

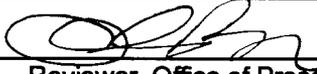
Property Address <u>14135 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>H. Dale Simon, Trustee, 72 Huntly Circle, Dover, Delaware 19901</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1895</u>

Description:

The Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1983. It was included within the Brandywine Historic District survey conducted in 1996 by P.A.C. Spero & Company for the U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study, but no individual Addendum Sheet was prepared at that time. Since the time of the previous survey, the property is unchanged.

National Register Evaluation:

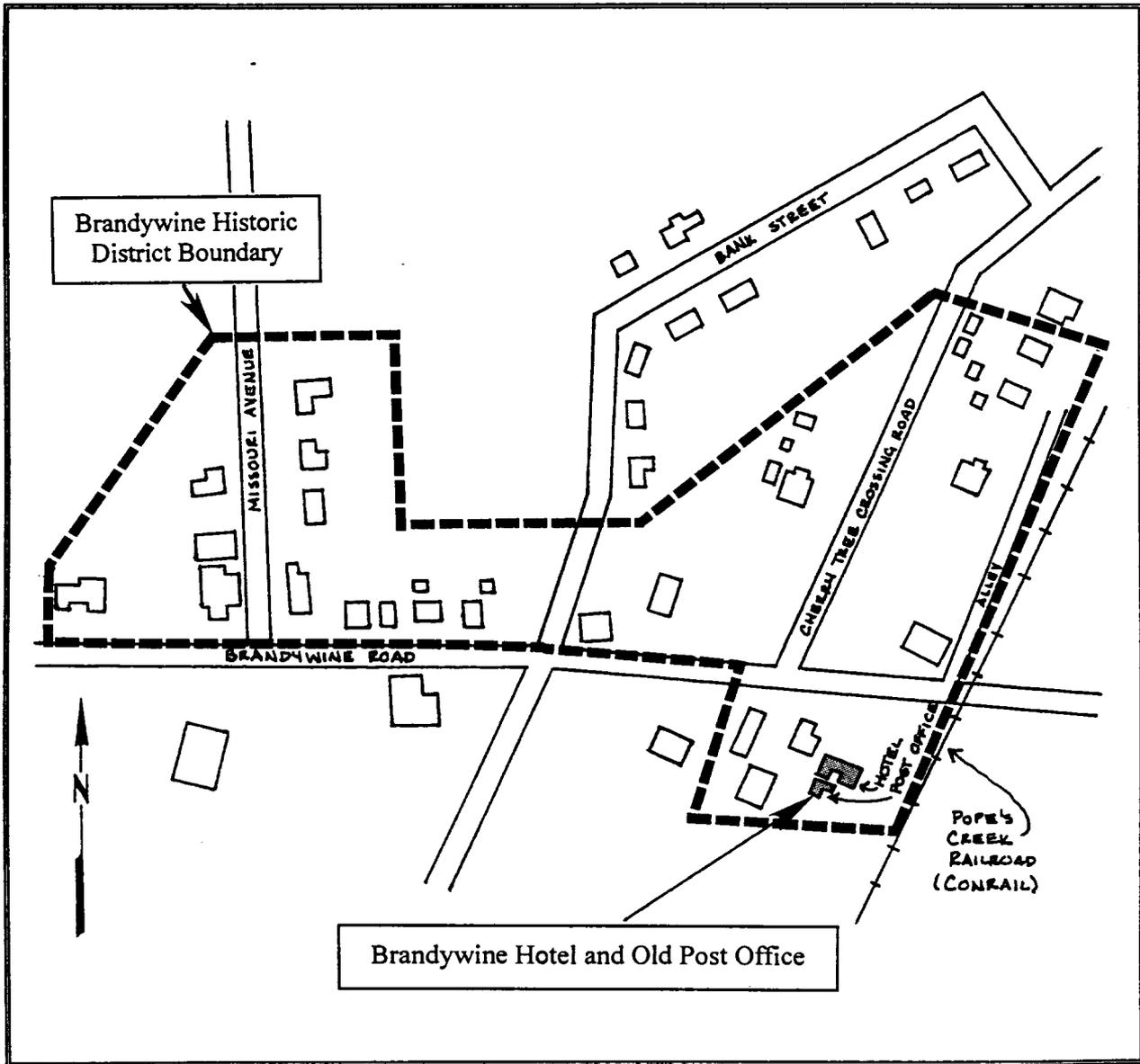
The Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office is a contributing element of the Brandywine Historic District (PG:85A-32). The Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office is not individually eligible for the National Register. Though the buildings once played an important role in the commercial life of Brandywine, both have been severely altered and no longer retain sufficient integrity to be eligible under Criterion A. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the buildings have been altered with modern siding materials and windows, and the interior of the hotel has been divided into apartments. Part of the interior of the post office was destroyed by fire. The property no longer retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, or feeling.

