

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Chelsea Inventory Number: PG 73-18

Address: 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, MD 20772

Owner: Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, 6600 Kenilworth Ave, Riverdale, MD 20737

Tax Parcel Number: 33 Tax Map Number: 76

Project MD 193: Keverton Drive to MD 202 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no yes Name: Heather Confer Date: 6/21/99

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Is property located within a historic district?: no yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photos)*

Chelsea faces east toward MD 193 on the 5.58-acre parcel owned by Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and associated with the property. The date of construction is uncertain but is estimated as c. 1798. The original federal style dwelling was considerably enlarged c. 1874 and modified again in 1949. Currently the house is two stories with a hipped roof, bracketed cornice, and full width front porch. The outbuildings are west of the house and consist of a large gable roof barn and several small sheds. A set of concrete gateposts marks the entrance to an unpaved lane leading to the house and outbuildings. These posts appear to be contemporary with the 1949 renovations to the home and would therefore not be contributing elements of the property. A second set of posts and a gate, mentioned in the inventory form, are located approximately 10 feet behind the concrete gateposts. The metal posts and the gate appear to be constructed of modern materials.

Development in the area around MD 193 and Oak Grove Road dates from the early eighteenth century. Roads were constructed to connect towns with parish churches and chapels. Oak Grove Road and MD 193 connected St. Barnabas' at Leeland, established c. 1706, with the road to Upper Marlboro. Tobacco was the crop of choice in southern

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

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 Date

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Maryland with Prince George's County being one of the five southern Maryland counties that formed the heart of Maryland's tobacco-growing region. The nature of tobacco cultivation encouraged scattered settlement rather than town development. Several plantations including Chelsea (PG 73-18), Perrywood (PG 79-58), Woodlawn (PG 79-57), and Bowieville (PG74A-18) were built in the vicinity of St. Barnabas' Church. With the decline in tobacco production in the twentieth century, land owners sold off extra acreage. Many of the homes and properties changed hands at least once between 1900 and 1950. In more recent years, large tracts of land have been increasingly subdivided for housing developments, taking advantage of the relatively short commuting distance to Washinton DC. The Perrywood and Oak Grove developments near the junction of MD 193 and Oak Grove are evidence of suburban encroachment into this once rural agrarian area.

Chelsea is eligible under Criterion C for its architectural significance in rural central Prince George's County. Though many other plantation houses from the same time period exist in the area, Chelsea is unique in that it incorporates an earlier Federal style dwelling within a "Victorianized" enlargement.

**RESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

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:

- 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 Prehistoric
- Unknown Historic

