

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Green-Hebron House Survey Number: M-16-12-7

Project: Demolition of 22600 Club Hollow Rd, Dickerson Agency: CDBG/Montgomery County

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Green-Hebron House is a two story frame house which was probably constructed in the 1870s or 1880s as the residence of a Black landowning family. One room up and one room down, it resembles earlier log houses, but its frame construction, exterior design, large windows and stove flu are more typical of the two story frame houses which were to become the dominant type of housing for black landowners by the end of the 19th century. The house may be the oldest frame house of a Black family to have survived in the Martinsburg area, but its early history is unclear. The Green-Hebron House has been abandoned for many years and is severely deteriorated.

Although of local interest, the house fails to meet the National Register criteria for listing as an individual property. While it may once have been located in a cohesive district, the remaining resources associated with the Black community which included a church, graveyard and several houses along this section of Club Hollow Road near Martinsburg are widely scattered and do not constitute a National Register district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form #M-16-12-7

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Elizabeth Hannold March 18, 1992  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
[Signature] 3-70-92  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

mont. : 16-12-7

Green-Hebron House  
Martinsburg Vicinity  
Private

1870's, 1880's

This two story frame house was probably built as the residence of a Black landowning family. It was a precursor of the two story frame houses that were to become the dominant type of housing for Black landowners by the end of the 19th century. It is simpler in form than the later houses, having only one room down and one room up. In this it resembles the earlier log houses but its frame construction, its exterior design, its large windows and stove flue foretold the changes that would come.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Green-Hebron house

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER South Side of Club Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Virginia C. Visnich

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery Co. Court House

Liber #: 1961

Folio #: 30

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This site consists of two interesting buildings which reflect changing ways of living. The larger and earlier building is a two story frame house. It contains has a two bay facade and is one bay in depth. Along the facade has been added a brick shed porch; it was built by the son-in-law of the current occupant, Clara Hebron. He also added a shed room on the east gable end. The frame of the house is covered with white tarpaper siding. The principal members of the frame are hewn, and the studs are circular saw cut. They are fastened by machine cut nails. Even the joists are saw cut; they are ceiled with lathes and plaster. The gable roof (which runs east-west) was covered with wood shingles, and today with tin. The eaves are boxed with plain boards, and the gable ends carry small returns. A brick stove flue ascends inside the west gable end.

In plan, the house consists of simply one room down and one room up. An open ladder stairs ascends into the upper chamber.

In a frame house with stylistic advancements on the exterior and interior (such as a lathed and plastered ceiling) the presence of this primitive form of stairs is unusual. Perhaps it can be explained by the fact that the ladder stairs occupies the least amount of household space, and space may have been held at a premium.

To the east of this house stands a small trailer that was brought to this about thirty years ago by the husband of the present occupant, Clara Hebron. According to her, her husband George, built the present addition doubling its size. The house is suprisingly low in height but was built that way to be on the same level as the roof of the trailer, according to Mrs. Hebron. The trailer and this addition were photographed since few trailers of this type have survived, and it is a significant form of a folk house dated to the mid 20th century.

Both buildings stand on the summit of a hill, and behind them is planted a small, well-kept vegetable garden. Between the two houses is a paling fence. The old house is now abandoned and is in deteriorating condition.

In recent years, a brick porch was added to the front of the house by Clara Hebron's son-in-law, Edward Palmer.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

*From 1879*

SPECIFIC DATES 1870's 1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house was probably built in the 1870's or 1880's as its tall windows (tall for a house of this size), its gable end returns, and brick stove flue indicate. According to Lemuel Graham, who was born in 1894 in a log house a short distance in front of this house, it was standing when he was young and was considered to be an "old house" then. It was owned and occupied, he said, by the Albert Green family, who were Black landowners. In Hopkins' Atlas of Montgomery County (1879), a dwelling for an owner named "Green" is indicated at this spot on Club Hollow Road in the Oak Hill community. However, it is placed on the north side of the road, instead of the south side where the house stands today. Given the number of mistakes of this type that Hopkins made (e.g., John Peters' house and blacksmith shop in Martinsburg), this discrepancy can be accounted for as probably an error on the part of Hopkins. But the important fact is that Green is indicated, and this is most likely the Albert Green that Lemuel Graham recalled. Perhaps this house was standing at that time. If so, it would be the oldest frame house of a Black family to have survived in the Martinsburg area. However, one must also consider the possibility that this may have been a replacement for earlier dwelling, such as a log house.

Further research of the land records is needed to establish the dates of purchase of this tract by Albert Green. This is important since he is one of the early Black landowners of the Martinsburg area. Other researchers might also investigate the family history of the Green family to explore the kinship that might have existed among Joe Green of Oak Hill, Albert Green, and Gilmore Green, one of the Trustees of the Warren M.E. Church in Martinsburg.

Continued research of the courthouse records do not show the Green family as owners of this site. Instead, it was sold in 1884 by A. Pleasants Webb, A.A. Webb, and the Sitlers to John Adams. Both of these families were found in Sugarland, with the Webbs selling land there to Adams, who is known to be Black. In 1904, Adams conveys the land to Basil Castaele (L/F: 178/434), who in turn conveys it to Virginia C. Visnich, the present owner, in 1954, (L/F: 1961/30). Both Graham and Clara Hebron concur that the Greens lived here, so further research is needed to clarify the discrepancy, one of the few to have arisen between the oral and written accounts. Probably the families are kin.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Deeds: 1961/30; 178/434.  
 Hopkins' Atlas of Montgomery County, 1879.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

6/78

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

926-4510

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
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 Dickerson, Md. 20753  
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Martinsburg

1961/30

M:16-12-7

HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: Green-Hebron site  
tract: 4ac

tax plat: BT31 p. 763

Current owner: V. C. Visnich, Virginia Casey Visnich

GRANTOR: Montgomery Co Md.

