

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #73-3 Building Date: late 19th c.

Building Name: Simpson House

Location: 3811 Lottsford Vista Road, Mitchellville

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Simpson house is a two-story frame gable-roofed house. It stands on a tree-shaded knoll, set back on the east side of Lottsford Road at the end of a farm lane. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay west facade. This facade is sheltered by a one-story porch supported by turned bracketed posts. There is a central corbelled brick chimney at the ridge. The building is covered with German siding painted white. The doors and windows have plain board surrounds; they, like the porch posts, are painted beige. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingles. There is a rear gable-roofed addition. Behind and northeast of the house are several twentieth century barns. The house is in deteriorating condition, and may not survive.

Significance

The Simpson House is a modest vernacular farmhouse, built late in the nineteenth century as the home of George T. Simpson. Although the house was not accessible for close observation at the time of this survey, it appears to be a standard two-story I-house, with a rear kitchen wing. During the 1870's, George T. Simpson purchased several parcels of farmland in the Kent District out of the "Three Sisters" estate. The house may have been built as early as 1878, for a dwelling appears in its location on the G.M. Hopkins map of that year. After Simpson's early death in 1882, the 100-acre farm was operated for another half century by his widow and her four sons. The land has been a tenant farm since the 1950's; ownership has never gone out of the Simpson family. The Simpson house stands in open farmland in an area which is gradually being developed into residential communities. It is typical of many plain late nineteenth century farmhouses, and is a noticeable landmark in an historic agricultural area.

Acreage: 95.27 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Simpson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3811 Lottsford Vista Rd. (Now on Vista Linda Drive) not for publication

city, town Mitchellville vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name George T. Simpson

street & number 10803 Annapolis Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code Md. 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5584

street & number Main Street folio 725

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 19th century **Builder/Architect** local history

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D

and/or

Applicable Exception: 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.

#8.

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During the 1870's, George T. Simpson purchased several parcels of farmland in the Kent District out of the old "Three Sisters" estate (cf. #73-2).¹ The house may have been built as early as 1878, for a dwelling appears in its location on the G.M. Hopkins map of that year.² After Simpson's early death in 1882, the 100-acre farm was operated for another half century by his widow and her four sons. It became the home farm in this century of Simpson's son Clarence.³ When Clarence Simpson died in 1958, he devised the farm to two of his nephews, and the land has been a tenant farm since that time.⁴ Ownership has never gone out of the Simpson family.

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records, HB #11:603; HB #14:233.

2 G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Prince Georges County, 1878.

3 Prince George's County Estate File #1198; conversation with Mrs. Simpson, August 1985.

4 Prince George's County Will WDA #2:482.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: T. B. Lewis House					
AND/OR HISTORIC: John Simpson House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 3811 Lottsford Vista Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville					
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Thelbert B. Lewis					
STREET AND NUMBER: 3811 Lottsford Vista Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story frame structure with a porch across the main (west) facade. Chimneys are located on the north end near the center.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itorion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for 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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 24 Sept 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring, Md. STATE:

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Simpson House
P.G. #73-3

#5584:725 7 Sept 1982 Deed	Catherine B. Simpson, personal representative of the estate of Kenneth Arthur Simpson, deceased, to Catherine B. Simpson; 13th Election District, parcels 1 and 2 in deed recorded #481:346 (excepting 5.34 acres conveyed by #1845:243 and 1.8901 acres conveyed by #2841:470, the residue being 95.2699 acres); being the interest in the property devised to Kenneth A. Simpson under the will of Clarence O. Simpson.
Adm #29,796 1981 Estate file	Estate of Kenneth A. Simpson who died intestate 23 Oct 1981. Catherine B. Simpson, his surviving spouse, is only heir listed; Part 2 of deceased's real estate; 1/2 interest in 95.2699 acres in Mitchellville.
WDA #2:482 21 Jan. 1958 Will	Estate of Clarence O. Simpson who died 14 Jan. 1958; to nephews Kenneth A. Simpson and George T. Simpson - equal undivided shares in 100-acre farm in Kent District.
#481:349 27 Sept 1937 Deed	George T. Simpson, widower, to Clarence O. Simpson; one-quarter undivided part of a farm in Kent District of which his mother, widow of George T. Simpson, died possessed.
#481:348 23 Sept 1937 Deed	J.A.H. and Elizabeth M. Simpson to Clarence O. Simpson; 60 3/4 and 42 1/6 acres in Kent District, one-quarter of which J.A.H. Simpson inherited as the eldest son of Mary A. Simpson, widow of George T. Simpson.
#481:346 25 Sept 1937 Deed	Oscar L. Simpson, unmarried, to Clarence O. Simpson; 60 3/4 acres, part of Three Sisters, and 42 1/6 acres, part of Good Luck; grantor's one-quarter share of the land of which his mother, Mary A. Simpson, died possessed; same which was conveyed by HB #11:603 and HB #14:233.
#6,056 1937 Estate File	Estate of Mary A. Simpson who died intestate 16 Jan 1937; 102 11/12 acres in Kent District in real estate inventory; heirs are four sons - J.A.H., Clarence, George and Oscar Simpson.
#1,198 1882 Estate File	Estate of George T. Simpson who died intestate 18 Sept 1882; no inventory of real estate; widow, Mary Ann Simpson, named administratrix.

