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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bowman-Zirkle Farm
other names/site number Isaiah Bowman Farm; DHR File No. 085-0438

2. Location

street & number 12097 S. Middle Rd. not for publication N/A
city or town Edinburg vicinity X
state Virginia code VA county Shenandoah code 171 zip code 22824

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide X locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Signature of certifying official
7/2/09 Date
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
State or Federal Agency or Tribal government

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ___ removed from the National Register
- ___ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>10</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>secondary structure</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>agricultural outbuilding</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>storage</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>field</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

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7. Description See continuation sheet.

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN
OTHER: Vernacular I House

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: limestone
roof METAL: tin
walls WOOD: weatherboard/shingle
other BRICK

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1823-1958

Significant Dates 1823; ca. 1870; 1879; ca. 1934; 1958

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Not known

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 285.905 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Edinburg Quad NAD 83

	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing	Zone Easting	Northing							
1.	<u>17</u>	<u>706340</u>	<u>4297440</u>	2.	<u>17</u>	<u>706460</u>	<u>4297620</u>	3.	<u>17</u>	<u>706680</u>	<u>4297500</u>	4.	<u>17</u>	<u>706490</u>	<u>4297320</u>

X See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Zirkle Family Farms, LLC c/o W. Denman Zirkle

street & number 12097 S. Middle Rd. telephone 540-335-9322

city or town Edinburg state VA zip code 22824

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Bowman-Zirkle Farm, 12097 South Middle Road, approximately four miles southwest of Edinburg, Virginia, is a 286-acre farm that has been continuously farmed by the same family since the early nineteenth century. It contains a varied complex of farm houses and outbuildings arrayed in a traditional linear fashion along an old two-lane road, VA Rt. 614 (Middle Road). At its core is an exceptionally well-preserved 1879 gable-roofed, two-story, three-bay, frame I house with integral wing, wide front porch, and handsome, late-Victorian, sawn-wood decoration. Two additions to the house were made at the rear in 1934 and 1958. A third addition at the rear of the first two was completed in 2005. All are compatible with the historic design. The farm complex includes 14 resources: seven buildings (all contributing) and seven structures (three contributing, four noncontributing). There are no sites or objects. The buildings are: the house, 1879 (C); a log-and-frame tenant house, early nineteenth century, that was moved to its present site in the late nineteenth century (C); a summer kitchen, 1823 (C); a ca. 1880 frame meat house (C); a large bank barn (the Bowman barn), ca. 1870 (C); an adjacent barn shed (C), early twentieth-century; a second bank barn (the Painter barn) some distance from the main complex, ca. 1880, (C). The structures are: a frame granary, ca. 1880 (C); a wood-stave silo, ca. 1900 (C); a large, two-story chicken house ca. 1920 (C); a modern replica of a wagon shed/corncrib on the site of an earlier one, 1985 (NC); a tenant-house shed (NC); a modern vehicle shelter, 2005 (NC); and a modern equipment shed (NC). All of the farm buildings and structures are in good to excellent condition. The farm is set in rolling farmland that is still used for cattle pasture and corn fields and is adjoined on three sides by similar traditional farms and on the fourth by the rural hamlet of Hamburg.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

EXTERIOR

The Bowman-Zirkle House was built in 1879. The construction date was provided in an interview with the owner, and is supported by the date, "April 1879", incised in the corner block of the limestone foundation. In form, the dwelling is a three-bay, two-story I house, thirty-seven feet, eight inches wide, with an original integral rear wing on the right side. There have been three additions to the rear of the house, all in keeping with the Victorian character of the original house. The front portion has an end-gable roof with two brick interior-end chimneys. The original wing and first addition have a side-gable roof, with a brick chimney at the end (north) side of this section.

All roofs are sheathed in standing-seam metal. All foundations are in dressed limestone rubble, and the walls are in plain weatherboards. The house is in outstanding condition, inside and out. The second and third additions continue in the Shenandoah County wing tradition. Traditionally, in Shenandoah County, rooms were added sequentially to the rear wings as houses were enlarged, rather than at the sides of the house or in a block across the back.

FACADE

The front (south) façade and porch are original, with an entrance containing a four-panel wood door with transom and sidelights. The lights are finished in old, translucent white paint in a decorative lace-like pattern. The windows are original, with six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash and two-panel louvered wood shutters. The walls are in plain wood weatherboards. The one-story frame porch is seven feet, six inches by thirty feet, six inches, three bays wide by one bay deep. The ornamental gingerbread

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on the posts and the wood railing is original. There was originally a matching balustrade on the porch roof, as shown in Figure 2, attached. There is a simple dentil cornice. This type of porch is a normal part of the region's post-Civil War I houses. There is a simple front center gable without windows or ornament, a common embellishment of the I house. The house has a dentil cornice. The gable ends have a partial cornice return across the side of the house, and the cornice rises along the gables.

EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation of the house is in four parts. The first, the front end-gable section, is in one bay, with one six-over-six-light, double-hung wood-sash window on each floor, each with two-panel louvered wood shutters, and a brick interior-end chimney. The wall is in plain weatherboards. In the gable is a pair of small louvered ventilation openings.

The second or middle section of the right side is the original one-bay, two-story wing of 1879. A large, projecting, three-sided frame bay window on the first floor was added in the early twentieth century on a dressed-rubble limestone base matching the earlier portion of the foundation. It contains three two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows and is topped by a simple dentil cornice. On the second floor is a single, six-over-six-light double-hung wood window and two-panel wood louvered shutters.

The third section is two stories and two bays with an early twentieth-century entrance porch in the Victorian style, similar to the front porch but with more elaborate scrollwork at the top of the posts. The porch is set on brick piers. There is a sash door and to the rear, a window on each floor, six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash with two-panel wood louvered shutters. Walls are clad in weatherboards.

