PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-28 Building Date: 1870's, 1900

Building Name: William C. Duley House

Location: 14601 Mt. Calvert Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The William C. Duley House is a two-part structure consisting of a modest vernacular dwelling to which was attached a (later) Victorian dwelling embellished by corner towers and Queen Anne decorative details. The main block of the house is the later Queen Anne/Victorian section, a two-and-one-half-story hip-roofed structure. Each of the outside bays consists of a tall two-story corner tower. Each tower is surmounted by a steep pyramidal roof with slightly flared eaves and topped by a decorative finial. The central bay of the west facade projects slightly from the facade, forming a shallow central cross gable which is highly decorated at third level. Running across the main west facade and wrapping around both the north and south facades is an ornate one-story hip-roof porch, with chamfered bracketed posts, a railing of turned balusters, and a full frieze course of spindles. Sheltering the central (west) entry to the porch is a shallow pedimented cross-gable. The original German siding of the main block is now covered with white asbestos shingle. The verhanging eaves are embellished with a boxed cornice with crown molding. The rear (and earlier) wing of the house is a modest vernacular dwelling, four-by-two bay and two-and-one-half stories, with gable roof.

Significance:

The William C. Duley House is an outstanding example of a late Victorian dwelling with abundant Queen Anne decorative detail. It is distinguished by corner towers, decorative bargeboards and shingle siding, and a wraparound porch with considerable decorative detail. It was built in 1900 by William C. Duley and attached to a pre-existing dwelling. In 1891, William C. Duley purchased 220 acres of a tract known as Brookeridge. During the 1890's his family lived in the modest frame farmhouse which already stood on the property, but in 1900, he constructed a larger and much more ornate dwelling, attaching it to one gable end of the older building. The new house was probably built from a pattern book design but its abundant decorative detail was unusual in this rural area. It remained the Duley family home for three generations, and was sold to the present owners in 1968. Although the original German siding has been covered by asbestos shingle, the house retains virtually all of its original trim. It is an excellent example of Queen Anne/Victorian domestic architecture, and a landmark in this still rural area.

Acreage: 4.1 acres

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William C. Duley House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14601 Mt. Calvert Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Croom ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. 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 Francis Major

street & number 14601 Mt. Calvert Rd. telephone no.:

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber #3586

street & number Main Street folio 374

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 William C. Duley House is a two-part structure consisting of a modest vernacular dwelling on the east, to which was attached a (later) Victorian dwelling embellished by corner towers and Queen Anne decorative details. It stands on a high point of land on the east side of the road from Croom to Mount Calvert, and is accessible by a private unpaved lane.

The main block of the house is the later Queen Anne/Victorian section. It is a two-and-one-half-story hip-roofed structure, 40 feet by 20 feet, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay main west facade. Each of the outside (first and fifth) bays consists of a tall two-story corner tower, a diagonally projecting rectangular tower with a window in each of its three faces. Each tower is surmounted by a steep pyramidal roof with a slightly flared eaves, and topped by a decorative finial.

The central bay of the west facade projects slightly from the facade, forming a shallow central cross gable which is highly decorated at third level: the steep raking cornices are decorated with jigsawn bargeboards, and the area within them is sided with alternating courses of sawtooth and fishscale shingles. The principal entrance is in this central projecting bay, through a door with three-pane transom, and two-pane sidelights, all filled with panes of colored glass. Above the door at second level is a pair of windows, 1/1 double hung sash, with colored lights bordering the upper sash. Other windows throughout the main block are 1/1 double hung sash; they have plain board surrounds with projecting upper bead, and no shutters. Running across the main west facade and wrapping around both the north and south facades is an ornate one-story hip-roof porch, with chamfered bracketed posts, a railing of turned balusters, and a full frieze course of spindles. Sheltering the central (west) entry to the porch is a shallow pedimented cross-gable, with boxed cornice and crown molding; its tympanum is sided with fish scale shingles. The original German siding of the main block is now covered with white asbestos shingle. The roof is of green asbestos shingle but was probably originaly covered with patterned tin. The overhanging eaves are embellished with a boxed cornice with crown molding. A wide corbelled brick chimney rises from the crest of the hipped roof. The foundation is of brick.