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

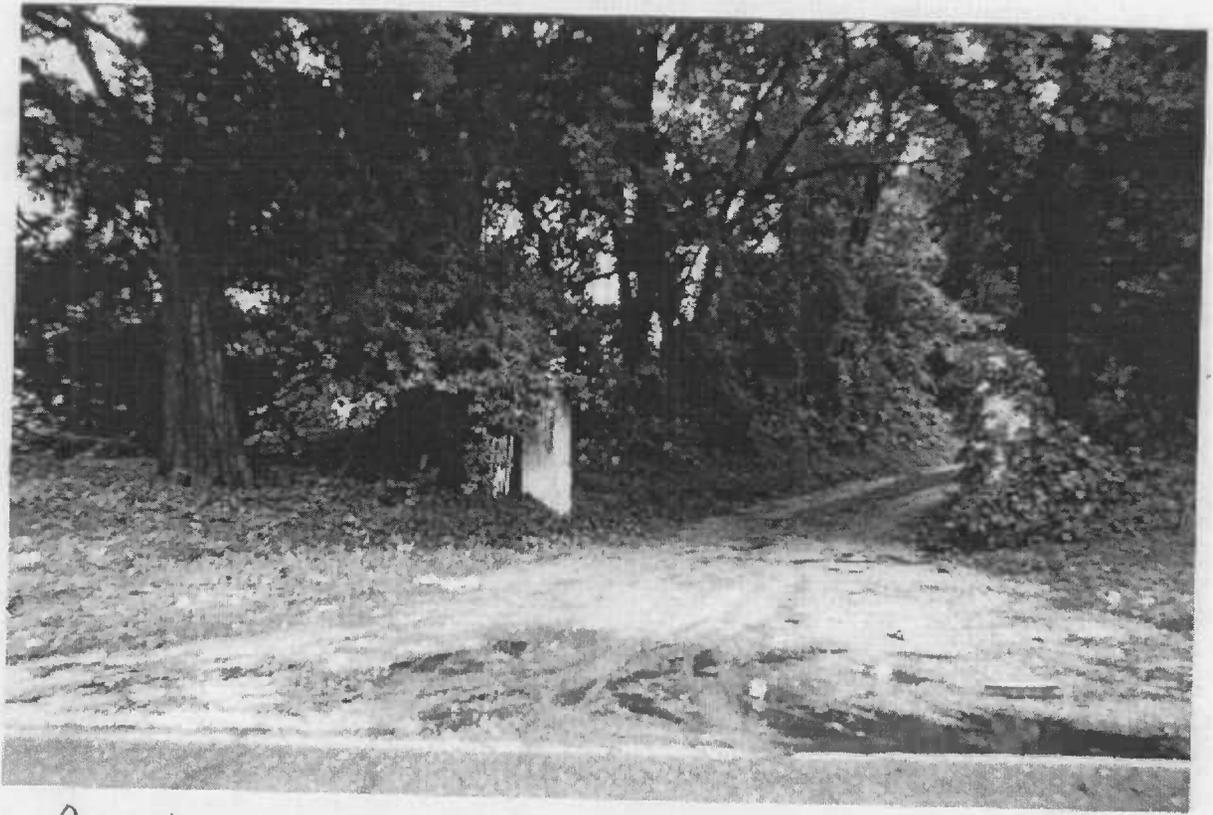
V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic environment: Rural, Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residential, Agricultural

Known Design Source: Humphrey Belt, Wm. Berry



Ja Concrete gateposts and modern metal gateposts



Jb Line of sight photo, from west side of roadway on the embankment facing west toward Chelsea.



