

**Historic Resource Survey Form**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
Bureau for Historic Preservation**Name, Location and Ownership** (Items 1-6; see Instructions, page 4)

HISTORIC NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT/Common Name Conestoga Township Rural Historic DistrictSTREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP 17516, 17603

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY Conestoga TownshipCOUNTY Lancaster CountyTAX PARCEL #/YEAR multipleUSGS QUAD McCalls FerryOWNERSHIP  Private Public/Local  Public/County  Public/State  Public/FederalOWNER NAME/ADDRESS multipleCATEGORY OF PROPERTY  Building  Site  Structure  Object  DistrictTOTAL NUMBER OF RESOURCES 3**Function** (Items 7-8; see Instructions, pages 4-6)

Historic Function

Subcategory

Particular Type

AgricultureAgricultural FieldFarmAgricultureAgricultural FieldPastureAgricultureStorageBarn

Current Function

Subcategory

Particular Type

AgricultureAgricultural FieldFarmAgricultureAgricultural FieldPastureAgricultureStorageBarn*(see continuation sheet)***Architectural/Property Information** (Items 9-14; see Instructions, pages 6-7)

## ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

ColonialGeorgian VernacularColonialPennsylvania Germanic

## EXTERIOR MATERIALS and STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

Foundation

StoneConcrete

Walls

WoodStone

Roof

AsphaltMetal

Other

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Structural System

Wood, StoneTimber- post and beam, Brick

WIDTH -- (feet) or -- (# bays)

DEPTH -- (feet) or -- (# rooms)

STORIES/HEIGHT --

**Property Features** (Items 15-17; see Instructions, pages 7-8)Setting Agricultural/Farm, Rural Villages

Ancillary Features

Contour CroplandPastureSilosFencingLime KilnsFarmstead ComplexesAcreage 10,496 acres (round to nearest tenth)**Historical Information** (Items 18-21; see Instructions, page 8)Year Construction Began 1712  Circa      Year Completed 1960  CircaDate of Major Additions, Alterations \_\_\_\_\_  Circa      \_\_\_\_\_  Circa      \_\_\_\_\_  CircaBasis for Dating  Documentary  PhysicalExplain Based upon historic documentation and existing historic building fabricCultural/Ethnic Affiliation(s) Pennsylvania German, Irish, Anglo-English, African-American

Associated Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Associated Event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Architect(s) Edward F. Gay, Civil Engineer, Conestoga Navigation Canal

Builder(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Information** (Items 22-23; see Instructions, page 8)Previous Survey/Determinations 101542, 101543Threats  None  Neglect  Public Development  Private Development  OtherExplain (refer to continuation sheet)This submission is related to a  non-profit grant application  business tax incentive  
 NHPA/PA History Code Project Review  other**Preparer Information** (Items 24-30; see Instructions, page 9)Name & Title Thomas E. Jones, Historic Preservation PlannerDate Prepared April 2016 Project Name Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline ProjectOrganization/Company AECOM/URSMailing Address 525 Vine Street, Ste. 1800, Cincinnati, OH 45202Phone 513-651-3440Email conservator59@gmail.com

**National Register Evaluation** (Item 31; see Instructions, page 9)

(To be completed by Survey Director, Agency Consultant, or for Project Reviews ONLY.)

- Not Eligible (due to  lack of significance and/or  lack of integrity)
- Eligible Area(s) of Significance Agricultural, Architecture, Archaeology, Community Planning and Development, Exploration and Settlement, Industry, Landscape Architecture
- Criteria Considerations \_\_\_\_\_ Period of Significance 1712-1960
- Contributes to Potential or Eligible District District Name Conestoga Township Rural Historic District

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*(continued on following page)***Additional Information**

The following must be submitted with form. Check the appropriate box as each piece is completed and attach to form with paperclip.