The last section, at the rear of the house, was built in 2005, primarily to accommodate a new room and remodeled kitchen. The design matches the front 1879 portion, except for the windows. It is two stories in two bays over a raised basement accommodating the slope of the land. The end-gable roof matches that on the original front section. Like the front section of the house, it has two windows on each floor, six-over-six-light, double-hung, vinyl sash with integral storm windows. The cornice is similar to the rest of the house. The walls are in wood weatherboard, and the foundation is dressed rubble. There is a basement sash door on this side; there the sloping land exposes the basement level.

WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation is in four sections, two of which are original construction. The first is the gable end of the front block in one bay. There are no windows except for a pair of louvered ventilation openings in the attic. The cornice has a short return on this side and extends upward along the gable. The foundation is dressed-rubble limestone. The walls are plain wooden weatherboards. There is one window on each floor in the rear (north) side of this section, six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash with two-panel louvered wood shutters. The original brick chimney is actually a *faux* chimney. It is supported by framing in the attic and does not function nor extend below the attic floor.

The second section is in two bays and was the original side porch, which was closed in during the early twentieth century with two six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows; on the second floor are six three-over-three-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows in what was a sleeping porch, a common feature in the early twentieth century, and two bathrooms.

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The third section was added in the early twentieth century. The first floor has a large, three-bay, simplified Victorian-style, frame, entrance porch set on brick piers.

In the last, or rear, section, built in 2005, there is a four-window bay window in the raised basement, a quadruple eight-pane window group on the first floor, and a pair of six-over-six-light, double-hung windows; all are vinyl sash with integral storm windows. Two-panel, louvered shutters are on the windows of the second floor. The cornice and ventilators in the attic match those on the front section.

NORTH (REAR) ELEVATION

The rear side of the north wing is the rear side of the house and has two stories with a raised basement. It is of frame construction, and the cornice and foundation match the balance of the house. The basement, first, and second stories have large picture windows overlooking the farm. A sash door to the outside is on the rear elevation.

INTERIOR

First Floor

The original front section of the house had a central entrance hall flanked by two rooms, one on each side, with a third room on the right side in the integral wing and a side porch in the wing behind the stair hall. The left hall partition was removed in the early twentieth century. The right hall wall remains intact, with a doorway leading to the den. The doorway has molded trim, and the door has two vertical panels. To the left is the living room, enlarged by the inclusion of the former hallway. The stairs rise straight from the vestibule, with plain, molded railing, turned balusters, and a fancy, turned, Victorian newel post. At the top, the stairs reach a landing, with two additional risers to the left. Under the stairs is a closet with a hatch in the floor, giving access to the crawl space under the floor.

A ceiling beam and a change in the floor boards mark the location of the original partition between the hall and the living room on the first floor. At the rear of the "hall", a four-panel door with molded surround leads to the original side porch, now enclosed as part of the dining room in the original rear wing.

The living room has one window on the front wall and one on the rear wall, both original, with six-over-six-light, double-hung wood sash. On the outer, left, wall, a *faux* fireplace without a hearth is flanked by built-in cabinets. Although this end wall shows a chimney above the roofline, the chimney does not extend below the attic floor, and there is no evidence that it ever did. The living room faux fireplace does have a fine Victorian wood mantelpiece. The walls and the nine-foot ceiling are plaster. The five-inch-wide board flooring is original.

On the right side of the entrance vestibule is a den, original except for built-in bookcases on the back wall. On the outside end wall is an original fireplace, with a wood mantelpiece, plain shelf, and brick hearth. It is flanked on the right by a closet with a two-vertical-panel door. On the left side of the fireplace is a window; another window is on the front wall; both have six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash. Walls and ceiling are plaster, with a wainscot around the room. Recently installed five-inch-wide antique pine flooring covers the original five-inch-wide floorboards.

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The dining room is in the original 1879 integral wing behind the den on the right side of the house. In the early twentieth century, it was enlarged by closing in the original side porch and removing the exterior wall; the location of the former wall is now indicated by a ceiling beam. On the right side, a large projecting bay window was added. The three windows in the bay are original, two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood sash. The windows on the left side, replacing the former porch, are six-over-six-light double-hung wood sash. Flooring is narrow oak boards over the original pine boards. A wainscot of broad horizontal boards surrounds the room, with a small cabinet inserted beside the fireplace for firewood. A two-vertical-panel door leads to the den and another leads to the former front hall, now the living room. At the rear of the room, two doors open to a cross hall, each with two vertical panels. This room was the original 1879 kitchen.

To the rear of the dining room is a later addition, originally a kitchen with a set of back stairs; with the addition, the original kitchen became the dining room. Exterior doors on each side of the addition open to the side entry porches. This area was remodeled in 1985 with a newer kitchen.

At the rear of the present house is the breakfast room, a large open space, partially open to the 1985 kitchen. This was built in 2005, the final rear addition to the house. It is similar on the exterior to the original front I-house of 1879. The breakfast room has a set of quadruple eight-pane windows on the left side, a large two-part picture window on the rear, and two six-over-six-light vinyl sash with two-panel louvered wood shutters on the right side. The shutters are similar to those on the earlier parts of the house. A closet and an enclosed stair to the recreation room in the basement are in the right rear corner.

SECOND FLOOR

The second floor of the original 1879 I house has a central stair hall with a bedroom to either side and a hall to the rear wing. The stair hall has plaster walls and ceiling, as well as original pine flooring. The stairs have a plain molded railing and turned balusters. A front window matches others in the old section of the house.

Opening to the left is a bedroom with front and back windows, matching others in the old section. The walls and ceiling are plaster, with a small cornice. In the rear right corner is an enclosed set of stairs to the attic, with a plain board door. The floors are original pine boards. A second bedroom opens to the right of the hall. It has front and side windows matching others in the old section of the house, as well as a door to the rear hall. Walls and ceiling are in plaster; floors are original pine boards.