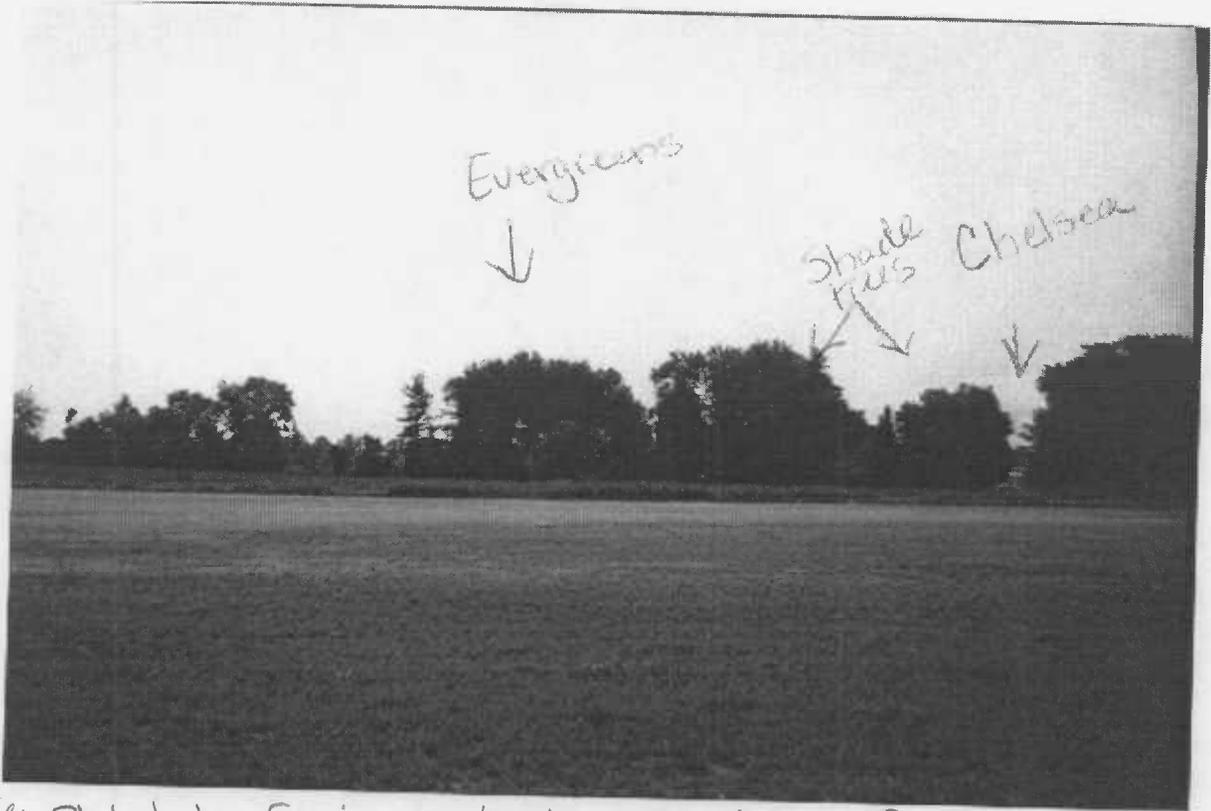
Ic

general photo of existing roadway facing north, showing line of cedars



Id

Line of sight photo; showing line of cedar trees, facing northwest toward Chelsea



IIc Photo taken facing south toward Chelsea, from Largo/Kettering Community center parking lot, showing relationship of Chelsea property to groupings of trees and to the approximate location of the new roadway.



IIc

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #73-18

Building Date: 1790's, 1870's

Building Name: Chelsea

Location: 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair-Good/Inaccessible

Description

Chelsea is a large and handsome frame house, distinguished by its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim. The house is five bays by five bays. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal east facade, through a six-panel door with plain board surround, three-pane transom, and two-pane sidelights. Across this facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with square posts and dentilled cornice. The house is two stories high with hip roof, sided with horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story of the principal east facade are full length 4/2 double hung sash; second story windows are 2/2, and all have molded lintels. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and is embellished with handsome console brackets. Extending to the rear in the southmost bays of the west elevation is a shallow kitchen addition. Interior plan of the house is central passage and side stairhall, with a parlor in each of the four quadrants. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the west wall of the crosshall; it has a slim, gracefully turned newel, and plain rectangular balusters. Door and window surrounds in the north parlors have bold Greek Revival profile, and bold bullseye corner blocks. All other rooms have two-step broken-field trim.

Significance

Chelsea is an excellent example of a late Victorian hip-roof bracketed dwelling which incorporates a smaller Federal style structure. The original structure was built by members of the Belt family; it was enlarged and embellished circa 1870 by William Berry. In 1798 a 36 foot square hip-roof frame dwelling stood on the tract known as Chelsea; Chelsea remained a tenant property for two generations of Berry family ownership. In 1835, William J. Berry had married Sarah Elizabeth Clagett, daughter of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston; the bold Greek Revival style trim in the formal north parlor, which so resembles Clagett's improvements at Weston during that period, may reflect a renovation of Chelsea to serve as the young couple's first home. Chelsea passed to his son, William, who married in 1874; it was at approximately this time that he rebuilt and enlarged the house at Chelsea. Two more rooms were added behind the staircase, increasing the depth of the house. The windows were Victorianized, and the cornices were embellished with console brackets. Chelsea is a unique example in Prince George's County of a Victorianized Federal style house. It retains many fine details of both periods, and is an important landmark in rural central Prince George's County.

Acreage: 5.58 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Chelsea

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 601 Watkins Park Drive (Maryland Route 193) not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of Oak Grove congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's County

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Estate of Mary Young

street & number 57 Willow Drive telephone no.:

city, town Little Silver state and zip code NJ 07739

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. PG Co. Courthouse liber 1176

street & number Main Street folio 95

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records PGC Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Chelsea is a large and handsome frame house with hip roof and bracketed cornice. It stands on level farmland, accessible by an unpaved lane, and is distinguished by its size and roofline, its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim.

The house is five bays by five bays, circa 38 by 50 feet. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal east facade, through a six-panel door with plain board surround, three-pane transom, and two-pane side-lights over molded wainscot panels. Across this main east facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by square posts with molded capitals. The porch has a dentilled cornice, and wooden floor, and rests on brick piers, infilled with newer brick.

The house is two stories high with hip roof. It is sided with horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story of the principal east facade are full length Victorian, 4/2 double hung sash; second story windows (and first story windows on the other three elevations) are 2/2 doublehung sash. All windows have plain board surrounds and sills and larger molded lintels; most windows have black louvered shutters.