MHT CONCURRENCE:		
Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: <u>AS A CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT IT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER</u> <u>CRITERION C</u>		
	<u>8/26/99</u> Date	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program
		<u>8/24/00</u> Date

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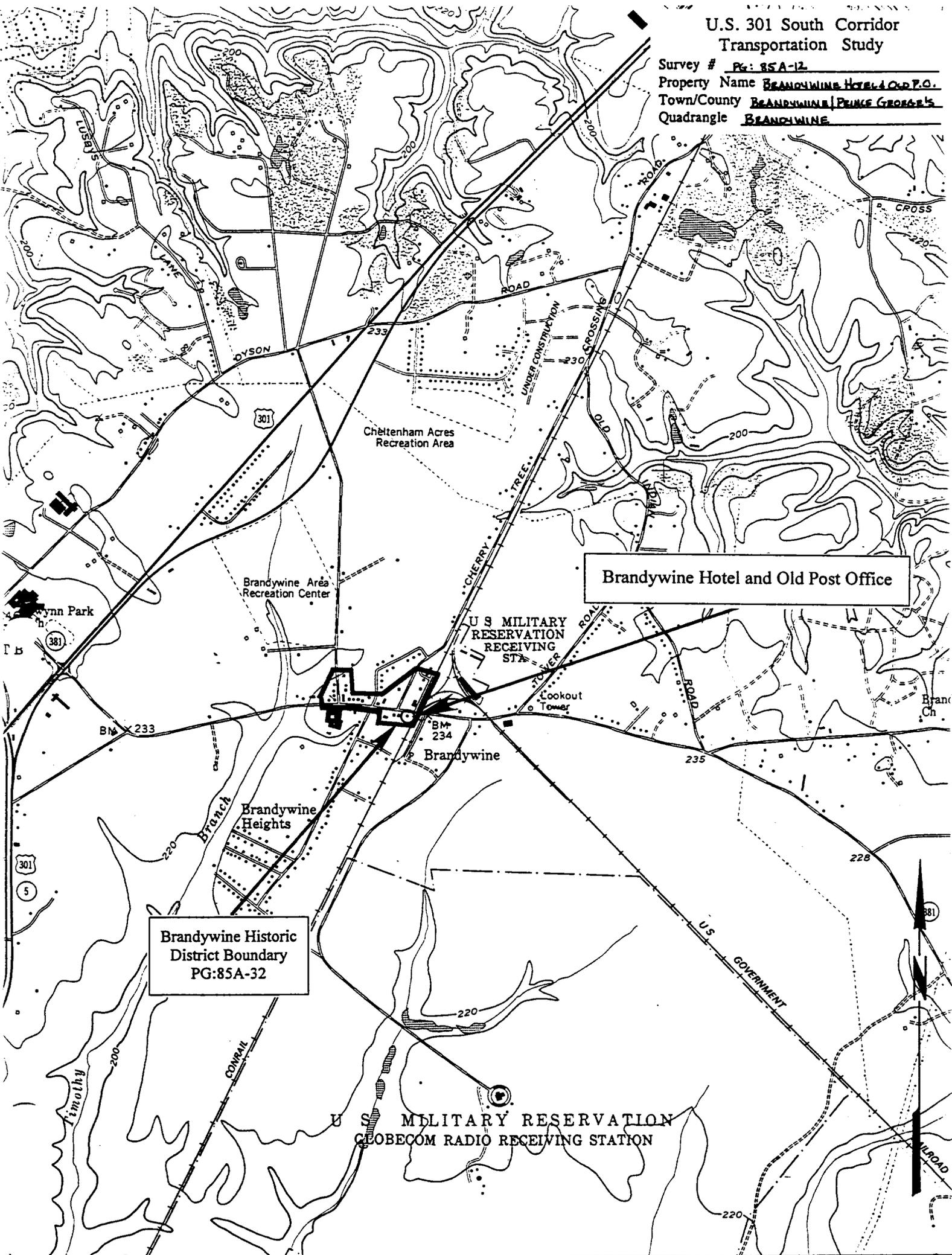
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Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 85A-12
Property Name BRANDYWINE HOTEL & OLD P.O.
Town/County BRANDYWINE / PRINCE GEORGE'S
Quadrangle BRANDYWINE



Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office

Brandywine Historic
District Boundary
PG:85A-32

U S MILITARY RESERVATION
GLOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION



PG: BSA 12

BRANDYWINE HOTEL & POST OFFICE

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

SUSAN TAYLOR

OCTOBER 1998

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HOTEL & POST OFFICE, EAST ELEVATION, VIEW WEST

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BRANDYWINE HOTEL & OLD POST OFFICE

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HOTEL, NORTHWEST CORNER

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # 85A-12 Building Date c.1895
Building Name Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office
Location Rt. 381, west side, Brandywine
Open to Public: Yes No Occupied: Yes No Use Old Post Office-storage
Hotel - Apartments

Both the Hotel and the Post Office lie on the west side of Route 381 in the Town of Brandywine, and face east. The Old Post Office is a small frame building, built in two sections set perpendicular to each other. Each section is one-story and measures 2 bays by 1 bay, and has a gable roof. It rests on a flat single stone foundation, is covered with German siding and the gable roofs with standing seam metal.

The entrance is situated in the northern section. It is a central entrance covered by a shed hood supported by diagonal braces. There is a large door set on rollers located at the south elevation of the structure. It is assumed that this section of the Post Office was used as storage for in-coming and out-going mail.

In 1975, a fire destroyed part of the interior of the northern section. The present owner intends to restore the building.

The Hotel is a large two-story frame building based on a U-shaped plan. It has a gable roof with a cross gable at the southern end. A one-story porch runs across the facade, east elevation, and supports the second story overhang. The first story is recessed under the porch. The building has been extensively altered inside and out for rental units.

The Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office were constructed in c. 1895 during the ownership of Rose Jeanette Smith. Mrs. Smith's daughter, Laura S. Townshend inherited the buildings at her mother's death in 1946. According to local sources, Mrs. Townshend was the desk clerk for the hotel in 1927. In 1947, Mrs. Townshend conveyed the property to Milton Holt, the Brandywine Postmaster. It was during Mr. Holt's ownership that the hotel was renovated. In 1972 Mr. Holt conveyed the property to John M. Woods, Jr., who in turn conveyed it to the present owner, H. D. Simon, Inc., in 1978.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brandywine Hotel and Old Post Office

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rt. 381, west side (Brandywine Road) 14135 not for publication

city, town Brandywine, vicinity of congressional district

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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name H.D. Simon, Associates

street & number telephone no.: (301) 372-6800

city, town Brandywine, state and zip code Maryland 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4926

street & number folio 636

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Survey

date 1974 federal state county local

postory for survey records M-NCPPC - Riversdale Mansion

city, town Riverdale, state Maryland 20737

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Both the Hotel and the Post Office lie on the west side of Route 381 in the Town of Brandywine, and face east. A dirt road runs south from Route 381, crosses in front of the buildings, and extends to the railroad tracks. This road is part of the street grid pattern of Brandywine, laid out in c. 1863 by William E. Early.

The Old Post Office is situated closest to the dirt road. It is a small frame building, built in two sections set perpendicular to each other. Each section is one-story and measures 2 bays by 1 bay, and has a gable roof. It rests on a flat single stone foundation, is covered with German siding and the gable roofs with standing seam metal.

