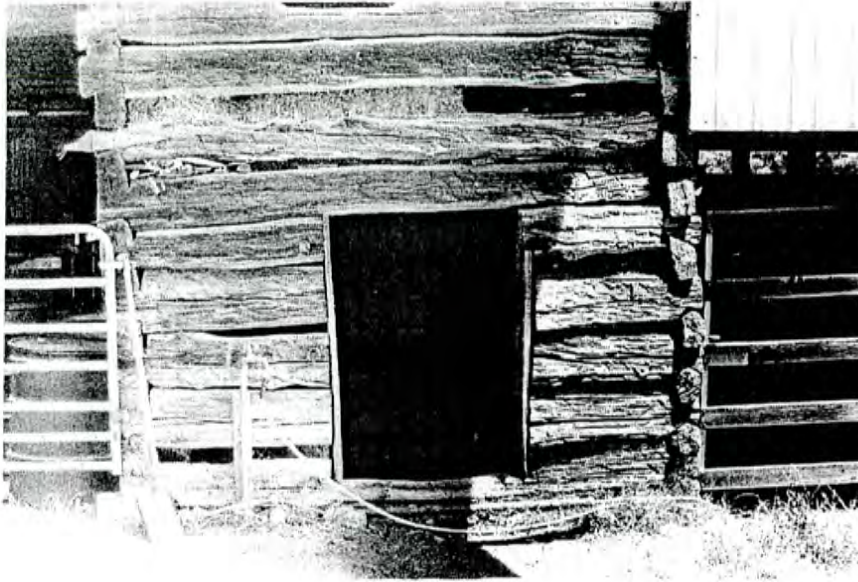




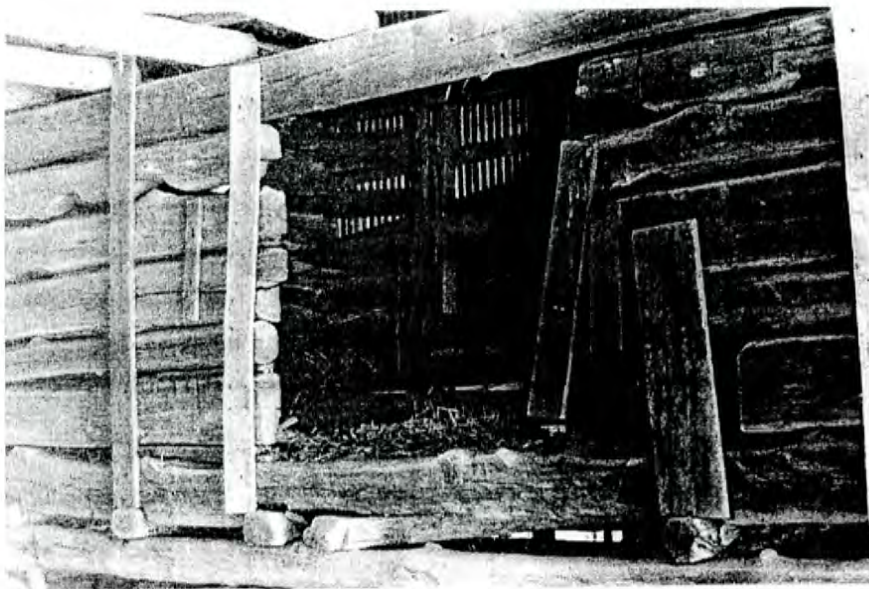
Miller Log Barn, Looking West.



Miller Log Barn, Looking South.

