Survey No. M:34-25(PACS E14.2)

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles Ramsburg House

and/or common Walter Ramsburg House

2. Location:

street & number 2822 Gracefield Road ___ not for publication

city, town Fairland _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_x_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	___yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_x_not applicable	_x_no	___military	
			___transportation	

4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joyce and Walter Ramsburg

street & number 2822 Gracefield Road telephone no.:

city,town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20904

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 13187

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 120

city,town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
__excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
_x_good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
___fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ramsburg House is a 1½-story, 4-bay, stone Tudor Revival-style house on the north side of Gracefield Road in the Fairland vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed in 1946, the building is T-shaped in plan with a front cross-gable entry vestibule. Forming the stem of the T-shaped plan is a 1-story stone garage with a second story vinyl-sided addition, which projects from the rear of the structure.

The structure has a side-gable roof, with a cross-gable entry vestibule and an exterior stone chimney on the front elevation. It is of masonry construction with stone veneer, and it has a stone foundation. The majority of the windows are wood casement. The front elevation has a stone stoop leading to the entrance.

The front, or south facade has an entrance in the cross-gable vestibule. The entrance vestibule has a lancet arch-shaped door with three stepped lights, a 9-light circular window above the doorway and a rectangular fixed window with a diamond glazing pattern east of the door. The front elevation also has a pair of 12-light casement windows on both sides of the vestibule.

.e west elevation has a 1-story flat roof porch. The porch is supported by two stone posts and has a flagstone floor. Centered on the elevation is a single 15-light glass door. A triple 12-light casement window is located to the south of the door, while a pair of 12-light casement windows is located to the north. The second story has a pair of 12-light casement windows in the gable end. A stone garage, with a vinyl-sided second floor addition extends from the rear elevation. The west elevation of this section has a single 12-light casement window on the first story and a pair of 12-light casement windows on the second story.

The rear, or north elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. The first floor has a pair of 12-light casement windows on each side of the garage section. The first floor of the projecting garage section has a single 12-light casement window. A pair of 12-light casement windows is located in the second story addition to the garage section.

The east elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern. The basement level has a glass and paneled door centered in the elevation and is accessed from the west by a set of concrete steps. Above the basement entry, on the first story, is a glass and panel door with a shed roof hood supported by two wooden posts. This entrance is approached from the north by a set of concrete steps parallel to the elevation. The platform of the concrete stoop forms a protective covering over the basement entry. To the south of this entry is a three-sided canted bay with a hipped roof. The center window in the bay is a 16-light fixed window and is flanked by two 12-light casement windows. To the north of the entrance is a single-light plate glass window. The second story has a pair of 12-light casement windows in the gable end.

Alterations to the property include a second story addition to the garage section.

.here are no outbuildings associated with this property. A stone hearth/grill is located north of the house.

7. Description (Continued)

The property is located on the north side of Gracefield Road. The grade slopes gradually up from the road toward the rear of the lot. Residential property is located to the north, south and east, with an open lot and Gracefield Road to the south. The property's setting retains its original character.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
__prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	__theater
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__transportation
x 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__other (specify)
		__invention		

Specific dates 1946 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state ___local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Jerimiah and Henri Mackle purchased 1.01 hectares (2.5 acres) of land from George McCeney in 1945. Half of that parcel, .50 hectares (1.25 acres), was sold to Charles and Eleanor Ramsburg in 1946. The Ramsburgs built the house shortly after the purchase of the lot. The remainder of the parcel was purchased by the Ramsburgs in 1963 for a total of 1.01 hectares (2.5 acres). In 1994, the house and its 1.01 hectares (2.5 acres) was sold to Joyce and Walter Ramsburg from the trustees of Eleanor Ramsburg.

The Ramsburg House is located on the north side of Gracefield Road in the Fairland vicinity. Fairland is located on land originally patented to Archibald Edmonston in 1720 as "Deer Park" in what was then Prince George's County. "Deer Park" was a grant of 276 hectares (682 acres) of land between the Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch, and from approximately Randolph Road to Briggs Chaney Road (Boyd 1879: 38).

Beginning in the 1880s, the economy of Montgomery and Prince George's counties began to shift away from agriculture, becoming increasingly more dependent upon the federal government and the jobs it provided (M-NCPPC 1993:25). The combined influences of an expanding capital city, speculative developers, and easier, more convenient modes of transportation stimulated suburban growth in both Montgomery and Prince George's counties. However, Fairland was far enough away from the District of Columbia to remain a small and rural community. In the decades after the Civil War, Fairland had a population of about 50 people, an Episcopal church, a schoolhouse, and a store.

