

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG# 78-7 Building Date: 1870s, 1936

Building Name: Westphalia Schoolhouse

Location: 11106 Westphalia Road, Upper Marlboro, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Westphalia Schoolhouse stands on a rise of ground on the west side of Ritchie-Marlboro Road at the intersection of Westphalia Road. It is a one-and one-half story, two-part frame building with gable roof, probably built in two sections. The entire building is 54 by 22 feet. The building has a brick foundation which is seriously deteriorating. The original plain horizontal board siding is now covered with a combination of white asbestos shingle and light beige vinyl siding, with dark brown wood siding in the upper gables. The gable roof has recently been covered with gray asbestos roll shingle. The original corbelled brick chimney rises from the ridge in the eastern section of the building. There are two additional exterior chimneys: on the north elevation is an cinderblock stove chimney, and on the south, a modern shouldered brick chimney just east of the easternmost door. The building has been significantly altered from its original appearance by changes in fenestration; old windows, where they survive, are long 6/6 double-hung-sash, with plain board surrounds. The interior has been divided with new partitions.

Significance

The schoolhouse, originally built at this location circa 1876, may have had only one classroom. A teacher's report from 1919 indicates that the building then had two classrooms, and it was believed that the entire building had been constructed in 1874. The 1919 report also indicates that 40 students attended, using 20 desks, and that the building was heated by a wood stove. By 1930, only the easterly classroom was being used, the westerly by then devoted to storage space. Students entered the schoolhouse by the door centered in east gable end, passing between the two small cloakrooms into the large easterly classroom. A wood stove was roughly centered in this east classroom, serviced by the existing corbelled ridge chimney. The school building has been very substantially altered since it was converted into a tenant dwelling in 1936. Exterior doors and windows have been closed and new openings created, a fireplace and exterior chimney has been built and the fireplace later closed, and many interior partitions have been installed to divide the two classrooms into smaller living spaces. The original siding is covered by a variety of synthetic materials, and original interior trim, for the most part, does not survive.

Acreage: 1 acre

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Westphalia Schoolhouse

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11106 Westphalia Road  not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro Westphalia  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	<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 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 Thomas R. Bean

street &amp; number 11100 Westphalia Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code MD. 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #2213

street &amp; number Main Street folio 94

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974, 1981, 1992  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

X

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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The principal elevation is now its long south side, which is punctuated by (from the west) old window, door, door, new exterior brick chimney, new double window, and old window. The second (easternmost) door is the principal entrance. The earlier entrance to the school rooms was through a door centered in the east gable end; that door has since 1936 been structurally closed, and replaced by a small central window and two flanking doors, the northerly of which has been covered by the recent application of vinyl siding. The irregular five-bay north elevation is, as noted above, marked by the exterior stove chimney; the west gable end is lighted by two small 6/6 double-hung-sash windows on the first story, while a loft level is lighted by a casement window made up of two long 8-light sashes.

In the interior of the building, one can still identify the two principal schoolroom spaces, although these spaces have been partitioned into current living spaces. Exterior walls are for the most part covered with synthetic panelling. All of the partitions in the east section of the building have been put in since the school closed in 1936; these new partitions were built to enlarge the spaces which originally served as cloakrooms. A secondary partial partition divides the remaining space of the easterly classroom space, providing a small dining area that is warmed by a wood/coal stove in the location of the original schoolroom stove and served by the original corbelled brick chimney. Interior woodwork, where it exists, is very plain, and it appears that none of the original interior trim survives.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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From its high position, the school building overlooks the intersection of the two roads, as well as a developing subdivision to the east. The well kept east yard is bounded by a rail fence. Inside the fence is a small slab patio with lawn chairs and garden umbrella, and in the southeast corner, a modern synthetic gambrel-roof storage shed. The house and yard are shaded by large old maple and oak trees.