The rear hall opens to a third bedroom above the dining room, comprising the original rear wing on the second floor, with a single window that matches others in the original section. Across the hall are two bathrooms and behind them, a sleeping porch with four three-over-one-light, double-hung, wood sash windows, probably dating from ca. 1920, when the first floor porch was closed in. The 1985 and 2005 additions are devoted to additional and remodeled bedrooms at the rear of the house.

ATTIC

A low attic extends around the house from a set of enclosed stairs in the second-floor left bedroom. It is unlighted except for louvered ventilation openings. The left front chimney is supported by framing in the attic. The attic is floored with wide boards.

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BASEMENT

The original portion of the house has a full basement under the two east rooms--the den and the dining room. The west part--stair hall and living room--has only a crawl space. There is a frame partition between the two rooms below the den and dining room. An old wide-board door is between the rooms. The absence of a masonry foundation wall here is an indication that the first section of the wing was integral to the construction of the house. The two rooms at the east basement foundations may remain from an earlier house on the site. (See discussion in separate section.) The basement has a cement floor and plaster ceilings; portions of the stone wall are also plastered. The basement of the first addition to the wing now contains a kitchen sink and stairs to the first floor and a bathroom.

The rearmost wing, constructed in 2005, is a full story in height. It contains a large recreation room.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The farm lies on both sides of VA Rt. 614 (South Middle Road) with the farm buildings and house aligned along the north side of the road. VA Rt. 614 . Middle Road is an early road that runs for considerable distances parallel to and west of the Old Valley Turnpike (US Rt. 11). The farm and surrounding area form a gently rolling landscape of old family farms and two-lane paved or graveled roads. A major farm to the west is under a conservation easement. At the north edge of the Bowman-Zirkle farm is the rural hamlet of Hamburg. There are some wooded areas to the north. In general, the farm is given over to cattle raising and corn fields. The land slopes away from the house gently down to Painter Run, then upward to woods. The farm is bisected east to west by VA Rt. 708 and north to south by VA Rt. 707. The house sits about 25 feet back from the road behind a white picket fence that is similar to the original fence. The house is set among mature trees and shrubs, with gravel driveways at the right side of the house.

SECONDARY RESOURCES

The house and farm buildings are in a linear pattern along the road, the type described by Allen G. Noble et al. in Wood, Brick, and Stone: The North American Settlement Landscape, From the house, the farm buildings and structures are listed below sequentially, from west to east.

The yard on the west side of the house contains an 1823 summer kitchen (contributing). It is frame, with a gable roof and a large, exterior, dressed-rubble, limestone chimney; it is set on a limestone foundation. The summer kitchen interior is one room, with a large, stone fireplace and an outside door on the east side. Inscribed on the stonework beside the fireplace is the date "1823". The low attic is reached by ladder.

To the rear of the house is an old, frame, gable-roofed building with a recessed porch, used as a meat house (contributing).

To the east of the house along Middle Road is a line of farm buildings. Nearest the house is a modern, replica, frame, gable-roofed, drive-through wagon shed/corn crib (noncontributing). It replaces an old wagon shed/corn crib on or near the same site.

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A large, old, frame, gable-roofed, two-story chicken house, ca. 1920 (contributing), in three sections is next to the wagon shed/corn crib.

Next to the chicken house is a modern, frame, post-and-beam equipment or vehicle shelter (noncontributing).

Next in line is an old, two-story, frame storage shed (contributing), which adjoins a large, frame, bank-and-forebay barn, the "Bowman barn" (ca. 1870; contributing). The barn was reconstructed shortly after the Civil War on the foundation and lower walls of an older barn burned during the war. It has massive, interior, timber framing. The original siding is covered on the outside with sheetmetal. A low shed addition is on the north side.

A wood silo (ca. 1900; contributing), a fine example of early, stave-wood silo construction, is adjacent to the barn.

East of the silo, the frame granary (ca. 1880 contributing) with original, flush wood siding on its original stone piers, two doors, and no windows, is an excellent example of its type.

A few hundred feet east of the barn is a log-and-frame tenant house (contributing), constructed in the early nineteenth and moved to its present location in the late nineteenth century. It has been remodeled in the early twentieth century. A small, simple, frame, shed-roofed storage shed (noncontributing) in fair condition is next to the tenant house.

A second, old, bank-and-forebay barn, the "Painter barn" (ca. 1880; contributing) is located some distance from the main farm complex on a farm lane off VA Rt. 708. A large modern equipment shed is adjacent to the barn.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bowman-Zirkle Farm, located at 12097 South Middle Road, Shenandoah County, Virginia, four miles southwest of Edinburg, is an unusually well-preserved example of a rural Victorian I house and surrounding farm. The 286-acre farm represents both the importance and the persistence of the once dominant family-farm tradition in the northern Shenandoah Valley. It is locally significant under Criterion C for architecture with a period of significance of 1823-1958, as a handsome, intact example of Shenandoah County's prevailing late-nineteenth-century rural I house. Furthermore, it is set within a farm complex that includes a number of well-cared-for outbuildings and structures dating to the historic period of significance that illustrate the evolution over 130 years of a successful, moderate-sized farm under the stewardship of successive generations of a single family. Three buildings on the site pre-date the construction of the house: the summer kitchen, ca. 1823; a large bank-and-forebay barn, ca. 1870; and a pre-Civil War, log-and-frame tenant house that was moved to its present site in the late nineteenth century. The presence of these early buildings, particularly the summer kitchen, suggests that there probably was also an earlier farm house on or near the site of the present one, and that the property might yield archeological information from the early nineteenth century. Although the house has undergone additions and alterations at the rear—in the early twentieth century, ca. 1934, 1958, 1985, and 2005--it has retained the architectural integrity of the original I house and integral wing, and the original footprint is clearly discernible. The house is in excellent condition. The Bowman-Zirkle Farm contains 14 resources: seven buildings, all seven of which are contributing and none are noncontributing and seven structures, of which three are contributing and four are noncontributing. The buildings are: the farm house, 1879 (C); the Bowman barn, a bank-and-forebay barn, ca. 1870 (C); the tenant house, early nineteenth century (C); the summer kitchen, 1823 (C); a frame meat house, ca. 1880 (C); an early twentieth-century barn shed (C); and the Painter barn, ca. 1880 (C), a bank-and-forebay barn located some distance from the main farm complex. The structures are: a frame granary, ca. 1880 (C); a two-story, frame chicken house, ca. 1920 (C); a wood-stave silo, ca. 1900 (C); a modern, frame, open-front vehicle shed, ca. 2005 (NC); a modern replica of an earlier wagon shed/corncrib, ca. 1985 (NC); a recently constructed, frame, equipment shed (NC); and a frame storage shed (NC) adjacent to the tenant house. There are no sites or objects associated with the property.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Bowman-Zirkle Farm was almost certainly a farm long before the present house was erected in 1879. The presence of an old summer kitchen--which according to Bowman family tradition and a date inscribed in the stonework of its large, limestone fireplace, was constructed in 1823--strongly implies the presence also of a dwelling and other farm appurtenances nearby. Also, physical investigation of the basement walls and foundation of the present house indicates that a portion of the existing stonework probably supported an earlier, smaller building. Finally, the existing ca. 1870 barn was rebuilt on the foundations of one burned during the Civil War. Nothing more, however, is known at present of the early history of the land or its buildings.

