

**CH-160**  
**Hanson Hill (site)**  
**Pomfret vic.**  
**Private**

**late 17th century**  
**late 19th century**

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Local tradition asserts that a portion of the house that once stood on the site was the late 17th century dwelling of the prominent Hanson family. The property was later acquired by Walter H.J. Mitchell from Elizabeth Caroline Margaret Bell Hanson Clagett and her husband, William Harrison Clagett around 1853. John H. Mitchell, a prominent Charles County lawyer, lived on the property circa 1865.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-160

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Hanson Hill  
common/other name Green Hill; Hanson; Mitchell Farm

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2. Location

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street & number \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town La Plata vicinity X state Maryland code MD  
county Charles code 017 zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that 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>0</u>	<u>0</u>		buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes  Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: N/A Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Victorian  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_  
roof side gable  
walls frame  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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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.
- 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.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHAEOLOGY

FUNERARY

Period of Significance Late 17th Century

Late 19th Century

Significant Dates \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Hanson family (17th-18th Century)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

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Architect/Builder Unknown

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 231.8 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The Hanson Hill property is designated as Parcel 1 on Map 32, Grid 4 on the Charles County Property Map.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

Hanson Hill has been associated with Parcel 1, Map 32 since its construction.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian  
 organization Charles County Planning Dept. date December 1998  
 street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689  
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Allan P. Clagett, Jr., et al. c/o John D. Mitchell  
 street & number P.O. Box W telephone 301-934-9386  
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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Hanson Hill  
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Charles County, Maryland  
county and state

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The Hanson family cemetery stood near the house and was enclosed by an iron fence. Many of the headstones were covered with vegetation or had been removed at the time of the initial survey.

The surveyor also noted several "interesting outbuildings," and the "magnificent view of [the] Port Tobacco Valley."

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Rural Agrarian Intensification,  
1680-1815  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-  
1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

ARCHITECTURE

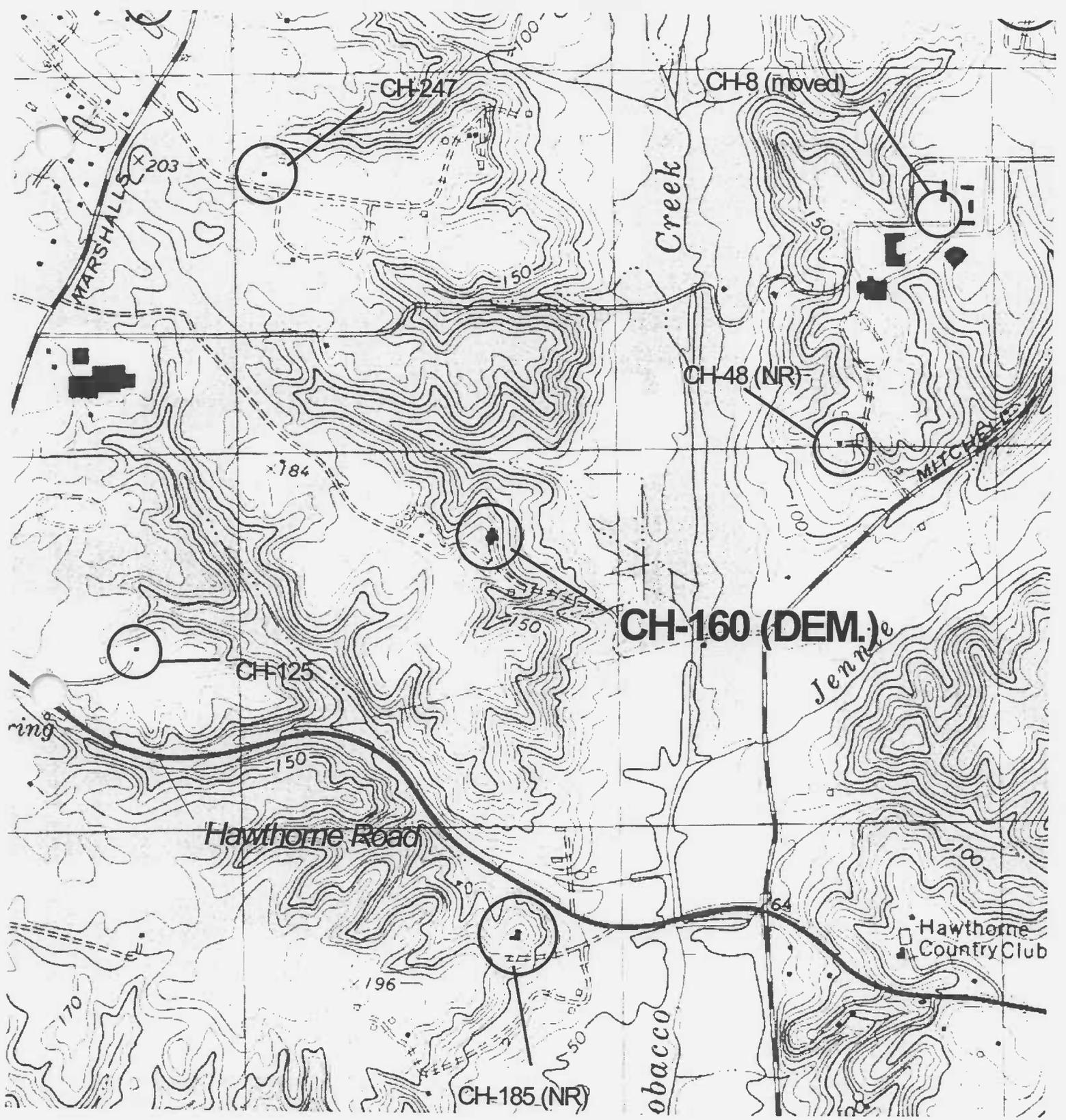
**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Site

