

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87A-22 Building Date: early 19th century & ca. 1850

Building Name: H.B.B. Trueman House

Location: 20218 Aquasco Road, Aquasco, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The H.B.B. Trueman House is multi-section frame house which consists of a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof main block, with a two-part one-and-one-half-story wing extending from its west gable end. The main block is three bays by two bays, with entrance in the first bay of the south facade, through a six-panel door with eight-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. There are molded panels beneath the sidelights, and the door surround includes slim pilasters and a crown molding below the transom. The main block is sided with wide horizontal board, as is the entire building. There is a tall exterior brick chimney at the east gable end, with weatherings at second story level. In the west, the boxed cornice returns and forms a pediment at loft level. The building rests on a foundation of fossilized stone. Extending west from the west gable end of the main block and flush with its south facade is a one-and-one-half-story gable-roof wing. Rebuildings have joined the summer kitchen to the dwelling, and have added a family room and carport in the rear. On the grounds stand a nineteenth century smokehouse and blacksmith/wheelwright shop.

Significance

The H.B.B. Trueman House is a multi-section building which has as its nucleus a mid-nineteenth century plantation house; a typical example of modest but elegant Prince George's County dwelling, with side stairhall and parlor and particularly fine doorway treatment. The west wing may have been standing on the property when Henry B.B. Trueman purchased it in 1853. The main block was probably constructed by Trueman in the period immediately following his purchase; it exhibits several details of the Greek Revival style, in the pilastered enframement of the principal doorway, the pedimented side gable, and the interior molding. Over the years, the house has been renovated and expanded, and the once-separated kitchen is now incorporated into it. The resulting complex dwelling is still the home of Trueman descendants. Adding to its importance are the log smokehouse and the blacksmith/wheelwright shop operated by two generations of the Trueman family.

Acreage: 12.66 acres

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic H. B. B. Trueman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 20218 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) not for publication

city, town Aquasco vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <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 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garner

street & number 20218 Aquasco Road telephone no.: 579-6399

city, town Aquasco state and zip code Md. 20608

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4856

street & number Main Street folio 676

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

7. Description

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| <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 H.B.B. Trueman House is a multi-section frame house set back to the east from the Aquasco Road on a large tract of land which has been farmed by the same family for four generations. It consists principally of a two-and-one-half-story gable-roof main block, with a two-part one-and-one-half-story wing extending from its west gable end.

The main block is three bays by two bays, with entrance in the first bay of the main south facade, through a six-panel door with eight-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. There are molded panels beneath the sidelights, and the door surround includes slim pilasters and a crown molding below the transom. A one-story porch was built across the south facade circa 1920; it has square panelled posts and rests on concrete blocks. An allee of boxwood leads to the entrance.

The main block is sided with wide horizontal board, as is the entire building. Windows are 6/6 with plain board surrounds and black louvered shutters. There is a tall exterior brick chimney at the east gable end, with weatherings at second story level; there are no second story windows at the gable ends. In the west gable end the boxed cornice returns and forms a pediment at loft level, in which there is one 4/4 double sash window. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle, which is a recent replacement for the earlier wood shingle roof. The building rests on a foundation of fossilized stone, and there is no basement.

Extending west from the gable end of the main block and flush with its south facade is a gable-roof one-and-one-half-story wing. This wing is four bays long and appears to be formed of two sections. (A photograph from the turn of this century shows a slight sag in the roof at the junction of the two sections, and there is a clear break in the siding on the south elevation of the wing.) The easterly half of the wing has two 6/6 double hung sash windows with black louvered shutters. The westerly half has four continuous 1/1 (modern) windows, on the south facade; these four modern windows replaced (circa 1920's) one original 6/6 window. The gable roof of this wing is divided by a heavy corbelled brick chimney at the ridge, and each half has a two-window shed dormer (added circa 1920's) in the south plane of its roof. There is one 4/4 window at loft level in the west gable end of this wing; the boxed cornice is slightly flared at the eaves. The foundation of the wing is of brick, now covered with concrete. The wing is one room deep, and is made up of two parlors with back-to-back brick fireplaces.

A small square free-standing kitchen stood a short distance north of the house. In the early part of this century this kitchen was connected to the house by the construction of a one-story dining room hyphen; the dining room and kitchen thus form a one-story ell wing to the north of the main

two-part house. In the late 1970's, the present owners constructed a one-story family room which fills the northeast corner of the ell. The family room addition has a very shallow pitched gable roof, with ridge at right angles to that of the main block and wing; it has a carport and porch along its north and west sides.