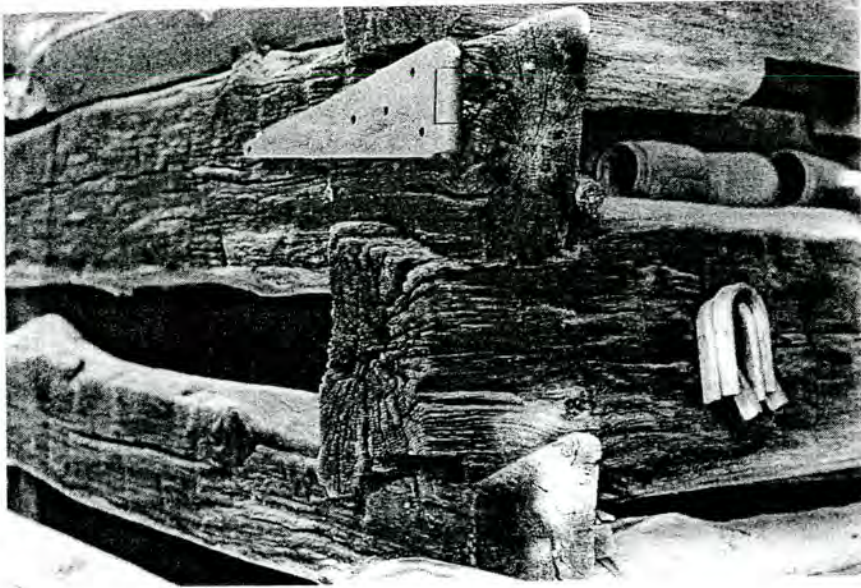


Miller Log Barn, Log Crib.

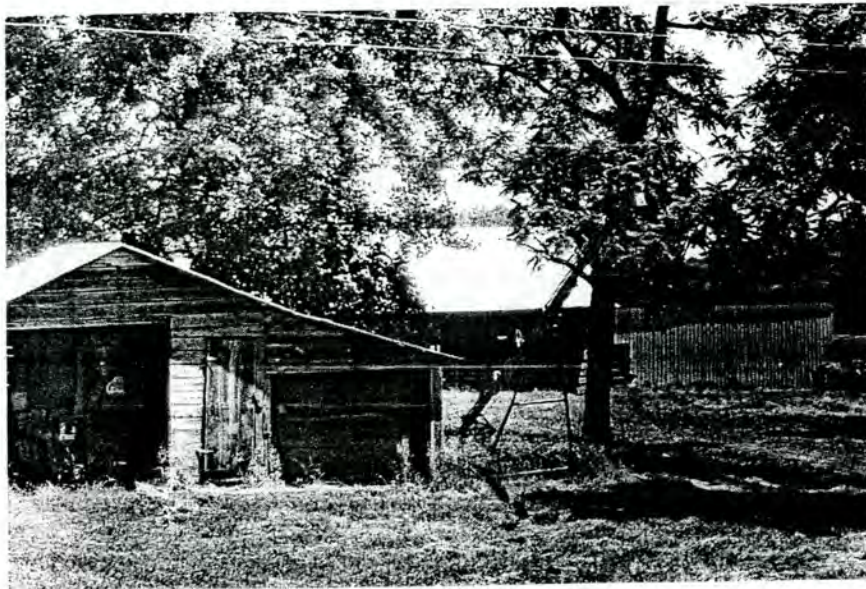


Miller Log Barn, Interior.