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/Single dwelling  
FUNERARY/Cemetery

**Known Design Source:** Unknown



Hanson Hill (site)  
Charles County, MD  
CH-160

PORT TOBACCO, MD QUAD

N.P.R. FIELD SHEET  
C14 160

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: HANSON HILL, GREEN HILL, HANSON

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: MARSHALL'S CORNER RD.

CITY OR TOWN: LA PIATA (NR. POMFRET)

STATE: MD. CODE: COUNTY: CHAS. CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>destroyed by fire</u>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: (1 of SEVERAL HEIRS) JAMES MITCHELL

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LA PIATA STATE: MD. CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CHAS. CO.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: LA PIATA STATE: MD CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ONCE A LARGE RAMBLING VICTORIAN DWELLING (ONE ROOM + COMPRISED THE ORIGINAL DWELLING OF A HANSON FAMILY (JOSIAS HANSON)). ROOF RIDGE RAN N-S WITH INTERIOR CHIMNEY BREAKING ROOF LINE IN 3 PLACES. A REAR (W) WING: "A" ROOF WITH 1 STOREY PORCH FRONT (S) WALL + CHIMNEY INTERIOR CENTER OF N WALL.

1ST. HSE SAID TO HAVE BEEN ERECTED LATE 17TH. CENT. BY HANSON FAMILY, ACQUIRED BY WALTER H. MITCHELL FROM ELIZABETH CAROLINE MARGARET BEALL HANSON CLAGETT + HUSBAND WM. HARRISON CLAGETT CA. 1853, LIVED HERE: CA. 1865 JOHN H. MITCHELL CHAS. CO. LAWYER.

NEAR HOUSE IS HANSON CEMETERY ENCLOSED BY IRON FENCE - HEADSTONES GONE - SOME COVERED SOME REMOVED. INTERESTING OUT-BLDGS. LARGE TREE COVERED WITH UNUSUAL BS RAIRE TYPE OF ENGLISH IVY.

MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF PORT TOBACCO VALLEY.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

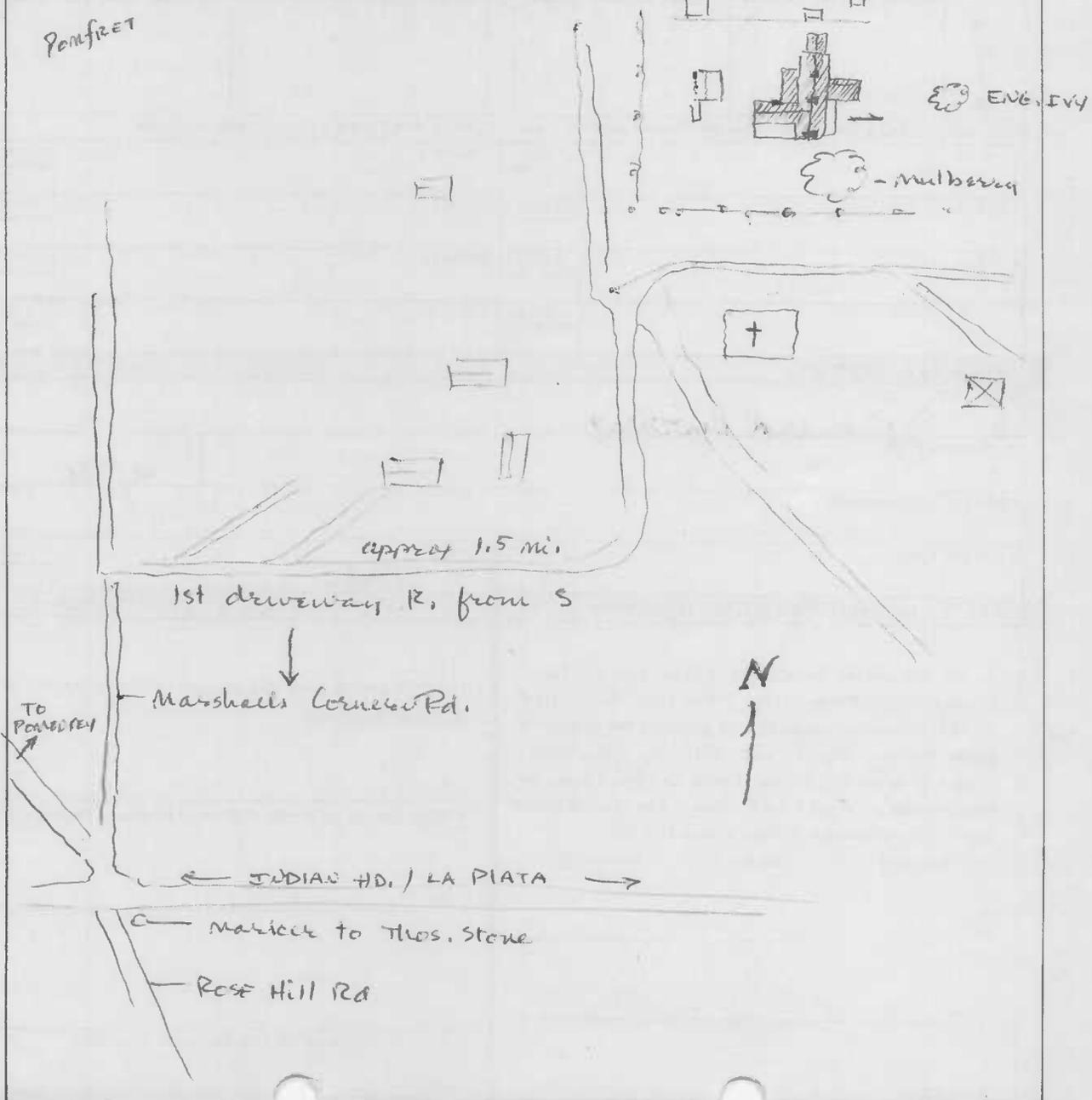
- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>     | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>           | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION: Richard Pivolet DATE: 4/70

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: Md. CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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