Interior trim of the house reflects several different periods of construction. The main block consisted originally of stairhall on the west, and a single parlor on the east. The open string staircase rises along the east wall of the stairhall; it has a heavy turned newel of the Greek Revival style, plain balusters (rectangular in section), and a panelled spandrel. The stair rises to a landing, then turns 180° to the second floor; it continues to the third story. A window on the north elevation is divided by the landing between second and third stories. Upper story newels differ from that of the first story; they are flared, roughly octagonal in section, and appear to be hand cut.

Door and window surrounds in the stairhall and in the easterly room of the adjoining wing are bold Greek Revival in profile, with plain corner blocks. Similar trim embellished the parlor of the main block, but was replaced (circa 1920) with classical architrave moldings. Moldings in the westerly room of the wing are of plain board.

Original floorboards are visible in the two second story spaces of the west wing; in both rooms the floor boards are very wide (ca. 12"), and are joined by wrought nails.

There are four outbuildings on the immediate grounds, including a board-and-batten garage and shed just north of the house. The most interesting are the wheelwright's (blacksmith's) shop and the smokehouse a short distance northeast of the house. The smokehouse is small and square with a new metal gabled roof, and new vertical board siding which covers the original logs, still visible on the interior. The shop is directly north of the smokehouse, and also has a gable roof newly covered with metal, and new vertical board siding. It is three bays long, with entrance in the third bay of the west facade. Farther east of this complex of buildings, separated from them by a vegetable garden, is a gable roof barn.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Local History

Specific dates early 19th century and Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ca. 1850 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 H.B.B. Trueman House is a multi-section building which has as its nucleus a mid-nineteenth century plantation dwelling. This dwelling is a typical example of modest but elegant Prince George's County dwelling of the 1840's or 1850's, with side stairhall and parlor, and particularly fine doorway treatment. In this case, the gable-roof main block may have been preceded by one or both parts of the west wing.

H.B.B. Trueman married in 1840, and family tradition indicates that he settled in this area at this time. Census records suggest that Trueman was living on this property by 1850; he purchased it in 1853/54.¹ The main block of the house was probably constructed by Trueman in the period immediately following his purchase; it exhibits several details of the then-popular Greek Revival style, in the pilastered enframement of the principal doorway, the pedimented side gable, and the interior molding.

The house and property have remained since that time in the Trueman family. After the death of Henry B.B. Trueman in 1882, his property was left to his widow and then was divided equally between his two younger sons, Joshua and John Trueman. Both brothers lived in the house for several years, Joshua's larger family occupying the main block, and John's smaller family the west wing. The two brothers continued to operate the blacksmith/wheelwright shop, and the adjoining sawmill. In 1907, John Trueman sold his one-half interest in the property to Joshua, and left the Aquasco area.²

After the death of Joshua Trueman in 1917, his son renovated the parlor in the main block, replacing the old Greek Revival molding with new Classical Revival. The south porch was built at approximately this time. Later, new fenestration was added to the west wing, converting its westerly space into a sick-room for one of the family members, and the separate summer kitchen was connected to the house by an ell hyphen. The house stood vacant for short periods in the 1950's and 1970's, although ownership remained in the Trueman family. The latest renovations were begun by the

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current owners in the late 1970's; they include construction of the family room and carport, and interior restoration of the main block and wing.³ The additions make the dwelling a modern and livable one; the historic appearance of the principal facade, however, has been preserved. The H.B.B. Trueman House is a complex dwelling, still the home of his descendants, which demonstrates consecutive changes over time. Adding to its importance are the closely associated nineteenth century outbuildings, including the blacksmith/wheelwright shop operated by at least two generations of the Trueman family.

Notes

¹ Prince George's County marriage records; Census records, 1850. Prince George's County Land Records ON #1:405; ON #2:201.

² Prince George's County Will WAJ Jr. #1:255; Prince George's County Land Records JWB #8:323; #38:299; Census for 8th E.D. 1880, 1900, 1910.