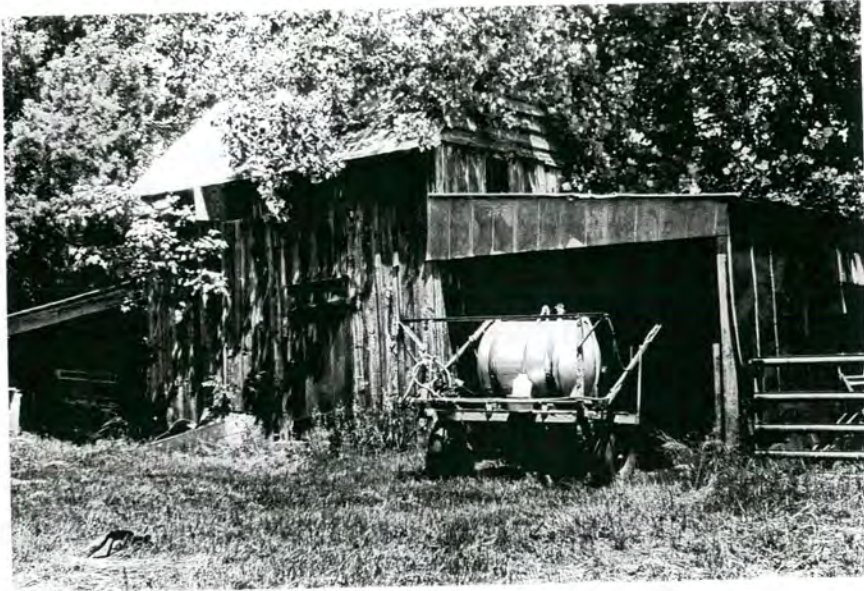




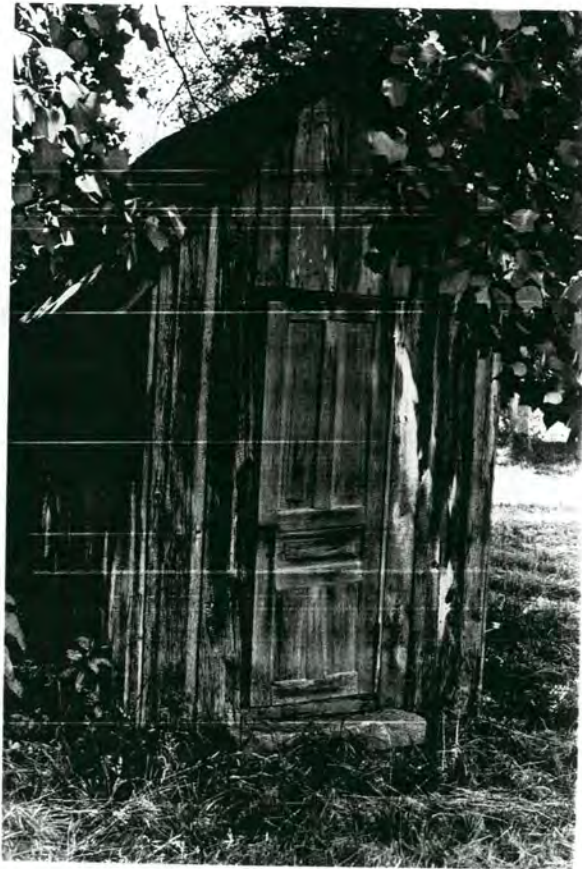
Miller Log Barn, Notching Detail.



Miller Log Barn—Farm Complex, Looking West.



Miller Log Barn—Granary, Looking West.



Miller Log Barn—Tack House, Looking South.





Miller Log Barn, Sheds and Hay Storage Shelter, Looking North.



Miller Log Barn—Farm Complex, Looking North.

Figure 2

Miller Log Barn  
Site Plan

(not to scale)