The entrance is situated in the northern section. It is a central entrance covered by a shed hood supported by diagonal braces. There is a large door set on rollers located at the south elevation of the structure. It is assumed that this section of the Post Office was used as storage for in-coming and out-going mail. The building has few windows, which are 2/2 sash. A metal scrolled bracket which probably held a sign or light is situated on the east elevation over the window in the southern section. An interior brick chimney is located where the two sections meet.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

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Footnotes

1 Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB 38, Folio 394; Equity Case #1904; and Liber JWB 27, Folio 618.

2 Prince George's County Orphan's Court Records, Administratin Docket #8007.

3 Interview with H. D. Simon, August 1983.

4 Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 912, Folio 201, and Mr. H. D. Simon.

5 Mr. H. D. Simon.

6 Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 4123, Folio 235; and Liber 4926, Folio 636.

PC#85A-12 - Brandywine Hotel and Post Office

Chain of Title

Liber 4926/Folio 636 - May 10, 1978

Grantor: J. H. M. Woods, Jr. and Elizabeth M. (wife)

Grantee: H. D. Simon, Inc.

Lots # 11 and 12 per plat made by Thomas S. Latimer, surveyor filed in Chancery #1904. 20,000 square feet of ground more or less (40 feet in rear of lots back to Baltimore and Potomac Railroad with width of 100 feet).

Being same lots #13 and 14 in Square #10 on map of Brandywine prepared by Robert A. Bowie.

Exception: 50 x 150 foot lot in northwest corner of whole property. Same described in 4123/235.

4123/235 - September 12, 1972

Grantor: Milton T. Holt and Frances M. (wife)

Grantee: John H. M. Woods, Jr. and Elizabeth (wife)

Same as above.

Same described in 912/201

912/201 - March 27, 1947

Grantor: Laura Smith Townshend and Samuel G. (husband)

Grantee: Milton T. Holt and Frances M. (wife)

Same description as above.

Administration Docket #8007

Rose Jeannette Smith

Died March 9, 1945

Intestate

Administrator: Laura S. Townshend

Inventory of Real Estate:

House and lot in Brandywine
District = \$2,000.00

JWB 381/394 - April 3, 1894

Grantor: George P. Werner, Jr. and A. Miner (wife)

Grantee: Rose Jeannette Smith

Consideration - \$10.00

Lots 11 and 12 in Block E of Thomas H. Latimer's subdivision of the Town of Brandywine with 40 feet immediately to the rear. Width of 100 feet back to property of Baltimore and Potomac Railroad = 20,000 square feet.

JWB 27/618 - February 8, 1894

Grantor: R. Ford Combs, Trustee
Appointed in Equity Case #1904

Grantee: George P. Werner, Jr.

Consideration - \$100.00

Lots 11 and 12 in Block E of Thomas H. Latimer's subdivision of the Town of Brandywine with 40 feet immediately to rear. Width of 100 feet back to property of Baltimore and Potomac Railroad = 20,000 square feet.

Equity #1904

Charles S. Early and Georgie W. Early vs.
Sarah A. M. Early, Margaret A. Bowie, Robert A Bowie, William W. Early, Mary J. Early, Leonara H. Early and James A. Early.

Object of Suit: Partition of Real Estate of late William H. Early who died in March 1890. 3,000 acres to be divided. But because some of the parties are infants under 21 years it can't be done without aid of court.

Infants are: William W., Mary J., Leonard H. and James A., children of deceased son, James A.