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HB #14:233
30 Sept 1878
Deed

Heirs of Trueman Cross to George T. Simpson; 42 1/6
acres, part of the real estate conveyed in a Deed of
Trust recorded HB #9:232.

HB #11:603
31 Dec 1875
Deed

Charles A. and Mary L. Wells to George T. Simpson; 60
3/4 acres, parts of Three Sisters and Good Luck; a
portion of the land grantor acquired from John B.
Magruder and wife on 6 May 1874.

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JOHN HANSON HWY. 50

CATHERINE B. SIMPSON
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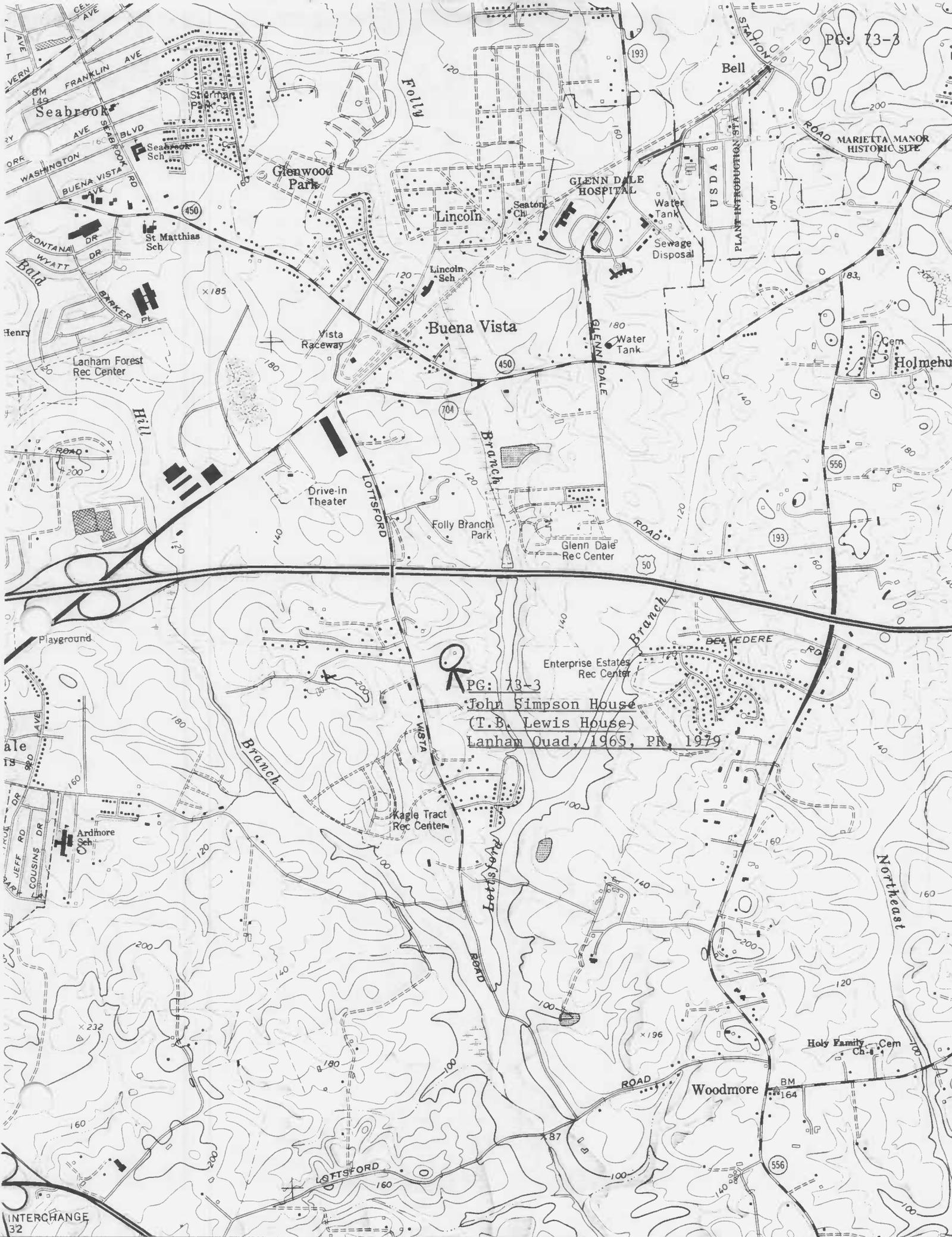
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John Simpson House
 (T.B. Lewis House)
 Lanham Quad, 1965, PR, 1979



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Simpson House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.