

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # 76A-5

Building Date c.1890's

Building Name Marden House

Location Webster Lane, Camp Springs, Md., P.G. County

Open to Public: Yes No Occupied: Yes No Use residence

The Marden House is a late 19th century dwelling situated on a knoll overlooking Webster Lane and Allentown Road. It is presently surrounded by subdivision development, a county park, and an elementary school. It is a two-story gable-roofed frame dwelling with an unusual plan, reflecting alterations and additions. The main block is based on the ell plan with the east elevation of the ell forming the principal facade. A two-story wing extends from the rear, west elevation, of the main block, forming an overall T-plan. An external gable-end brick chimney is located at the south elevation of the ell. It rests on a one-story base and has a freestanding stack. Another external brick chimney occupies the central bay of the north elevation of the main block and appears to date from a later period.

The present house was rebuilt on the foundations of an earlier house which burned approximately 100 years ago. The rear wing was constructed at that time. The house rests on a brick foundation and has a partial basement. It is covered with wide weatherboard siding, and has 6/6 sash windows. Asphalt shingles cover the gable roof.

The interior has been altered; many original partition walls have been removed to allow for larger sized rooms. One interior feature is of special note - a cast-iron "Catocin" grate and fireback. It occupies the newer of the two fireplaces, suggesting either that it survives from the earlier house and was moved, or that it was added at a later time.

A garage is situated immediately southwest of the house. It is of log construction and covered with board and batten siding. According to the present owner, Edward Lane, it was used as a sweet potato storehouse in the 19th century, and was used as a temporary dwelling by the Marden family while their house was being rebuilt after the fire. It has been greatly altered in the 20th century for use as a garage. A small apartment occupies the loft space above the garage.

The Marden House is a modest, late 19th century frame, Prince George's County farmhouse which has undergone some alterations. The farm was owned by the Marden/Shreve family from 1845-1958.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marden House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ⁷³⁰⁴ Webster Lane ___ not for publication

city, town Camp Springs ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland 20748 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 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 (House and 6 acres)

street & number Edward Lane
32 Randall Drive

telephone no.: 203-668-7994

city, town Suffield state and zip code Conn. 06078

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

date ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC, Riversdale, 4811 Riverdale Road

city, town Riverdale state Maryland 20737

7. Description

Survey No. 76A-5

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 of move _____
<input 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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The corner created by the ell along the facade is filled with a screened-in shed porch. The south elevation of the wing contains a prominent secondary entrance which has been "colonialized" within the past few decades. The north elevation of the wing has a shed addition which fills in the "T" arrangement along this elevation.

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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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

The Marden House is a modest, late 19th century frame, Prince George's County farmhouse which has undergone some alterations.

It appears that a dwelling was constructed on this site c. 1845 during the ownership of Nathaniel Marden of Georgetown.¹ This structure was apparently destroyed in a fire and the present house was built on the same foundation sometime in the 1880s or 1890s.² The farm was owned by the Marden/Shreve family from 1845 until 1958.

Footnotes

¹ Land Records, Liber JBB No. 4, Folio 145.

² Land Records, Liber 2265, Folio 108.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. Cr. 76A-5

Land Records of Prince George's County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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	Donna Ware		
organization	Planning Technician	date	September, 1983
street & number	P.G. County Planning Department Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Comm.	telephone	301-952-3520
city or town	CAB, Upper Marlboro,	state	Maryland 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
 Shaw House
 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

7. Continued

Several feet west of the house and garage is a frame barn/stable, which, according to Mr. Lane, was used in the 19th century to stable horses for the State Department.

An old road bed is visible in front (east) of the house. It ran from Alexandria Ferry Road to Allentown Road, passing in front of the Marden House. Foundations of an unknown structure are visible on the east side of the roadbed.

Footnotes

1 In an interview conducted in 1978 by Margaret Cook with Edward Lane, the date of construction for the house was precisely fixed at 1894. However, in a more recent interview with Mr. Lane in the summer of 1983, he fixed the date of the fire and reconstruction in the 1880s.

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME						
COMMON:						
AND/OR HISTORIC: Marden House						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: Webster Lane						
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs						
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's			
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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: Frank Scuderi						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:			
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 checked="" 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, built on a "T" plan with the west arm of the "T" being an addition. The south chimney is external, with a one story base and a free standing stack. On both floors, narrow 4/4 double hung sash windows flank the chimney. The fireplace grate and fireback were manufactured by the Cotoclin Iron Works.

To the south of the house is a log sweet potato barn covered with board and batten siding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

2. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 10 Dec 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 _____

Chain of Title

Marden House P.G. #75A-5

#1552:47
27 Oct 1952
Deed

Clyde M. Shreve et ux to Edward J. H. Lane et ux, part of Henry F. Marden estate, 6.0167 acres

#503:143
4 Aug 1938
Deed

Lansdale G. Clagett to Florence and Thomas Marden (brother and sister) during their lifetime, with remainder to Clyde M. and Adalyn Shreve; all property described in deed of same date from Mardens to Clagett, 174.37 acres.