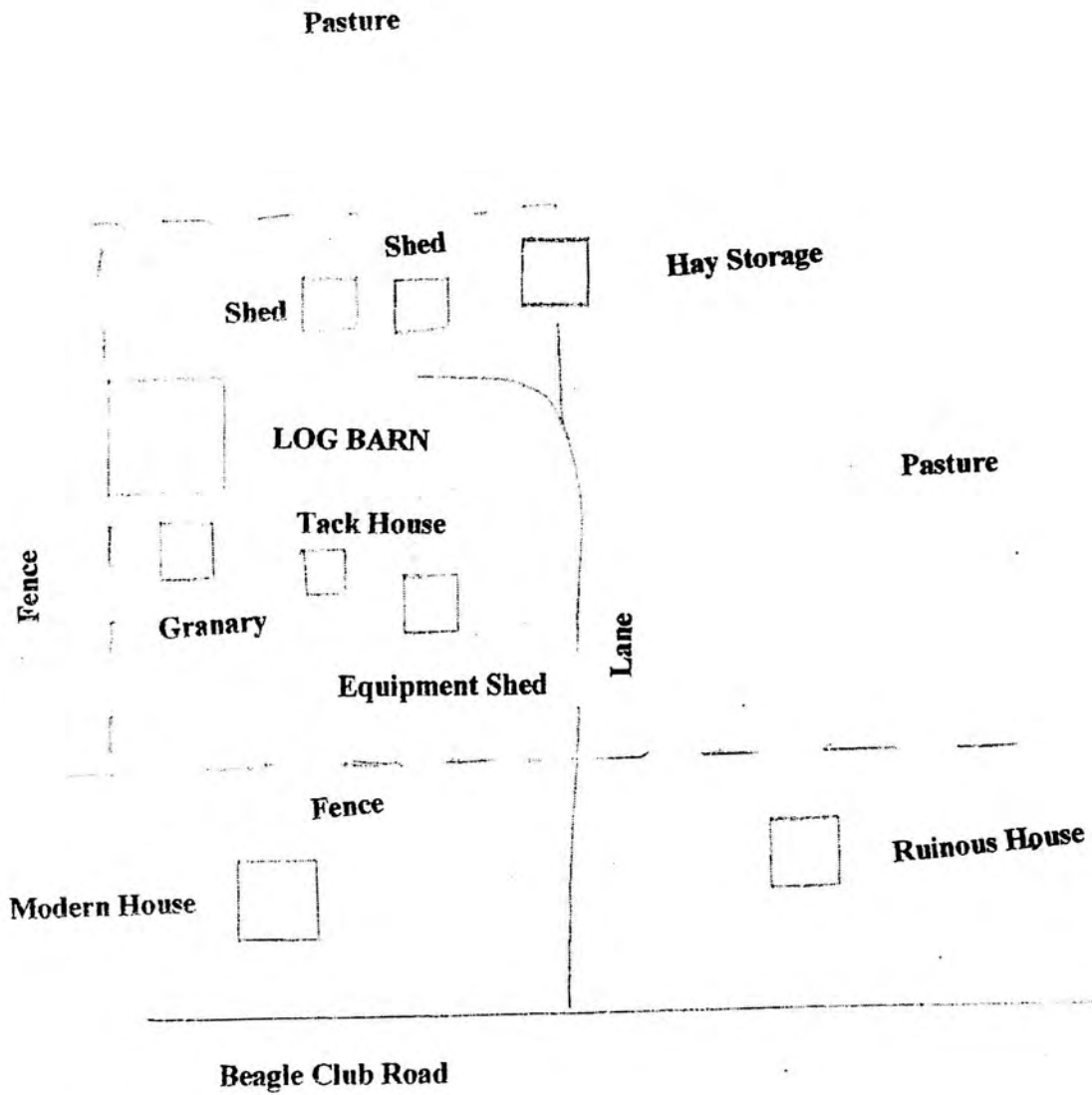
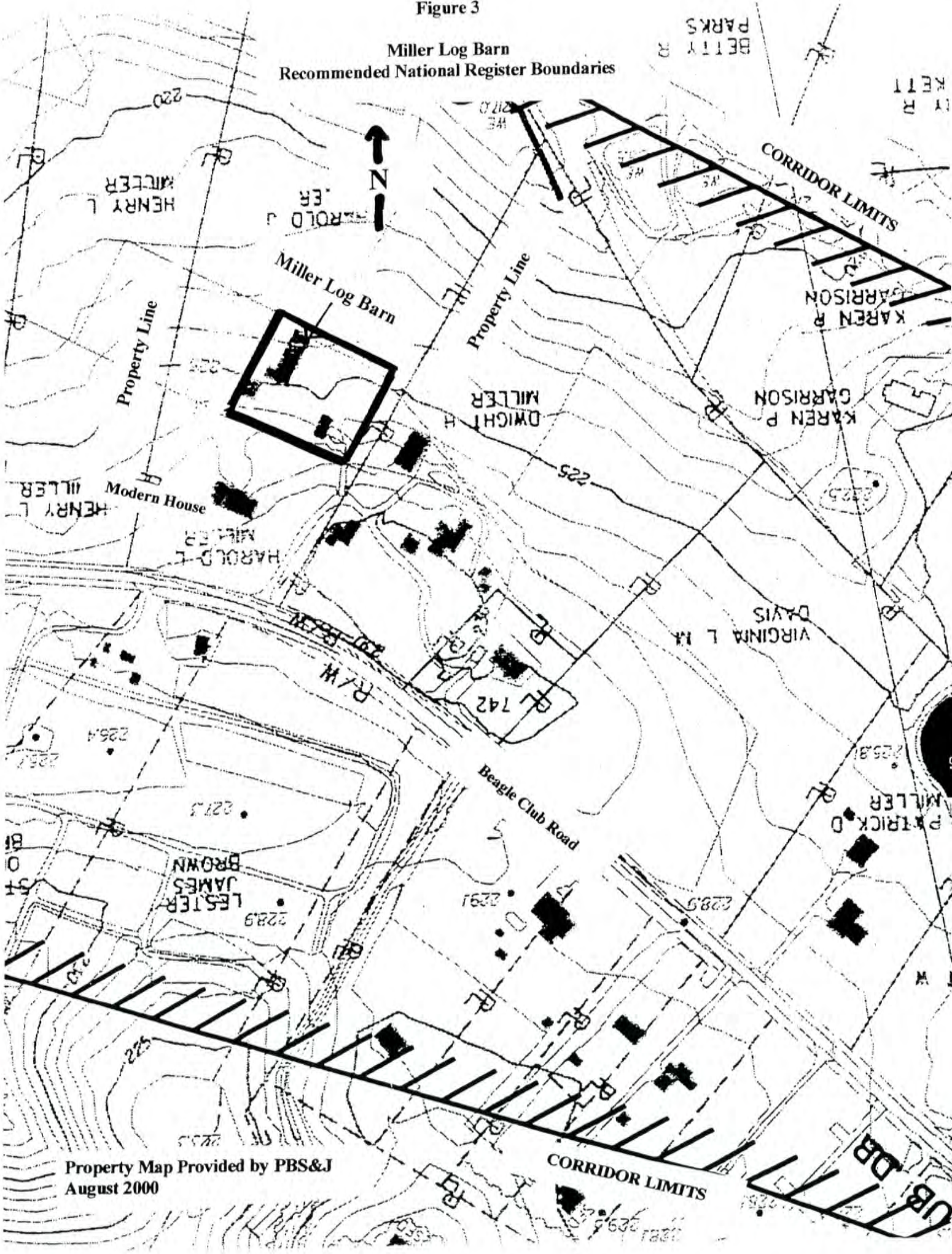