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		

**Specific dates** 1876, 1936 **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 Westphalia Schoolhouse probably incorporates one of the older school buildings in Prince George's County; it is drastically altered, however, from its original form. The earliest deed for the school property has not been found, but it is clear from the records of the Board of School Commissioners that the lot was acquired in 1876. In August of that year, R.B.B. Chew, attorney for the Board, was ordered to acquire title to the "triangular space formed by the road from Upper Marlboro to Bladensburg and the road branching from the Bladensburg Road and leading to Forestville, supposed to be the property of Misses Talbot." There is a record of \$50 paid to Caroline Talbott and Sarah A. Osborn.<sup>1</sup>

This one-acre school lot was carved out of the 330-acre farm of the Talbott (Talburtt) family. The Misses Talbot were the four unmarried daughters of Jesse Talburtt to whom he had devised his farm in 1850. By 1876, only one of the four sisters was still living, and a share in the property had been devised to her niece Sarah Ann Osborn, daughter of a fifth sister.<sup>2</sup>

The schoolhouse, as originally built, may have had only one classroom; anomalies in the roof structure suggest that the two sections (east and west) were not constructed at the same time, but without destructive investigation it is impossible to determine which section was built first. In any case, well before 1919, this larger-than average schoolhouse included two classrooms, and was of the present size and configuration. A teacher's report from 1919 indicates that the

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Board of School Commissioners *Journal*, Volume I.

<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Wills, PC#1:419 (1850), WAJ#1:385 (1868); Prince George's County Equity #899 (1873); Prince George's County Deed HB#7:74 (1873).

building was then circa 55 by 22 feet ( it is actually 54 by 22 feet), and at that time it was believed that the entire building had been constructed in 1874.<sup>3</sup> This suggests that the schoolhouse may have been built before the land was officially acquired by the School Board.

The 1919 report indicates that at that time the schoolhouse had two classrooms, and seated 40 students at 20 desks. The building was heated by a wood stove. There were two outdoor toilets, and a spring about 30 yards from the building provided the water.<sup>4</sup>

By 1930, only the easterly classroom was being used, the westerly by then devoted to storage space. Students entered the schoolhouse by the door centered in east gable end, passing through a hall space between the two small cloakrooms into large east classroom. A wood stove was roughly centered in this easterly classroom, serviced by the existing corbelled ridge chimney. The teacher (1930-35) was Ms. MacGregor.<sup>5</sup>

This school, known as School #2 (for white children) in Election District 15 (Mellwood), closed in 1936, and the one-acre lot was sold by the Board of Education to Helen J. Grafton. Ms. Grafton remodeled the building to serve as her residence, making substantial changes both interior and exterior. She moved the west walls of the two cloakrooms about 4 feet to west, making these spaces deeper, and making the resulting deeper space into three rooms along the east gable end; from south to north, the resulting spaces became kitchen, bathroom, and storage room; she closed the central entrance and replaced it with a small central bathroom window, and built an exterior door into each of the two outer spaces, kitchen and storage room. (The door to the storage room is now closed off.) The rest of building consisted of two large spaces, i.e., the rest of the east classroom space, and the entire west storage space (former classroom).<sup>6</sup>

She also built an exterior shouldered chimney on the south exterior, just east of the south door (which is just east of the dividing wall between the two classroom spaces). This new chimney serviced a new fireplace which she built into the south wall of what became the living room. Ms. Grafton was living in this building when the Bean family bought the property it in 1958.<sup>7</sup> The previous generation of the Bean family had purchased most of the 330-acre Talburt

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<sup>3</sup> File on Schoolhouse #2 in Election District 15, Closed School Files, Prince George's County Public Schools

<sup>4</sup> *ibid*

<sup>5</sup> Interview with Thomas Bean, April 1998.

<sup>6</sup> *ibid*

<sup>7</sup> *ibid*

family farm, out of which the one-acre school lot had been taken in 1876. Since 1958, the Bean family has maintained this renovated school building as a tenant dwelling.

After the current tenant moved into this building in 1981, he added another partition, dividing the rest of the east classroom into two unequal spaces; there is a small dining area in the resulting easterly space, while the larger space is to the west, and is entered by the door on the south elevation. The west classroom space was also divided into two bedrooms. The present tenant closed off Ms. Grafton's fireplace, and now uses only the wood/coal stove which warms the present dining area. Much of the interior wall surface is covered with synthetic panelling, and some is unfinished.

