

Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission

Landmarks Nomination Report: *Bel-Mar*

Physical Description:

The Bel-Mar farm is located on the west side of Flowing Springs Road, near Zoar, West Virginia. The farm consists of agricultural fields and historic buildings set back, but visible from the public road. Together with its neighboring agricultural properties, Bel-Mar forms part of an expansive cultural landscape of rural agriculture in the lower Shenandoah Valley.

Historic Description:

Bel-Mar was originally granted by Lord Fairfax to James Lloyd in 1752. The land had many owners in the 18th century including John Briscoe, Rich Willis, and Jacob Ham. It appears that the present house was built soon after Jacob Moler purchased the property in 1834. The farm remained in the Moler family through the 19th century and passed to the Hockensmith family in 1943. It remains an active farm to the present day.

Historic Resources:

Several historic buildings make up the Bel-Mar farm. A 5-bay brick house is the most prominent feature. The house, originally built as an L, has a formal entry with fanlight and eight paneled door. Unusually fine millwork is found throughout the house, including Winchester-type knifeshelf mantels. All of the original doors, mantels, and trim remain along with original grain painted doors and marbled baseboards. In addition to the house, Bel-Mar has two historic agricultural buildings. A large dairy barn was built by Abner Hockensmith in 1950, after the bank barn burned. The 20th century, frame corn crib is an excellent example of the county's historic agricultural buildings.

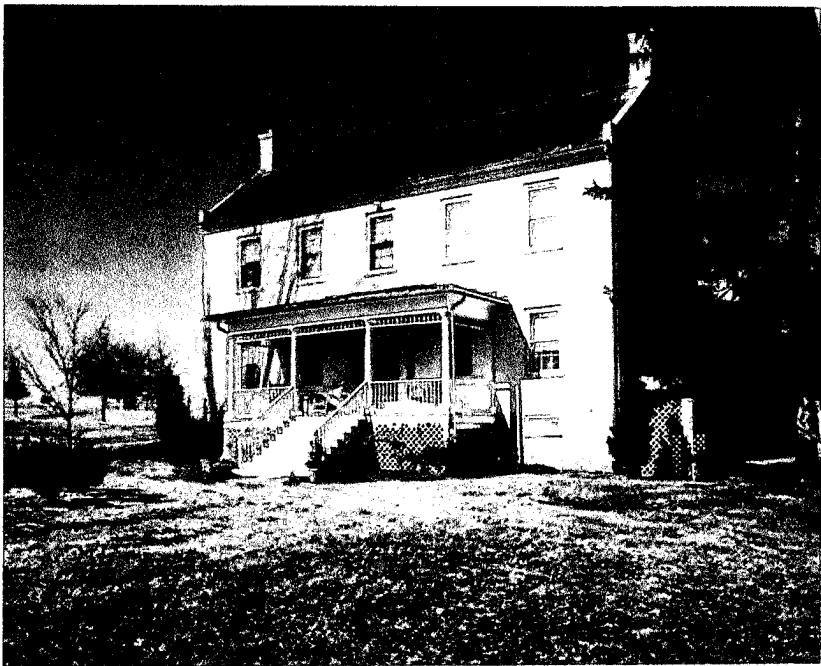
Nomination Criteria:

The JCHLC nominates this property under Criteria C for inclusion on the list of registered county landmarks. Criteria C states that a site may be nominated if, in the opinion of the JCHLC, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values. Owner, Nancy Hockensmith, has agreed to have the property listed as Jefferson County Historic Landmark.

