

Property Address <u>13900 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Robert and Brenda Miller, 13900 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland, 20613</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1910</u>

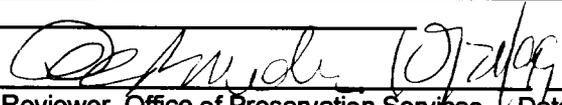
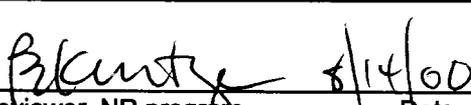
Description:

The Charles S. Early House was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1986. The property was included in the Brandywine Historic District survey completed 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 previous survey, the property has undergone minor alterations. The asbestos shingles have been replaced with vinyl siding. The original windows have been replaced with vinyl 1/1 double-hung windows. The front (east) elevation has had a new doorway added with a fanlight, and the porch has new turned wood posts and balusters. The rear (west) elevation, which in the previous survey form has a wood deck, now has a porch with a hipped roof and plain wood posts and balusters. There are currently two outbuildings on the property, both located along Cherry Tree Crossing Road. The first is a front-gable, wood-frame shed with board-and-batten siding. The second is a wood-frame, gambrel-roof garage.

National Register Evaluation:

The Charles S. Early 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 modern siding and windows, a new front porch, an enclosed rear addition, and new rear porch. The Charles S. Early House is an undistinguished example of a Four Square dwelling. It no longer retains its integrity of material, design, workmanship or feeling.

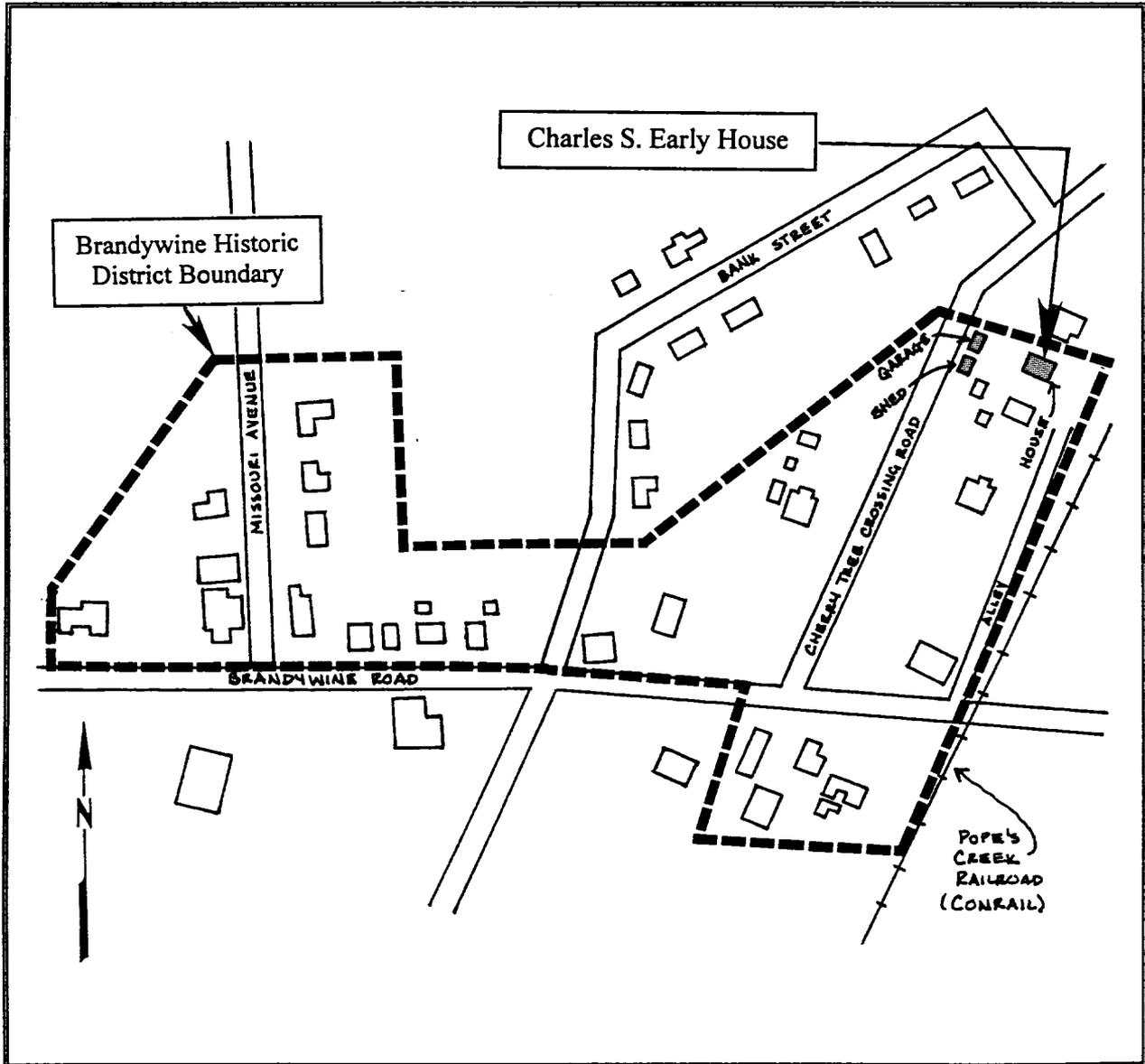
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Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended
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Comments: _____	