Petition of Mary Irene Early for sale of Parcel in Town of Brandywine

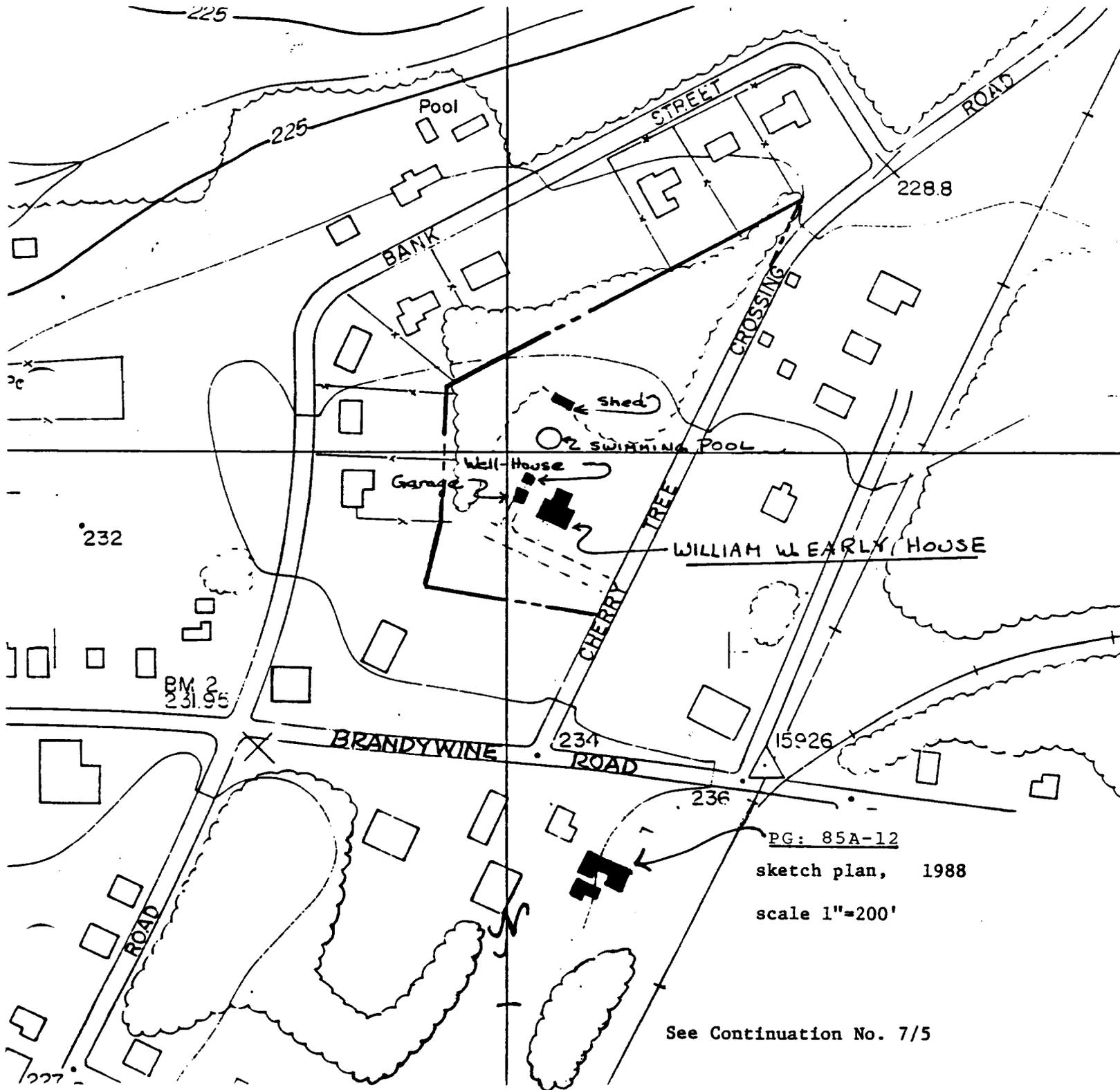
Mary I. wanted to sell to George P. Werner of Baltimore, Lots 11 and 12 of square E with 40 feet immediately to the rear for \$100.00 (lots are 100 feet front and 200 feet in depth). She derived land from estate of grandfather. No improvements except for an old stable.

William H. Early received land in a deed from Edward W. Belt administrator of William B. Langley in 1859, (CSM No. 3, Folio 138).

Plat of William B. Langley's land now belonging to William H. Early, June 1863.

Plat by William Robinson in March 28, 1837, 103 acres.

