PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. 78-22 Building Date: ca. 1880

Building Name: Navajo

Location: 4903 Ritchie-Marlboro Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

Navajo stands on a hill in rolling farmland, west of Ritchie-Marlboro Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays. The three-bay main east facade is highlighted by a central cross gable with returned cornice and a round-arched 1/1 window. There are heavy, Italianate cornice brackets and deep overhanging eaves along the roof line, as well as boxed cornices with crown molding, and cornice returns at all gable ends. The central entrance has three-pane sidelights and a four-pane transom, and the surround has crown molding and bracketed architrave. The entrance porch has heavy chamfered posts, jigsawn brackets and balusters, and console cornice brackets. The building is covered with German siding painted white, and rests on a high brick foundation. Windows are 1/1, arranged in pairs; they have plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. There are two corbelled brick chimneys on the east plane of the roof, flanking the entrance. A one-story addition is centered on the west facade, at right angles to the main block. There are two tobacco barns on the property east of the house; one has a metal, gabled roof, the other is gable-roofed with side aisles. Behind the house is a small nineteenth century gable-roofed outbuilding, sided with wide hand-split boards with tongue-and-groove joints. Its hand-hewn sill rests on a brick foundation, its cornice is boxed, and there are remnants of decorative bargeboards.

Significance:

Navajo is an excellent example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It is one of several important nineteenth century farmsteads west of Upper Marlboro which belonged to the descendants of Thomas Clagett of Weston. It was constructed ca. 1880 on land which belonged to Charles Clagett, who provided a home for each of his two sons: Ingleside for Charles T. Clagett, and Navajo for William B. Clagett. The two houses, both built in the period shortly after 1875, probably by local builder John C. Wyvill, were similar in design, with fine Eastlake decorative detail. They were, however, dissimilar in plan; Navajo has a symmetrical plan with central-hall and flanking double parlors, while Ingleside has an asymmetrical plan with large entry hall and unequal rear parlors. William B. Clagett was prominent in the Democratic party, and was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1897. After his death in 1911, his property was allotted to his son, and remains today in the possession of his family. It is a prominent landmark on the Ritchie-Marlboro Road, and, like Ingleside and Keokuk, is a handsome and important element in a unique agricultural area west of Upper Marlboro.

Acreage: 229.31 acres

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Navajo

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4903 Ritchie Marlboro Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Rachel Herbst et al

street & number 14803 Pratt Street 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 #4360

street & number Main Street folio 204

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 X county ___ local

epository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Navajo stands on a hill in rolling farmland, west of Ritchie-Marlboro Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays (approximately 40 x 36 feet). The three-bay main (east) facade is highlighted by a central cross gable at third level, with returned cornice and a round-arched 1/1 window. There are heavy, Italianate cornice brackets and deep overhanging eaves along the roof line, as well as boxed cornices with crown molding and cornice returns at all gable ends. (The Eastlake-style brackets in the raking cornice of the cross-gable are identical to those of Ingleside.)

The central entrance has a four-panel door with round arched upper panels, three pane side-lights and a four-pane transom. The door surround has crown molding and a bracketed architrave. There is a one-bay entrance porch with heavy chamfered posts, heavy jigsawn brackets and jigsawn balusters. The porch roof cornice has console brackets.

The building is covered with German siding painted white. Windows are long 1/1 double hung sash arranged in pairs. They have plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. There are two interior corbelled brick chimneys on the east plane of the roof, flanking the entrance. A third corbelled brick chimney is between the first and second bays on the west (rear) plane of the roof. The building rests on a high brick foundation.

A one-story gable-roofed two-bay addition (approximately 16 by 20 feet) is centered on the west (rear) facade, its gable ridge at right angles to the main block. It has a bracketed cornice and rests on a high brick foundation. There is an interior brick chimney at the ridge of this rear addition.

There are two tobacco barns on the property east of the house, located on the slope between the house and Ritchie-Marlboro Road. One has a metal, gabled roof; the other is gable-roofed with side aisles.

Behind the house (to the west) is a small nineteenth century gable-roofed outbuilding, ca. 12 feet square. It is sided with 12" wide hand-split boards laid with tongue-and-groove joints, and its hand-hewn sill rests on a brick foundation. Its cornice is boxed and there are remnants of decorative bargeboards. The roof is of standing seam tin. Entrance is in the east facade; there are no windows.