	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Reviewer, NR program
Date	Date



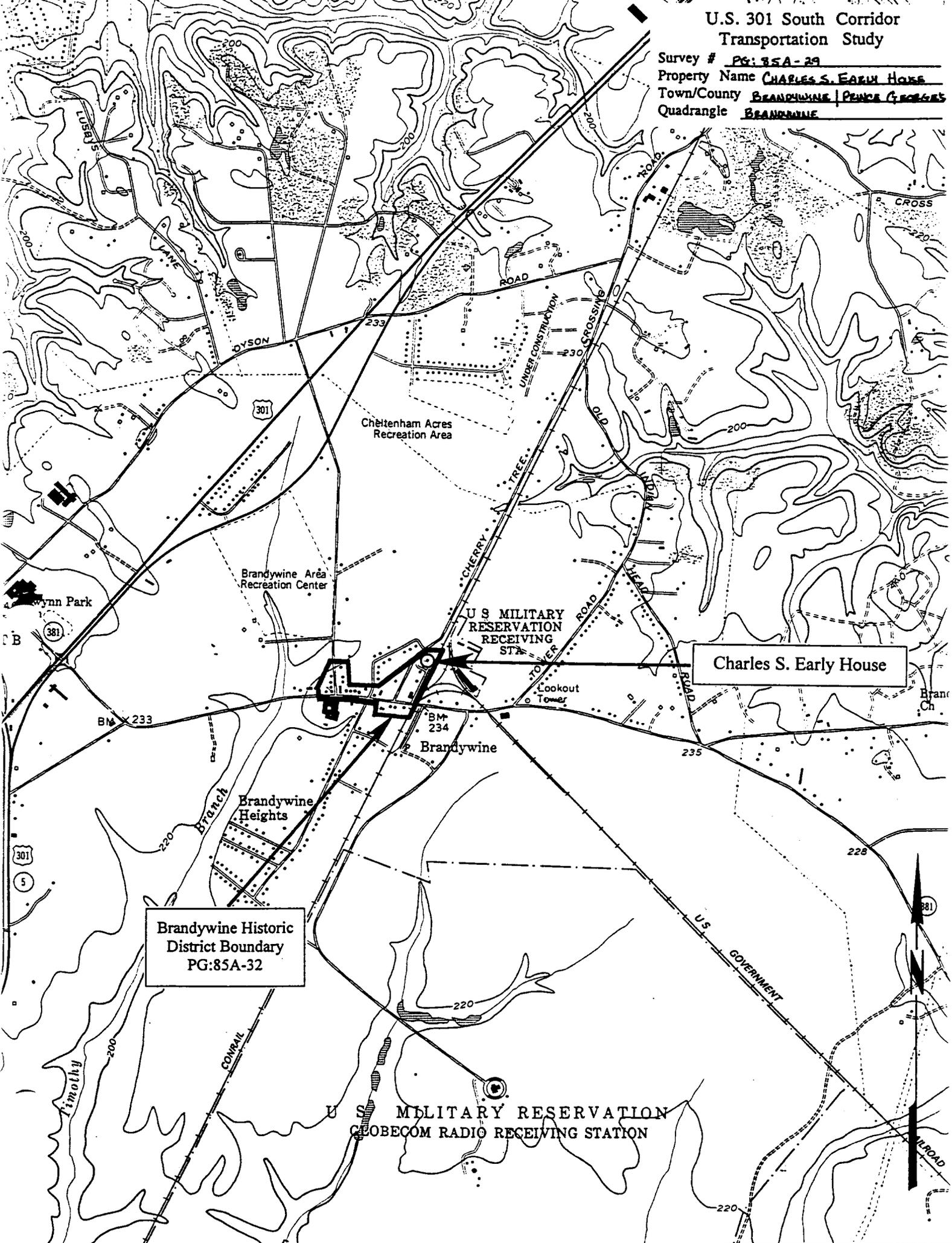
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Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # PG: 85A-29
Property Name CHARLES S. EARLY HOUSE
Town/County BRANDYWINE | PRINCE GEORGES
Quadrangle BRANDYWINE