The cornice is boxed with crown molding and a deep overhang; it is supported by console brackets. More ornate double brackets with pendants decorate the corners of the cornice. There are four tall slim interior corbelled brick chimneys, two on the rear west elevation, and one each in the easterly section of the north and south elevations. The hip roof, newly covered with black asbestos shingle, has a small central cupola, and once had a widow's walk balustrade. The roof was originally covered with cedar shingles, above which were added two consecutive layers of asphalt shingle. The brick foundation encloses a full cellar.

Extending to the rear in the southmost bays of the west elevation is a shallow kitchen addition which includes a rear entrance into the kitchen; the two windows which light this shallow addition are small modern 6/6 double hung sash, without shutters. A screen-enclosed porch shelters the three central bays of the north elevation; it is one story high with hip roof and bracketed cornice, and rests on an old brick foundation. Above the porch in the central bay of the second story is a door flanked by full-length louvered shutters.

Interior plan of the house is central passage and side stairhall, with a parlor in each of the four quadrants. The east door leads into a hallway with a parlor on each side. The parlor on the left (south) has an

arched slate mantel, painted white, in its south exterior wall; the mantel has a scalloped Victorian shelf. Just behind (west of) this parlor is the transverse stairhall. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the west wall of this southerly crosshall, turns at a landing and continues to the second floor. It has a slim, gracefully turned newel, and plain rectangular balusters; stairends have scroll brackets, and the spandrel is panelled. The stair continues to the attic level.

In the north part of the house, the front (east) parlor has in its north wall a plain black marble mantel with incised geometric design. An elliptical arch in the west wall of this parlor connects the northeast parlor to the central cross-passage; the arch has fluted pilasters and panelled soffit. Door and window surrounds in these two northerly connecting spaces have bold Greek Revival profile, and bold bullseye corner blocks. All other rooms have two-step broken-field trim, with an outer band of astragal molding.

The northwest quadrant consists of a dining room, with a black marble mantel like that of the northeast parlor in its west wall. The southwest space, slightly enlarged by the shallow southwest addition, is a kitchen, with a fireplace in its west wall. This space, which had been a fourth parlor, was converted in 1950 into a kitchen, and the older kitchen wing was demolished and replaced by the shallow utility space.

There is a cellar under the house; in the easterly space hand-hewn beams are in some places visible. The foundation which encloses the basement space under the northwest corner of the house is of concrete block.

There is a complex of farm buildings west of the house: several small sheds, and a large gable-roof barn with vertical siding, steeply pitched roof, and one lantern at its ridge. The house is accessible by an unpaved lane which leads west from Watkins Park Road, through two sets of gate posts, and forms a circle just east of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG #73-18

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1790, ca. 1875 Builder/Architect

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.

Chelsea is an excellent example of a late Victorian hip-roof bracketed dwelling which incorporates a smaller Federal style structure. The original structure was built by members of the Belt family; it was enlarged and embellished circa 1870 by William Berry. It is distinguished by its size and profile, its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim.

The tract known as Chelsea was patented in 1671, and in the early eighteenth century came into the possession of Col. Joseph Belt. After the Colonel's death in 1761, it passed to his son Humphrey Belt, who probably was the builder of the original house on this site.¹ In 1798, Humphrey Belt sold 542-1/2 acres of Chelsea to Zachariah Berry who resided at that time at Concord, PG #75A-1, an elegant Federal style brick plantation house which he had just completed building 4-1/2 miles west of Chelsea.² At this time, a 36 foot square hip-roof frame dwelling stood on Zachariah Berry's part of Chelsea; it had an adjoining kitchen (28 by 16 feet) and a complete set of outbuildings. This dwelling, which had been Humphrey Belt's home, is incorporated into the east (front) section of the present house. Chelsea remained a tenant property for two generations of Berry family ownership. Zachariah Berry owned several very large and important properties, and was one of the wealthiest planters in the County. When he died in 1845, he devised his home plantation, Concord, to Zachariah, Jr., and another important property, Oxon Hill Manor, to his son Thomas; he devised to his second wife, Sarah, "Chelsea, which I bought from Humphrey Belt, and after her death to her son William J. Berry, son of Jeremiah Berry" and nephew of the testator.³