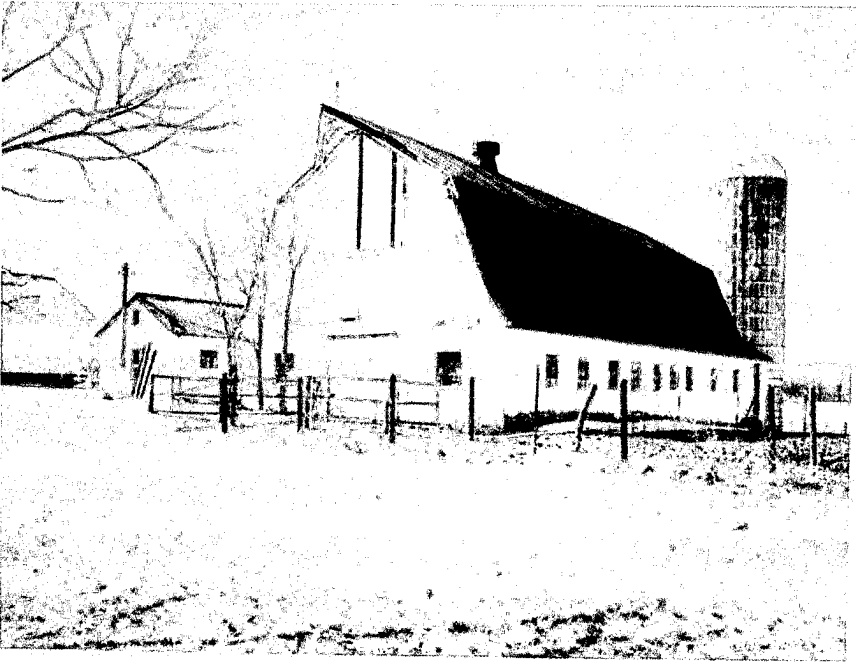
Nomination Action:

The JCHLC voted unanimously to add Bel-Mar, under Criteria C, to the rolls of registered Jefferson County Historic Landmarks on September 20, 2007.

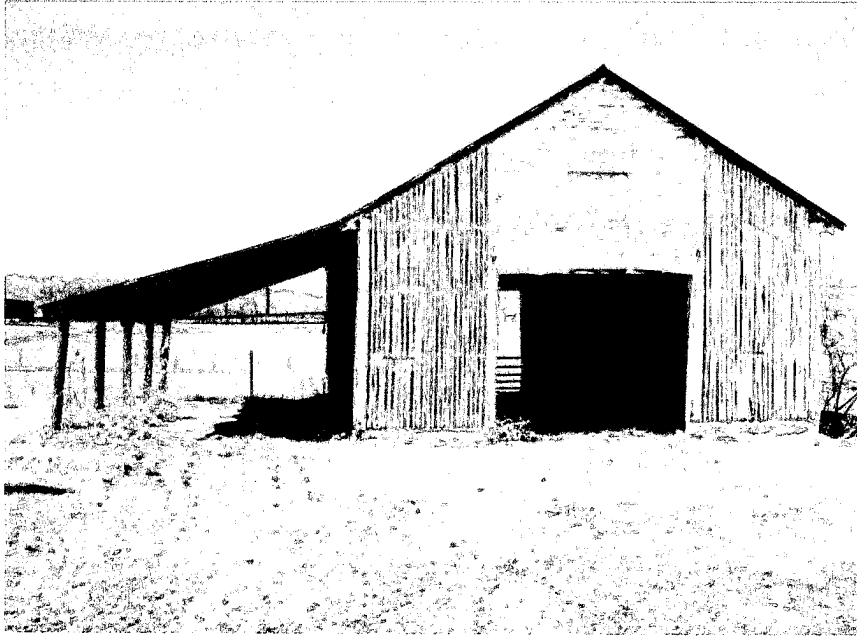
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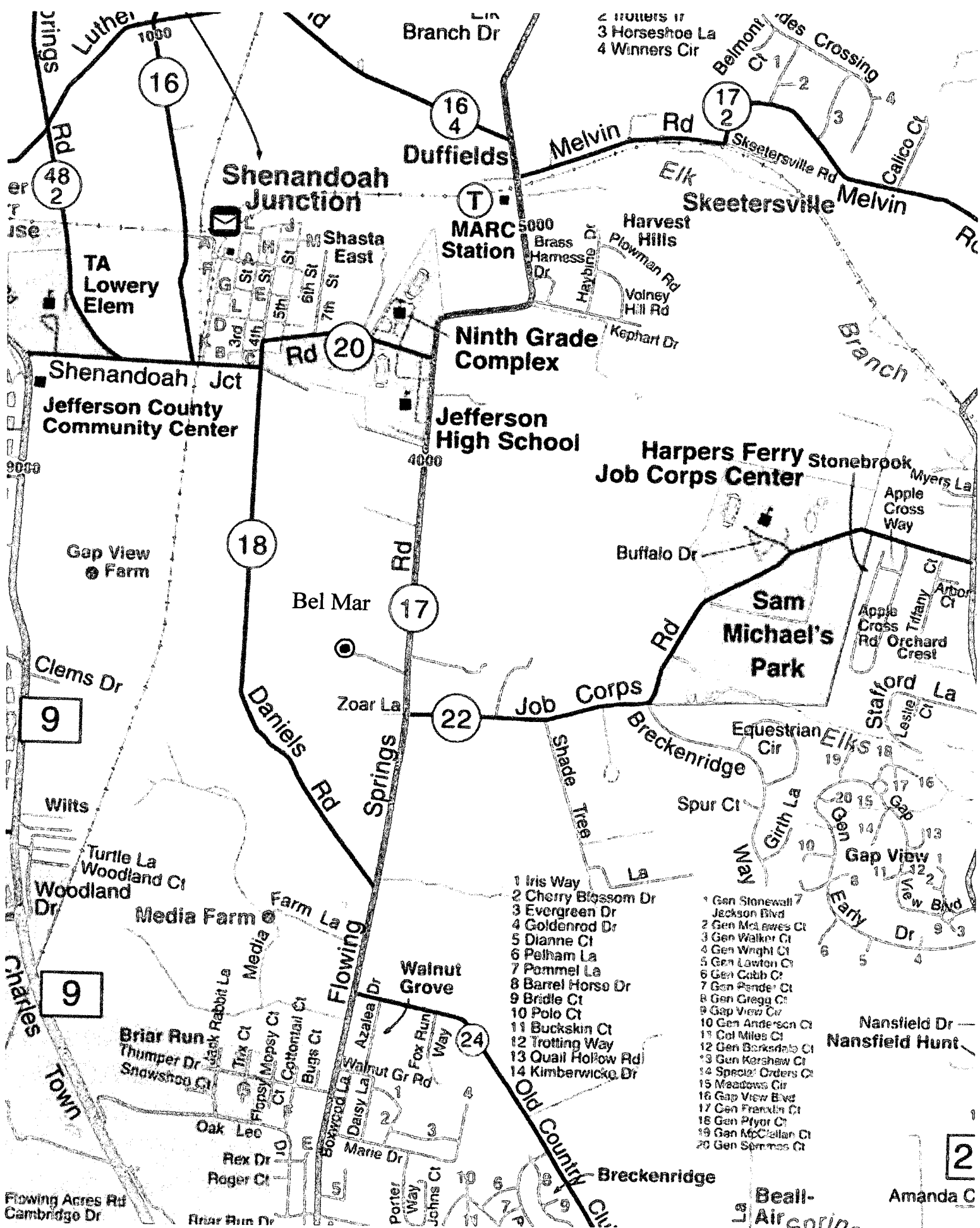


