MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: Moore Farm (Charles Branch Farm – Historic) Inventory Number: P.G. 82A-40

Address: 6800 Woodyard Road (MD Rt. 233) City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20772

County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Upper Marlboro

Owner: Richard O. Moore Is the property being evaluated a district? ____yes

Tax Parcel Number: P 165 Tax Map Number: 108 Tax Account ID Number: 1768191

Project: Dower Ridge Estates, Premier Development Group Agency: U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District.

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ____yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ____yes Eligible district ____ District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ____

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ____Yes X no

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, P.G. County Inventory Form

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

This property consists of an early-twentieth century frame dwelling (ca. 1910-1915 as per owner), a late-twentieth century ranch style house constructed in 1991, a two-bay frame shed or garage, a collapsed barn, and a one-bay concrete block shed. The frame dwelling is a two-story, three by one bay, side gabled structure with a single bay ell rear addition. The house has a central front porch and a small porch within the ell of the rear side. The house is clad with asbestos shingles over German siding, having an asphalt shingle roof and 2/2 double-hung windows. It is typical of the Maryland I-house plan in use at the beginning of the twentieth-century. The house has deteriorated significantly since being vacated in 1991 after the owner moved into his new house that lies to the southwest. The front and rear porches are both collapsing from water damage caused by roof leaks. Damage can also be seen within the interior of the house from neglect.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ____ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date 9/17/03

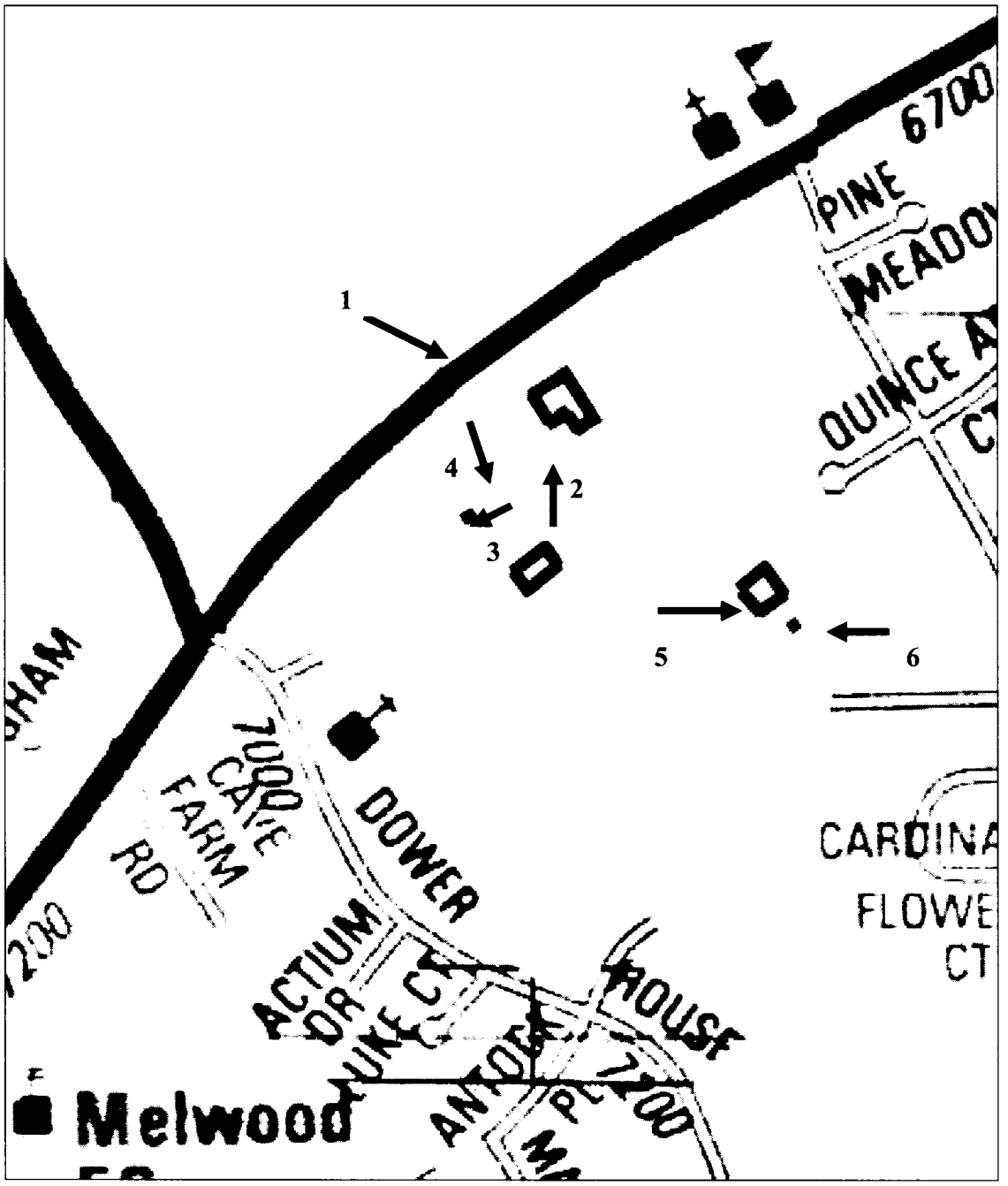
Reviewer, NR Program — Date 9/17/03

Directly west of the house lies a two-bay garage or shed having vertical board siding and resting on concrete foundation walls set on stone. This appears to date to the same age of the house and is still in stable, but deteriorated condition. About 200 feet southeast of the houses and garage/shed is a large barn that collapsed on Christmas Day of 2002, according to the owner. This barn consisted of a timber frame main structure with gable roof having shed roofed wings. Some of the wood within the barn was trimmed with a broad axe, other members are newer circular saw cut beams A date inscribed in one of the concrete piers that supported the barn carries a date of 1955, but this is probably the date of major repair work or renovation, as the barn appears to date to the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century. The concrete block, one-bay gable roofed shed behind the barn has a date of 1956 inscribed into one of the concrete blocks.

The property came into the possession of Charles Moore in 1920. Previously, it was owned by members of the Mackall and Mackenzie families. The C. M. Hopkins map of Prince George's County from 1878 shows the property in the ownership of J. Alfred Clagett. Martenet's 1861 Map shows the property in the ownership of Mrs. Clagett. It appears that the present house, constructed about 1910-1915, was constructed on nearly the same site as previous dwellings depicted on these maps, as no other house sites or foundations can be found within this 46-acre property.

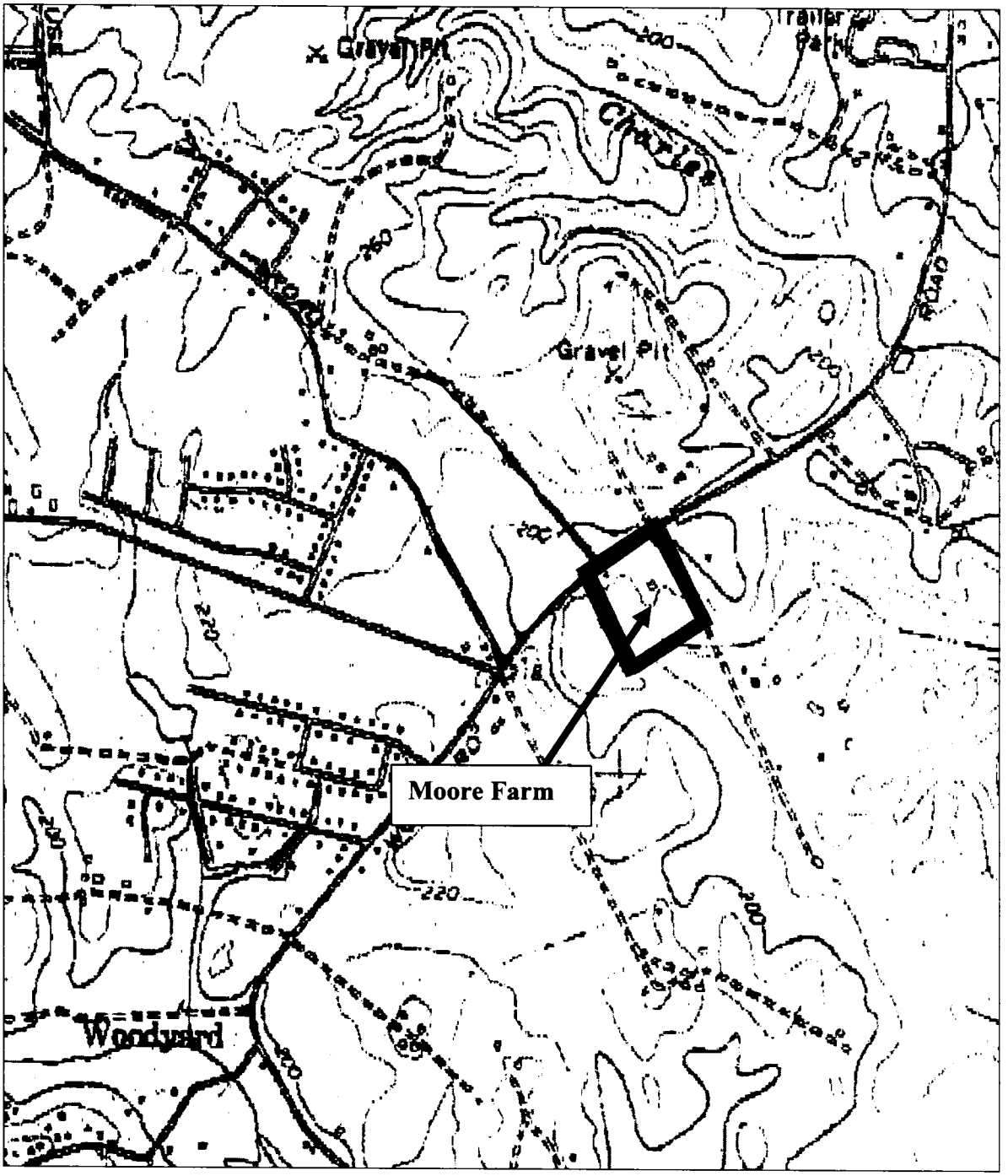
The Moore Farm property is not a significant example of local architecture and is not associated with any historically significant persons or events in local, state, or national history. It does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for inclusion in the National Register. The main dwelling is a common early-twentieth century vernacular building in an advanced state of disrepair and suffers from loss of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials. Although such alterations as the addition of asbestos siding are reversible, it is unlikely that such work would be undertaken given its advanced state of deterioration. Additionally, the intrusion of the new ranch style house constructed adjacent to the historic house, as well as the collapse of the farm's major outbuilding – the barn, diminishes the property's integrity of feeling and association.

Prepared by: David C. Berg Date Prepared: August 27, 2003



Moore Farm, Key to Photos.

Adapted from ADC Map.



Location Map, Moore Farm

Source:USGS, Upper Marlboro, MD Quadrangle

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. # 82A-40 Building Date: ca. 1920

Building Name: Moore Farmhouse

Location: 6800 Woodyard Road (Maryland Route 233)

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Moore farmhouse is a two-story frame gable roofed house, three-bays by one bay, with a rear wing in the shape of an ell. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay main north facade, through a door with a single-pane transom. Above the door at the second story is a central cross gable. The cornice is boxed with crown molding; at the lower corners of the gable ends are remnants of curved bargeboards. The interior plan of the main block is that of a standard I-house: central stairhall with a parlor on each side. Extending to the south at right angles to the main block and flush with the east gable end is a two-story rear kitchen wing. The house is covered with white asbestos shingle. The windows are 2/2 with plain board surrounds; trim is painted green, and the foundations are concrete.

Significance

The Moore Farmhouse is typical of the plain extended I-houses which were being built in Prince George's County early in the twentieth century. It stands on part of a tract known as Charles Branch, named for the stream which runs through the property, which was farmed late in the nineteenth century by members of the Mackall and Mackenzie families. The Mackalls removed to Baltimore near the turn of the century, and in 1920 sold 46 acres of the farm to Charles Moore; it was probably at approximately this time that the house was built. It follows the simple I-house plan, but has a rear kitchen ell. Its only ornament is the shallow cross-gable above the central doorway. This dwelling and small farm remain in the Moore family to the present day. It is an example of plain vernacular dwelling, and a noticeable landmark in this still fairly rural area.

Acreage: 46.98 acres

Survey No. P.G. # 82A-40

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Charles Branch Farm

and/or common: Moore Farm (designated "Small Farm" on the 1974 survey)

2. Location

street & number: 6800 Woodyard Road (Maryland Route 233) ___ not for publication

city, town: Upper Marlboro, ___ vicinity of congressional district: 5

state: Maryland county: Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ 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: Richard O. Moore

street & number: 6800 Woodyard 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: 2757

street & number: Main Street folio: 248

city, town: Upper Marlboro, state: MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date: 1974 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records: History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town: Riverdale, state: MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. # 82A-40

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
_X_ good	___ ruins	_X_ 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.

The Moore farmhouse is a two-story frame gable roofed house, three-bays by one bay, with a rear wing in the shape of an ell. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay main north facade, through a door with a single-pane transom. Above the door at the second story is a central cross gable. The cornice is boxed with crown molding; at the lower corners of the gable ends are remnants of curved bargeboards. Sheltering the main entrance is a small one-story, one-bay porch which rests on concrete piers; it has a shallow central peak, and a boxed cornice with crown molding. The interior plan of the main block is that of a standard I-house: central stairhall with a parlor on each side. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge between second and third bays.

Extending to the south at right angles to the main block and flush with the east gable end is a rear kitchen wing. It is two stories high and one-bay wide, and has an interior chimney at its south gable end. There is a small one-story enclosed porch built into the inside (southwest) corner of the ell.

The house is covered with white asbestos shingle. The windows are 2/2 with plain board surrounds; trim is painted green. The roof is of standing seam metal, and the foundations are concrete.

Just west of the drive is a very large maple tree, and two gable-roofed sheds. At a distance to the south is a tobacco barn with one side aisle, vertical board siding and a tin roof. The open land immediately south of the house is in use as gardens and orchard.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. # 82A-40

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
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates ca. 1920 **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.

The Moore Farmhouse is typical of the plain extended I-houses which were being built in Prince George's County early in the twentieth century. It stands on part of a tract known as Charles Branch, named for the stream which runs through the property.

The large Charles Branch tract was farmed late in the nineteenth century by members of the Mackall and Mackenzie families[1] The Mackalls removed to Baltimore near the turn of the century, and in 1920 sold 46 acres of the farm to Charles Moore; it was probably at approximately this time that the house was built.[2] It follows the simple I-house plan, but has a rear kitchen ell. Its only ornament is the shallow cross-gable above the central doorway.

This dwelling and small farm remain in the Moore family to the present day. It stands close to the old road between Mellwood and the Woodyard, an example of plain vernacular dwelling and a noticeable landmark in this still fairly rural area.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records #16:30; Will WAJ Jr. #1:9; G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County 1878.

2 Prince George's County Land Records #148:432; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1900-1925.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #82A-40

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 46.98 acres

Tax Map 108, parcel 165

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Sec. D/E

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 September 1985

street & number c/o County Planning Div., M-NCPPC 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Small Farm (ca. 1900)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Woodyard Road, near Dower House Road

CITY, TOWN

Clinton

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	✓AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Marion O. Richard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Clinton

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ORIGINAL SITE
✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house sits close to the road, facing west. It is a two-story, L-shaped structure of frame construction. The main (west) facade has three bays, with a central door and a center gable in the roof. The door has a transom-light, and is covered by a one-bay porch. A two-story ell extends to the NE. There are stove-chimneys in each section. Present siding is asbestos shingle. There are several frame outbuildings on the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
✓1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a good example of the type of smaller, owner-worked tobacco farm that evolved in Prince George's County in the years after the collapse of the old plantation system. This was part of the J. Alfred Osborn property in the late 1800's.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
8/6/74

STREET & NUMBER
8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE
589-1480

CITY OR TOWN
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

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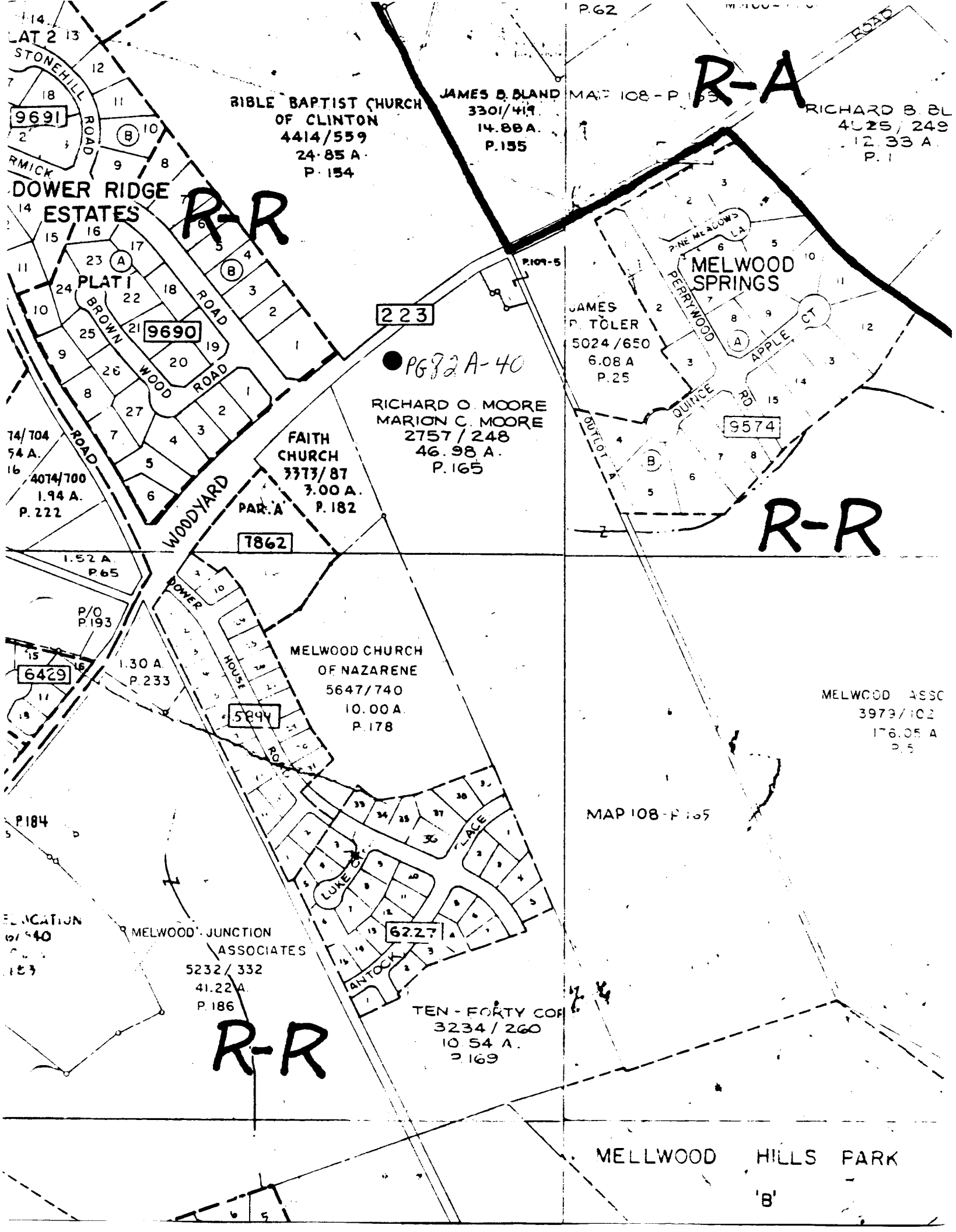
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JAMES B. BLAND
3301/419
14.88 A.
P.155
MAP 108 - P. 155
RICHARD B. BL
4025/249
12.33 A.
P. 1
DOWER RIDGE ESTATES
PLAT I
STONEHILL ROAD
BROWN WOOD ROAD
WOODYARD ROAD
9691
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JAMES P. TOLER
5024/650
6.08 A
P.25
MELWOOD SPRINGS
PINE MEADOWS LA
PERRYWOOD
APPLE CT
QUINCE RD
9574
OUTLOT
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RICHARD O. MOORE
MARION C. MOORE
2757/248
46.98 A.
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FAITH CHURCH
3373/87
3.00 A.
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7862
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P.65
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5894
MELWOOD CHURCH OF NAZARENE
5647/740
10.00 A.
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P.5
MAP 108 - P. 165
P.184
LUKE CT
PLACE
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ANTOCK
MELWOOD JUNCTION ASSOCIATES
5232/332
41.22 A.
P.186
TEN - FORTY CORP
3234/260
10.54 A.
P.169
MELLWOOD HILLS PARK
'B'

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Moore Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
Northwest 3/4 elevation
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Moore Farmhouse
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Northeast 3/4 elevation
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Moore Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD.
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West elevation
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Moore Farmhouse
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
South elevation
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NAME PG #82A-40 SMALL FARM Ca 1900

LOCATION WOODYARD Rd CLINTON, Md (MELLWOOD)

FACADE NW

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