Also located just west of the main house are two twentieth century sheds with concrete foundations.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	X other (specify) local history
		___ invention		

Specific dates ca. 1880 **Builder/Architect** John C. Wyvill (?)

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.

Navajo is an excellent example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It is one of several important nineteenth century farmsteads west of Upper Marlboro which belonged to the descendants of Thomas Clagett of Weston. It was constructed ca. 1880 for William B. Clagett on land which belonged to his father Charles Clagett, who had, together with his own father Thomas Clagett of Weston, acquired a large amount of farmland west of Upper Marlboro.[1] Out of this land, Charles Clagett provided a home for each of his two sons: Ingleside (#78-14b) was constructed for Charles T. Clagett, and Navajo was constructed for William B. Clagett. The two houses, both built in the period shortly after 1875 (probably by local builder John C. Wyvill), were similar in design, with fine Eastlake (Italianate) decorative detail. They were, however, dissimilar in plan; Navajo has a symmetrical plan with central-hall and flanking double parlors, while Ingleside has an asymmetrical plan with large formal entry hall and unequal rear parlors (cf. Strawberry Hill, #79-37). Navajo was the home of William B. Clagett, who was prominent in the State Democratic party, and was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1897.[2] After his death in 1911 Navajo was by the agreement of his children allotted to his son William B. Clagett, Jr., who died without direct heirs in 1947. The property today remains in the possession of the heirs of his siblings.[3] It is a prominent landmark on the Ritchie-Marlboro Road, and, like Ingleside and Keokuk, is a handsome and important element in a unique agricultural area west of Upper Marlboro.

Notes:

1 Prince George's County Deed, AB #7:32; CSM #3:601.

2 E. G. Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County, pp. 141-150; Prince George's County Will, JBP #1:172.

3 cf. Chain of Title.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.P.G. 78-22

Cf. Chain of Title

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 229.31 acres

Tax Map #101, Parcel 262

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section F

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission **date** July 1985

street & number c/o Co. Planning MNCPPC **telephone** 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro **state** Md.

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.

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Navahoe

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Ritchie Marlboro Road

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: William B. Clagett (R. O. Tucker, Tenant)

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: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered		☐ Moved	☒ Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame building with a three bay main (east) facade. The central doorway is flanked by double windows, with 1/1 double hung sash. There is a central facade gable and the cornice is bracketed. Chimneys rise on the front slope of the roof on either side of the gable.

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8. 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)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)* _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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					
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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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 ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

Navajo
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#4360:204 2 May 1974 Deed	W. B. C. Addison and H. C. B. Clagett, Jr., personal representatives of estate of Charles Clagett, to themselves and other Clagett heirs, fractional interests totalling one-third in Navajo, 229.9 acres.
#4050:602 28 Jan 1972 Deed of Partition	Charles Clagett, Rachel Herbst and Joseph Addison, Jr., parties of first part; James M. Sill and Elizabeth Sill Wood, parties of second part; all owners of Navajo. Parties of second part agree to grant to parties of first part Navajo, 232.9 acres.
#2003:59 19 June 1956 Deed	William B. C. Addison et ux to Joseph Addison Jr., their 1/12 interest in Navajo which grantor obtained from will of his mother, Marquerite Addison.
#2003:56 14 June 1956 Deed	Katherine Johnson et vir to Joseph Addison, Jr., her 1/2 interest in Navajo (306.38 acres) which she obtained from will of her mother Marquerite Addison.
GSO #1:354 1949 Will	Testator, Marquerite Clagett Addison, her interest in Navajo to her children, Joseph, William, and Katherine.
#8812 20 Sept 1947 Estate File	William B. Clagett, Jr., died intestate 20 September 1947; brother Charles Clagett administrator; leaves sisters Rachel Herbst, Louise Sill and Marquerite Addison, and brother Charles Clagett. Real estate, Navajo ca. 306 acres.
#116:372 31 July 1916 Deed	Rachel Clagett to brother William B. Clagett, Jr., her half interest in Navajo.
#116:362 31 July 1916 Deed of Partition	Marquerite Clagett Addison and Charles Clagett, parties of first part; William B. Clagett, Jr., and Rachel Clagett, parties of second part. Decree of Equity Court (#4310) to divide property of their father William B. Clagett, deceased; parties of first part each to receive 1/2 interest in the Cottage (306.38 acres) parties of second part each to receive 1/2 interest in Navajo (306.38 acres), same properties acquired by Thomas Clagett by AB #7:32.

