

Property Address <u>13902 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Prince George's County</u>	
Owner Name/Address <u>Margaret and Roland Blandford, 13902 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland</u>	
<u>20613</u>	Year Built <u>circa 1910</u>

**Description:**

The Marian Early Bean House was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1986. It was included within the Brandywine Historic District survey completed in 1996 by P.A.C. Spero & Company for the U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study, however, no individual Addendum Sheet was prepared at that time. Since the time of the previous survey, there have been several minor alterations to the property. The asbestos siding has been replaced with vinyl siding, and the wood-sash windows have been replaced with vinyl 1/1 windows. The form, massing, and fenestration pattern of the house are unchanged. There is a modern, wood-frame gable-roof shed located southwest of the house that was not mentioned on the previous survey form.

**National Register Evaluation:**

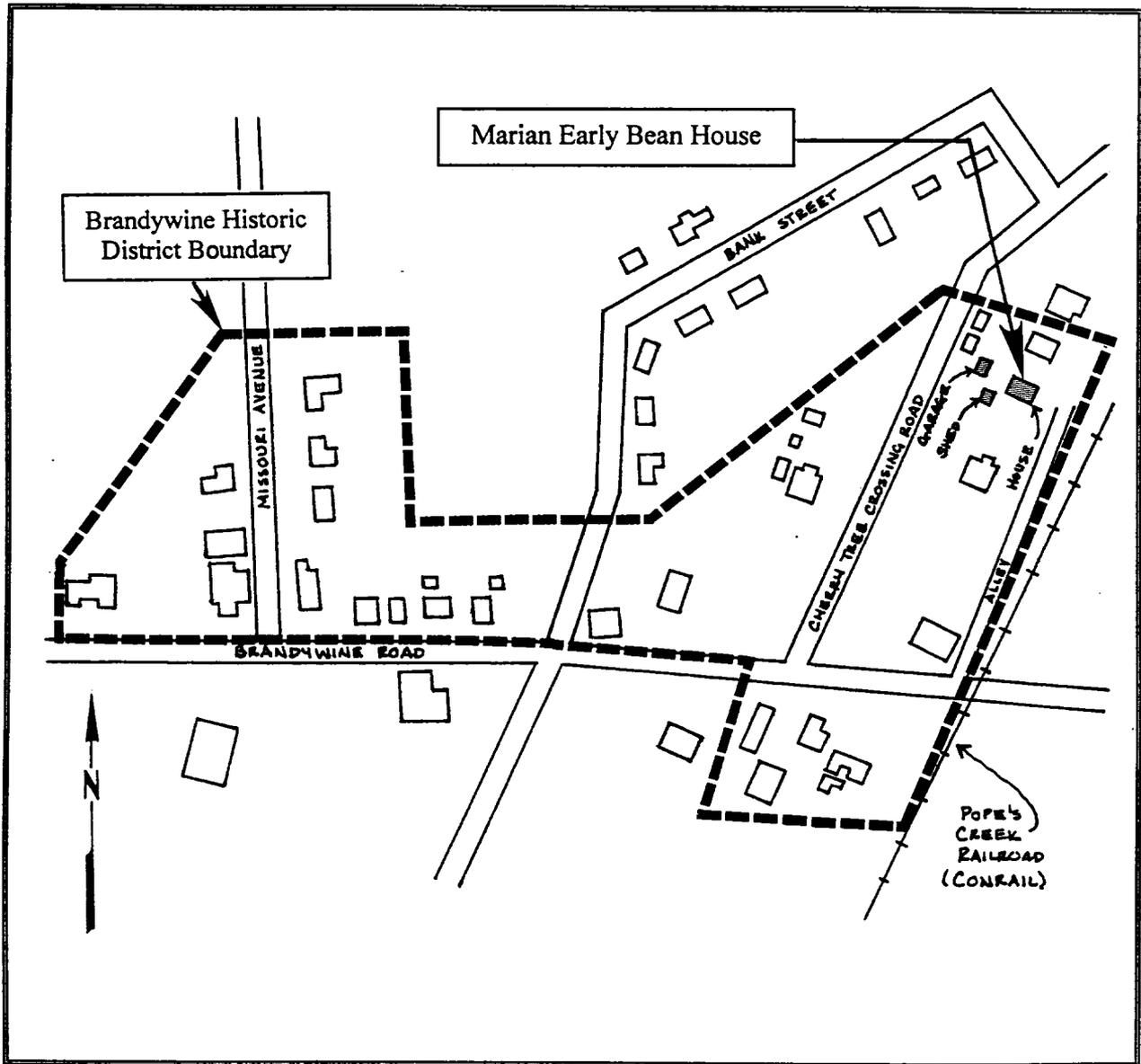
The Marian Early Bean House is a contributing element of the Brandywine Historic District (PG:85A-32). It is not individually eligible for the National Register. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. 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 it has been altered with vinyl siding, replacement windows and a rear addition. The Marian Early Bean House is an undistinguished example of a Four Square dwelling. It no longer retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, or feeling.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>		
Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	_____ not recommended	
Criteria <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C _____ D
Considerations _____ A	_____ B	_____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None
Comments: <del>PROPERTY IS ELIGIBLE AS A CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT</del> A.C.C.		
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/21/98</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program
		<u>1/14/00</u> Date