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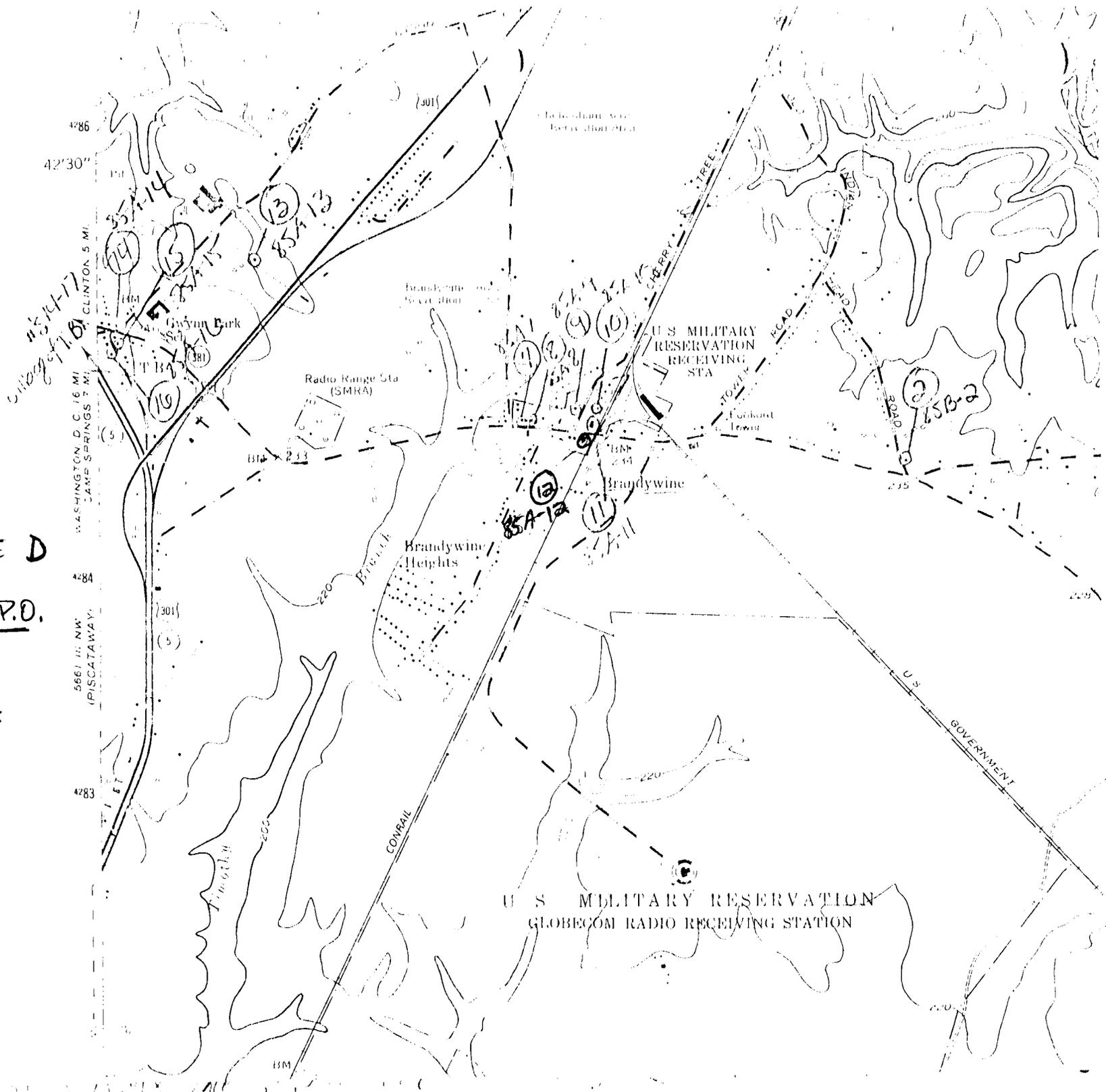
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sketch plan, 1988
scale 1"=200'

See Continuation No. 7/5

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Brandywine P.O.

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P.G. #85A-12

Brandywine Post Office & Hotel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

Hotel, East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #85A-12

Brandywine Post Office & Hotel

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May 1984

Post Office from Northwest

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Brandywine Post Office & Hotel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

Post Office from South

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #85A-12

Brandywine Post Office & Hotel

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

May 1984

Northwest 3/4 elevation, Post Office

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD