

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-25 Building Date: ca. 1880's

Building Name: Blanche Ogle House

Location: 9912 Croom Road, Croom

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Blanche Ogle House is a two-part frame house consisting of a two-and-one-half-story main block, and a later two-story wing. It is set back from Croom Road accessible by a long unpaved lane. The main block is three bay by two bays with gable roof. Entrance in the third bay of the three-bay south facade; Across the facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with turned bracketed posts and plain railing. The siding is plain horizontal board, windows are 6/6 sash, with plain narrow board surrounds. The roof is of corrugated tin; there is a corbelled brick chimney at the ridge between first and second bay. At loft level in the gable ends is a narrow 4/4 double hung sash window. The eaves are trimmed with a narrow crown molding. The building rests on brick piers, infilled with concrete. Interior plan of the main block is sidehall and double parlor. The open stair rises against the east wall; it has turned newel and balusters. The rear (north) parlor is the kitchen space; there are back-to-back fireplaces centered in the wall between the two parlor spaces. Extending east from the east gable end of the main block, and flush with the north facade, is a two-bay by two-bay wing. Siding, windows, and roof of the wing are similar to those of the main block. Across the south facade of the wing is a shed roof porch similar to the south porch of the main block. Two small outbuildings stand a short distance north of the house. There is a board-and-batten shed, with gable roof and southwest of the shed is a small square stuccoed ice house. Its gable roof is covered with patterned tin, highlighted by a central cupola.

Significance

The Blanche Ogle House is significant for its vernacular architecture and for its association with Blanche E. Ogle, a school teacher in Croom for many years. It is difficult to determine when the main block was constructed. A small dwelling stood on the property as early as 1856. A large improvement was made to the property after it was acquired by Laura Jones in 1890. Two successive owners lived in the house and kept a general store (no longer standing) on Croom Road. The east wing on the dwelling was probably added in 1915. Blanche Ogle acquired the property in 1922. She had been teaching in Croom since 1910. Ogle never married and was a local personality. Ogle died in 1975. The house has been rehabilitated by its present owners, but is not greatly altered from its early twentieth century appearance. It is significant for its Victorian vernacular stylistic details, such as its main entrance door with colored glass lights and its entrance porch with turned and bracketed posts. It has some stylistic elements of an earlier dwelling. The dwelling is an important example of a late 19th century vernacular farm dwelling, and a landmark in the Croom landscape.

Acreage: 8.08 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Blanche Ogle House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 9912 Croom Rd. , (Maryland Route 382)  not for publication

city, town Croom  vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. 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 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 Phylis Gail Gates

street & number 9912 Croom Rd., telephone no.:

city, town Croom state and zip code Md. 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 5528

street & number Main Street folio 664

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010/CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Blanche Ogle House is a two-part frame house which consists of a two-and-one-half-story main block, and a later two-story wing. It is set back from Croom Road in the village of Croom, and accessible by a long unpaved lane which runs northeast from the road and curves northward between concrete posts to the house.

The main block is a three bay by two bay, circa 20 by 20 feet, with gable roof. Entrance in the third bay of the three-bay main south facade; the door has three panels below a window bordered by small colored lights. Across the south facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with turned bracketed posts and plain railing. The porch rests on concrete piers, infilled with lattice, and is accessible by a flight of steps to the door.

The siding is plain horizontal board, rough sawn, and painted barn red. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, and have plain narrow board surrounds, and no shutters. There are only two windows, symmetrically positioned, at second story level on the main south facade. The roof is of corrugated tin; there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge between first and second bay. At loft level in the gable ends is a narrow 4/4 double hung sash window. There is no cornice; the eaves are trimmed with a narrow crown molding. The building rests on brick piers, infilled with concrete.

Interior plan of the main block is sidehall and double parlor. The open staircase rises against the east (originally exterior) wall; it has turned newel and balusters. The rear (north) parlor is the kitchen space; there are back-to-back fireplaces centered in the wall between the two parlor spaces.