- Narrative Sheets—Description/Integrity and History/Significance (See Instructions, pages 13-14)
- Current Photos (See Instructions, page 10)
- Photo List (See Instructions, page 11)
- Site Map (sketch site map on 8.5x11 page; include North arrow, approximate scale; label all resources, street names, and geographic features; show exterior photo locations; See Instructions, page 11)
- Floor Plan (sketch main building plans on 8.5x11 page; include North arrow, scale bar or length/width dimensions; label rooms; show interior photo locations; See Instructions, page 11)
- USGS Map (submit original, photocopy, or download from TopoZone.com; See Instructions, page 12)

**Send Completed Form and Additional Information to:**

National Register Program  
 Bureau for Historic Preservation/PHMC  
 Keystone Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 400 North St.  
 Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093

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**Photo List** (Item 33)Photographer name See BelowDate VariousLocation Negatives/Electronic Images Stored URS/AECOM, 525 Vine Street, Ste. 1800, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Photo #	Photo Description	Photo Credit	Camera Direction
1	Recent photograph of the scenic rolling hills and cultural landscape within the proposed Conestoga Township Rural Historic District, taken along Loop Road. This attractive view is typical for very large rural farm areas within Conestoga Township.		
2	Recent photograph of typical scenic cultural landscape along the Conestoga River, near the Village of Slackwater, in the proposed Conestoga Township Rural Historic District.		
3	Shenk Barn, circa 1786, an excellent example of a well-preserved masonry Pennsylvania German Bank Barn, of which there are a number in the Conestoga Township Rural Historic District.		
4	Recent photograph of the Benedict Eschleman House, circa 1769, note the adjacent 18 <sup>th</sup> -century hewn log and stone masonry agricultural outbuilding, located within the proposed Conestoga Township Rural Historic District. This is the second 18 <sup>th</sup> -century Germanic Farmhouse and Farm building Complex built by Benedict Eschleman on his over 600-acre tract of land that he purchased in 1727.		
<b>BHP Key No. 101543</b>			
5	Southern elevation of Main Dwelling House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	N
6	Northern elevation of Main Dwelling House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	S
7	East elevation of Main Dwelling House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SW
8	Northern elevation of Main Dwelling House, west elevation of Summer Kitchen	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
9	View from Main Dwelling House basement to exterior entrance looking south	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	S
10	Eastern elevation of Summer Kitchen	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	W
11	Southern elevation of Summer Kitchen	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	N
12	Remains of cast iron range stove in Summer Kitchen	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	E
13	West and south elevation of Chicken Coop	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
14	North and east elevation of Chicken Coop	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	S
15	West elevation of Smoke House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	E
16	South and west elevation of Smoke House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
17	West and south elevation of Stables	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
18	North and west elevation of Stables with Implement Shed in the background	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SE
19	East and south elevation of Tobacco Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NW
20	West and south elevation of Tobacco Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
21	North elevation of Tobacco Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SE
22	South and east elevation of Bank Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NW
23	East and north elevation of Bank Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SW
24	North and west elevation of Bank Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SE
25	West elevation of Implement Shed	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	E

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27	North and east elevation of Corn Crib	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SW
28	South and west elevation of Corn Crib	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	NE
29	West elevation of Pole Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	E
30	East elevation of Pole Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	SW
31	Detail of datestone on south façade of Main Dwelling House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	N
32	Detail of datestone on south façade of Main Dwelling House	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	N
33	Spring located north of Bank Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Mike Robb	W
<b>BHP Key No. 862141</b>			
34	East Elevation of Main Dwelling	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	W
35	Northern elevation of Main Dwelling	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	S
36	Marble datestone in second story, east elevation	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	W
37	Bank Barn with Roadside Stand in foreground	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	SE
38	North elevation of Poultry House and Bank Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	S
39	East elevation of Poultry House with Bank Barn and Implement Shed in foreground	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	W
40	West elevation of Gable Entry Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	E
41	East elevation of Gable Entry Barn	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	W
42	Roadside Stand west elevation	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	E
43	Shed (a), north and west elevations, possible Pump House	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	SE
44	Shed (a), north and east elevation with modern outbuilding in background	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	SW
45	Shed (b), north elevation	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	S
46	View of Warfel Farm looking southeast	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	SE
47	Bank Barn (circa 2014)	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	NW
48	Bank Barn (circa 2014)	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	N
49	Non-historic Smoke House and Prefabricated Shed	Vanessa Zeoli, Sara McLaughlin	N
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50	Main Dwelling	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	NE
51	Main Dwelling addition looking east	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	E
52	Bank Barn and shed	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	NW
53	Bank Barn looking northwest	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	NW
54	Shed looking northwest	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	NW
55	Bank Barn and shed with Main Dwelling in the background	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	E
56	Bank Barn and shed	Elizabeth Breiseth, Vanessa Zeoli, Rebecca Turner	E