A one-and-a-half-story log house, now a tenant house, was moved to its present location on the farm from the intersection of Rt. 708 and Rt. 614 at an unknown date in the late nineteenth century.¹ It is possible that Isaiah Bowman and his family may have occupied the log structure before the present house was built, as the 1870 Shenandoah County Census shows that Isaiah, Annie, and two children were living near Isaac in a separate dwelling at that time.² It is not known where Isaac Bowman's house was located, or when it disappeared. It is also possible that the Bowmans may have occupied an earlier house on the site of the present one, as physical investigation of the basement walls and stone foundation of the existing house suggests that an earlier house was present.

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The present house on the Bowman-Zirkle Farm was constructed in 1879 by Isaiah Bowman, a prosperous farmer and a descendant of Shenandoah Valley pioneer George Bowman, on a portion of an expansive farm belonging to Isaiah's father, Isaac Bowman. At Isaac Bowman's death in 1884, Isaiah Bowman inherited 120 acres of his father's farm, including, as Isaac's will states, the portion of the farm on which Isaiah was already living. According to Shenandoah County land records, Isaiah had been paying county taxes on the property since 1880, when the value of the previous year's improvements to the land was noted as \$600, making an 1879 construction date likely.

Isaiah Bowman apparently moved with his first wife, Annie Elizabeth (Fravel), and their five children to the L-shaped, two-story, frame I house. The location of the house is shown in the 1885 Lake's Atlas of Shenandoah County, Virginia, where it is identified ambiguously as belonging to "I. Bowman". An 1890s photograph depicts one of Isaiah Bowman's daughters, Ada Alice, standing on the front porch. (Figure 2) As pictured, the porch is resplendent with decorative millwork in what is obviously a multi-hued paint scheme. The fashionable sawn-wood ornament includes cornice brackets and flat, lyre-shaped balusters. The same balusters also parade across the top of the porch roof. The ornament, lends an air of stylish distinction to an otherwise typical house.

The 1885 Lake's Atlas shows two houses identified as belonging to "I. Bowman". Shenandoah County tax records show that, although Isaac Bowman paid the taxes for the property in 1880, a sum of \$600 was added in that year for improvements—probably Isaiah's new house. A stone at the base of the foundation of the house bears the inscription, "April 1879". The unusually specific dating of the stone suggests that the inscription was probably made at or near the time of the house construction. Isaiah Bowman paid taxes on the land for the first time in 1885.

Isaiah Bowman (1845-1918) was a veteran of the Confederate army, having enlisted in the 2nd Virginia Infantry at the age of 17. He was listed as a prisoner of war and paroled at the end of the war in 1865. In addition to his farming activities, he was active in the Farmers Bank of Edinburg, which his father had participated in founding.³

Some time between 1890 and 1895, Isaiah Bowman and his second wife, Emma Fravel Bowman, moved to a house in the town of Edinburg, and the farm was subsequently managed by his son, Myron.⁴

At Isaiah's death in 1918, the portion of his land on which the house is situated passed to his daughter, Ada Bowman Zirkle and her husband, William Wade Zirkle.⁵ Ada and William Zirkle probably made the first addition to the rear wing of the house and added a prominent bay window in the dining room. Ada's son, William Isaiah Zirkle, inherited the house and land at his parents' death. The present occupant, W. Denman Zirkle, is the son of William Isaiah Zirkle. The property is currently owned by Zirkle Family Farm, LLC, on whose behalf Mr. Zirkle has executed a letter of intention to donate an easement to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Bowman-Zirkle House in Context: Shenandoah County I Houses

The I house has been studied extensively by cultural geographers, architectural historians, and students of folk culture since Fred B. Kniffen noted its probable evolution from the Georgian center-hall house in his ground-breaking work in Louisiana and the Midwest.⁶ Commonly found throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern areas

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of the United States, the basic I house form is prevalent in the post-Civil War architecture of the Shenandoah Valley.

In the 1990s, the I house was classified in several types and periods by Allen G. Noble, et al., in Wood Brick and Stone: The North American Settlement Landscape, Vol. 1, Houses. It is Noble's Type 2 version of the I house--three-bay-by-one-bay, two-story, frame, with chimneys on each gable end or flanking the central hall—that predominates in the Valley, in both rural areas and towns. The Bowman-Zirkle House is of this type, with gable-end chimneys.

The frequent presence of the I house is well documented in the Virginia Department of Historic Resources survey of Shenandoah County, conducted in two phases by Maral Kalbian and Massey Maxwell Associates, respectively.⁷ Recent field work by the authors of this nomination includes several I houses documented in National Register nominations and Preliminary Information Forms. Kalbian writes that “the I house was the most common type of dwelling constructed in [Frederick County] during the late nineteenth century.”⁸ The same claim might be made for Shenandoah County.

Henry Glassie's study of vernacular dwellings in Louisa and Goochland Counties, Folk Housing in Middle Virginia: A Structural Analysis of Historic Artifacts provided an early examination of the I house in a Virginia context, while a similar effort in North Carolina is documented in Michael Southern's essay, “The I-House as a Carrier of Style in Three Counties of the Northeastern Piedmont” [in Carolina Dwelling: Towards Preservation of Place: In Celebration of the North Carolina Vernacular Landscape, the Student Publication of the School of Design, Volume 26, North Carolina State University, 1978.] The literature devoted specifically to Shenandoah County is sparse. An exception is a brief discussion in Common Houses in America's Small Towns, the Atlantic Seaboard to the Mississippi Valley (Jakle, Bastian, and Meyer), which describes houses in the town of Woodstock, the Shenandoah County seat. An article on the I house by Massey and Maxwell, which features illustrations of Shenandoah County examples that include the Bowman-Zirkle house, appears in the May-June 2009 issue of *The Old-House Journal*.

Variant types identified by Noble, as well as I houses constructed of brick, were built both before and after the Civil War in the northern Valley. It is the basic Type 2, however, that typifies farm dwellings during the 1865-1885 period.

Wide front porches, as well as rear wings that create an L-shaped footprint, are common appendages to I houses of this area and time period. In general, I-house literature discusses the rear wing only in passing, although Jakle does offer a brief discussion of wings. In Shenandoah County and the northern Shenandoah Valley, a two-story rear wing containing two rooms is most common, and at least one room of the wing is usually part of the original construction. The Bowman-Zirkle House was built with an integral two-story, one-room-deep rear wing.⁹

Most frequently, a two-story rear side porch opens to the main house through a door at the rear of the center hall.¹⁰ The Bowman-Zirkle house, as originally built, had just such a porch. Partial basements, such as the one found in the Bowman-Zirkle house, are normal in I houses. Although it is true that the I house form predominated among post-Civil War houses in Shenandoah County, most such houses have lost their integrity because of inappropriate alterations and additions, or they have not been maintained in a historically appropriate condition. Relatively few prime examples of the type remain, and most of these are located within towns rather than on farms. Thus, the excellent condition of the Bowman-Zirkle house, as well as the fact that its original footprint is still clearly discernible, makes it a significant example of the late-nineteenth-century family farm house in Shenandoah County.

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ENDNOTES

1. See J. Daniel Pezzoni,, "Zirkle House, 12255 Middle Rd.: Description, Analysis and Recommendations", Landmark Preservation Associates, January 4, 2008. Typescript in possession of W. Denman Zirkle.
2. "Another Good Citizen Gone," Edinburg Sentinel, May 30, 1918.
3. Ibid.
4. Nancye Bowman, "Isaiah Bowman." Typescript in W. Denman Zirkle collection.
5. Isaiah Bowman, will, November 20, 1915; recorded May 28, 1918, Copy in W. Denman Zirkle Collection.
6. Fred B. Kniffen, "Folk Housing: A Key to Diffusion," in Annals of the Association of American Geographers, 55:4 (December 1965), 549-577.
7. Shenandoah County, Virginia, Survey of Historic Resources.
8. Maral Kalbian, Frederick County, Virginia: History Through Architecture. Winchester: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society Rural Landmarks Publication Committee: 1999.
9. The Clem-Kagey Farm House, not far from the Bowman-Zirkle house House, was built with an integral rear wing containing a dining room and kitchen and a two-story side porch with rear pantry/storage rooms closing the end of each floor of the porch. The J.W.R. Moore House (1871; NR) near Mount Jackson follows the same pattern.
10. A less common feature in some houses is a small room at the rear of the porch on one or both stories; gained by enclosing the end of the porch. On the first floor, this space usually was utilized as a pantry. This wing layout is also seen frequently in period houses of other forms, such as behind a Four Square or a center-hall, double-pile house.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM REFERENCES (continued)

Edinburg Quad

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing				
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9.	<u>17</u>	<u>707160</u>	<u>4296100</u>	10.	<u>17</u>	<u>707020</u>	<u>4296420</u>								

Conicville Quad

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing				
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15.	<u>17</u>	<u>705440</u>	<u>4297860</u>	16.	<u>17</u>	<u>705660</u>	<u>4298070</u>								

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of Shenandoah County Tax Property Map 69, Parcel 28, and Map 68, Parcels 132 and 133, with two small exceptions from the nomination: the first, at the corner of VA Rt. 614 and Rt. 708, the second a wedge at the west end of the property at VA Rt. 614 and Rt. 707, as shown on the attached survey plat of February 18, 2009, by Walsh Land Surveys, Inc., of Woodstock, VA, and marked as excluded from the conservation easement area.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nomination includes the traditional multi-generational Bowman-Zirkle Farm, with the incorporation of the multi-generational Painter Farm along VA Rt. 708, with two small exceptions: at the corner of VA Rts. 614 and 708 opposite a large meat-packing facility, and a small wedge at the western corner of VA Rts. 614 and 707, in order to permit the future re-alignment of Rt. 614 to move it slightly away from the farm house and buildings. The nomination cornerstone is the historic Bowman-Zirkle house and farm buildings on Rt. 614. The owners are committed to the donation of a conservation easement on this property and the adjoining Clem-Kagey Farm to the west. A larger farm, the Bonnie J. Painter Farm, which adjoins both properties on the west, is currently under a conservation easement.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION

All photographs are common to:

PROPERTY: Bowman-Zirkle Farm

LOCATION: Shenandoah County, Virginia

DHR File Number: 085-0438

PHOTOGRAPHER: James C. Massey, except as noted: Photos 19-20 by W. Denman Zirkle

DATE: 2008

NEGATIVES STORED AT: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Virginia.