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	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1870's, 1900 **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 William C. Duley House is an outstanding example of a late Victorian dwelling with abundant Queen Anne decorative detail. It is distinguished by corner towers, decorative bargeboards and shingle siding, and a wraparound porch with considerable decorative detail. It was built in 1900 by William C. Duley (probably from a pattern book design) and attached to a pre-existing dwelling.

The house stands on part of the tract known as Brookeridge, between Croom and Mount Calvert. This part of Brookeridge was part of the early nineteenth century landholdings of the Beanes family of Upper Marlboro, and passed from Colmore Beanes, merchant, to the heirs of his daughter Eliza Beanes Cross.[1] In 1876 the Court of Equity ordered a division of the 900-acre farm among those heirs, and a 220-acre portion (Lot #3) on the east side of the road from Croom to Mount Calvert was allotted to Mrs. Cross' daughter, Mary Cross Reno. It was this 220-acre portion which William C. Duley purchased from Mrs. Reno's heirs in 1891. At that time there stood on the land a modest two-and-one-half-story frame farmhouse, probably dating from the 1870's.

William C. Duley was the son of Willaim W. Duley, who had established his home at Crown Station in 1873. The elder Duley had built a new house in that location, attaching it to the older Judson Scott house on the property.[3] His son, William C. Duley, followed a similar procedure at the Brookeridge property; during the 1890's, his family lived in the frame farmhouse which already stood on the property, but in 1900, he constructed a large and much more ornate dwelling, attaching it to one gable end of the older building.[4] The new house was probably built from a pattern book design (the specific pattern has not yet been identified); it was an outstanding example of late Victorian/Queen Anne style dwelling, with abundant decorative detail, especially unusual in this rural area. It remained the Duley family home for three generations, and was sold to the present owners in 1968.[5]

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. notes, item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.1 acres

Tax Map 119, Parcel 71

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section I

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 August 1986

street & number c/o County 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Interior plan of the main block is central stairhall with flanking parlors, each of which has an alcove formed by the corner towers. The large central chimney contains two flues, each of which served the fireplace in the interior wall of each parlor. The open string staircase has a square panelled newel and turned balusters.

The rear (and earlier) wing of the house is a modest vernacular dwelling, four irregular bays by two, 30 by 18 feet. It is two-and-one-half stories, with gable roof. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds. The west gable end of the wing is now joined to the main block; the cornices are boxed with crown molding, and returned at the east gable end enclosing two small 2/2 double sash windows at loft level. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Entrance is in the second bay of the four-bay south facade (three bays in the second story), and this entire south facade is sheltered by a one-story screened porch. The roof of this porch, unlike the roof of the rest of the house, is of fishscale patterned tin, suggesting that this was probably the original material of the roof of the main block. The wing, like the main block, is covered with white asbestos shingle; original siding is not visible. The foundation is of brick. A small shed-roof entry vestibule at the east gable end leads to a basement space under the wing.

Interior plan of the wing consists of two spaces divided by an enclosed staircase: dining room in the westmost bay, and kitchen in the two easterly bays. The fireplace in the west wall of the dining room has been closed, and a new (but antique) mantel has been installed diagonally in its northeast corner. The dining room has been panelled with timber salvaged from a nineteenth century barn which stood until recently on the property.

The house stands in a grove of tall trees. A short distance to the southeast, built into the sloping ground, is a gable-roofed concrete block stable.

Although the original German siding has been covered by asbestos shingle, the house retains virtually all of its original trim. It is an excellent example of Queen Anne/Victorian domestic architecture, and a landmark in this still rural area.