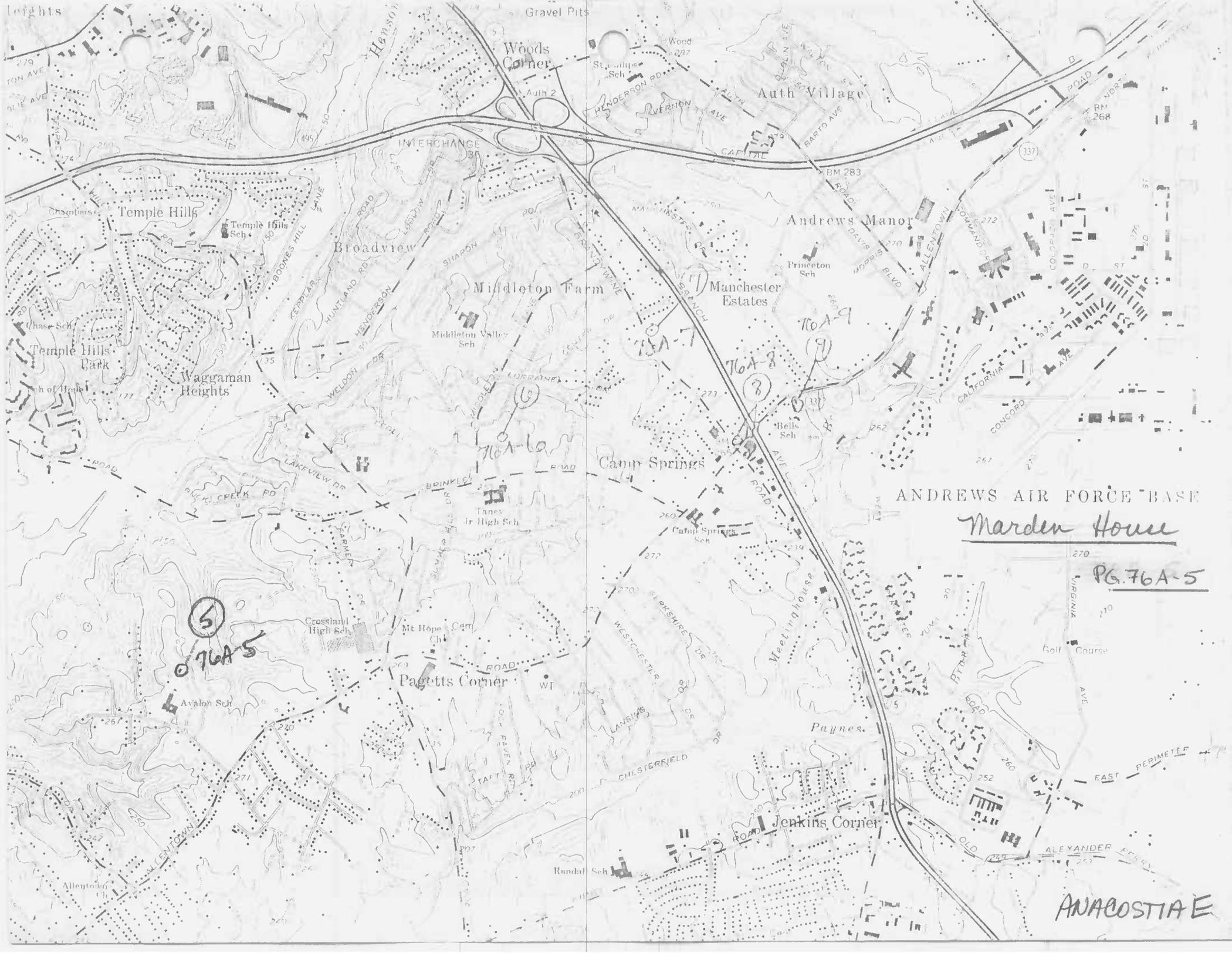
503:140
4 Aug 1938
Deed

Thomas M. Marden, Florence Marden (called Nelly in her father's will), Enos R. Shreve, Clyde M. Shreve and wife Adalyn to Lansdale G. Clagett; 174.37 acres, being part of "Tenley's Chance", "Bean's Lot", and "Saturday's Work", part of real estate inherited by Florence, Thomas, and Charles Marden from their father, Henry F. Marden.

GPH #1:355
4 Dec 1917
Will

Testator: Henry F. Marden; to daughter Nelly, property received from H. King in 1880; to son Thomas, land received from John M. Marden, 1880; to son Charles, property inherited from father, Nathaniel M. Marden.

Note: Nathaniel M. Marden, father of Henry F., died intestate, 1876.



ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

Marden House

PG. 76A-5

ANACOSTIA E



PG: 76A-5
Marden House
Anacostia Quad. PG: 76A-5
PRC 1979



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Marden House

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

East elevation

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



P.G.#76A-5

Marden house

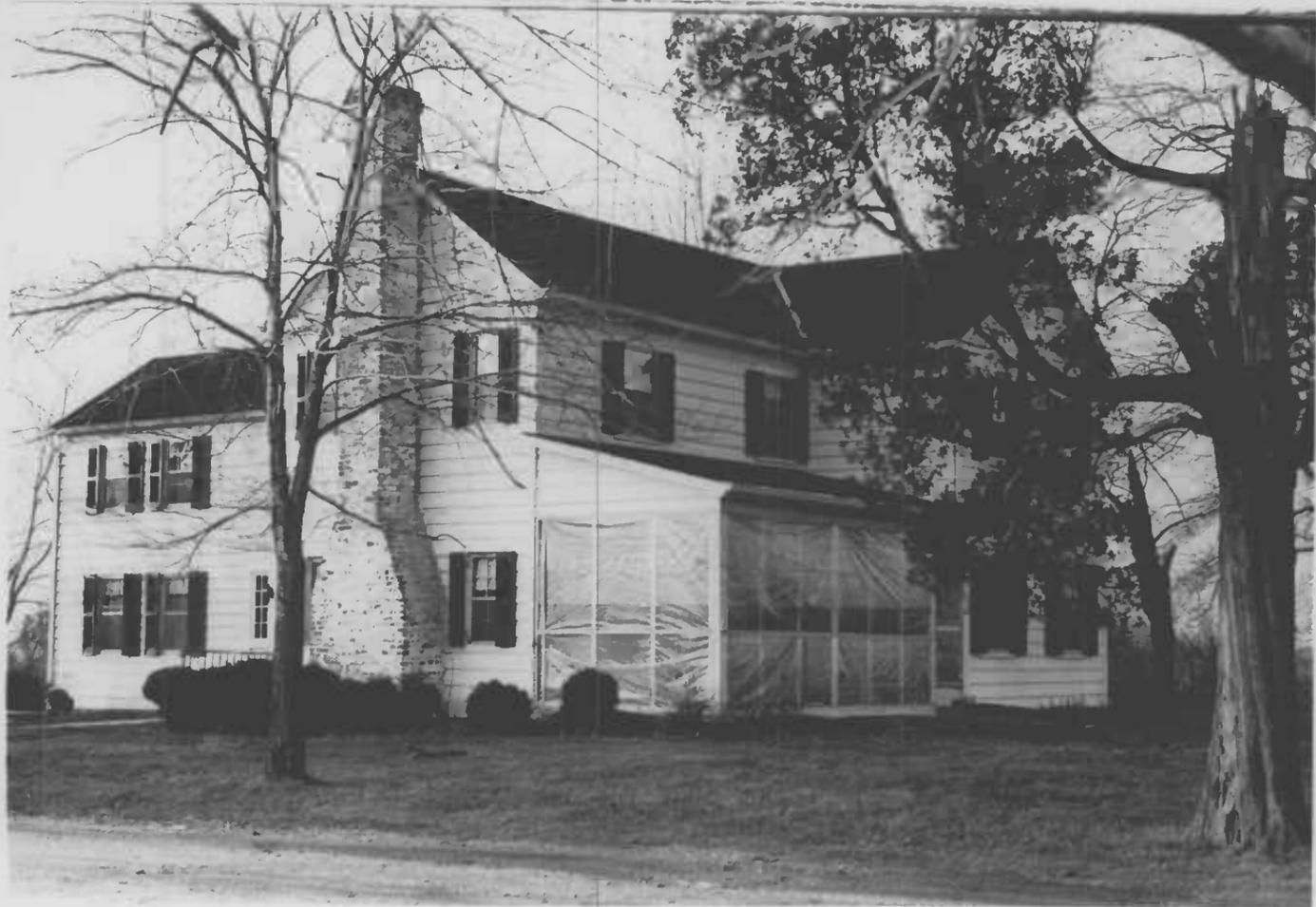
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

South elevation

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



NAME MARDEN HOUSE

PG: 76A-5

LOCATION WEBSTER LA. CAMP SPRINGS, Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 M. DWYER



NAME MARDEN HOUSE - STOVE FROM CATOCTIN FURNACE PG. 76A-5
LOCATION WEBSTER LA CAMP SPRINGS, Md
FACADE SWALL - INTERIOR
PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 M. DWYER



NAME MARDEN HOUSE - LOG SWEET POTATO BARN (?) PG. 76A-5

LOCATION WEBSTER LA. CAMP SPRINGS, Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 12/10/73 M. DWYER



NAME MARDEN HOUSE - LOG SWEET POTATO HOUSE

LOCATION WEBSTER LA CAMP SPRINGS, Md

FACADE N WALL S FACADE

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