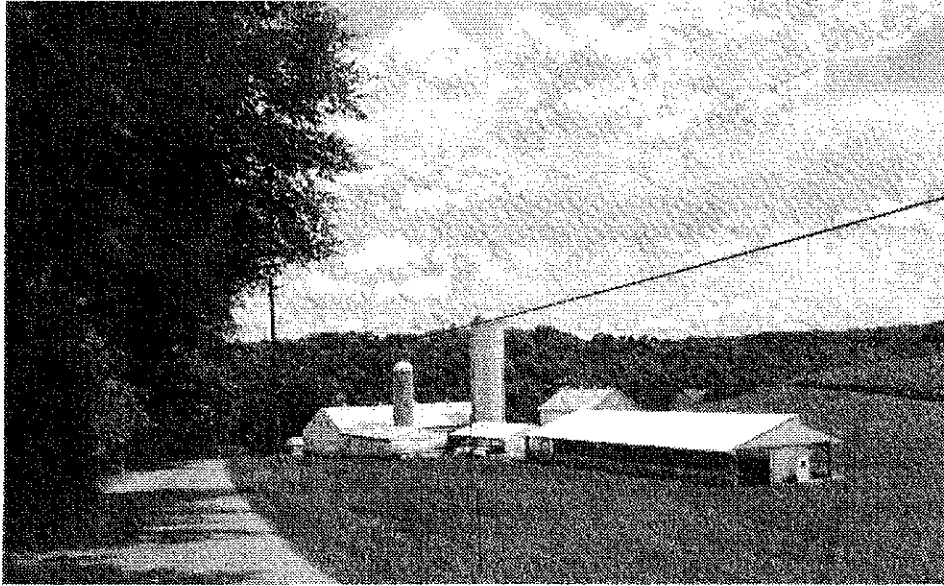
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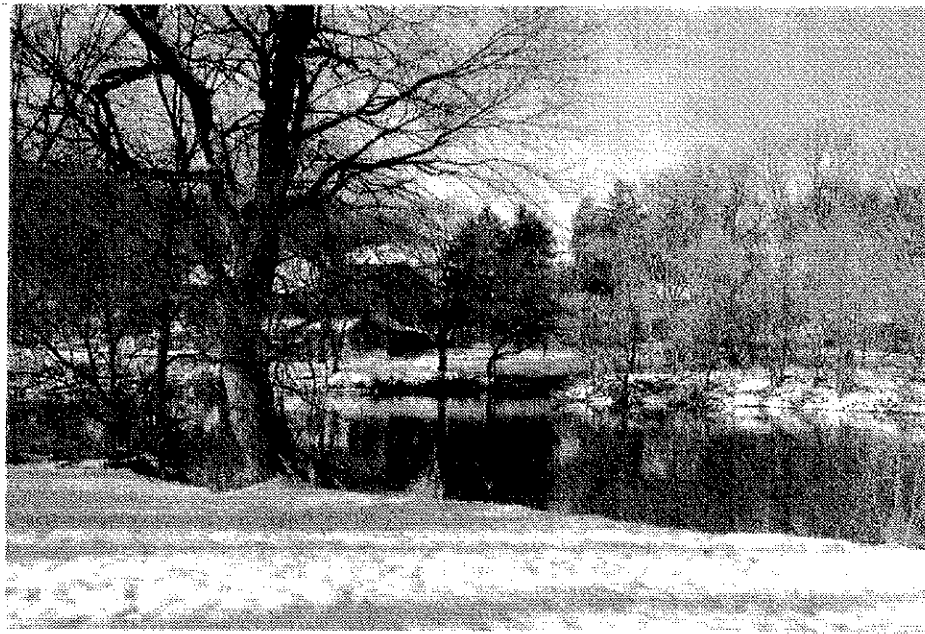


Photo 2: Recent photograph of typical scenic cultural landscape along the Conestoga River, near the Village of Slackwater, in the proposed Conestoga Township Rural Historic District.