The Westphalia Schoolhouse has been very substantially altered since it served as a school building - both from its original, and from its early twentieth-century configuration. Although it had an important history as one of the early schools built after the establishment of the Board of County School Commissioners in 1865, it no longer conveys any of the original architectural detail or space configuration. Because of the successive changes, the building no longer embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type or period, and it no longer exemplifies the educational heritage of the the County's rural communities.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #78-7

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

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section B

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 Susan Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1985, April 1998

street & number c/o County Planning Division, M-NCPPC telephone 301-952-3521

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  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Westphalia Schoolhouse  
P.G. #78-7

2213:94  
10 May 1958  
Deed  
Helen Johnson Grafton, widow, to Thomas R. Bean and Aleen G. Bean, his wife, 1 acre known as the Westphalia School property, same property acquired by Grafton by #569:263.

569:263  
30 March 1940  
Deed  
Marion Hoffman Johnson to Helen Johnson Grafton, same being in Mellwood District, Prince George's County, Maryland, and described as follows: a triangular space formed by the two public roads, one leading from Upper Marlboro to Bladensburg (now the Marlboro-Ritchie Station Road) and the other branching from said road and leading to Forestville, being the property of the Misses Talbott and known as the Westphalia School property. (Property acquired by Johnson by #540:173.)

540:173  
17 Jan 1940  
Deed  
Helen Johnson Grafton to Marian Hoffman Johnson, land known as Westphalia School Lot, acquired by Grafton by #443:274.

443:274  
24 March 1936  
Deed  
Board of Education of Prince George's County to Helen Johnson Grafton, the land known as Westphalia School Lot.

School Board  
Records  
22 Aug 1876  
R. B. B. Chew, attorney, ordered to acquire title to a triangular space formed by the two public roads, one leading from Upper Marlboro to Bladensburg the other branching from Bladensburg Road and leading to Forestville (supposed to be the property of Miss Talbot).