In 1835, William J. Berry had married Sarah Elizabeth Clagett, daughter of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston; the bold Greek Revival style trim in the formal north parlor, which so resembles Clagett's improvements at Weston during that period, may reflect a renovation of Chelsea to serve as the young couple's first home. By the 1840's, however, William J. Berry had purchased Bowieville, the fine stuccoed brick mansion built circa 1820 by Mary Bowie. The Berrys continued to operate the Chelsea farm as an

investment property, but raised their family at the more elegant Bowieville, less than two miles east of Chelsea.⁴ When William J. Berry died in 1866, he devised Bowieville, his home place, to his older son Jeremiah, and Chelsea to his younger son, William. To his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, he devised "a home for life at the dwelling plantation Chelsea, only on the condition that she give up her rights to Bowieville"; he instructed William that he must provide a home for his mother at Chelsea.⁵

William Berry was 19 years old at the time of his father's death in 1866. He was soon living and working at the Chelsea farm, in the family of the farm manager.⁶ In 1874 he married Catherine Billop, and it was at approximately this time that he rebuilt and enlarged the house at Chelsea. Two more rooms were added in the rear (west) behind the staircase, increasing the depth of the house, and an ell-shaped kitchen wing was added farther to the west. The windows were Victorianized, with 4/2 and 2/2 sashes, and the cornices were embellished with console brackets. On the interior, Victorian black marble mantels were installed.

Chelsea remained the Berry family home until 1917 when it was sold to George and Mary Buchheister, who farmed the land and raised their family there. Chelsea was sold in 1949 to the Young family and shortly afterwards was renovated under the supervision of carpenter Joseph Wyvill. At this time, the north porch was built, and the kitchen wing was removed. The southwest room on the first story was converted into a new kitchen, and expanded slightly to the west.

Chelsea is a unique example in Prince George's County of a Victorianized Federal style house. It can be compared to the Townshend house (74A-5), built for Grafton Townshend circa 1878, but Chelsea is unique in that it incorporated an earlier dwelling. It retains many fine details of both periods, and is an important landmark in rural central Prince George's County.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Patent Liber 14:436; Prince George's County Deeds M:5, 221; Prince George's County Will T#1:176.
- 2 Federal Direct Tax, 1798.
- 3 Prince George's County Will PC#1:284; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1830's and 1840's.
- 4 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; Federal Census for Prince George's County; cf. also National Register nomination of Bowieville, PG #74A-18.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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- 5 Prince George's County Will WAJ #1:368.
- 6 Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1870.
- 7 Prince George's County Deed, #124:258.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed, #1176:95.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #73-18

cf. chain of title
cf. Notes, #Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5.58 acres

7M #76 parcel 33

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization PGC Historic Preservation Commission date June 1988

street & number c/o MNCBPC, #4010 CAB telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 73-18 Date mid to late 18th cent.

Building Name Chelsea

Location 601 Watkins Park Drive, Largo vicinity, Upper Marlboro

Open to Public yes no

Chelsea is a large frame, two-story, five bay house, with hip roof and balustered deck. There are four interior chimneys near the edge of the roof, and a five-bay, one-story porch on the east (main) facade. Construction details and floor plan suggest that at some time the house has been enlarged, extending it to the west from the original.

This part of the Chelsea tract has been referred to in old records as a dwelling plantation since the early 1700's. Colonel Joseph Belt, commander of the Prince George's County militia, first acquired this land in 1726 and made his home here. It has not been proven that part of this building was his home. The present house was occupied by the Berry family for many years after 1799; the Berrys owned thousands of acres in this county and, all through the 18th and 19th centuries, lived in some of the finest houses of that time.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Chelsea

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md.