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View: House, façade and east elevation, looking northwest

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View: House, front porch and entrance detail, looking north

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View: House, east elevation, looking west

Negative Number: 24512, frame 5

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View: House, west elevation, looking east

Negative Number: 24512, frame 9

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View: House, living room and stairs, looking east

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View: House, den, looking south

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View: House, dining room, looking east

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View: House, second-floor hall, looking northeast

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View: Summer kitchen, looking west
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View: Meat house, looking north
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View: Drive-through wagon/corn crib, looking northwest
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View: Chicken house, looking northeast
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View: Vehicle shed, looking northeast
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View: Barn shed, looking north
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View: Bowman barn, forebay side, looking northeast
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View: Granary, left; barn and ramp, center; silo, right; looking northwest
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View: Tenant house, looking west
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Photo 18 of 22
View: Tenant house shed, looking northwest
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View: Painter barn, looking north

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View: Equipment shed, looking east

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View: General view, looking west

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View: General view over farm land, looking north

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Figure 1. Bowman-Zirkle Farm, house first floor sketch plan

Figure 2. Bowman-Zirkle Farm, sketch plan of house and outbuildings

Figure 3. Bowman-Zirkle house, photo circa 1890.

Figure 4. Survey plat of February 18, 2009 showing tax parcels included and area excluded from conservation easement and National Register boundary.

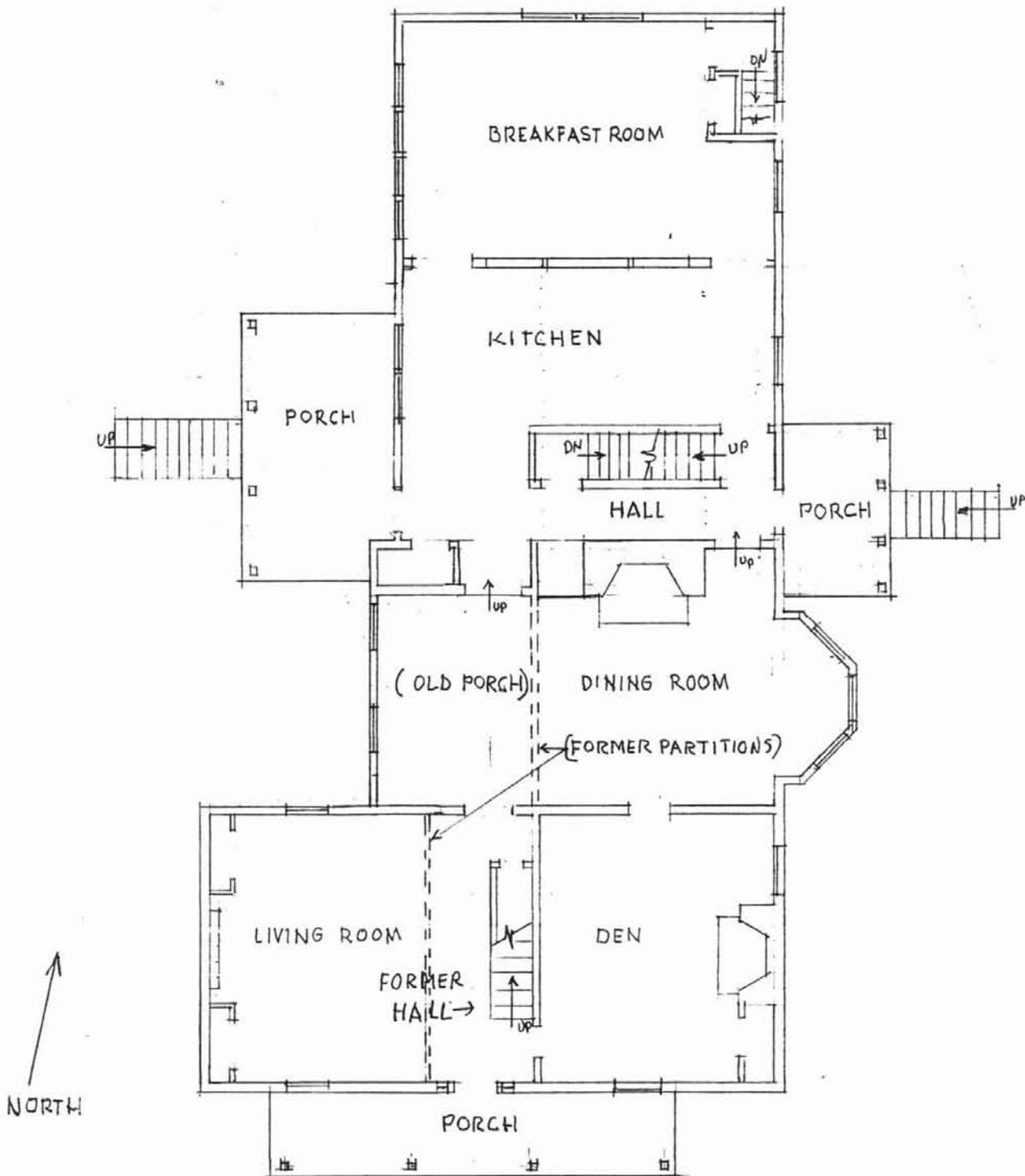
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SHENANDOAH CO. VA.
HOUSE FIRST FLOOR SKETCH PLAN