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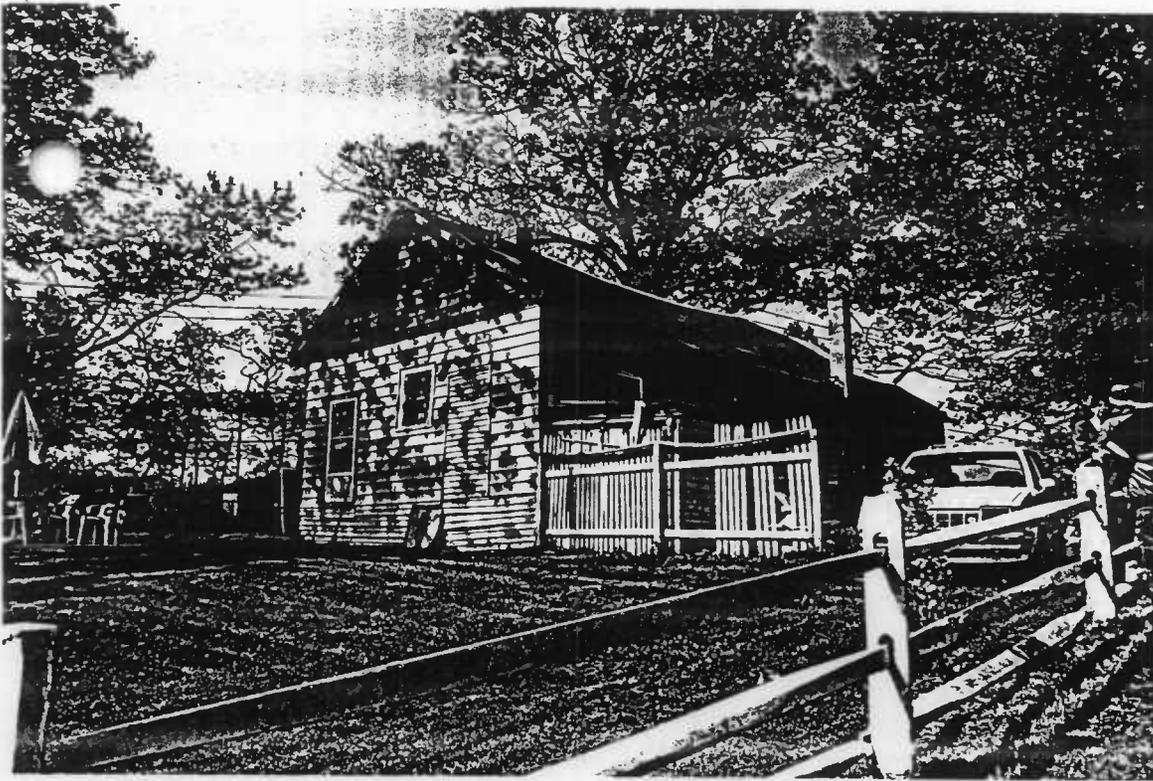
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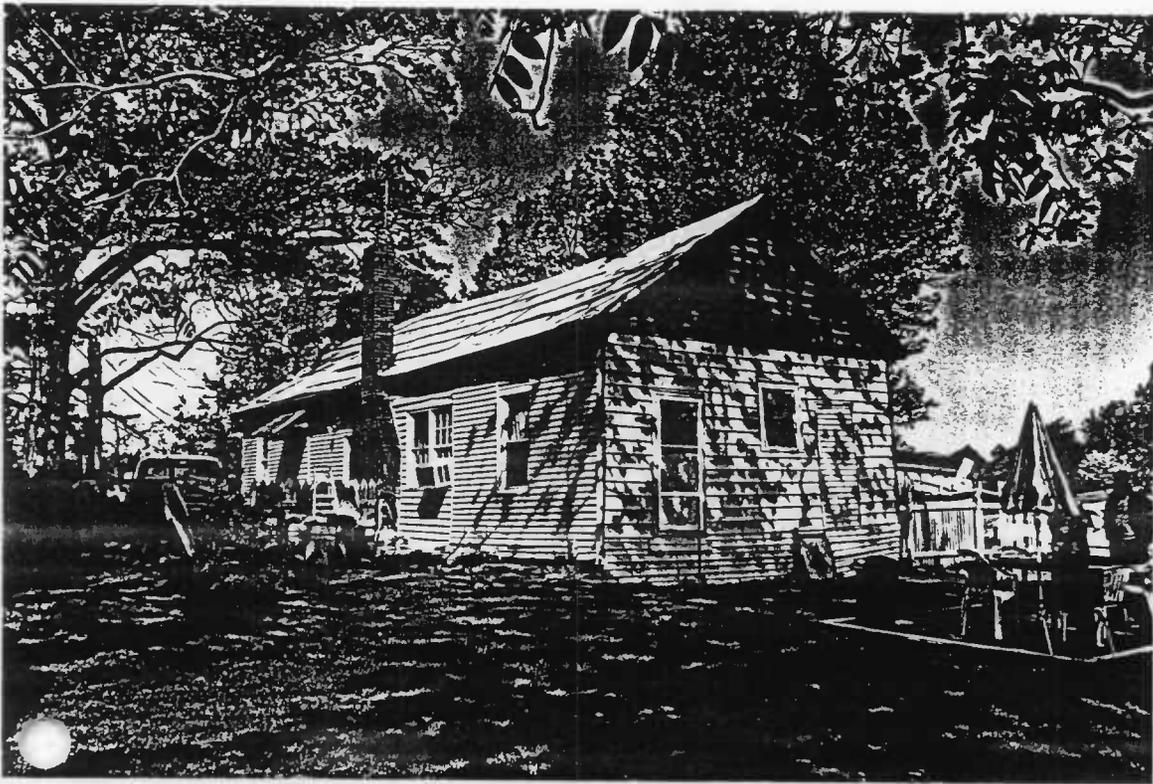
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Westphalia  
School



*Northeast*



*Southeast*

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Significance

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**Specific dates** ca. 1876 **Builder/Architect**

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- <sup>2</sup> Closed school files, Prince George's County Public Schools.
- <sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deeds #443:274; #2213:94

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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date March 1985

street & number c/o County Planning Division, M-NCPPC

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state MD. 20772

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME COMMON: AND/OR HISTORIC: Westphalia School House

2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: Marlboro-Ritchie Road CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY (Check One): Building OWNERSHIP: Private STATUS: Occupied ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC: No PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate): Private Residence

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Thomas R. Bean STREET AND NUMBER: 11100 Westphalie Road CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro 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: DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p style="text-align: center;">The building is a one story, frame structure with a gabled facade. The three bay facade has end doors and a central window, all covered by the porch. The side elevations are five bays with 6/6 double hung sash windows.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9. 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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC      DATE: 9 Oct 74