Dairy Barn



Bel-Mar: Corn Crib





- 2 Trotters Tr
- 3 Horseshoe La
- 4 Winners Cir

- 1 Gen Stonewall
- 2 Gen McAndrews Ct
- 3 Gen Walker Ct
- 4 Gen Wright Ct
- 5 Gen Lawton Ct
- 6 Gen Cobb Ct
- 7 Gen Pender Ct
- 8 Gen Gregg Ct
- 9 Gen View Ct
- 10 Gen Anderson Ct
- 11 Col Miles Ct
- 12 Gen Berkdale Ct
- 13 Gen Korshaw Ct
- 14 Special Orders Ct
- 15 Meadows Cir
- 16 Gap View Blvd
- 17 Gen Franklin Ct
- 18 Gen Pfyfer Ct
- 19 Gen McClellan Ct
- 20 Gen Semmes Ct

- 1 Iris Way
- 2 Cherry Blossom Dr
- 3 Evergreen Dr
- 4 Goldenrod Dr
- 5 Dianne Ct
- 6 Pelham La
- 7 Pommel La
- 8 Barrel Horse Dr
- 9 Bridle Ct
- 10 Polo Ct
- 11 Buckskin Ct
- 12 Trotting Way
- 13 Quail Hollow Rd
- 14 Kimberwicke Dr

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Beall-Aircorin

Breckenridge

Old County Cir

Johns Ct

Porter Way

Rear Run Dr

Rex Dr

Flowing Acres Rd
Cambridge Dr