Charles S. Early House

Brandywine Historic
District Boundary
PG:85A-32

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Pr. BSA-29

CHARLES S EARLY HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

SUSAN TAYLOR

OCTOBER 1998

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SE CORNER

1 OF 3



FD-85A-29

CHARLES S EARLY HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGES CO, MD

SUSAN TAYLOR

OCTOBER 1948

MD SHPO

HOUSE, GARAGE & SHED; VIEW EAST

2 OF 3



PG: 8SA-29

CHARLES S EARLY HOUSE

PRINCE GEORGE'S Co, MD

SUSAN TAYLOR

OCTOBER 1998

MD EHPD

GARAGE ? S103, VIEW NORTHEAST

3 OF 3

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-29 Building Date: ca. 1910

Building Name: Charles S. Early, Jr., House

Location: 13900 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Charles Early, Jr. 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. 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-by-three-bays. Entrance is in the second bay of the east facade. The first bay of this east elevation is composed of a two-story semi-octagonal projecting bay; 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 yellow synthetic diamond-shaped shingles. 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. On the (rear) west facade of the house, a one-story porch has been enclosed and renovated to create added living space.

Significance:

The Charles S. Early, Jr., 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. The subject house, that of Charles S. Early, Jr., was the northmost of the three houses built by these heirs. The 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. The Early family dwellings still stand as 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 Charles S. Early, Jr. House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13900 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"/> bulding(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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Robert Miller

street & number 13900 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. P.G. County Courthouse liber #4042

street & number Main Street folio 486

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

The Charles Early, Jr. 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 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 yellow synthetic diamond-shaped shingles. 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.

On the (rear) west facade of the house, a one-story porch has been enclosed and renovated to create added living space. Above this addition, a second story space with hip-roof has been constructed.

There is a separate garage structure at the (rear) west end of the lot, close to Cherry Tree Crossing Road.

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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

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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.¹

In 1896, Charles Early conveyed to his eldest son, 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).² 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 (who had married James Bean, a partner in her father's "Bean and Early Store") and her younger brother, Charles S. Early, Jr., built nearly identical "Classic Box" style houses north of their older brother's newly remodeled house. The subject house, that of Charles S. Early, Jr., was the northmost of the three, standing on lots #15, 16, 27 and 28.³ 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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Cf. notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 25,000 sq. ft.

Tax Map 145 Parcel 211

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

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	<u>Historic Preservation Commission</u>	date	<u>August 1986</u>
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street & number	<u>c/o County Planning, M-NCPPC</u>	telephone	<u>952-3521</u>
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city or town	<u>Room 4010, CAB, Upper Marlboro,</u>	state	<u>MD. 20772</u>
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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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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. Charles S. Early, Jr.,'s home has undergone several alterations, e.g., the enclosure of the rear porch and the addition of a hip-roof second story room above it, as well as the application of synthetic shingles over the siding. It is an attractive example of the popular "Classic Box" style of early 20th century dwelling.