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

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Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Westphalia Schoolhouse  
P.G. #78-7

2213:94 10 May 1958 Deed	Helen Johnson Grafton, widow, to Thomas R. Bean and Aleen G. Bean, his wife, 1 acre known as the Westphalia School property, same property acquired by Grafton by #569:263.
569:263 30 March 1940 Deed	Marion Hoffman Johnson to Helen Johnson Grafton, same being in Mellwood District, Prince George's County, Maryland, and described as follows: a triangular space formed by the two public roads, one leading from Upper Marlboro to Bladensburg (now the Marlboro-Ritchie Station Road) and the other branching from said road and leading to Forestville, being the property of the Misses Talbott and known as the Westphalia School property. (Property acquired by Johnson by #540:173.)
540:173 17 Jan 1940 Deed	Helen Johnson Grafton to Marian Hoffman Johnson, land known as Westphalia School Lot, acquired by Grafton by #443:274.
443:274 24 March 1936 Deed	Board of Education of Prince George's County to Helen Johnson Grafton, the land known as Westphalia School Lot.
School Board Records 22 Aug 1876	R. B. B. Chew, attorney, ordered to acquire title to a triangular space formed by the two public roads, one leading from Upper Marlboro to Bladensburg the other branching from Bladensburg Road and leading to Forestville (supposed to be the property of Miss Talbot).