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Resource Sketch Map:



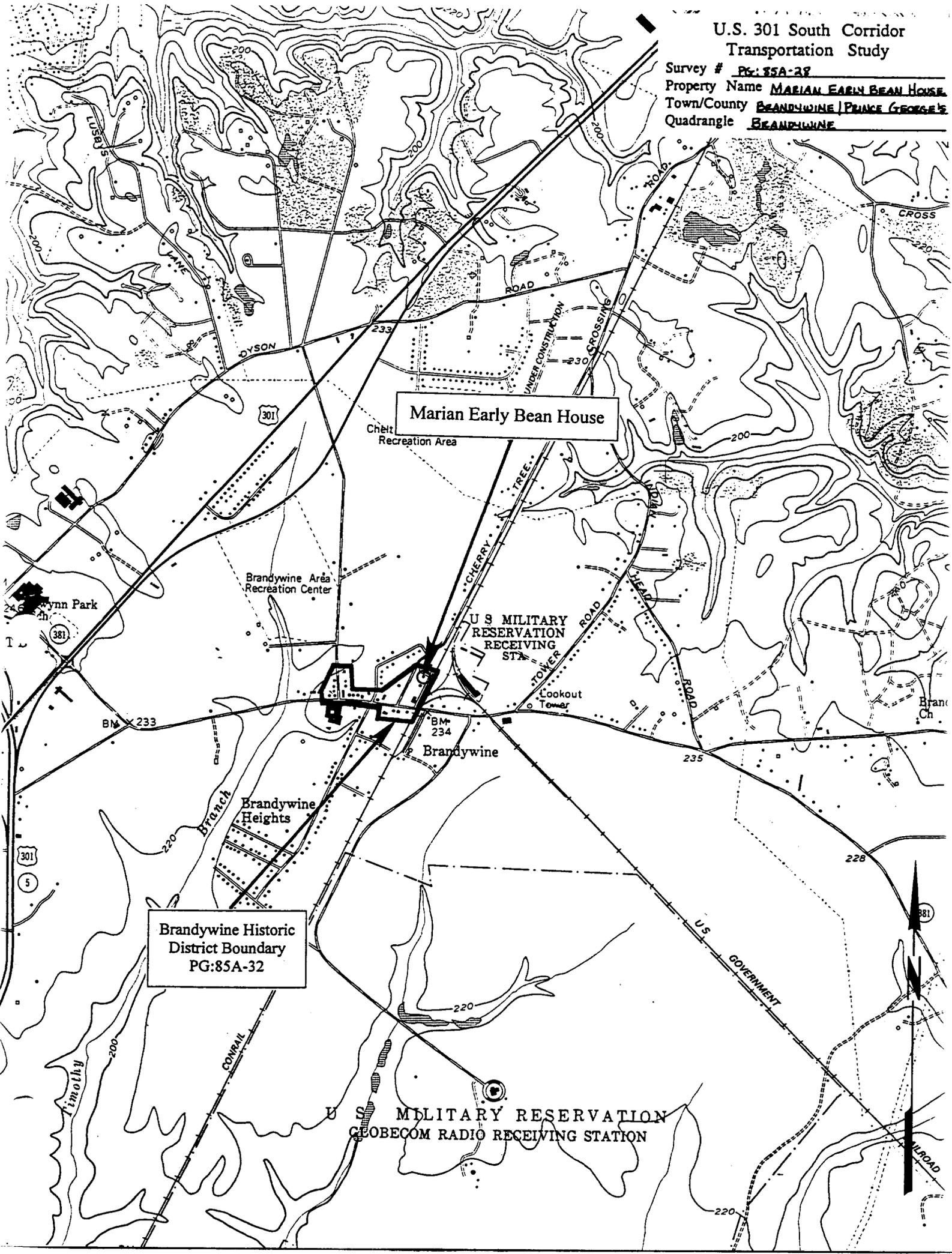
U.S. 301 South Corridor  
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 85A-28

Property Name MARIAN EARLY BEAN HOUSE

Town/County BRANDYWINE / PRINCE GEORGE'S

Quadrangle BRANDYWINE



Marian Early Bean House

Chert  
Recreation Area

Brandywine Area  
Recreation Center

U S MILITARY  
RESERVATION  
RECEIVING  
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Lookout  
Tower

Brandywine

Brandywine  
Heights

Brandywine Historic  
District Boundary  
PG:85A-32

U S MILITARY RESERVATION  
GEOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION

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RAILROAD



PG:85A = 28

MARIAN EARLY BENN HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

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OCTOBER 1998

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HOUSE, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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MARIAN EARLY BEAN HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD

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HOUSE & OUTBUILDINGS, VIEW EAST

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-28 Building Date: ca. 1910

Building Name: Marian Early Bean House

Location: 13902 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Marion Early Bean House is a square pyramidal-roof frame dwelling and is one of a group of houses built by members of the Early family in the early years of the twentieth century. The house is two-and-one-half stories, and three bays by three bays. Entrance is in the second bay of the main east facade. The first bay of this east elevation is composed of a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, with a window in each of its three faces. There is a similar projecting bay in the first bay of the south facade. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the east facade; it is supported by Tuscan columns and has a plain balustrade railing. The siding of the house is covered with gray asbestos shingle. The cornice is boxed and has a deep overhang. The roof is pyramidal in shape, and flared at the eaves. Centered in the east plane of the roof is a hip-roof dormer. There is a corbelled brick chimney high in the north plane of the roof.

Significance:

The Marion Early Bean House is a good example of the "Classic Box" (American Four Square) style of dwelling which was popular in the early years of this century. It is distinguished by a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay and Tuscan porch. It is one of a group of three houses built for the children of Charles S. Early on land inherited from William H. Early, prominent merchant and landowner in the railroad village of Brandywine. In 1872 William H. Early purchased 42 acres along the newly laid tracks of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and opened a general store at the intersection of the railroad and the main road through Brandywine. His business prospered, and by the time of his death in 1890 he owned 3,000 acres in the immediate area, comprising most of the village of Brandywine. His real estate was divided among his heirs. Marian Early Bean (who in 1903 had married James Bean, a partner in her father's "Bean and Early Store") built the subject house on the four lots just north of her brother's house. These three family dwellings stood in a row facing the railroad tracks, behind and to the north of the general store which had helped to establish the family's prosperity and local prominence. They are distinctive landmarks in the Village of Brandywine.

Acreage: 25,000 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marian Early Bean House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 13902 Cherry Tree Crossing Road  not for publication

city, town Brandywine  vicinity of congressional district 4

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Margaret Blandford

street & number 13902 Cherry Tree Crossing Road telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Md 20613

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #2517

street & number Main Street folio 375

city, town Upper Marlboro state

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG#85A-28

## Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

## Check one

unaltered

altered

## Check one

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Marion Early Bean House is a square pyramidal-roof frame dwelling which stands on one of the original Brandywine town lots, facing the tracks of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. Originally accessible from a lane beside the railroad tracks, the house is now accessible from Cherry Tree Crossing Road on the west. It is one of a group of houses built by members of the Early family in the early years of the twentieth century.

The house is two-and-one-half stories, and three bays by three bays. Entrance is in the second bay of the main east facade. The first bay of this east elevation is composed of a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, with a window in each of its three faces. There is a similar projecting bay in the first bay of the south facade. A one-story hip-roof porch shelters the east facade; it is supported by Tuscan columns and has a plain balustrade railing. The porch rests on concrete piers infilled with lattice.

The siding of the house is covered with gray asbestos shingle. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash with plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. The cornice is boxed and has a deep overhang. The roof is pyramidal in shape, and flared at the eaves; it is covered with gray asphalt shingle. Centered in the east plane of the roof is a hip-roof dormer; it has two small 1/1 windows. There is a corbelled brick chimney high in the north plane of the roof. The building rests on a poured concrete foundation, scored to resemble stone. There is a one-story shed enclosure on the west (rear) facade of the house.

The interior consists of four spaces. The main entrance leads into a stair hall. There is a two run stair in the northeast corner which has a square panelled oak newel with urn-shaped cap and turned balusters. Surrounds of doors and windows have plain board surrounds with bulls-eye corner blocks. The soffit of each doorway is embellished with a spindle-work frieze.

There is a small shed-roof garage at the rear of the lot.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates ca. 1910

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 Marion Early Bean House is a good example of the "Classic Box" (American Four Square) style of dwelling which was popular in the early years of this century. It is distinguished by a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay and Tuscan porch. It is one of a group of three houses built for the children of Charles S. Early on land inherited from William H. Early, prominent merchant and landowner in the railroad village of Brandywine.

In 1872 William H. Early purchased 42 acres along the newly laid tracks of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad and opened a general store (85A-11) at the intersection of the railroad and the main road through Brandywine. His business prospered, and by the time of his death in 1890 he owned 3,000 acres in the immediate area, comprising most of the village of Brandywine. His real estate was divided among his heirs, and his son Charles S. Early received Block F, a 4.4 acre parcel of land which included the store and 29 platted lots extending to the north.<sup>1</sup>

In 1896, Charles Early conveyed to one of his sons, William Berry Early, four adjoining lots (9, 10, 21 and 22) north of the store, on which the latter built a small home. This home was rebuilt and enlarged (#85A-10), ca. 1910, following the example of a cousin, William Warren Early (cf. 85A-9).<sup>2</sup> At approximately the same time, the other two children of Charles S. Early (by then deceased), built somewhat more modest dwellings on the lots which they had received from their father's estate. Marion Early Bean (who in 1903 had married James Bean, a partner in her father's "Bean and Early Store") built the subject house on the four lots (#13, 14, 25 and 26) just north of her brother's house. Charles S. Early, Jr. built a nearly identical house on the next four lots (#15, 16, 27 and 28).<sup>3</sup> These three family dwellings stood in a row facing the railroad tracks, behind and to the north of the general store which had helped to establish the family's prosperity and local prominence.



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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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The Early family dwellings still stand as distinctive landmarks in the village of Brandywine. Marion Early Bean's house has undergone a minimum of alteration, e.g. enclosure of the rear porch, and application of gray asbestos shingle over the siding. It is a good example of the "Classic Box" style of early twentieth century dwelling, and is still in the possession of the family that built it.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed HB #5:566; Prince George's County Equity #1904.

2 Prince George's County Deed JWB #37:654.

3 Prince George's County Equity #1904; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890-1916. Conversations, 1986, with Early family members.

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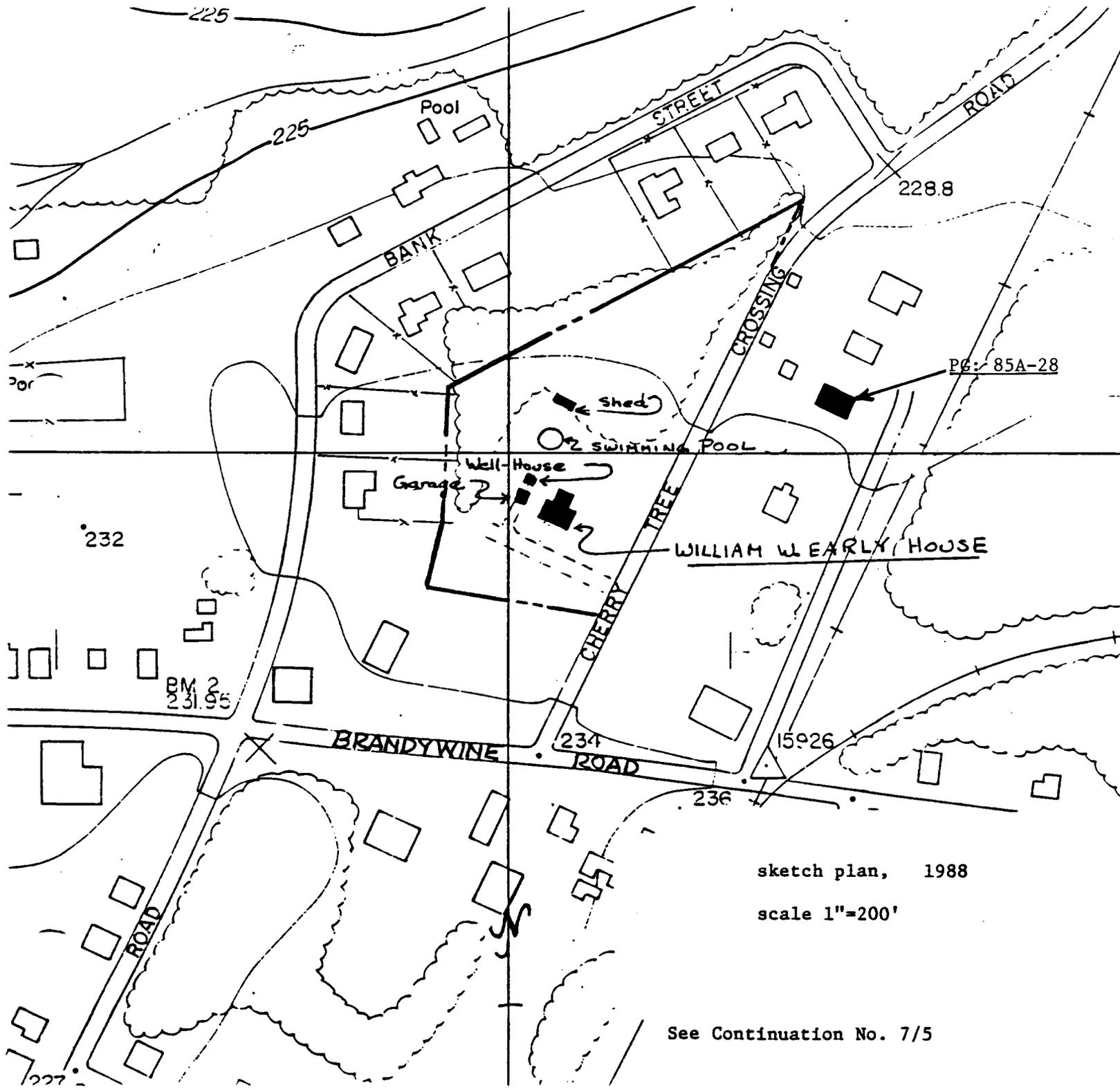
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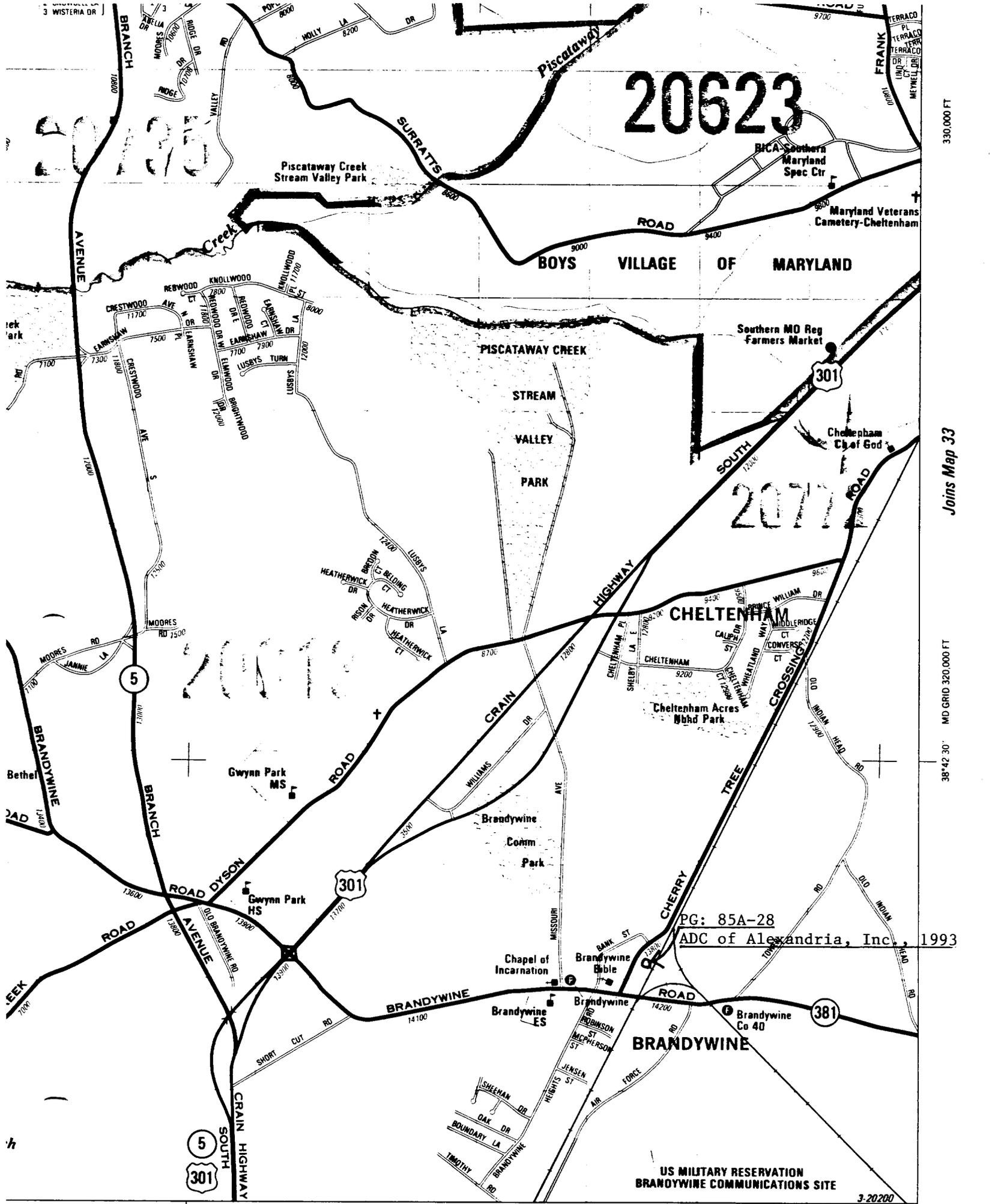
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sketch plan, 1988