Extending east from the east gable end of the main block, and flush with the north facade, is a two-bay by two-bay wing. The wing is circa 15 by 18 feet, has gable roof, and has a corbelled brick interior chimney at its east gable end. Siding, windows, and roof of the wing are similar to those of the main block. Across the south facade of the wing is a shed roof porch similar to the south porch of the main block; its turned posts, however, are not bracketed. The east wing rests on a brick foundation. The second level windows on the north and south facades of the wing are in the form of gable roof dormers, one centered on each of these facades.

A second, one-bay-by-one-bay, addition has been constructed on the north facade of the main block; this utility wing is two stories high and has a gable roof with ridge perpendicular to that of the main block.

# 8. Significance

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 Blanche Ogle House in Croom is significant for its vernacular architecture and for its association with Blanche E. Ogle, a school teacher in Croom for many years.

The property has had a complex history and it is difficult to determine when the main block of the building was constructed. A small dwelling stood on the property as early as 1856, when it was conveyed to Robert and Margaret Ryon.<sup>1</sup> A large improvement was made to the property after it was acquired by Laura Jones in 1890.<sup>2</sup> Two successive owners, Lake E. Duley and Bessie Naylor, lived in the house and kept a general store (no longer standing) on Croom Road. The east wing on the dwelling was probably added in 1915.<sup>3</sup>

Blanche Ogle acquired the property in 1922.<sup>4</sup> She had been teaching in Croom since 1910. At that time she was age 18, listed on the U.S. Census as a school teacher.<sup>5</sup> Ogle never married and was something of a local personality. She had the first Victrola in Croom and is credited with breaking down the courthouse door one Sunday afternoon when she needed to obtain something from the Board of Education office.<sup>6</sup> Ogle died in 1975.

The Ogle house has been rehabilitated by its present owners, but is not greatly altered from its early twentieth century appearance. It is significant for its Victorian vernacular stylistic details, such as its main entrance door with colored glass lights and its entrance porch with turned and bracketed posts. It has some stylistic elements of an earlier dwelling such as its side hall - two parlor plan, 6/6 sash windows and bracketed stairway. The dwelling is an important example of a late 19th century vernacular farm dwelling, a house-type rapidly disappearing in the County. It is a landmark in the Croom landscape.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 8.08 acres

Tax Map 128 p.36

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro I

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

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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

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organization Historic Preservation Commission

date September 1986

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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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Two small outbuildings stand a short distance north of the house. There is a board-and-batten shed, with gable roof; it rests on a concrete foundation which encloses a root cellar beneath the shed. Southwest of the shed is a small square stuccoed ice house. Its gable roof is covered with patterned tin, and highlighted by a central cupola; it rests on a concrete foundation.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, CSM 1:239.
- 2 Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB 17:37; and Tax Assessments, Laura E. Jones, 1897.
- 3 Interview with Hilda Measell, June 1986; and Tax Assessments, Bessie Naylor, 1915.
- 4 Land Records, 178:260.
- 5 United States Census, Prince George's County, 1910, 4th District, Benjamin Ogle, #273.
- 6 Hilda Measell, op. cit.

Chain of Title

Blanche Ogle House  
P.G. #86A-25

5528:664  
6 May 1982  
Deed  
Wildridge A. Clark and Myrtle G. Clark to Phylis Gail Gates. For \$95,000 grantors convey that parcel in Nottingham District, same obtained June 29, 1976, 4635:203, 8 acres.

4635:203  
29 June 1976  
Deed  
Wildridge and Myrtle Clark to same. Grantors are grantees in property with a life estate for Blanche E. Ogle. Ogle died October 22, 1975. Grantors to become fee simple owners. Same land conveyed in 4289:36.

4289:36  
12 Oct 1973  
Deed  
Charles Duvall Smith to Blanche E. Ogle, Wildridge A. and Myrtle C. Clark. For \$10 grantor conveys two parcels in Croom for use of Blanche E. Ogle during her life.

4289:32  
11 Oct 1973  
Deed  
Blanche E. Ogle to Charles Duvall Smith. For \$10 grantor conveys two parcels in Croom.