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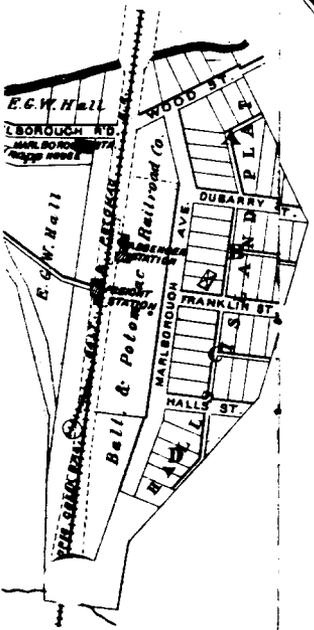
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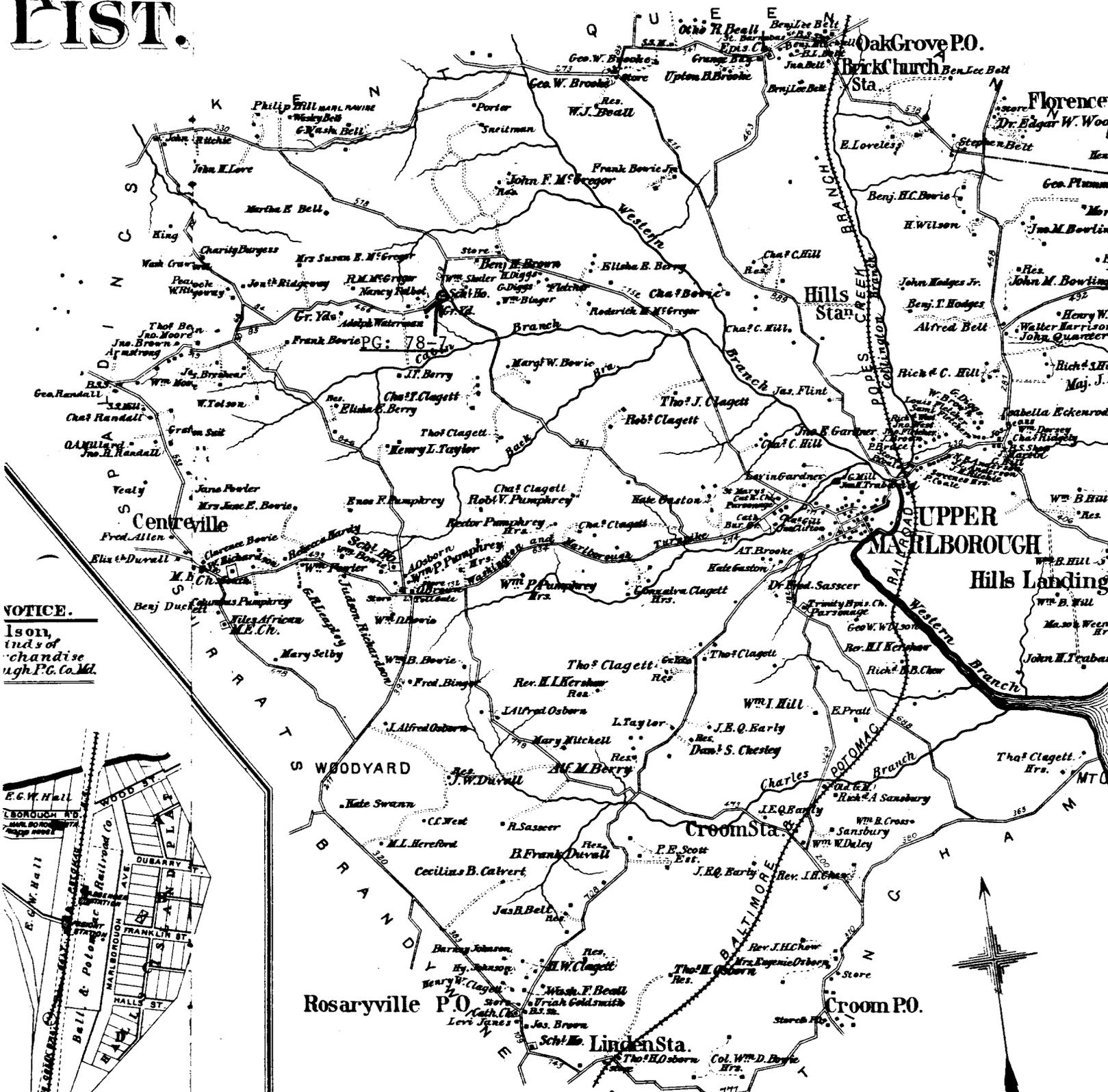
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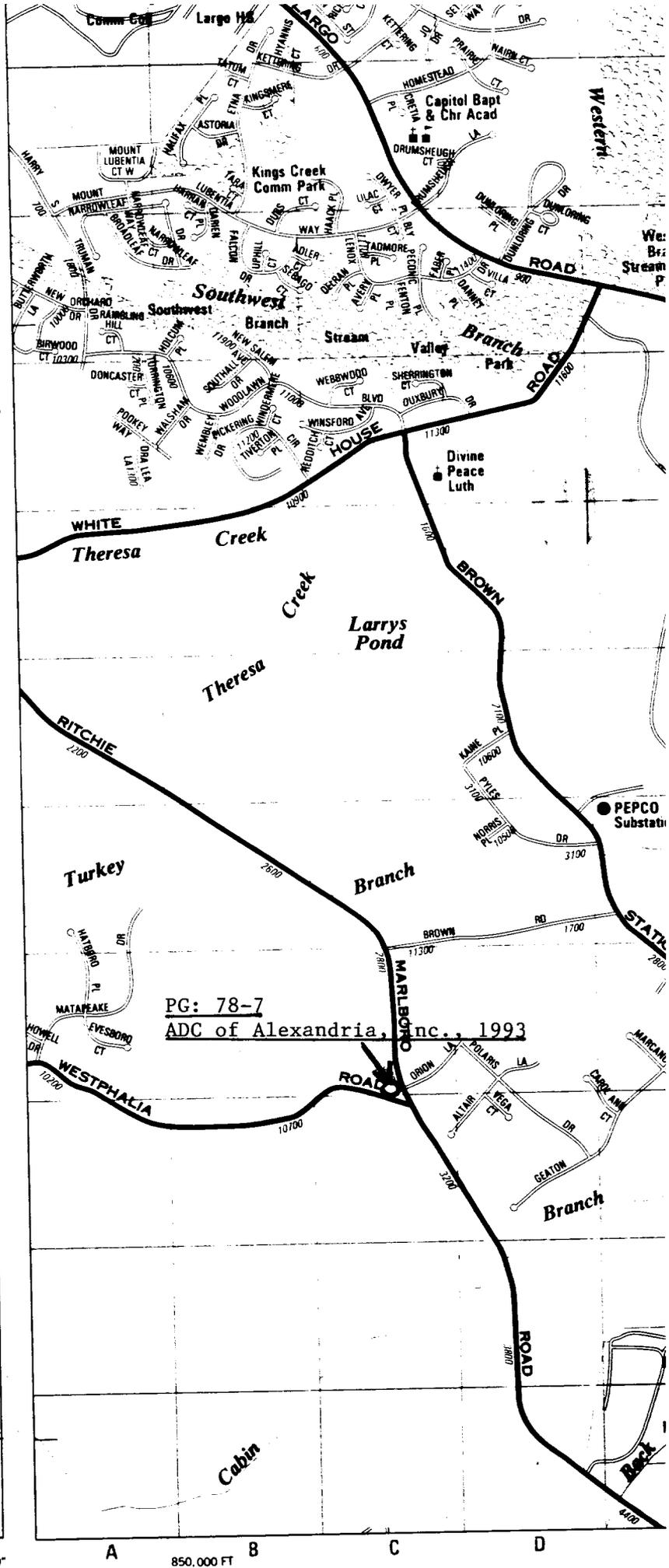
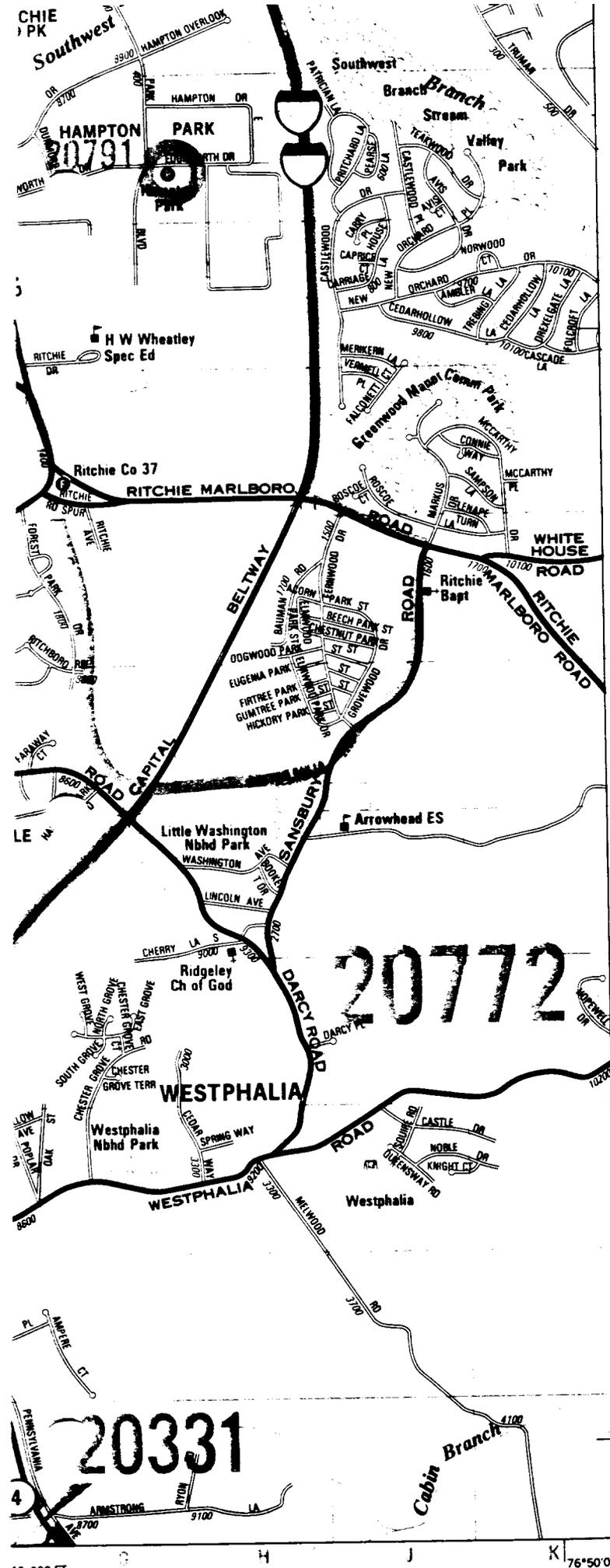