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Notes

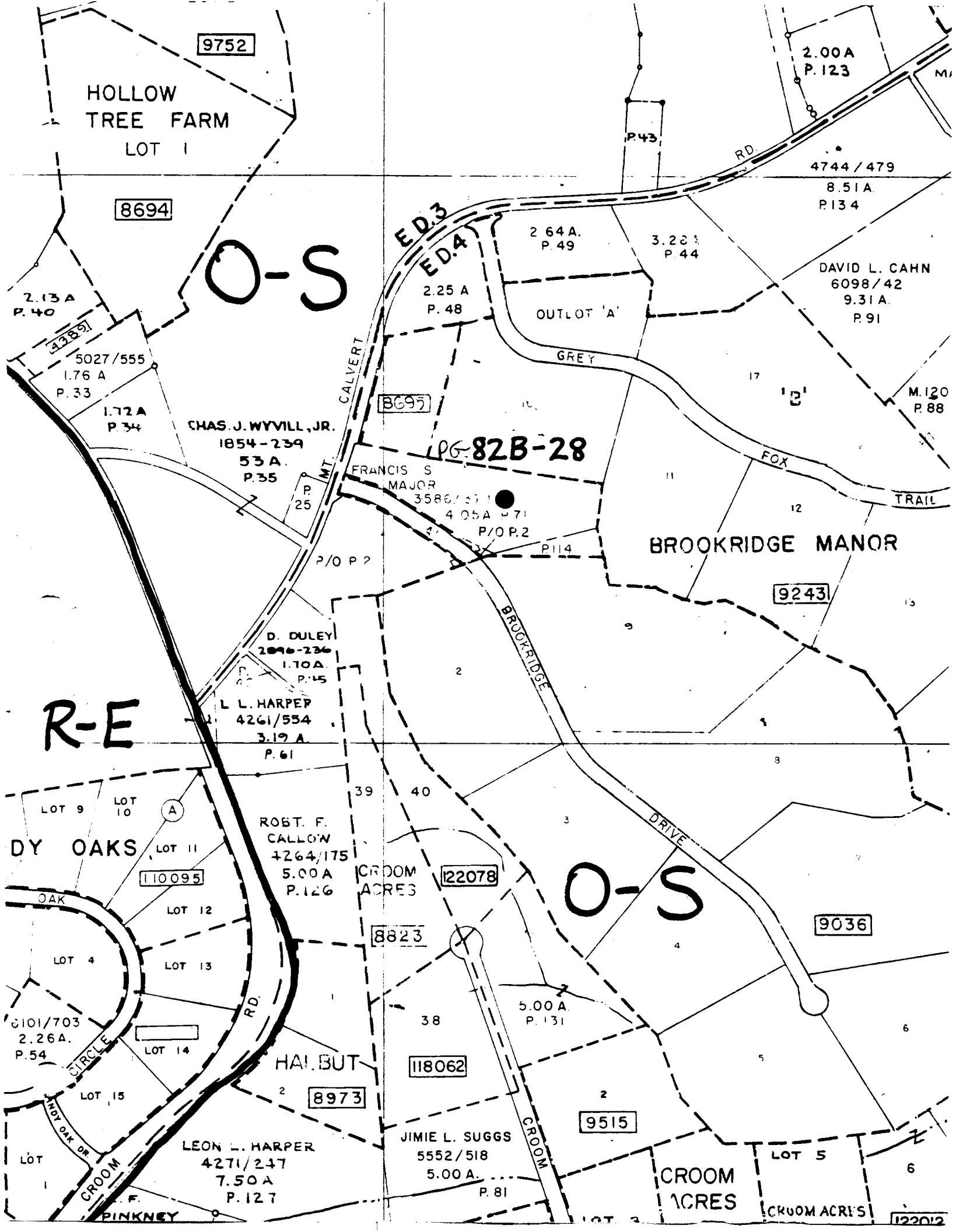
1 Prince George's County Equity, #1068, 1876.

2 Ibid.; Prince George's County Deed, JWB #17:529.

3 Prince George's County Equity, #2527; Prince George's County Deed, HB #7:223; cf. MHT for P.G. #82B-7, William Duley House.

4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-1910.