647:76  
5 Feb 1943  
Deed  
Aileen O. and Albert R. Hassall to Blanche E. Ogle. For \$5.00 grantor conveys two parcels in Croom.

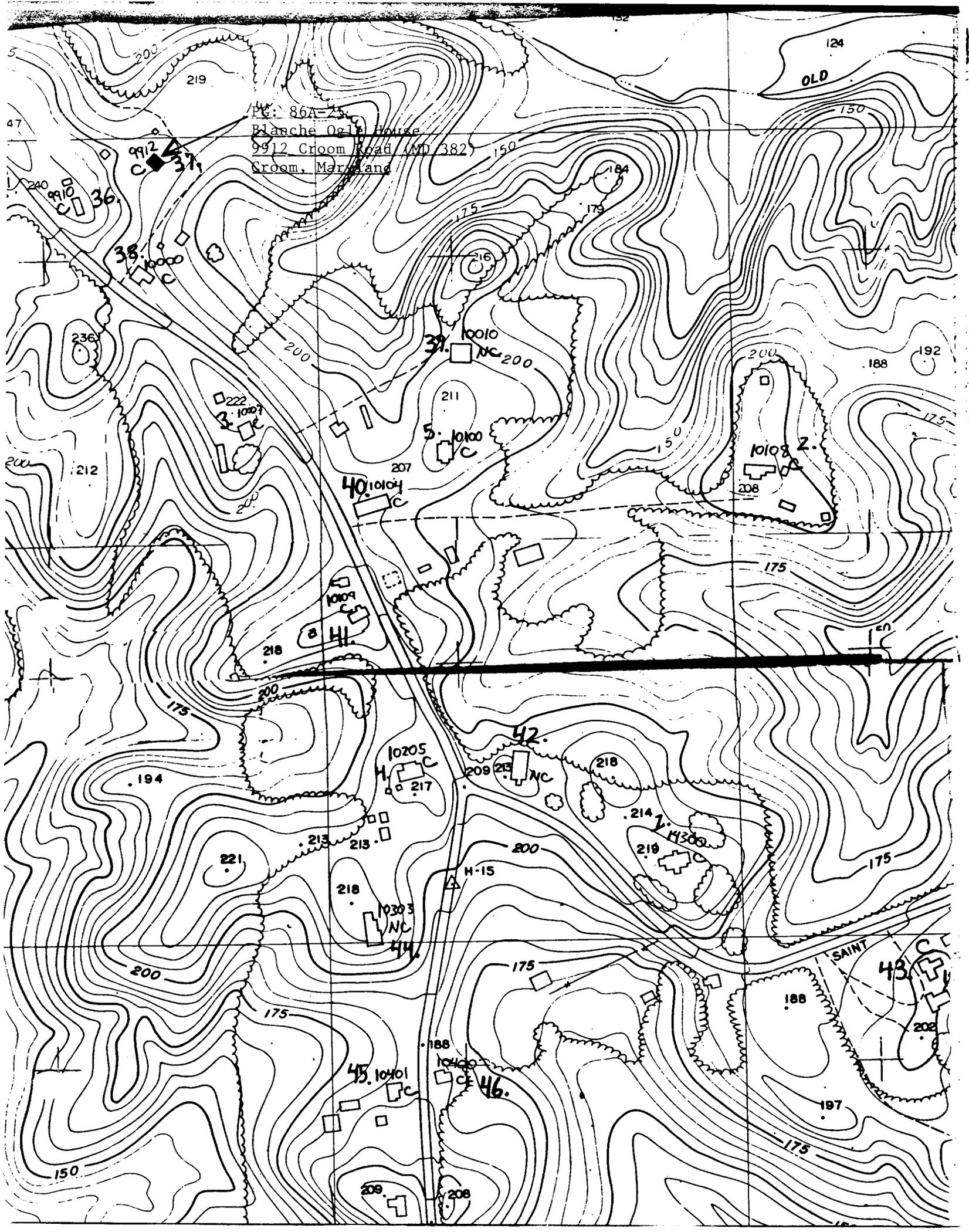
627:106  
19 Sept 1941  
Deed  
Blanche E. Ogle to Aileen O. Hassall. For \$5.00 grantor conveys:  
  
Parcel 1: a lot in Croom, contained 10 acres.  
  