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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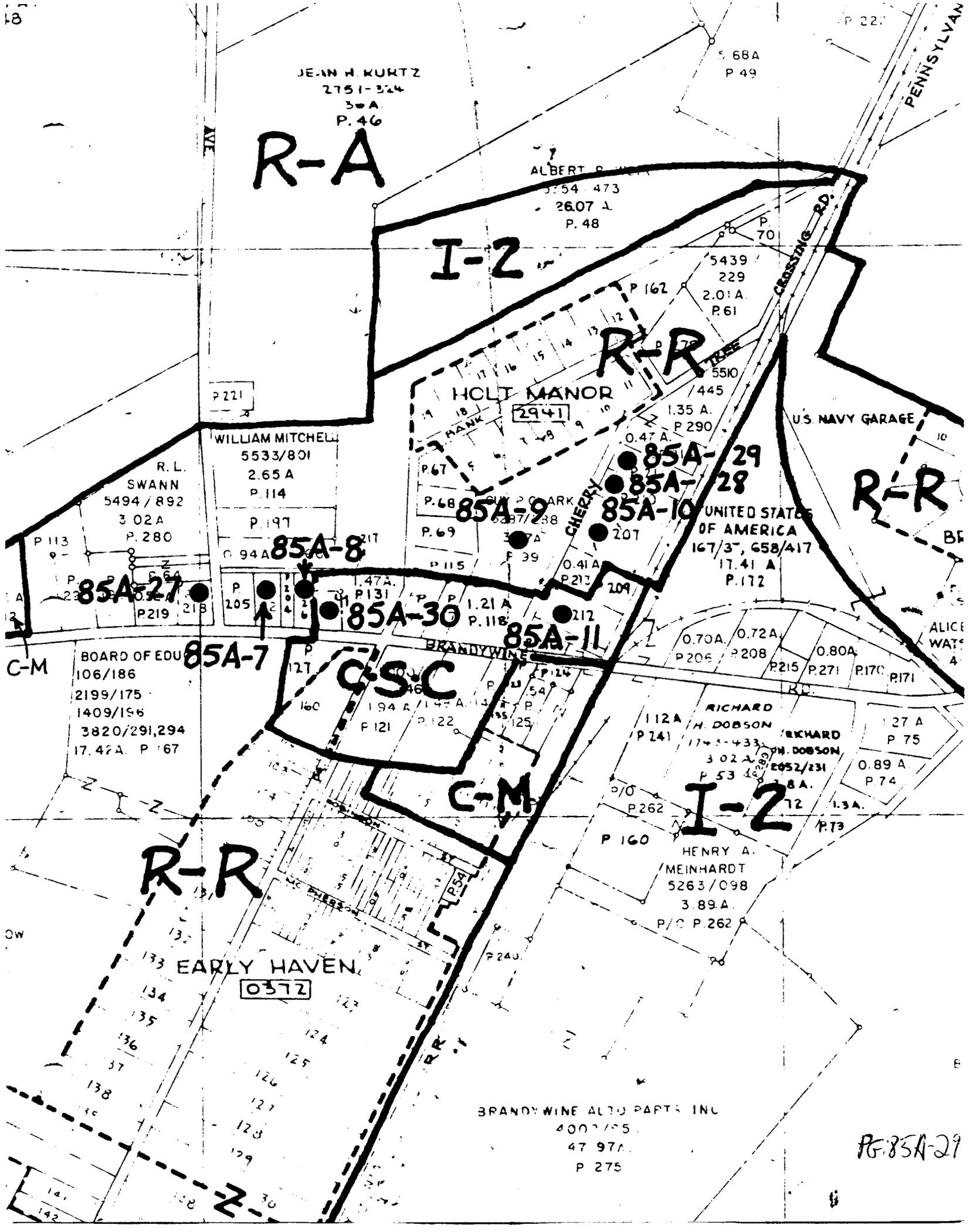
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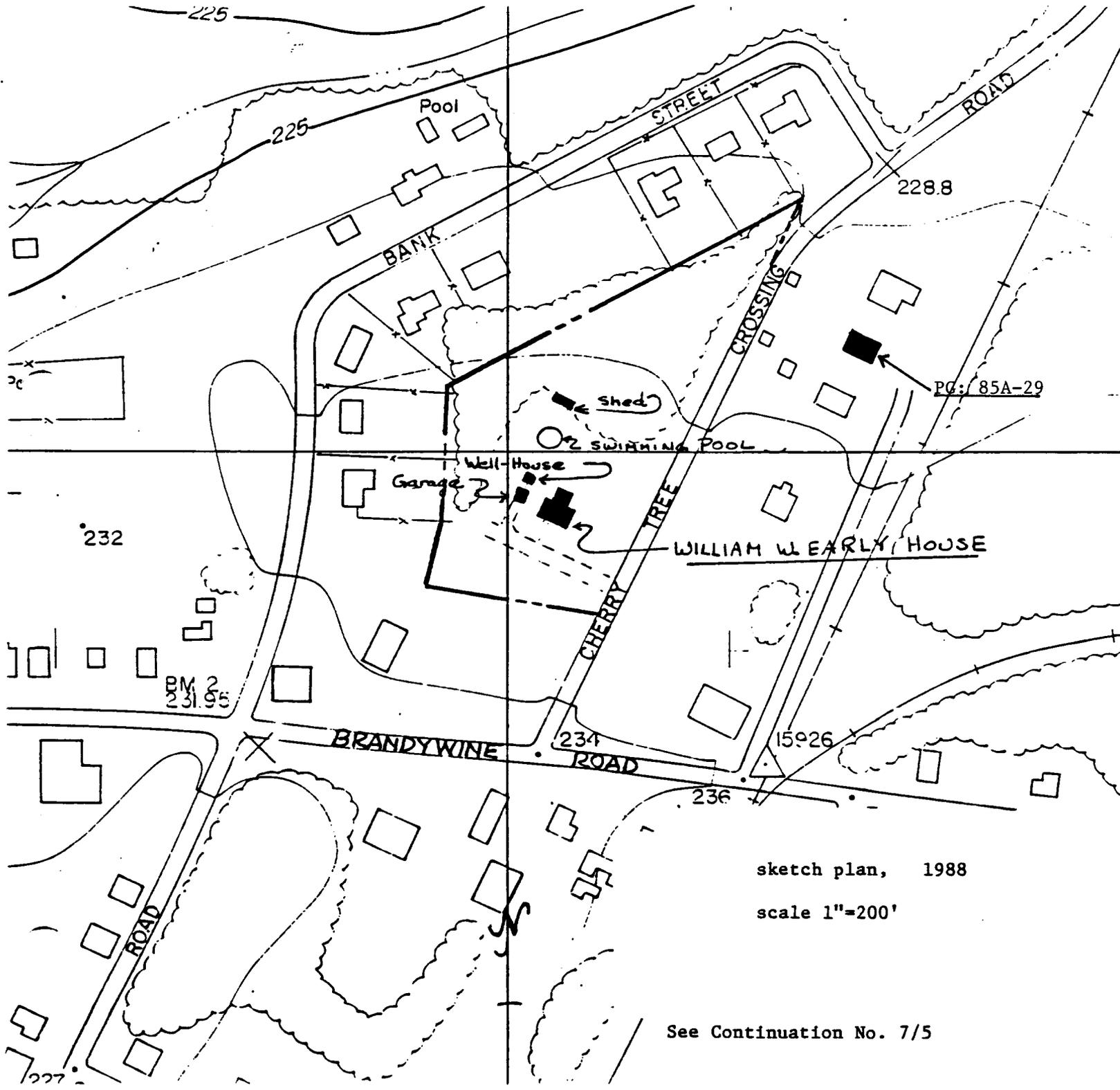