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Photo 3: Shenk Barn (c. 1786), an excellent example of a well-preserved masonry Pennsylvania German Bank Barn (Herr 1992)



Photo 4: 1992 photograph of another house attributed to Benedict Eschelmann (c. 1769) showing an adjacent 18<sup>th</sup>-century hewn log and stone agricultural outbuilding. (Herr 1992)

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Photo 5: Southern elevation of Main Dwelling House, circa 1759

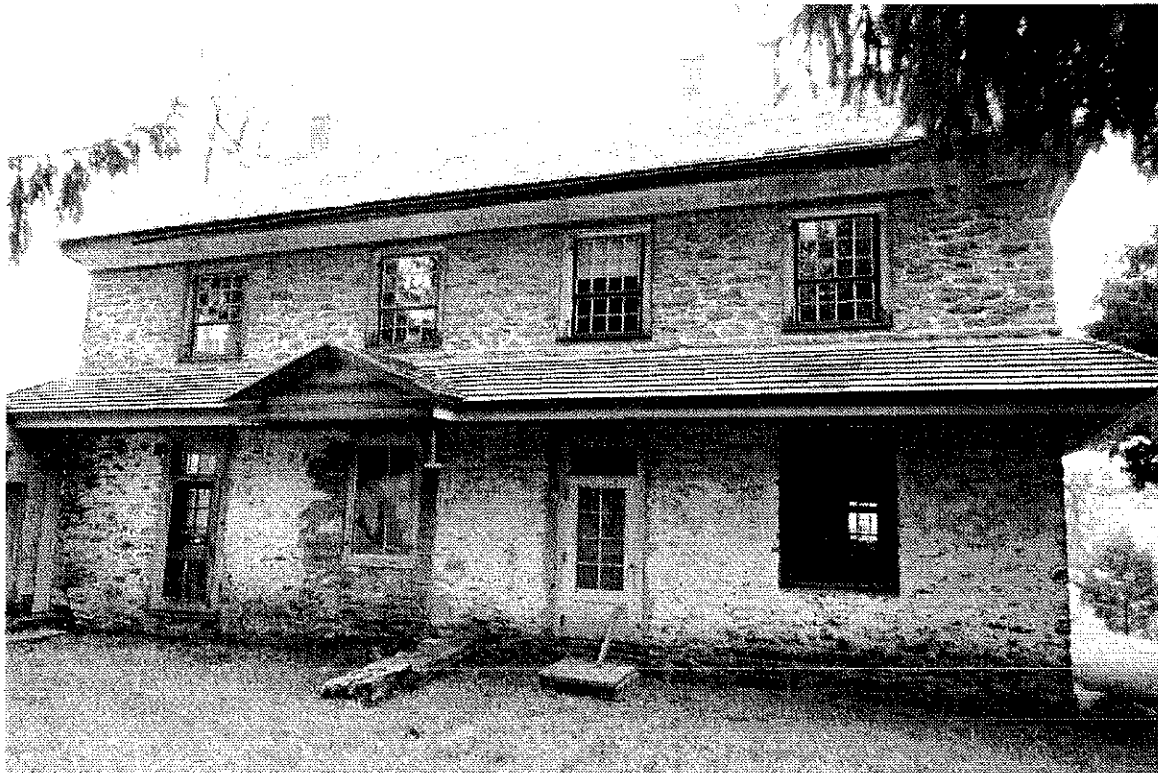


Photo 6: Northern elevation of Main Dwelling House, circa 1759, of Benedict and Anna Eschleman

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Photo 7: East elevation of Main Dwelling House, circa 1759