Parcel 2: a lot of 4 acres.

178:260  
10 Jan 1922  
Deed  
Charles M. and Hannah Lowe to Blanche E. Ogle. For \$2,400 grantors convey parcels obtained from Bessie M. Naylor and James M. Naylor January 19, 1917, 125:239.

125:239  
18 Jan 1917  
Deed  
Bessie M. Naylor to Charles M. Lowe. For \$1,800 grantor conveys two parcels in Croom.

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- 69:231  
13 March 1911  
Deed
- Lake E. and Mary E. Duley to Bessie M. Naylor. For \$2,400 grantors Convey:
1. A parcel described in deed from Susanna and Albert Curtin, December 27, 1893, J.W.B. 27:416, of 10 acres. Conveyed to Duley by Mary E. and Robert Seaborn, January 1, 1901, 3:96.
  2. A parcel of 4 acres, same from William H. Magruder trustee to Martha H. Ryon, May 30, 1856, C.S.M. 1:239. Duley obtained from Laura E. and Walter S. Jones, May 16, 1904, 17:515.
- 3:96  
9 Jan 1901  
Deed
- Mary E. Seaborn and Robert B. Seaborn to Lake E. Duley. For \$450 grantors convey a tract in Croom, 10 acres excepting 1 acre conveyed to M.J. Kaldenback. Same in JWR 27:416.
- JWB 27:416  
27 Dec 1893  
Deed
- Albert and Susanna Curtin to Mary E. Seaborn. For \$550 grantors convey 10 acres, described in deed from Josephine Owings to Susanna Curtin March 14, 1889, JWB \_\_:675.
- 17:515  
16 May 1904  
Deed
- Laura E. Jones to Lake E. Duley. For \$415 grantor conveys, lot in Croom, 4 acres.
- JWB 17:37  
2 Oct 1890  
Deed
- James P. Ryon and Mary M. Ryon, William J. Ryon, and Christina Ryon to Laura Jones. For \$25 grantors convey lot in Croom, same purchased by Martha Ryon from William H. Tuck and C. C. Magruder.
- HB 11:35  
25 Jan 1876  
Deed
- Walter S. and Laura E. Jones to Naomi Ryon. For \$25 grantors convey part of Page's Rest. Contains 4.25 acres.
- RSW 1:37  
17 Aug 1873  
Deed
- James P. Ryon, William S. Ryon and Christina Ryon to Naomi Rebecca Ryon. For \$25.00 grantors convey their interest in a parcel in Croom inherited from Martha A. Ryon.
- CSM 1:239  
30 May 1856  
Indenture
- William H. Tuck and C. C. Magruder to Martha Ryon. By decree of Chancery Court of Maryland, Nicholas Stonestreet vs. Catherine Bowie. Sold to Robert Ryon, a part of Pages Rest, Lot #4.



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Blanche Ogles House  
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Croom, Maryland

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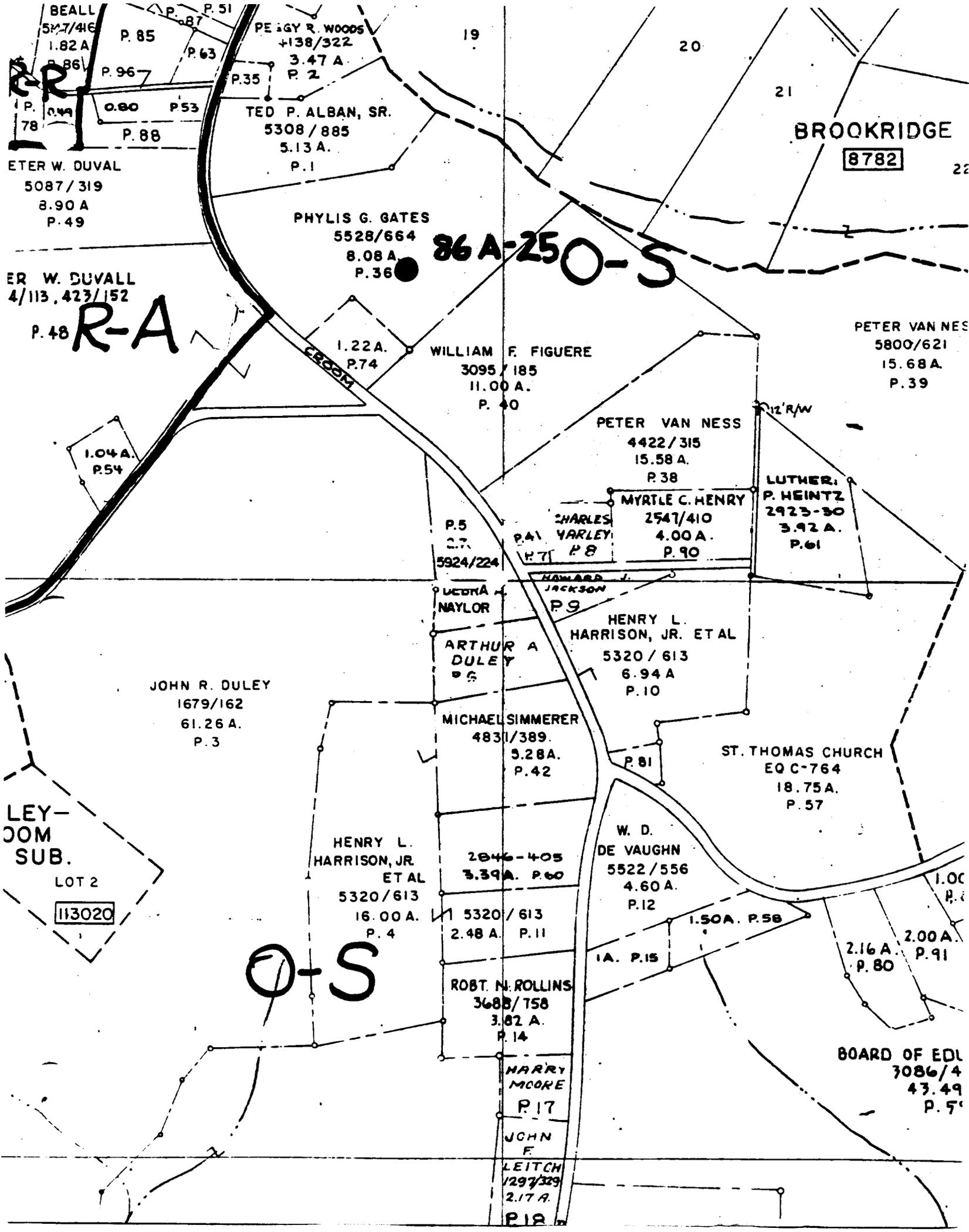
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PEGGY R. WOODS  
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TED P. ALBAN, SR.  
5308/885  
5.13 A.  
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PETER W. DUVAL  
5087/319  
8.90 A  
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PETER W. DUVALL  
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PHYLIS G. GATES  
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BROOKRIDGE  
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PETER VAN NISS  
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15.68 A.  
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WILLIAM F. FIGUERE  
3095/185  
11.00 A.  
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PETER VAN NESS  
4422/315  
15.58 A.  
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LUTHER  
P. HEINTZ  
2923-30  
3.92 A.  
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MYRTLE C. HENRY  
2547/410  
4.00 A.  
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CHARLES  
PAI VARLEY  
P. 8