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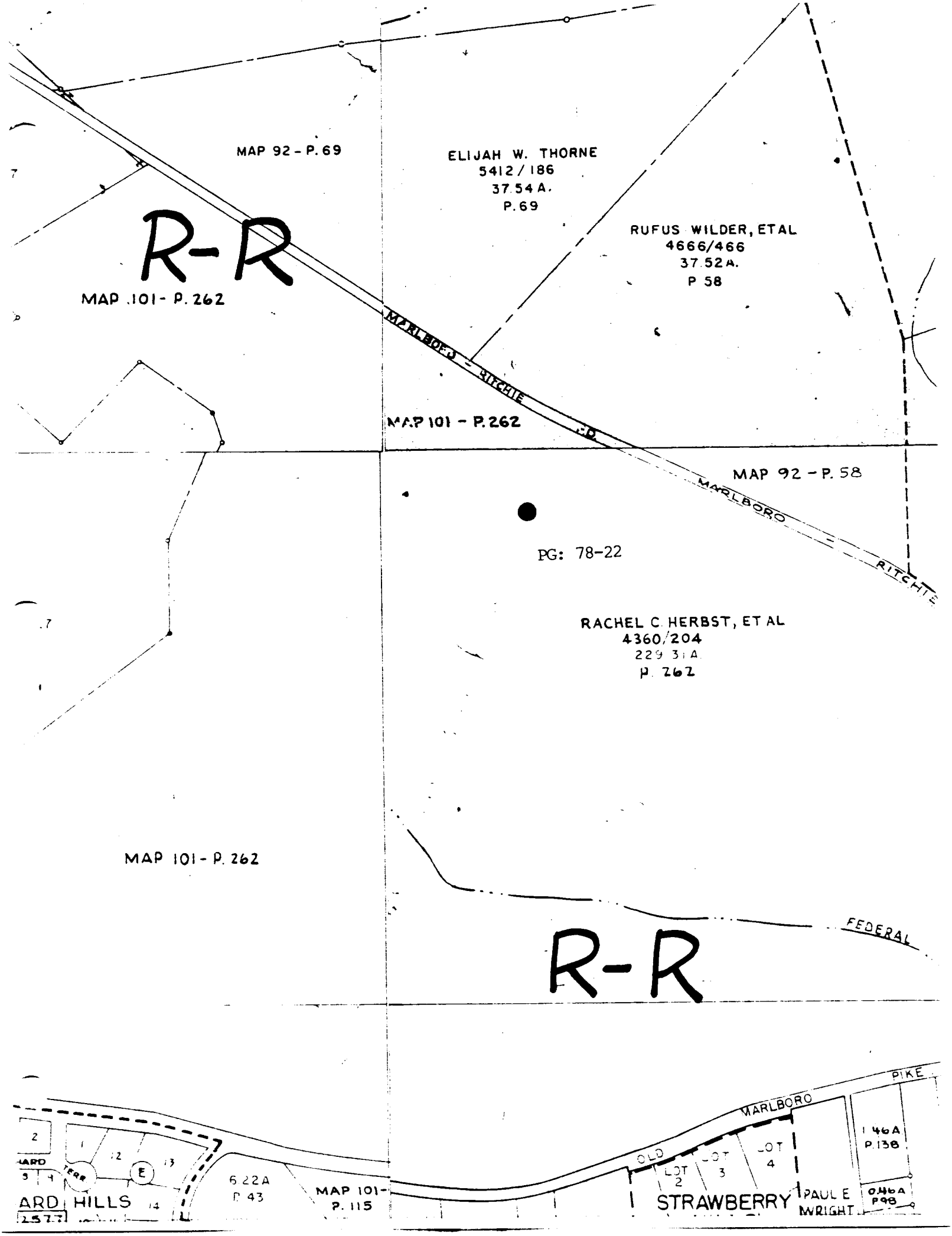
#4310 1916 Equity	Division of real estate of William B. Clagett; Court decrees that three Commissioners shall divide equally Clagett's real estate among his heirs. (Navajo was home farm of William B. Clagett; both Navajo and The Cottage now occupied by tenants).
WAM #1:297 26 Aug 1911 Will	Testator, William B. Clagett; Enfield Chase farm to wife Estelle; all other real estate to be divided equally among children of his first marriage.
JBP #1:172 16 June 1894 Will	Testator, Charles Clagett; (farm of son Charles T. Clagett to his widow, Elizabeth Clagett); all other real estate to son William B. Clagett, who is executor.
CSM #3:601 26 Sept 1860 Deed	Thomas and Adeline Clagett to (son) Charles Clagett, part of the Cottage Plantation now in Charles' possession, ca. 500 acres, plus 44 acres of woodland.
AB #7:32 11 Nov 1831 Deed	Thomas F. Bowie, trustee, to Thomas Clagett, real estate of John E. Berry including parts of Beall's Chance, Green Spring, Fowler's Delight, Charles Hills and Brook Grove, 822-1/2 acre.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Navajo
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East elevation
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Navajo

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Northwest 3/4 elevation

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South elevation
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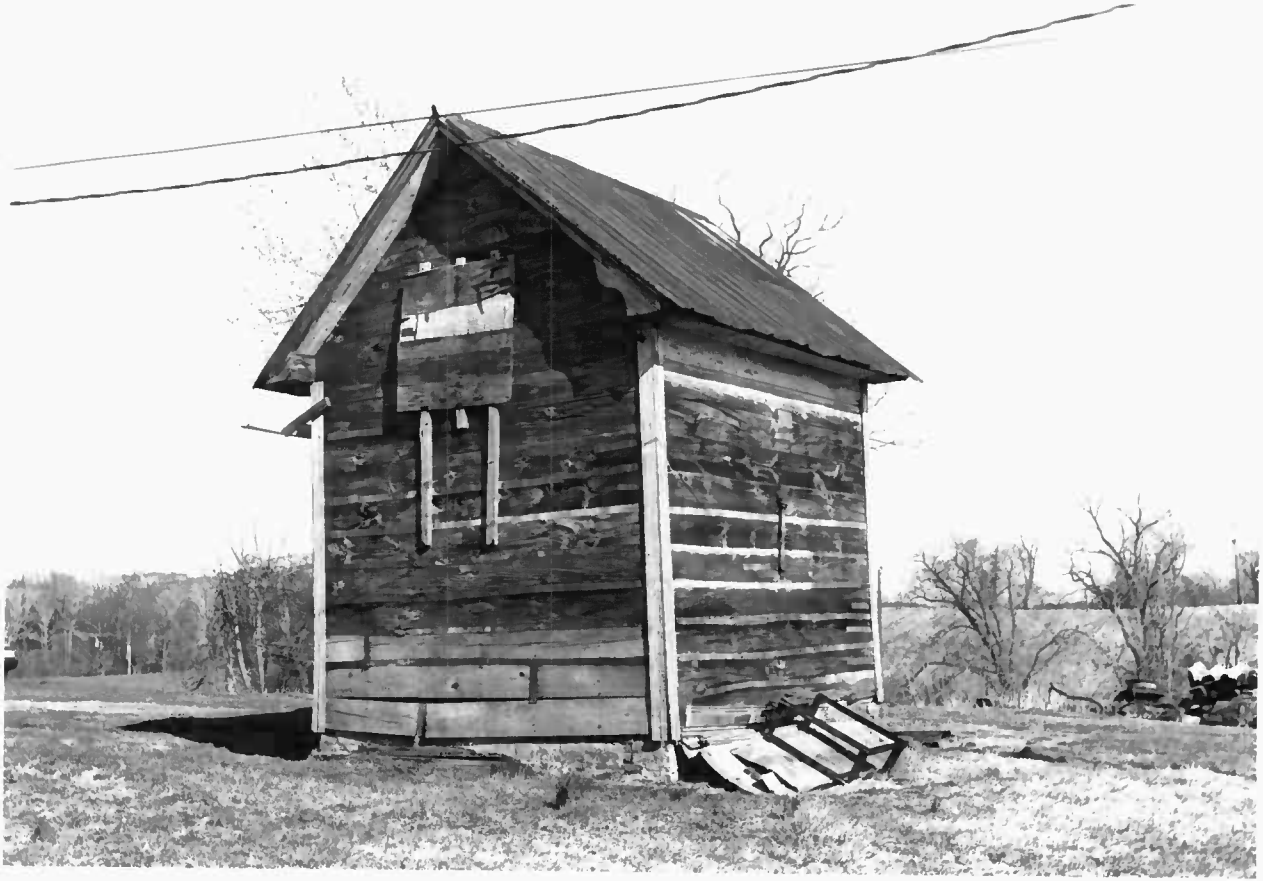

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Navajo (outbuilding)

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Northwest 3/4 elevation

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Navajo

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East entrance

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West elevation

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