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## CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

129 East Main Street  
Elkton, MD 21921

7 March 2003

James W. & Ann R. Freeman  
25A Hillside Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02140

RE: Nomination for Historic Designation – Clendenin Freeman Farm

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Freeman:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, at our meeting of Tuesday, 4 March 2003, approved the nomination to designate the Clendenin-Freeman Farm as a historic site. Items of note pertaining to the historic significance of the site include that the Freeman family has owned the property since the 1870's. Items of architectural significance include that the main house, tenant house, barn and wagon shed represent an interesting record of the changing needs of the family and farming since the 1870's. Additionally, the tenant house has had few changes over the years and represents a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve the historic heritage of Cecil County.

Very Truly Yours,

Nelson K. Bolender, President  
Board of County Commissioners

NKB/ess

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP

2003-01



\_\_\_\_ National Register of Historic Places: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain AGRICULTURAL  
CONSERVATION PRESERVATION IN PERPETUITY-CECIL COUNTY LAND  
TRUST, MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (HALF)  
 Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.

\_\_\_\_ The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.

\_\_\_\_ The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

\_\_\_\_ The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.

\_\_\_\_ The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

\_\_\_\_ The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

\_\_\_\_ The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.

\_\_\_\_ The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

\_\_\_\_ The property has significant interior features. List \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: JAMES KI FREEMAN Date: 01/02/03

Signature: [Signature]

B. Print Name: ANN R FREEMAN Date: 01/02/03

Signature: [Signature]

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: JAMES KI FREEMAN

Address: 25A HILLSIDE AVE  
CAMBRIDGE, MA

Telephone Numbers: (Home) 617.547.3120 Hours Available: 9:00AM - 6:00PM  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Available: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date 01/02/03

Official Use Only

Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Public Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Election District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Land Use District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parcel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

HDC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
PC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_

James W. Freeman • Architect

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Mr. Edward L. Cairns, Chairman  
Cecil County Historic District Commission  
Room 300, 129 East Main Street  
Elkton, Maryland 21921

November 21, 2002

RE: Clendenin - Freeman Farm

Dear Mr. Cairns,

I am writing in response to your letter of October 21, 2002 regarding designation of properties as historically significant to Cecil County. Enclosed is our pre-application for the nomination form.

To expand on Question 5 of the Form, I am not sure what "historic" significance the farm has other than personal family history. So that the farm will remain in its present continuing use as a farm, Mrs. Freeman and I have put that portion of the original farm which we own, in addition to adjacent land from the "Old Bob Rawlings" farm, under conservation in perpetuity with the Cecil County Land Trust and with MALPF.


The farm was owned by the Clendenin family up until the time my grandfather, Samuel Freeman, married Sarah Clendenin about 1870. Up until that time the farm had been run by the Clendenin family, and finally by James Clendenin, who either just before or shortly after their marriage went West. Since then members of the Freeman family have operated the farm. Our son, David Freeman, presently operates the farm.

Architecturally, the main house and tenant house, the barn and wagon shed are hardly significant, having been added to or modified over the generations, but to the family they represent an interesting record of the changing needs of family and farming. The main house has grown from what must have been a very simple 19th Century stuccoed stone house to its present pleasant and generous, if eclectic, state. The tenant house, a mid 19th Century simple farm house has always served the same purpose, and so reflects few changes. Examination of the framing in the house suggests changes were late 19th or early 20th Century additions.

We are presently planning major work on both the main house and tenant houses. Much of the work on the main house is repair and deferred maintenance; and in the tenant house, framing repair, restoration, and the addition of a ground floor bedroom and bath. Drawings are available of the tenant house if you think they would be of interest to the Commission.