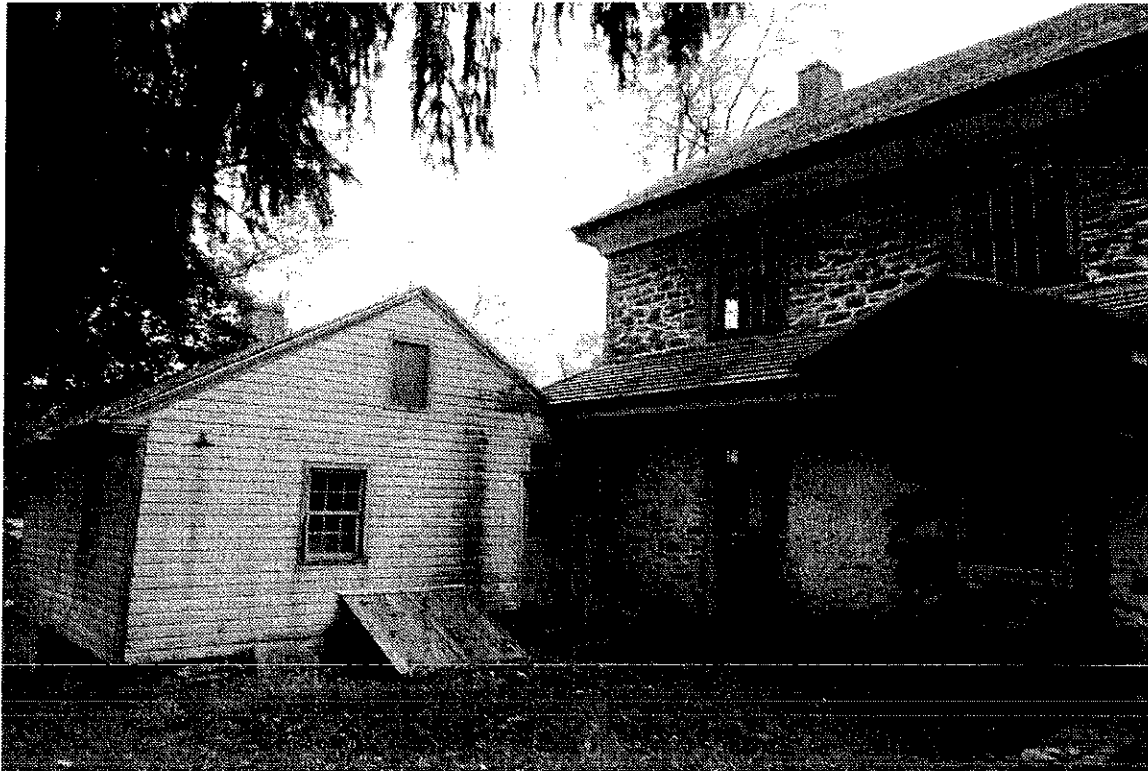


Photo 8: Northern elevation of Main Dwelling House, west elevation of Summer Kitchen

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Photo 9: View from Main Dwelling House basement to exterior entrance looking south



Photo 10: Eastern elevation of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Summer Kitchen



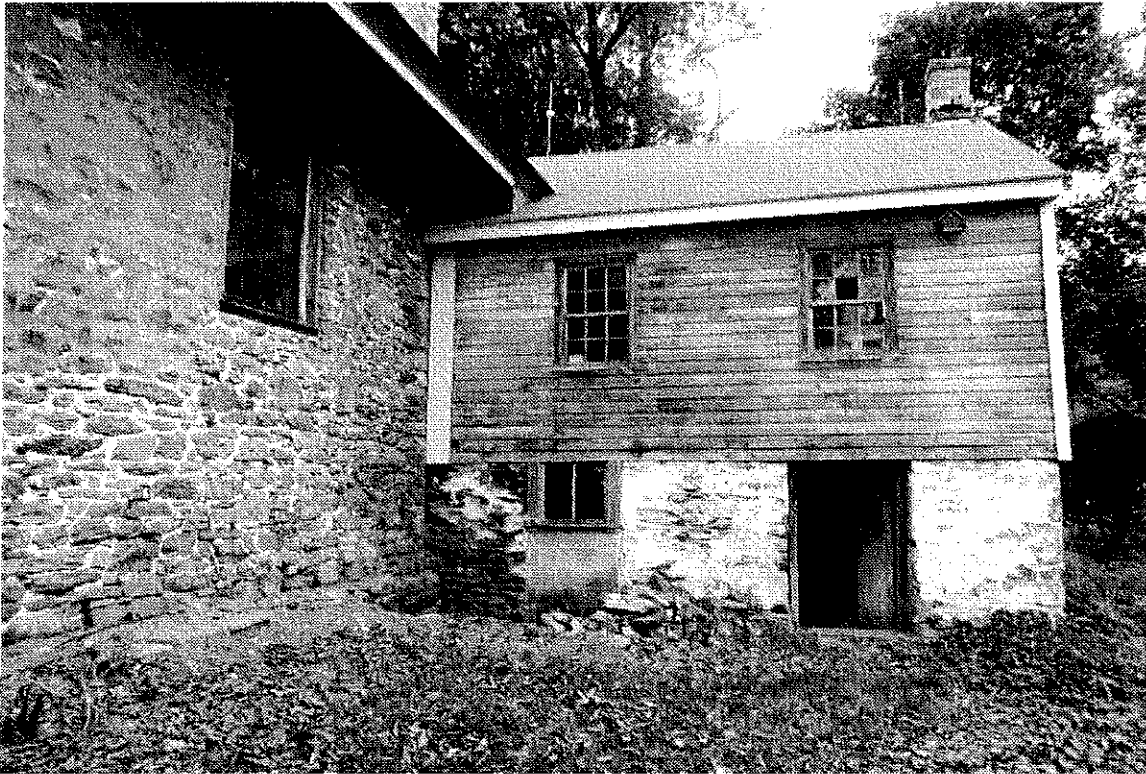
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Photo 11: Southern elevation of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Summer Kitchen