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UCORA  
NAYLOR  
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HOWARD  
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ARTHUR A  
DULEY  
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HENRY L.  
HARRISON, JR. ET AL  
5320/613  
6.94 A  
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JOHN R. DULEY  
1679/162  
61.26 A.  
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MICHAEL SIMMERER  
4831/389  
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ST. THOMAS CHURCH  
EQ C-764  
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HENRY L.  
HARRISON, JR.  
ET AL  
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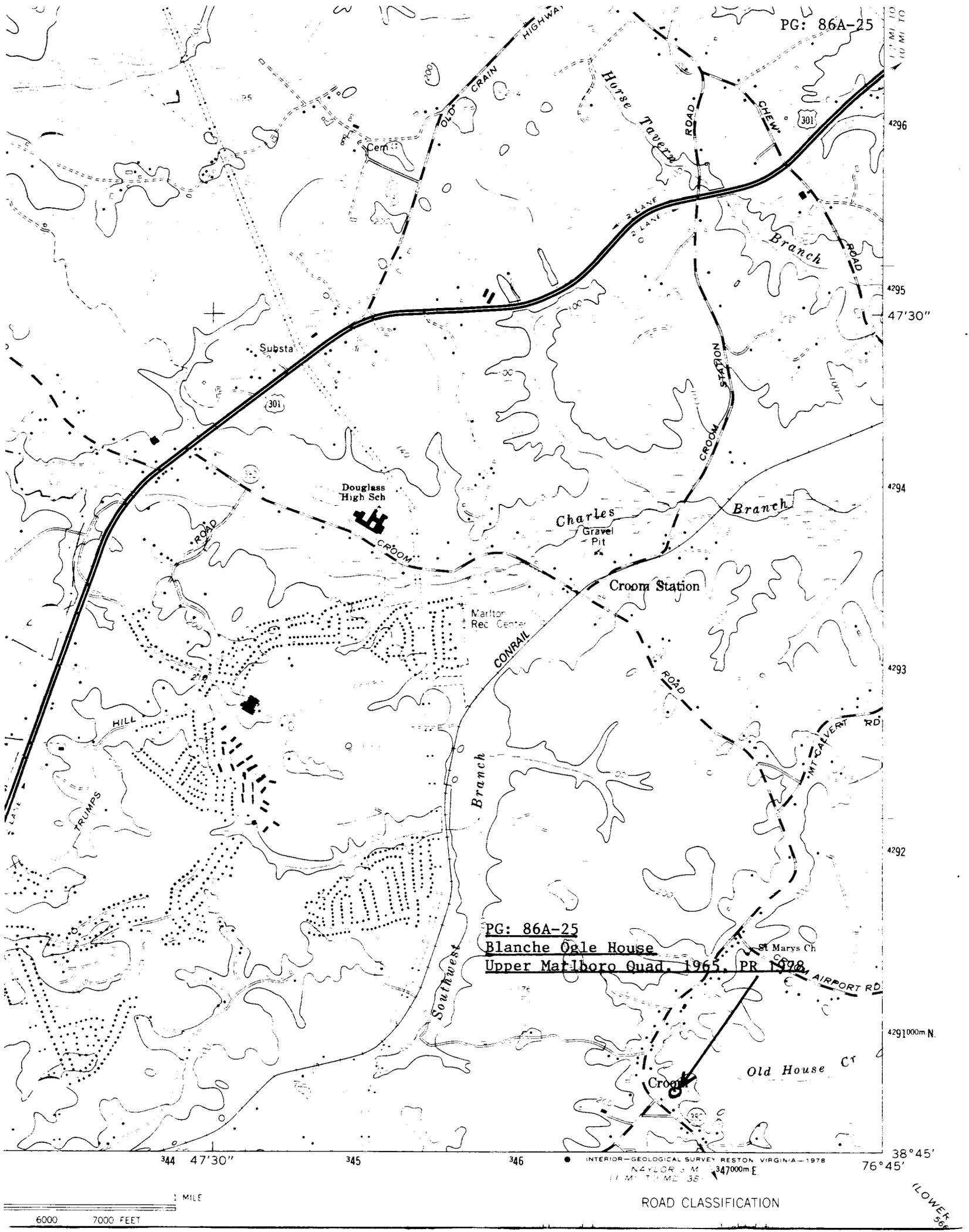
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Blanche Ogle House  
Upper Marlboro Quad. 1965. PR 1978

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Blanche Ogle House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
South elevation  
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Blanche Ogle House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
Northwest elevation  
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Blanche Ogle House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
West elevation  
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