I look forward to hearing from the Commission if in their opinion a formal application is appropriate, and if so, whether the Commission would assist us in filling an application. If a visit to the site is required, arrangements can be made by contacting David Freeman at the farm, 410 - 658 - 5607

Sincerely,



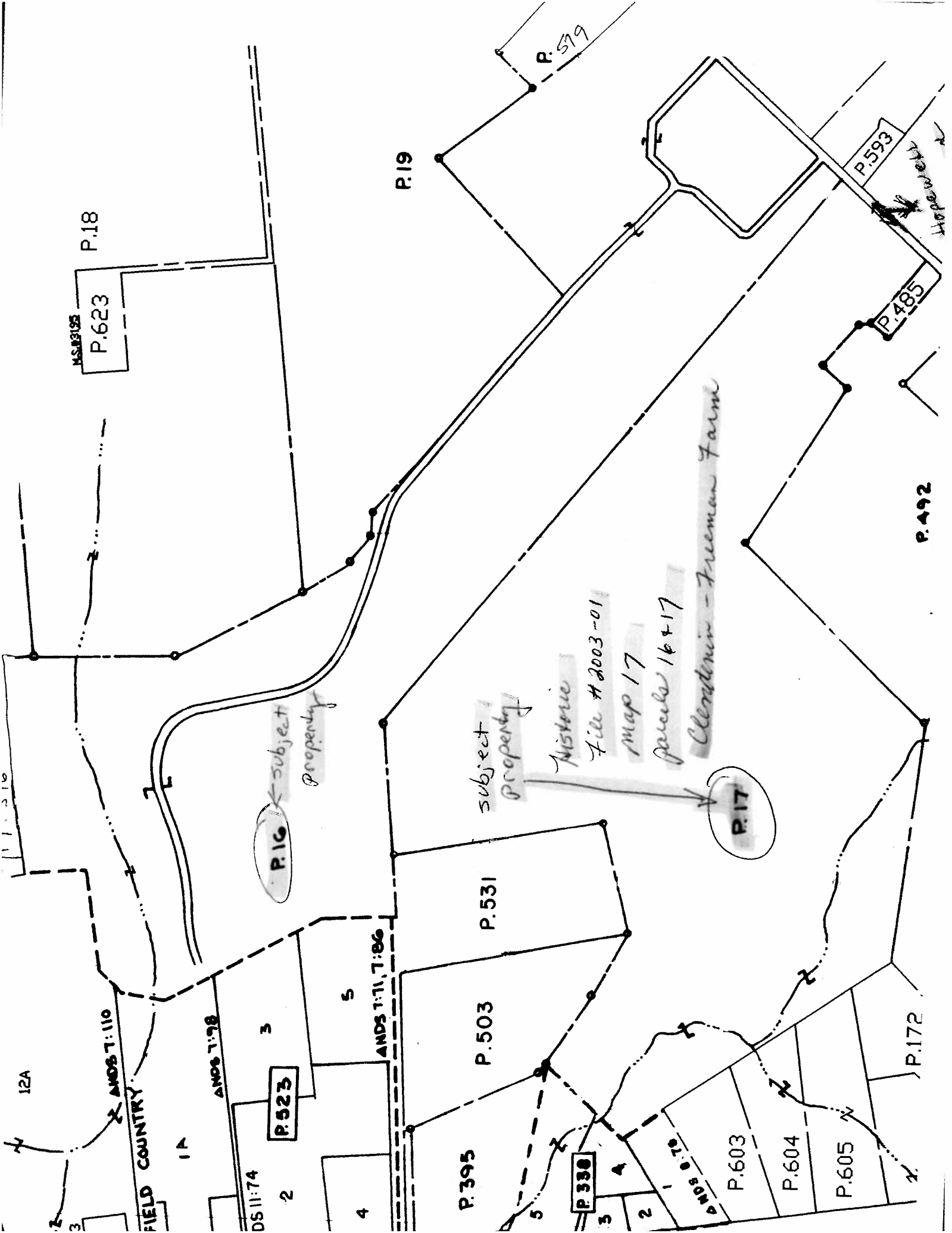
James W. Freeman

cc: David W. Freeman









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Clendinin - Freeman Farm

subject property

subject property

Highway