Figure 1



SCALE $\approx 1" = 10'$

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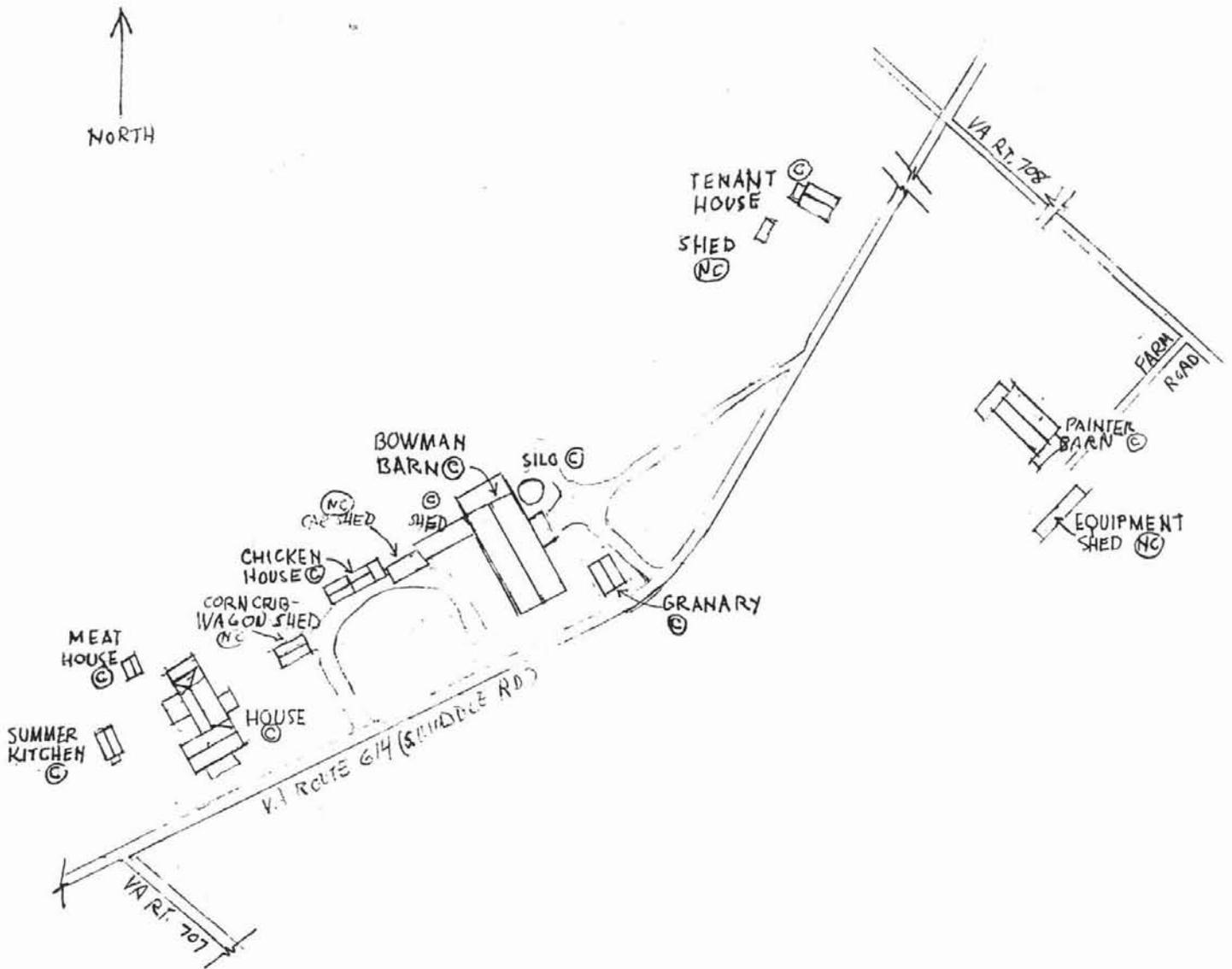
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SKETCH PLAN OF HOUSE AND BUILDINGS

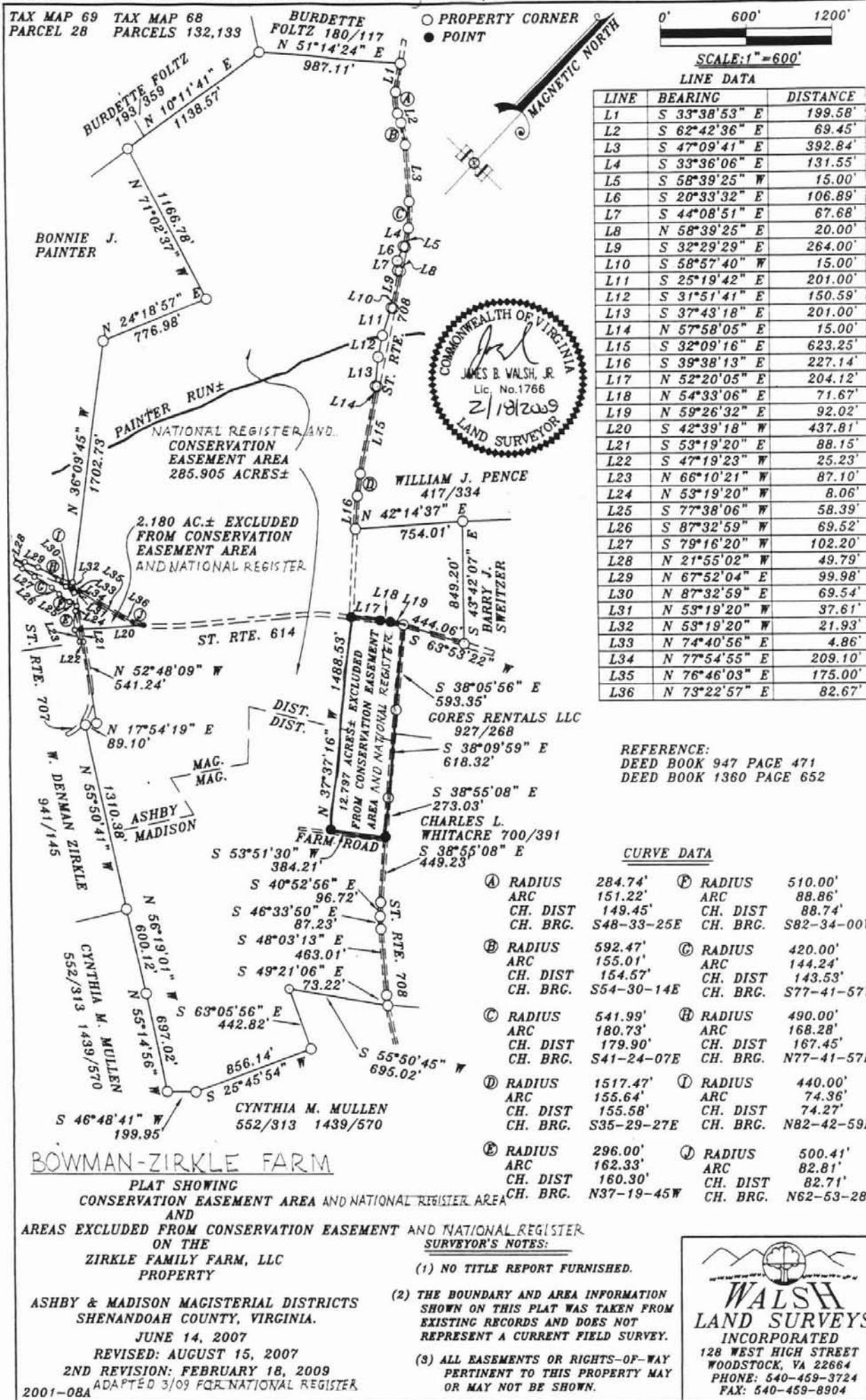
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Figure 2



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L6	S 20°33'32" E	106.89'
L7	S 44°08'51" E	67.68'
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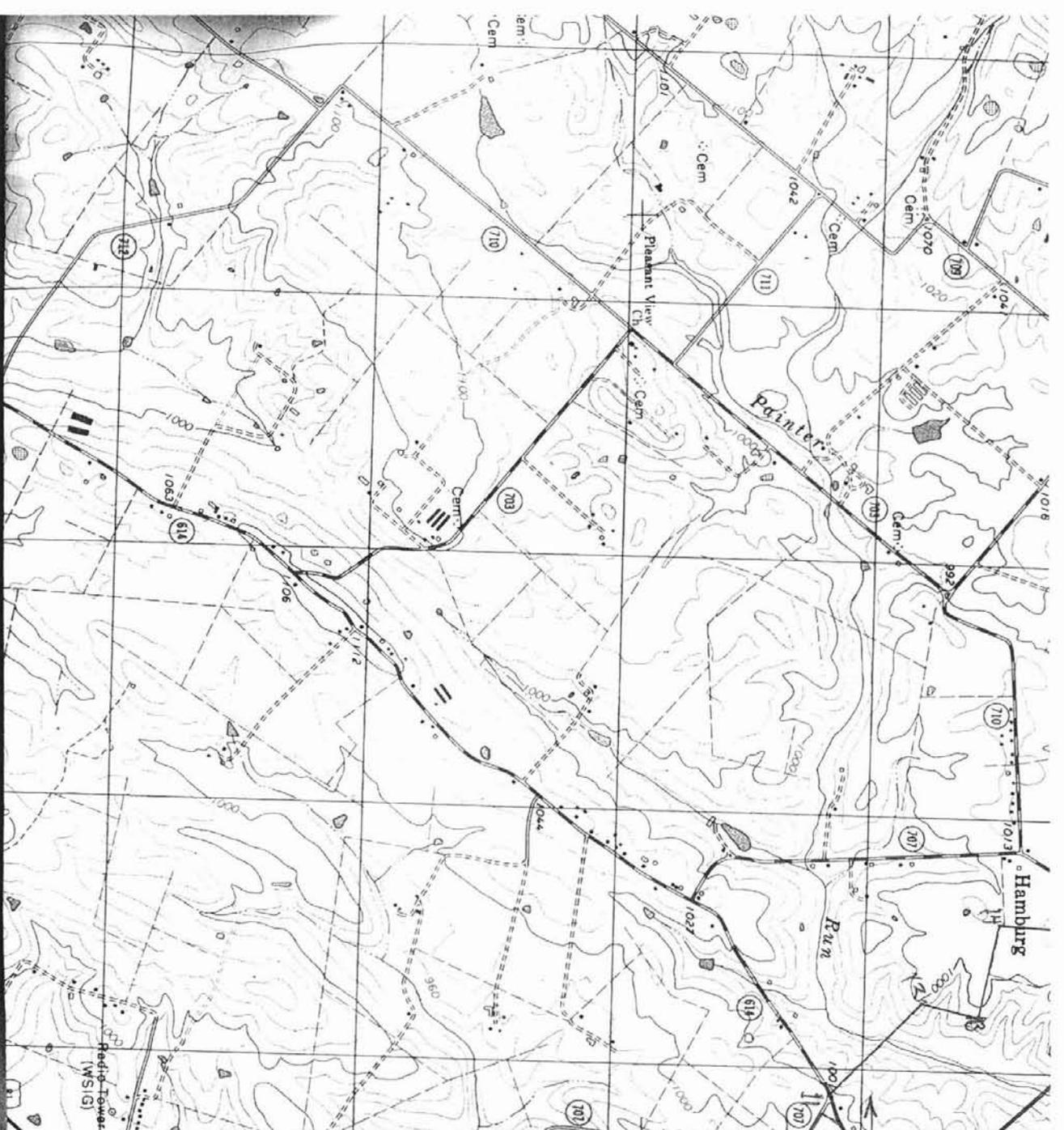
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ON THE
ZIRKLE FAMILY FARM, LLC
PROPERTY

ASHBY & MADISON MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS
SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
JUNE 14, 2007
REVISED: AUGUST 15, 2007
2ND REVISION: FEBRUARY 18, 2009
ADAPTED 3/09 FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

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SHENANDOAH CO., VA.

CONICY LEE QUAD.

STATION

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Radio Tower
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BOWMAN-ZIRKLE FARM
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