Figure 3

Miller Log Barn  
Recommended National Register Boundaries

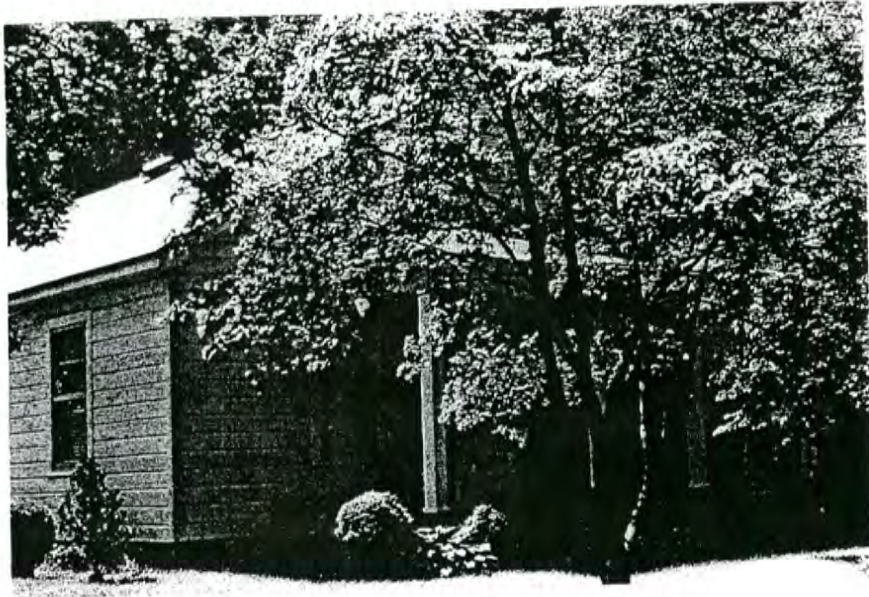


Property Map Provided by PBS&J  
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**Other Properties Evaluated and Considered Ineligible for the National Register  
(Keyed to Survey Map)**