GRANTEE: V. C. Visnich

Deed 1961/30

DATE: July 20, 1954

ACREAGE: 1.5

recorded: Sept 3, 1954

MISC.:

Former owner - Isaac Beckwith

when he own  
site

GRANTOR: Basil Castele - former owner

GRANTEE: V. C. Visnich

DATE:

ACREAGE: 4 ac.

MISC.:

Beginning at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> line of a conveyance from A. Pleasants Webb and wife and W<sup>m</sup> R. Sittler and wife to John H. Adams

date: Nov. 1, 1884

GRANTOR: John H. Adams

GRANTEE: Castele, Basil

DATE:

ACREAGE: 4 ac.

recorded: Sept. 6, 1904

MISC.:

Beginning at the end of the first line of a conveyance from A. Pleasants Webb and wife and W<sup>m</sup> R. Sittler and wife to the said John H. Adams bearing date Nov. 1, 1884 no "being" clause. 4F JA 36/395

GRANTOR: A. Pleasants Webb and A. A Webb and Sittlers.

GRANTEE: John Adams

DATE: Nov 1, 1884

ACREAGE: 16 ac. 2 roods and 37 sq. perches

recorded Feb. 16, 1893

MISC.:

POOLESVILLE

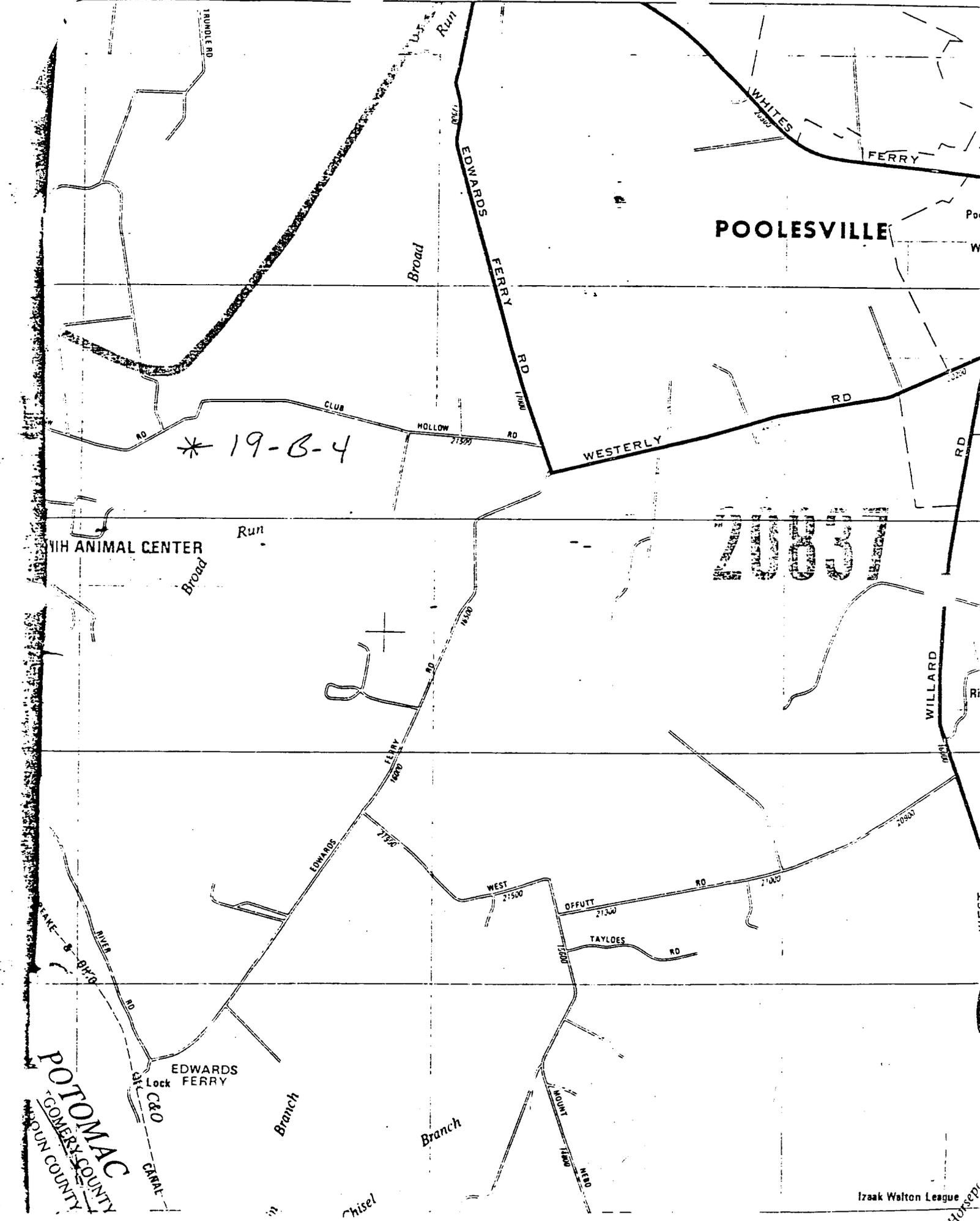
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ANIMAL CENTER

POTOMAC  
GOMERY COUNTY  
MOUNTAIN COUNTY

Izaak Walton League





Green - Hebron Dwelling

M-16-12-?

Martinsburg Md.

Facade: not north length

2 um

6/78



Green - Hebron House

S. W. Elevation

Martinsburg, Md.

M - 16-12-7

6/78 GUM