Photo 12: Remains of latter 19<sup>th</sup>-century cast iron range stove for volume cooking and food processing in Summer Kitchen

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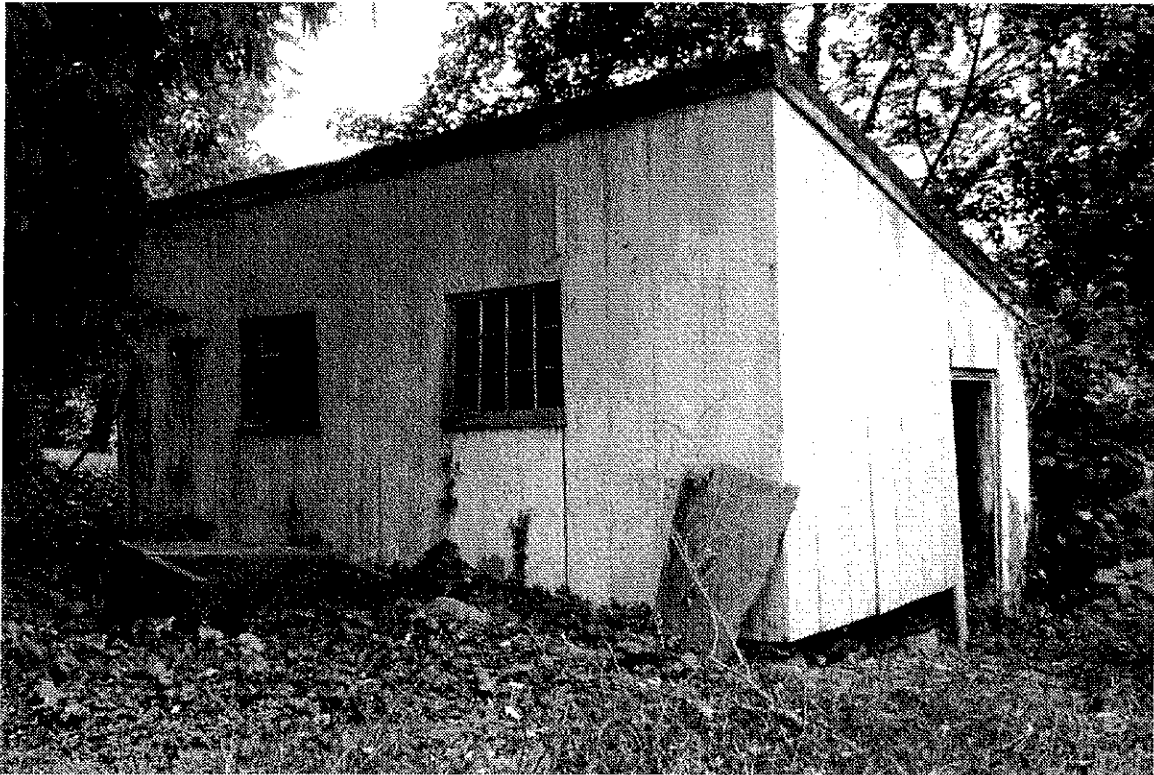


Photo 13: West and south elevation of early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Chicken Coop