scale 1"=200'

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US MILITARY RESERVATION  
 BRANDYWINE COMMUNICATIONS SITE

330,000 FT

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38°42'30" MD GRID 320,000 FT

76°52'30"

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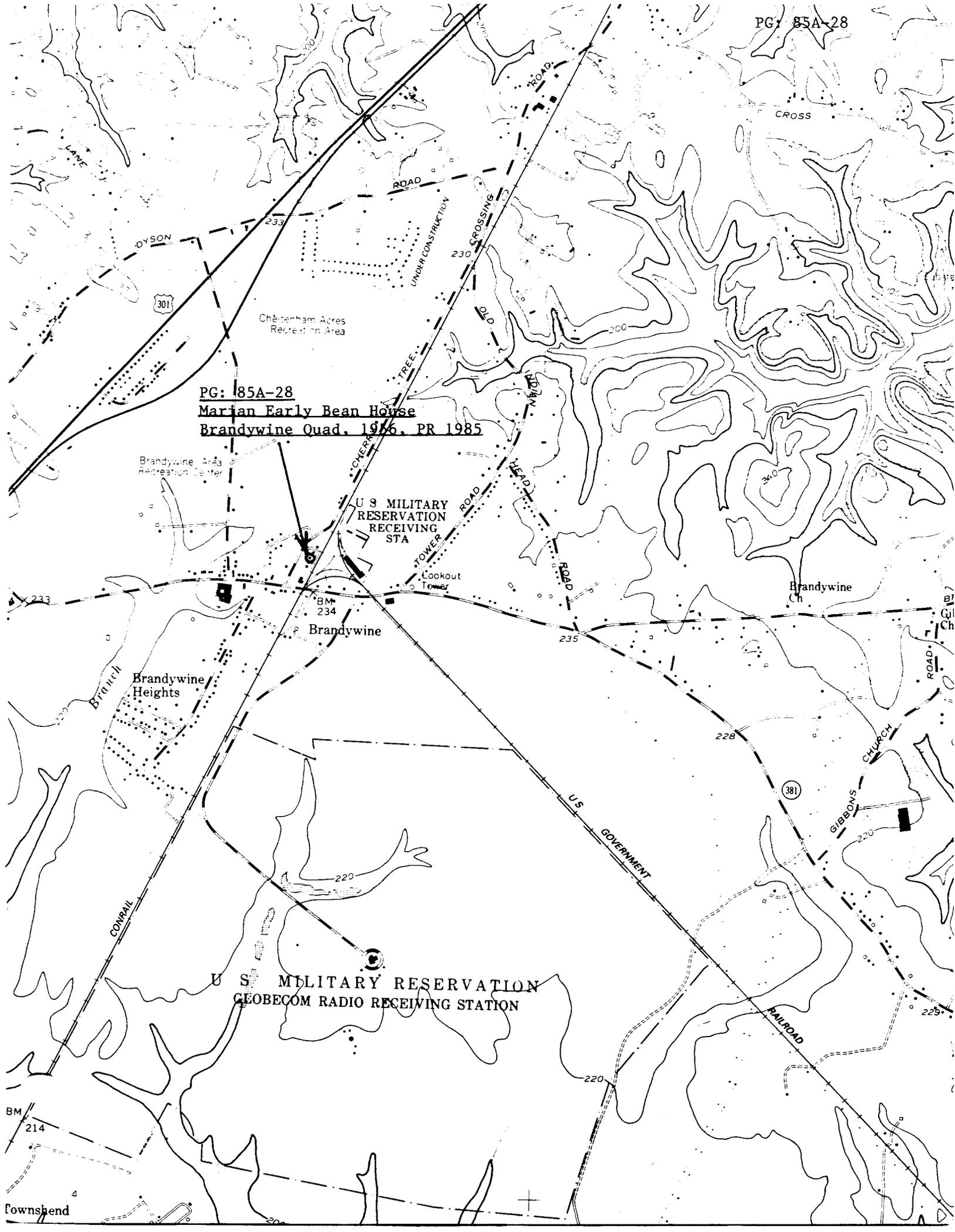
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Marian Early Bean House  
Brandywine Quad, 1976, PR 1985



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Marian Early Bean House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1986  
Southeast 3/4 elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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