5 Prince George's County Deeds, #2116:241, 248; #3586:374.



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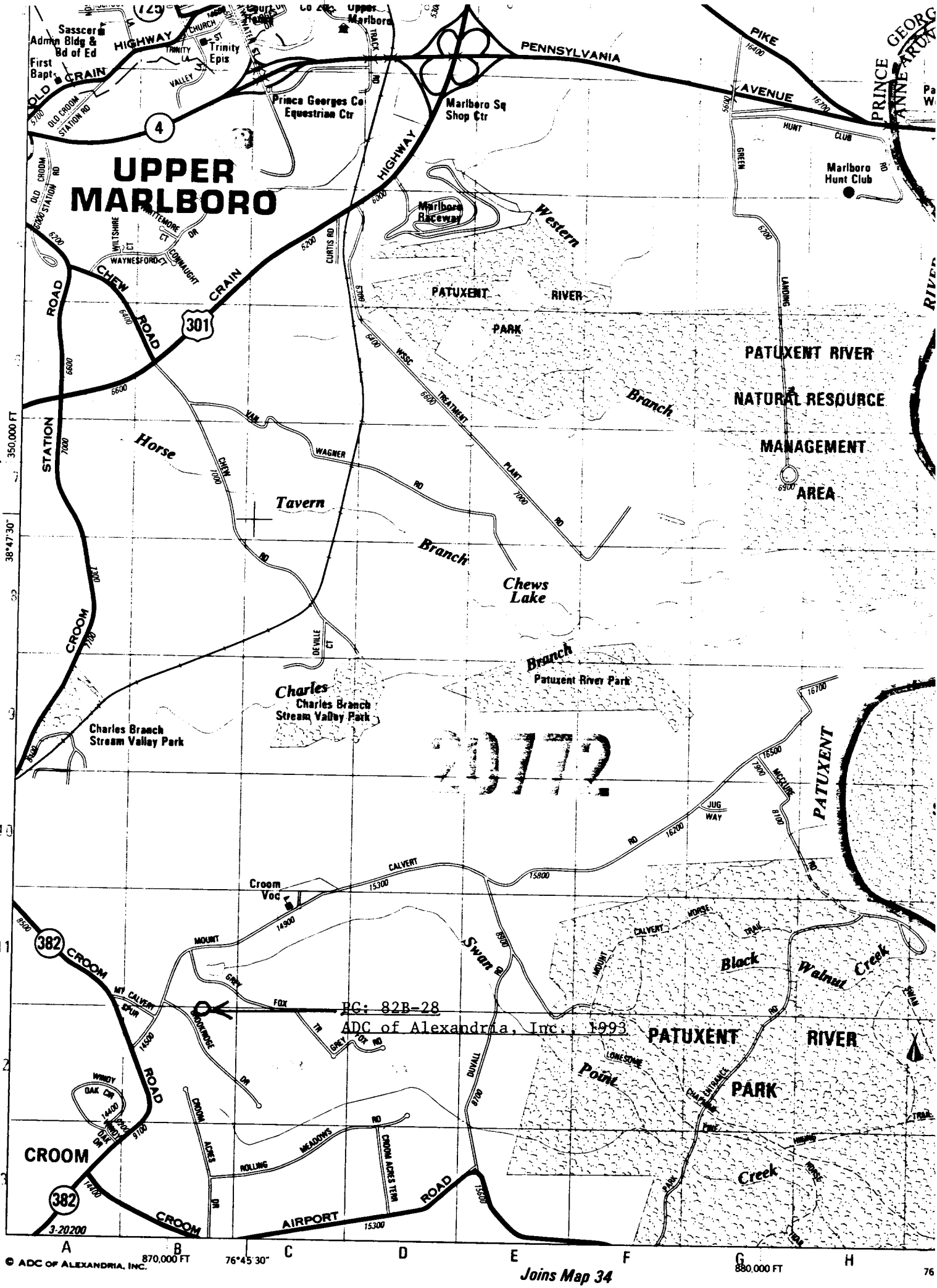
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Charles Branch
Charles Branch Stream Valley Park
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Croom Voc
Swan Point
Black Walnut Creek
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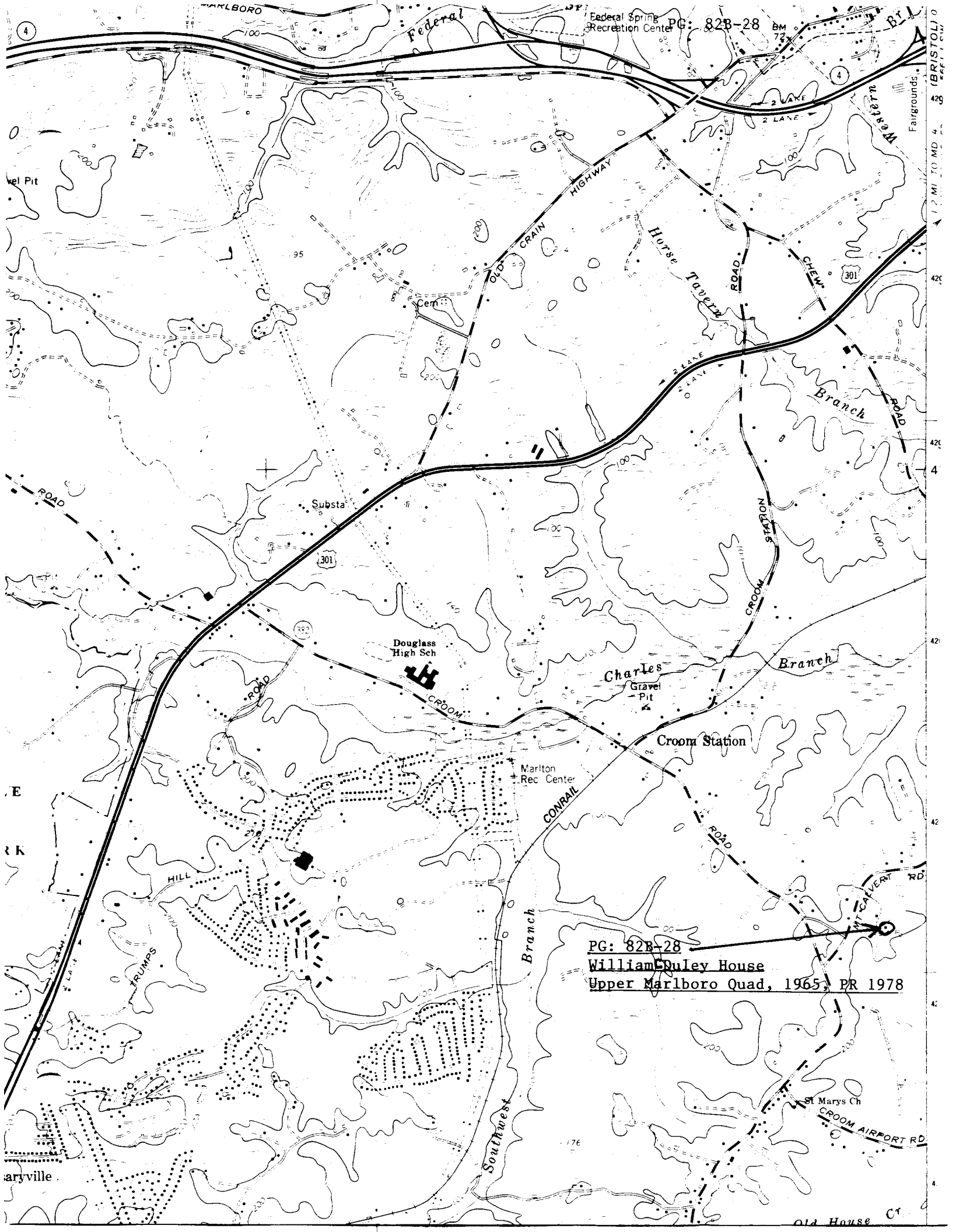
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William Duley House
Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

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January 1986
Southeast 3/4 elevation
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William C. Duley House
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West detail
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Southwest 3/4 elevation
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