The automobile and an improved system of roads offered further opportunity for suburban expansion. New communities appeared, in some cases quite distant from railroad and streetcar lines. Although Fairland remained a small community until after the Second World War, development occurred along the Columbia Pike. The historic crossroads of Fairland has been replaced by modern development.

The Ramsburg House is an example of post-World War II development. A common building type in the post- World War II period is the one to two-story side-gable cottage with Revival style detailing. These buildings are commonly designed with Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival features. The Ramsburg House is a side-gable cottage in the Tudor Revival style. The Tudor Revival style is based on early English building traditions and is identified by a steeply pitched roof, often side-gable with cross-gables, half-timbering or other exterior wall elaboration, multiple window groupings, including casement windows and diamond glazing patterns, and a prominently located chimney.

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Constructed in 1946, the Ramsburg House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it lacks architectural distinction. Buildings, such as the Ramsburg House, were frequently built during the post WWII period. This structure does not individually represent a contribution to the architectural history of its type or period. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams Date: 11/25/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 3/4/02

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.01 hectare (2.5 acres)
Quadrangle name Beltsville, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date December 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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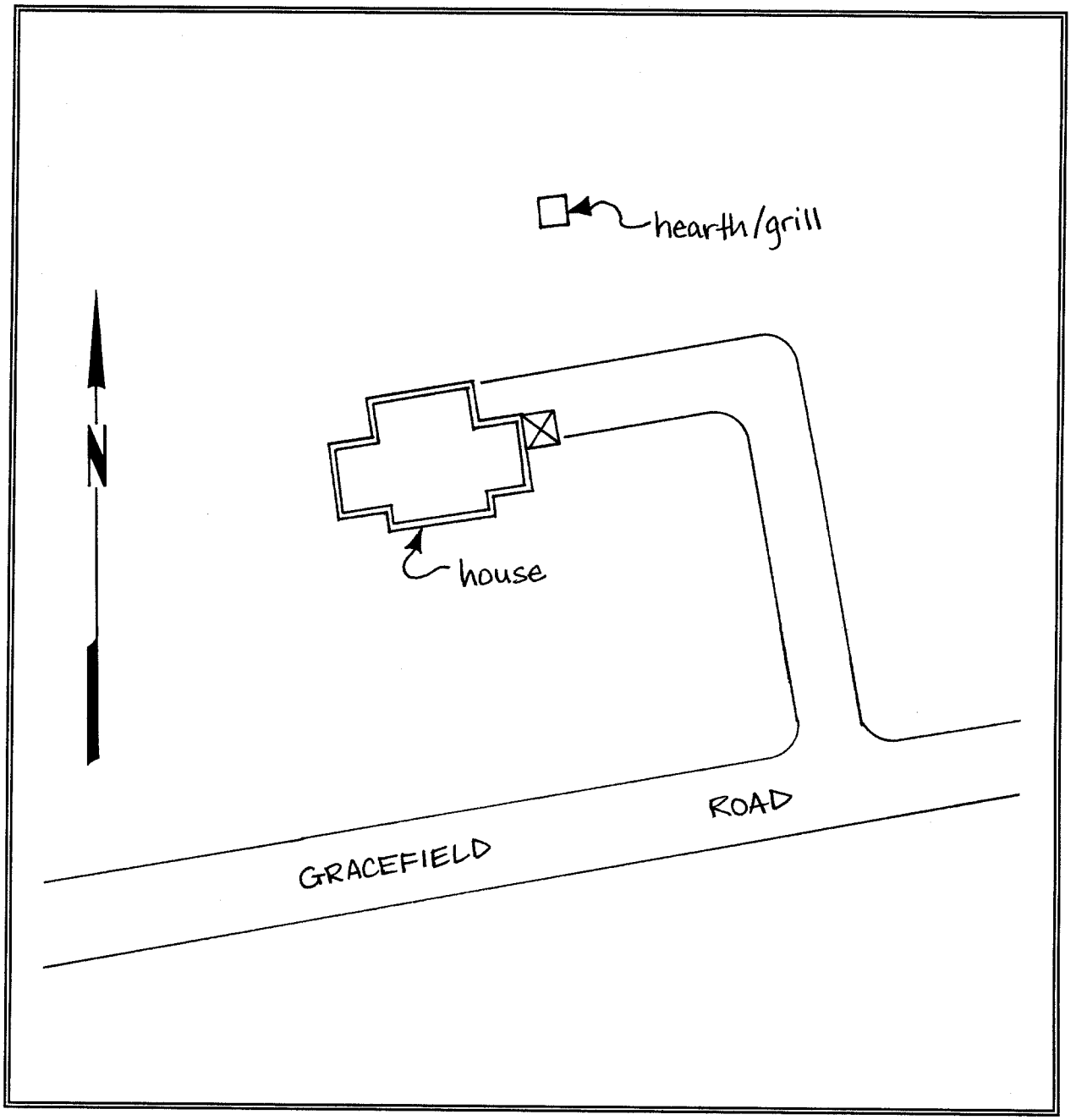
Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
December 1996