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Largo CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

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
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<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. W. Wallace Young Telephone #: 301-249-5056

STREET & NUMBER 601 Watkins Park Drive,

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Largo STATE, zip code Maryland 20870

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 1176
Folio #: 95

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland 20870

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE not in HABS

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chelsea is a large, frame, two-story, five bay house. It has a hip roof with a balustered deck. There are four interior chimneys near the edge of the roof (one at the north, one at the south and two at the west sides). There is a five-bay, one-story porch on the east or main facade. Construction details and floor plan suggest that at some time the house has been enlarged, extending it to the west from the original.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES mid to late 18th c. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This part of the tract Chelsea has been referred to in old records as a dwelling plantation since the early 1700's. Colonel Joseph Belt, commander of the Prince George's County militia, first acquired this land in 1726 and made his home here. It has not been proved that part of this building was his home. The present house was occupied by the Berry family for many years after 1799. The present owner purchased it in 1940. The Berrys owned thousands of acres in this county and all through the 18th and 19th centuries, lived in some of the finest houses of that time, such as Concord and Bowieville.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G. County Land Records: Liber M,folio 5; Liber JRM#7,folio 142;
P.G. County Wills: Liber WAJ#1,folio 368

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres only in house tract

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

Margaret W. Cook

January 1979

ORGANIZATION

P.G. County Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

5621 Delaware Drive

TELEPHONE

301-839-3638

CITY OR TOWN

Oxon Hill

STATE

Maryland 20021

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

7. DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

PERIOD (Check One or More)

Pre-Columbian

15th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aboriginal

Prehistoric

Historic

Agriculture

Architecture

Art

Commerce

Communications

Conservation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, hipped-roof, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade. The main entrance has transom and sidelights; the door and window transoms are cornices. The main cornice is supported by brackets while the corner boards carry drop pendent brackets. A porch, across the entire facade, has square posts and a dentiled cornice. There are four rectangular internal chimneys; there is a balustraded "widow's walk" at the peak of the roof.

Behind the house is an old barn with a steeply pitched "A" roof with louvered lantern. There is also a small shed with rough log posts and vertical plank siding.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal
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<input type="checkbox"/> Historic
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<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
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<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 20 Sept. 73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12 State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

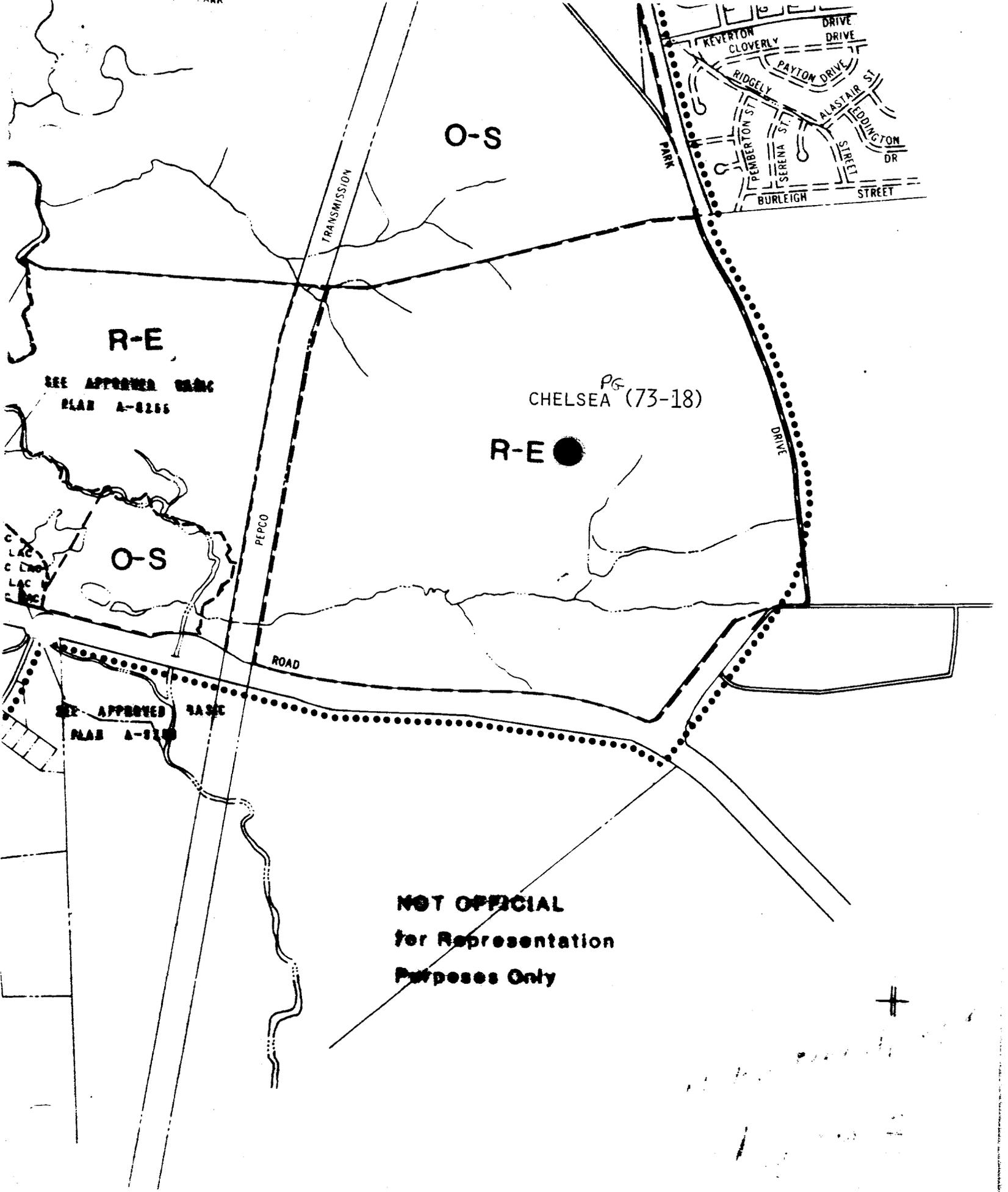
Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Md. COUNTY P.G. TOWN VICINITY #37 STREET NO. 2335 Enterprise rd.		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Priv dwell PRESENT OWNER W.W.Young PRESENT USE Priv dwell WALL CONSTRUCTION clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2		2. NAME Chelsea DATE OR PERIOD 1820-1850 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
OPEN TO PUBLIC		<p>Core is 1820, several later additons. Hip roof. Downstairs windows changed. Owner interested, excell. cond., no danger.</p>	