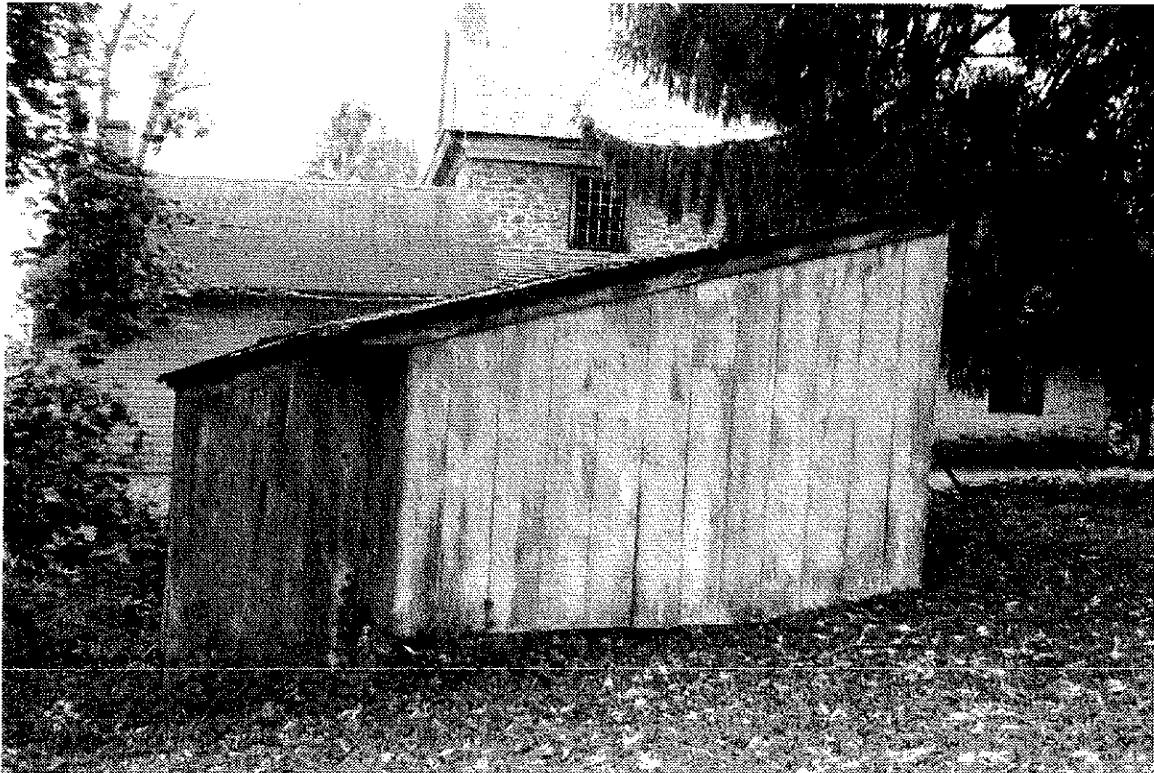


Photo 14: North and east elevation of Chicken Coop

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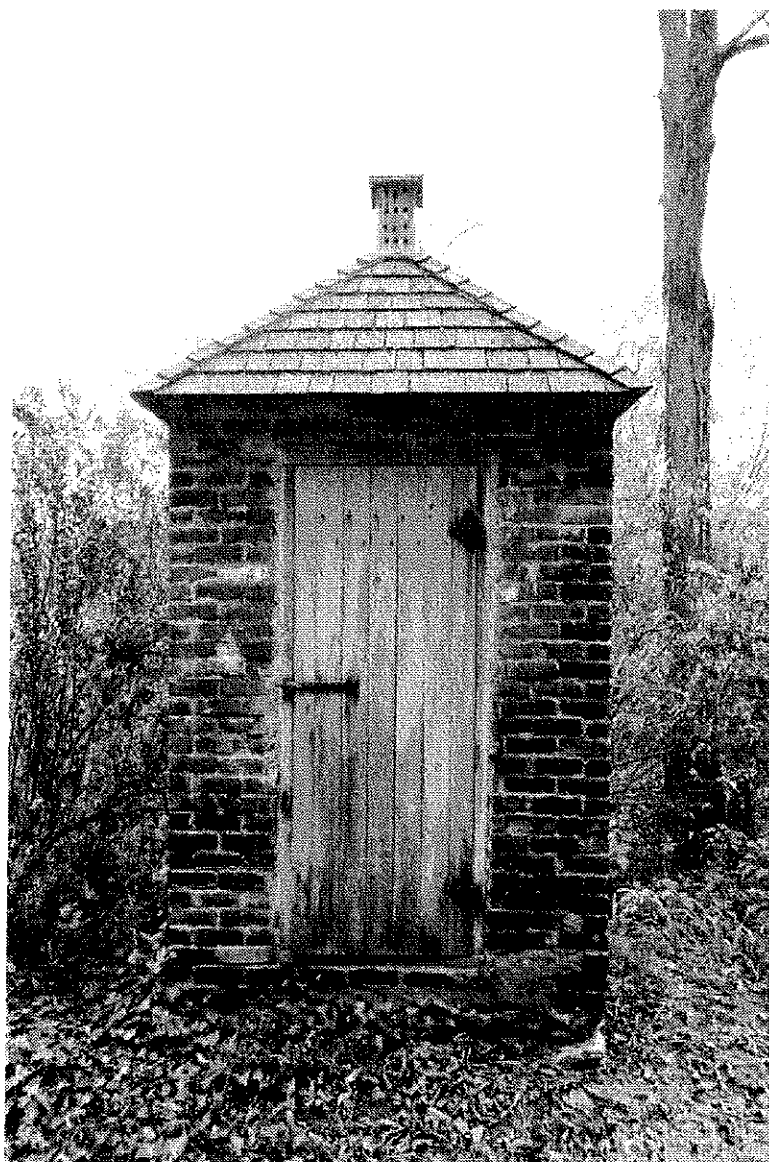