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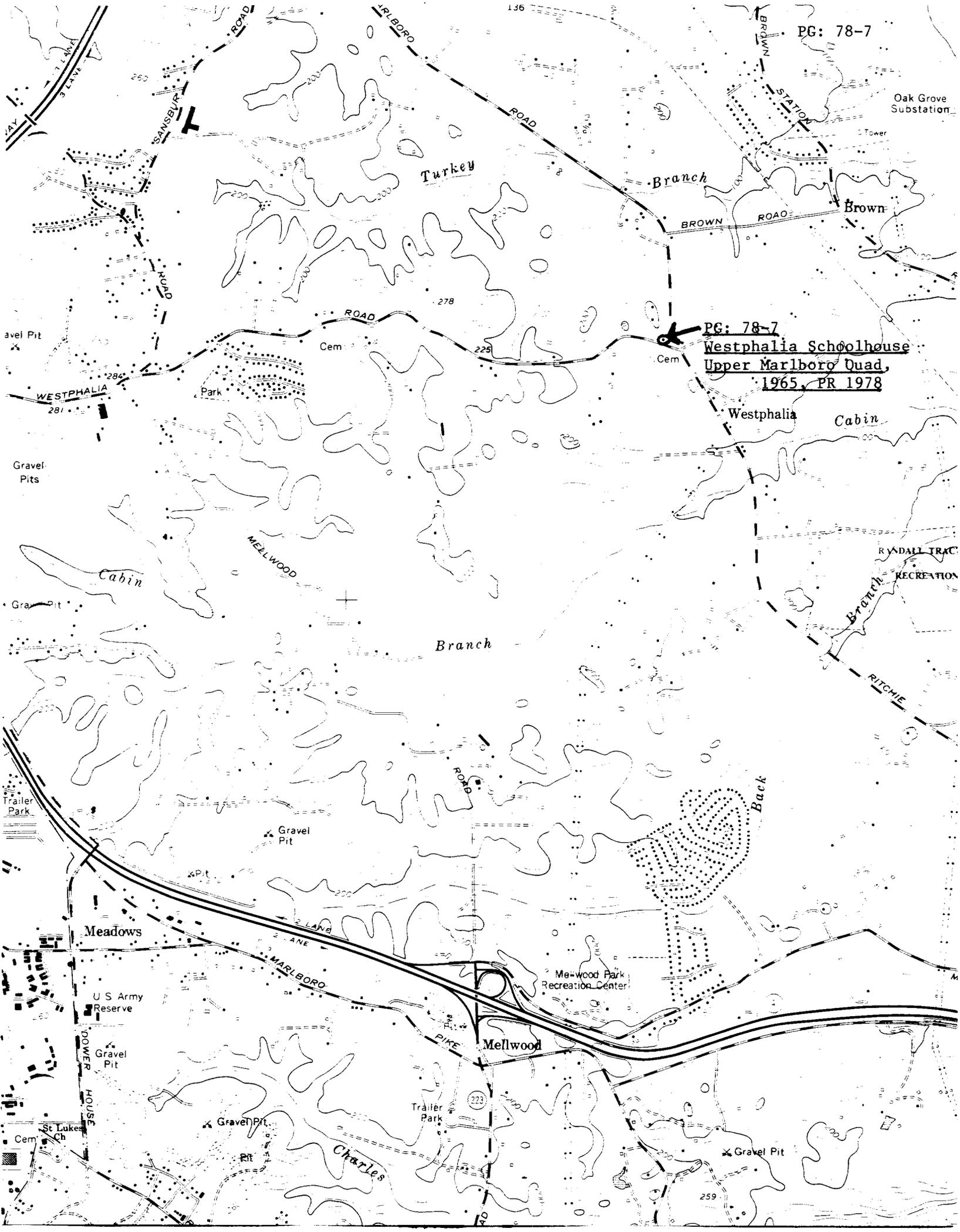
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Oak Grove Substation



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Westphalia Schoolhouse  
Upper Marlboro Quad,  
1965, PR 1978

Turkey

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Brown

Westphalia

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POWER HOUSE

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Prince George's County, MD

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February 1985

West elevation

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NAME WESTPHALIA SCHOOL HOUSE (?)

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LOCATION

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Southeast 3/4 elevation

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Northwest 3/4 elevation

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