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Md. Historical Magazine Vol 19, # No. 1, (March 1924) p. 3:
Is this the same Chelsea? says its from 1725,
gambrel roof. - DFR

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH <i>Plot # 857</i>	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. X <i>Rison - Survey, p 86</i>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	



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SEE APPROVED BASIC
PLAN A-8266

PG
CHELSEA (73-18)

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ROAD

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PLAN A-8169

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MAP 75 - P. 1

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RAJINDAR S. SIDHU
5086 / 968
45.99 A
P. 17

5086 / 988
5086 / 979
2.01 A
2.00 A
P. 19
P. 18

MICHAEL J. COOM
6021 / 821
35.00 A.
P. 5

WATKINS

PARK

DRIVE

R-A

PG 73-18

MARY N. YOUNG
1176 / 95
5.58A
P. 33

MAP 75 - P. 2

THE BEHNKE NURS.
5031 /
80.0
P. 4

J. M. BUCHHEISTER
5253 / 755
6.09 A.
P. 24

PETER W. BUCHHEISTER
5379 / 780
13.20A
P. 28

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OAK GROVE RD.

DEE CORPORATION
3968/495
55.52 A.
P. 30

DORITA T. BIGELOW
5552/466
17.70A.
P. 37

R-S

LARGO RD
MD. 202

R-E

P.
25

DEE CORPORATION
5552/463
192.65 A.
P. 38

Woodmore

74A-7

Tail Oaks Sch

Lahham

74A-15 (15)

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Enterprise East Rec Center

Northeast Branch Park

BM 81 Kolbes Corner

ROBERT M WATKINS REGIONAL STATE PARK

PG # 73-18

73-18 (18)

Branch

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OAK GROVE ROAD

(UPPER MARLBORO) 5661 IV SE

SCALE 1:24000

47'30"

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INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON 347

1 MILE



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light
Medium-duty	—————	Unim
Interstate Route	—————	U. S. R

WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
OLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
GRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979

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Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
North elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
South elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
East elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
West elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
North parlors, view to west
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
May 1987
Stairhall
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Annapolis, MD



NAME CHELSEA

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE RD OAK GROVE (LARGO) Md

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FACADE E.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



NAME CHELSEA

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE RD OAK GROVE, Md.

FACADE S.E.

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NAME CHELSEA - TOBACCO IN BARN

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE Rd. OAK GROVE, Md

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