2. House                      Gable-front, German-sided bungalow; no special architectural or historical significance
3. House and Barn        Hip-roofed, weatherboard bungalow with engaged front porch and tapered posts on brick piers; a metal-sided, gable-front barn stands to the rear, though the property does not have a full array of agricultural outbuildings; no special architectural or historical significance
4. House                      Aluminum-sided, gable-front bungalow; no special architectural or historical significance
5. House                      Aluminum-sided, heavily altered, side-gable cottage; no special architectural or historical significance
7. House                      Brick-veneered, side-gable bungalow with engaged porch and gabled dormer; no associated agricultural outbuildings; no special architectural or historical significance
8. House                      Weatherboard, two-story, L-plan farmhouse; constructed in the late nineteenth century; ruinous condition; no special architectural or historical significance





House (No. 2).



House and Barn (No. 3).



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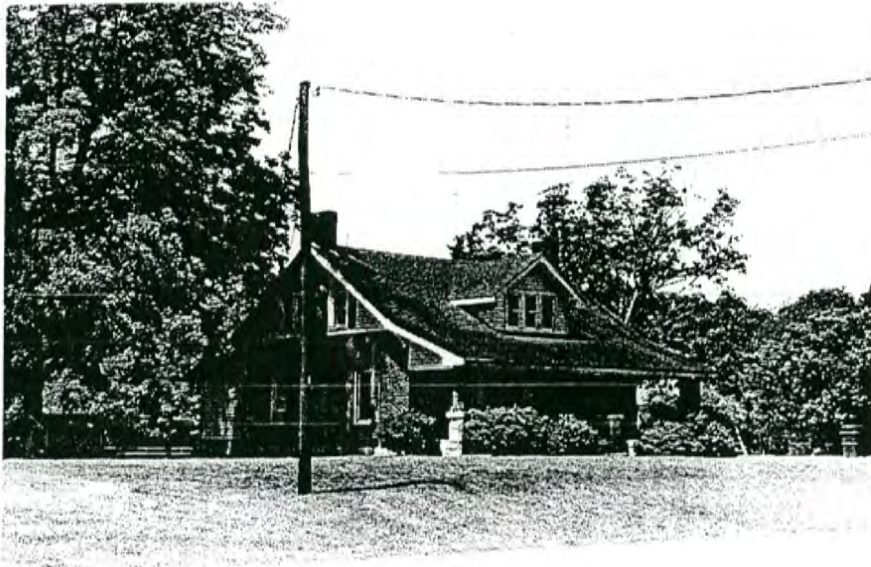


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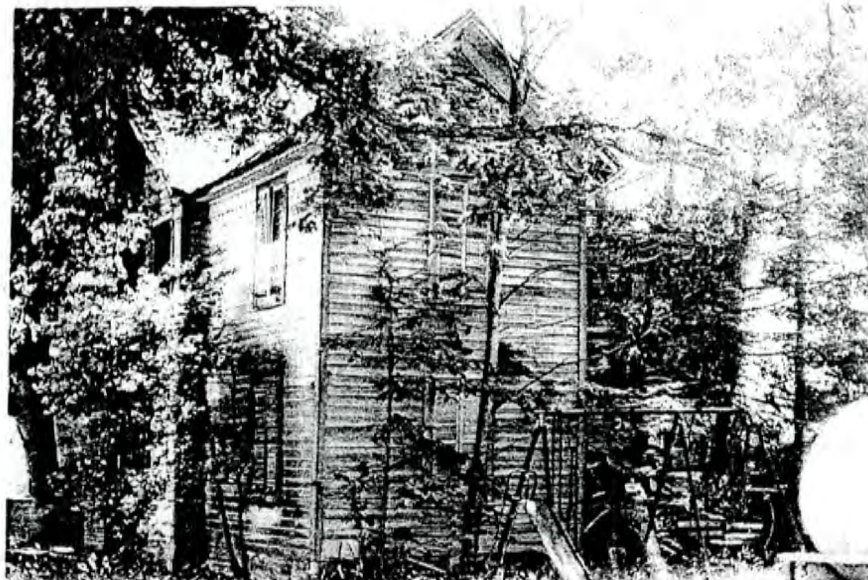




House (No. 5)



House (No. 7)



House (No. 8).