Photo 15: West elevation of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Smoke House

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Photo 16: South and west elevation of Smoke House



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Photo 17: West and south elevation of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Stables



Photo 18: North and west elevation of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Stables with Implement Shed in the background

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Photo 19: East and south elevation of Tobacco Barn; note 20<sup>th</sup>-century Open Corn Silo, left background

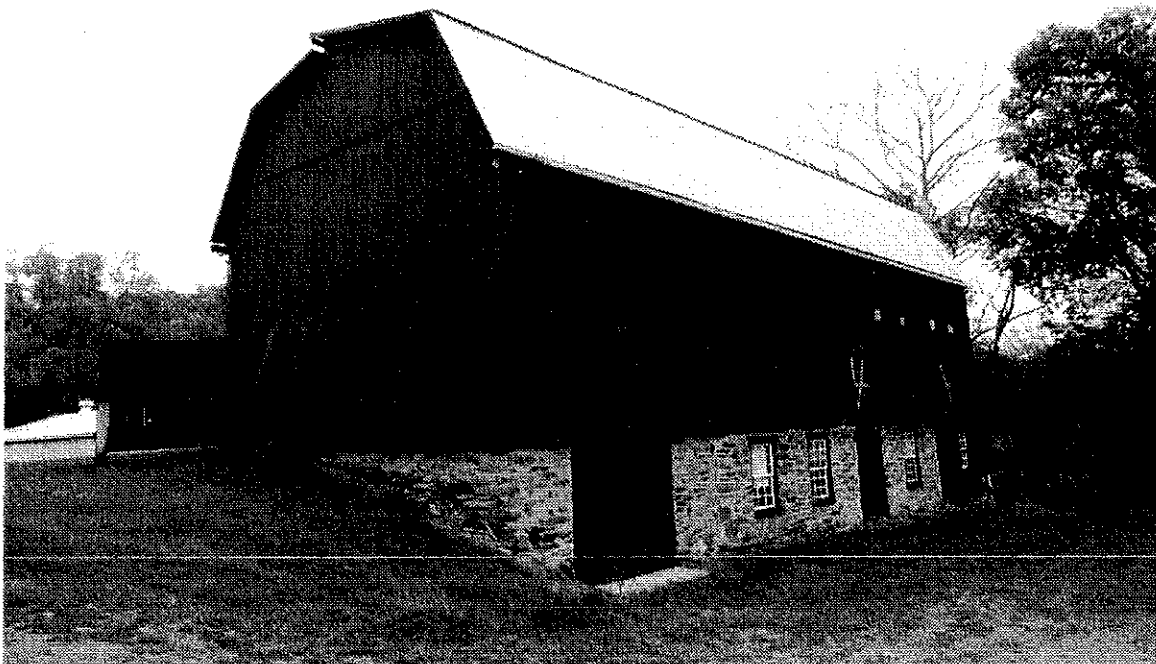


Photo 20: West and south elevation of circa 1870s Tobacco Barn

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Photo 21: North elevation of Tobacco Barn



Photo 22: South and east elevation of Bank Barn; note intact Barnyard Wall in left foreground and mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century Milk House to far right

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Photo 23: East and north elevation of Bank Barn, with adjacent early 20<sup>th</sup>-century silo at center



Photo 24: North and west elevation of Bank Barn, note active storage/curing of leaf tobacco