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Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative
Quad Beltsville
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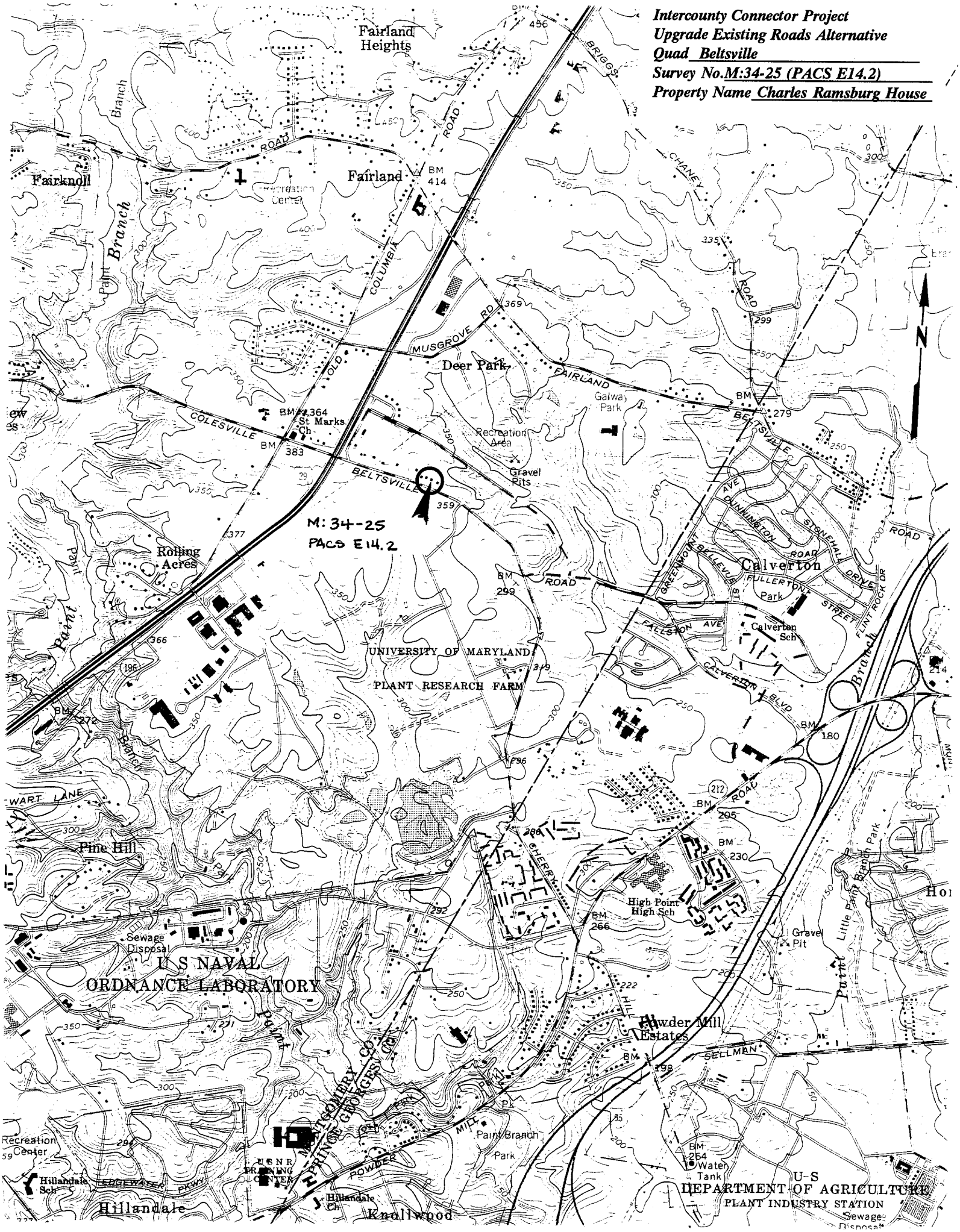
Property Name Charles Ramsburg House



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