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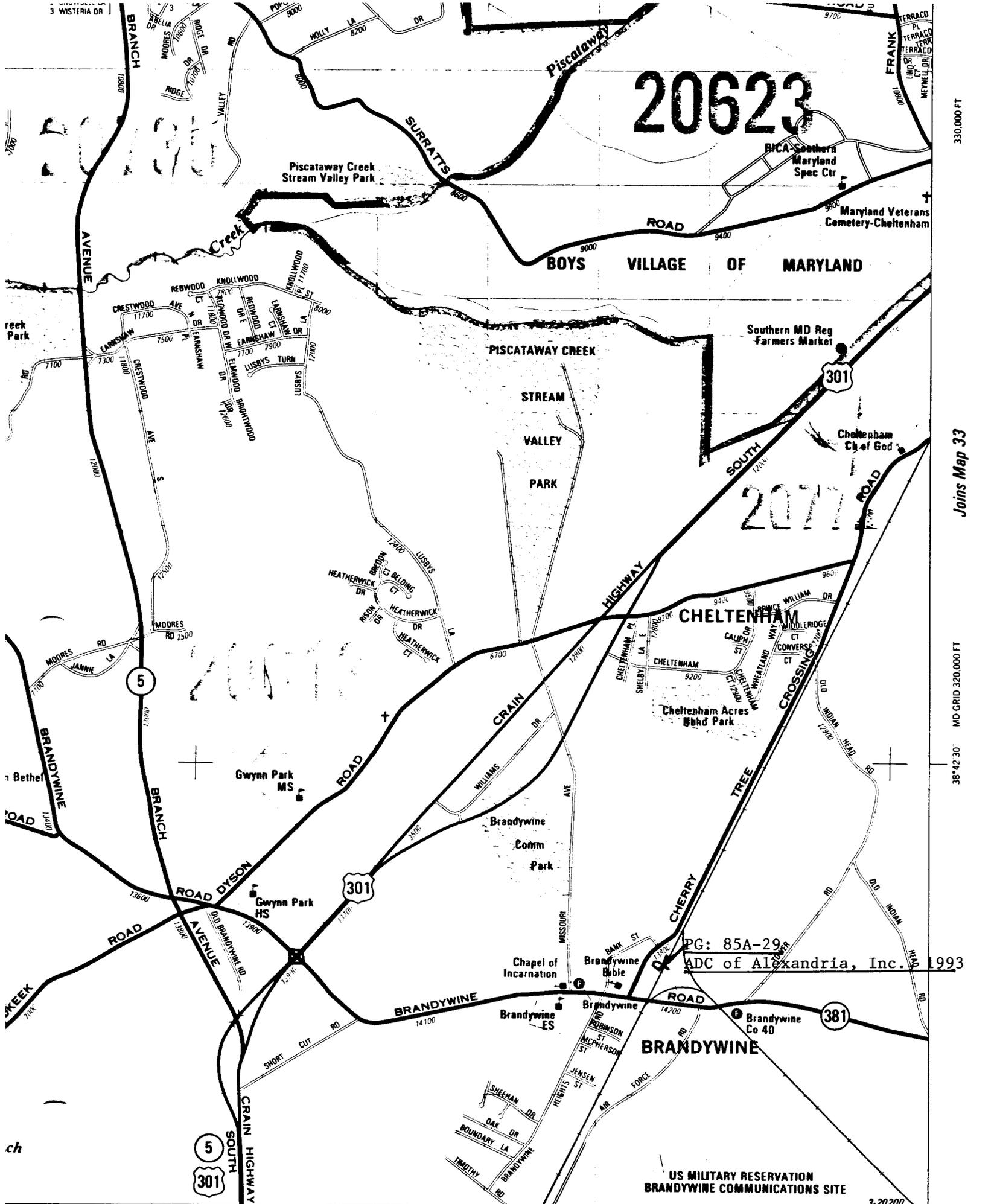


MARYLAND



sketch plan, 1988
scale 1"=200'

See Continuation No. 7/5



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BRANDYWINE COMMUNICATIONS SITE

330,000 FT

Joins Map 33

38°42'30" MD GRID 320,000 FT

76°52'30"

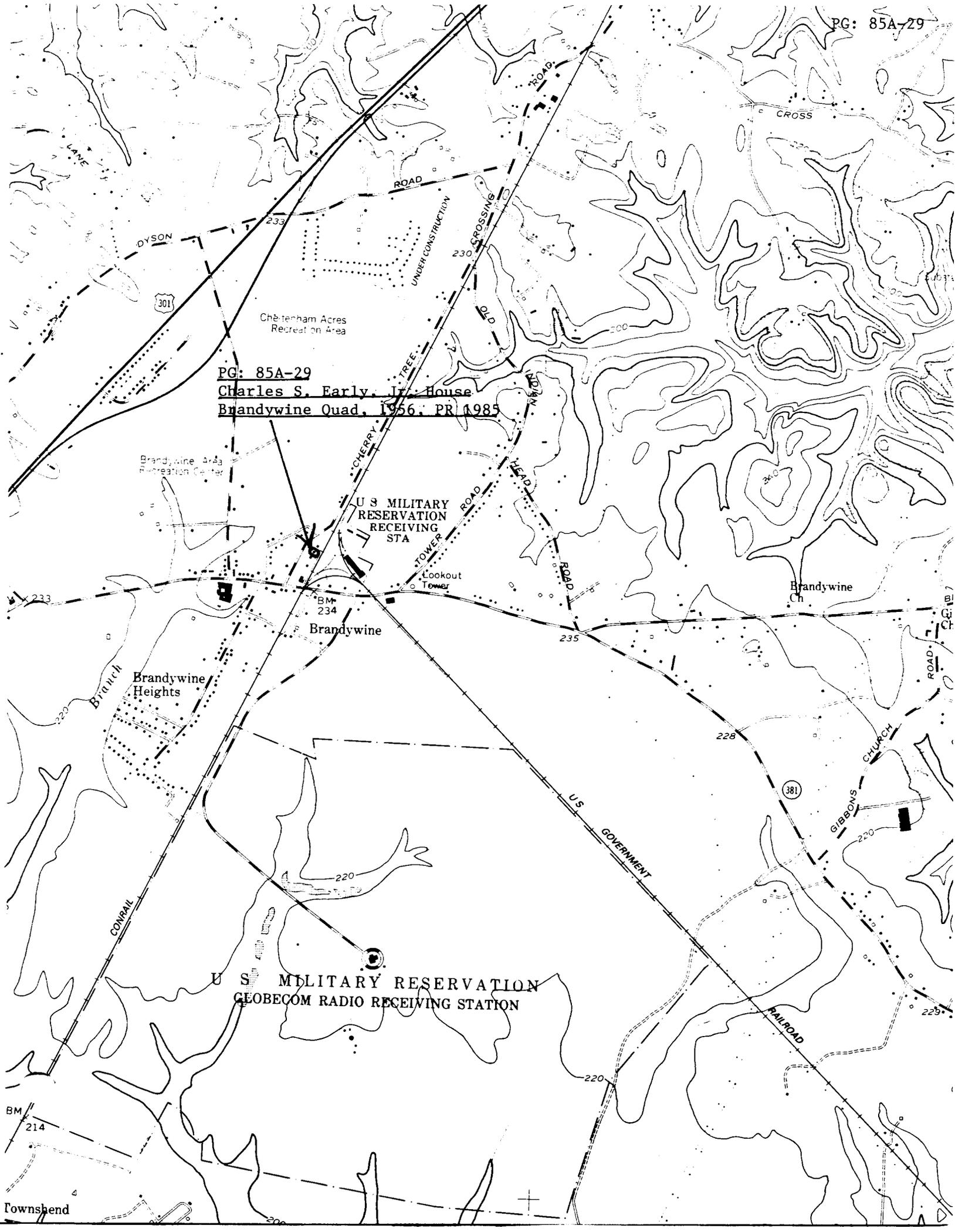
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Charles S. Early, Jr. House
Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985





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Charles S. Early, Jr., 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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Charles S. Early, Jr., House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
February 1986
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Charles S. Early, Jr., House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
February 1986
Northeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Charles S. Early, Jr., House
Prince George's County, MD
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West elevation
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