³ Interview with Trueman family members, May 1987.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8
Cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 12.66 acres

T.M. #178, parcel 59

Quadrangle name Benedict, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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| name/title | Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian | | |
| organization | Historic Preservation Commission | date | September 1985 and May 1987 |
| | c/o County Planning Division | | |
| street & number | 14741 Goy. Oden Bowie Dr. | telephone | 952-3521 |
| city or town | Upper Marlboro, | state | Md. 20772 |

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87A-22 Building Date: early 19th c.
Building Name: H.B.B. Trueman House
Location: 19910 Aquasco Road, Aquasco, Maryland

Private/Residence/occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

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Significance

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Acreage: 12.66 acres

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic H. B.B. Trueman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 19910 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) not for publication

city, town Aquasco vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

name Ruby T. Garner

street & number 19910 Aquasco Road telephone no.:

city, town Aquasco, state and zip code MD. 20608

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4856

street & number Main Street folio 676

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Extending west from the west gable end of the main block and flush with its south facade is a gable-roofed one-and-one-half-story wing. This wing is four bays long and appears to be formed of two sections. The easterly half of the wing has two 6/6 double hung sash windows with black louvered shutters, while the westerly half has four continuous 1/1 (modern) windows, on the south facade. The gable roof of this wing is divided by a heavy corbelled brick chimney at the ridge, and each half has a two-window shed dormer in the south plane of its roof. There is one 4/4 window at loft level in the west gable end of this wing; the boxed cornice is slightly flared at the eaves. The foundation of the wing is of brick, now covered with concrete. The wing is one room deep, and is made up of two parlors with back-to-back fireplaces.

There is a modern one-story family room addition to the rear (north), which extends all the way across the north facade of the main block, and wraps around the corner formed by the main block and the west wing. This north addition has a very shallow pitched gable roof, with ridge at right angles to that of the main block and wing; it has porches along its north and west sides.

8. Significance

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Specific dates early 19th c. **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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The house and property have remained since that time in the Trueman family. After the death of Henry B.B. Trueman in 1882, his estate was left to his widow and then to be divided equally between his two sons, Joshua and John. Both brothers lived in the house for several years, Joshua farming, and John working as a blacksmith (probably using the small shop to the rear of the house). In 1907 John Trueman sold his one-half interest in the property to Joshua.² It was probably soon after this time that the shed dormers were added to the east wing, increasing the living space for Joshua Trueman's large family. Over the years since that time, the house has been expanded by the addition of the one-story north wing, and the carport attached.

These additions, plus the recent renovation of the two principal sections of the house, disguise the antiquity of the building, making it scarcely recognizable as a mid-nineteenth century dwelling. The resulting complex house is presently the home of a family of Joshua Trueman's descendants.

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There are four outbuildings on the immediate grounds, including a modern garage and shed just north of the house. The most interesting are the wheelwright's (blacksmith's) shop and the smokehouse a short distance northeast of the house. The smokehouse is small and square with a new tin (gabled) roof, and new vertical board siding. The shop is directly north of the smokehouse, and also has a gable roof newly covered with tin, and new vertical board siding. It is three bays long, with entrance in the third bay of the west facade.

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records ON #1:405; ON #2:201.

2 Prince George's County Will WAJ Jr. #1:255; Prince George's County Land Records JWB #8:323; #38:299; Census for 8th E.D. 1880, 1900, 1910.

Chain of Title

H.B.B. Trueman House
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| #4856: 676 21 Nov 1977 Deed | Rayner P. Trueman and Ruby Trueman Garner to Ruby T. and Ernest W. Garner; two parcels 12.66 and 12.68 acres, part of land of Rayner P. and Adelia Trueman as described in #1868:580. |
| #1868:580 3 June 1955 Deed | For \$8,100, John O. Herrmann and George T. Burroughs, trustees under decree of 20 Dec. 1954, to Raynor D. and Adelia M. Trueman; 67 acres in 8th Election District known as the Home Place of the late Henry B.B. Trueman; same property described in JWB #8:323 and #38:299. |
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| GPH #1:273 28 Aug. 1917 Will | Testator, Joshua C. Trueman, died 15 Aug. 1917; his entire estate to his wife, Mary O. Trueman. |
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| Equity #1435 | File marked "Papers not Found" |
| WAJJr #1:255 20 June 1882 Will | Testator, Henry B.B. Trueman; entire estate to his wife, Susan Ann Trueman for her natural life and on her death then to be equally divided among his children. |

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
 for the
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Trueman House | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Acquasco | | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | | COUNTY: Prince George's | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath | | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | _____ | _____ |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Robert Trueman | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Acquasco | | | STATE: Maryland | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | | | STATE: Maryland | |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: None | | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | | | STATE: | |

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame, Federal structure with a three bay, main (south) facade. At the east end is a two story chimney with a free standing stack. The boxed cornice continues across the gable end as well as along the sides of the gable. The doorway has transom and sidelights; the windows are 6/6 double hung sash.

At the north end are two, one story additions with a small chimney stack rising between them; they have shed-roofed dormer windows.

On the south and west sides, the clapboards have been replaced with shingles.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 11 June 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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HERESA T. GIBSON
5633/462
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ROBT. H. TRUEMAN
2723-134
13.75A.
P. 21

RUBY T. GARNER
4856/676
12.69A.
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12.66A.
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1228/302
3.90 A.
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ERNEST W. GARNER
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LEWIS T. BEAN
2723-132
13.40 A.
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RAYNOR P. TRUEMAN
3816/886
6.36 A.
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C-S-C ROAD

5355/688
1.52A.
P. 28

ERNEST W. GARDNER
2821/238
10.28 A.
P. 24

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CLAUDE D. OVERALL, ETAL
3364/210
37.13 A.

AQUASCO FARM ROAD

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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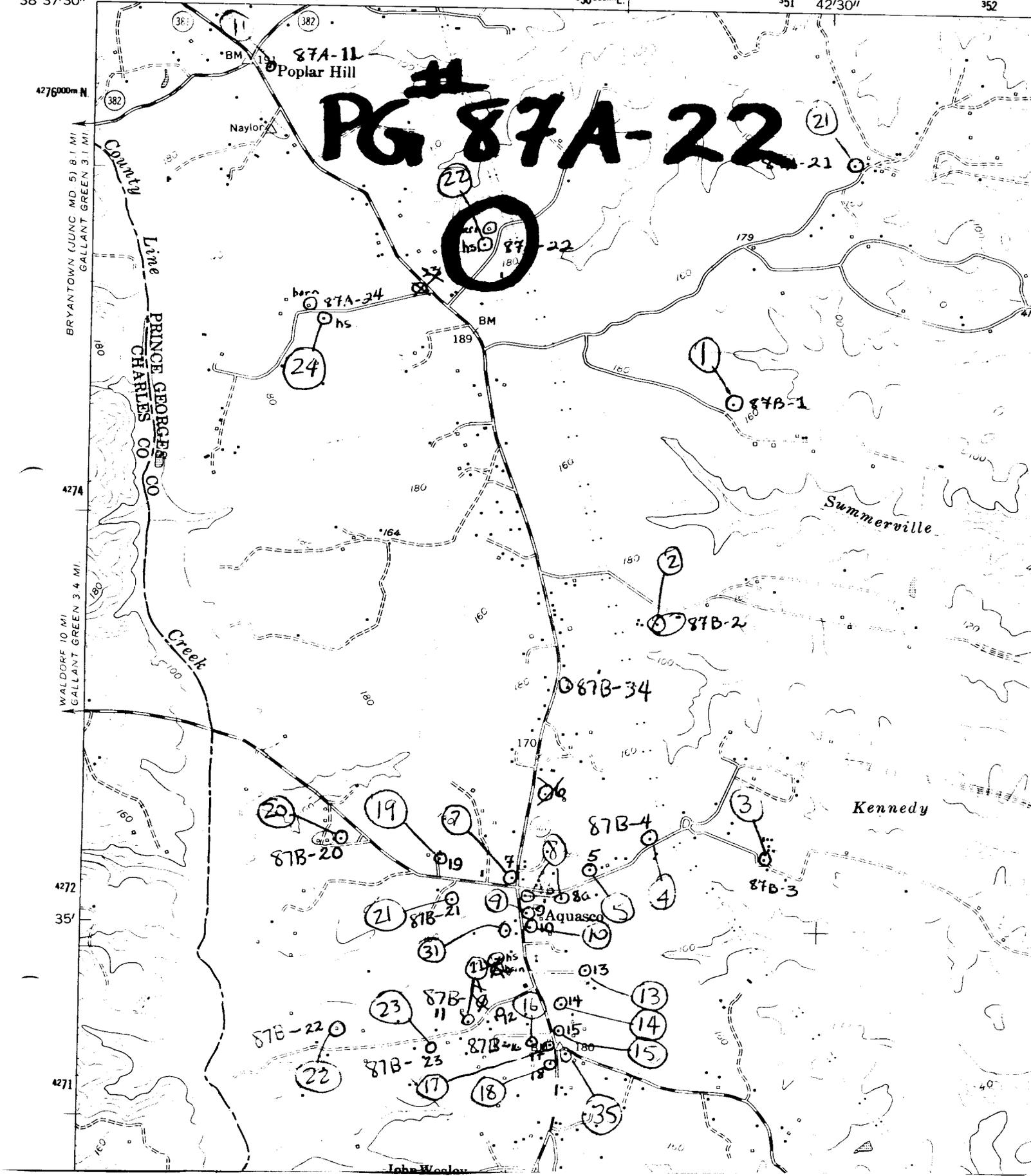
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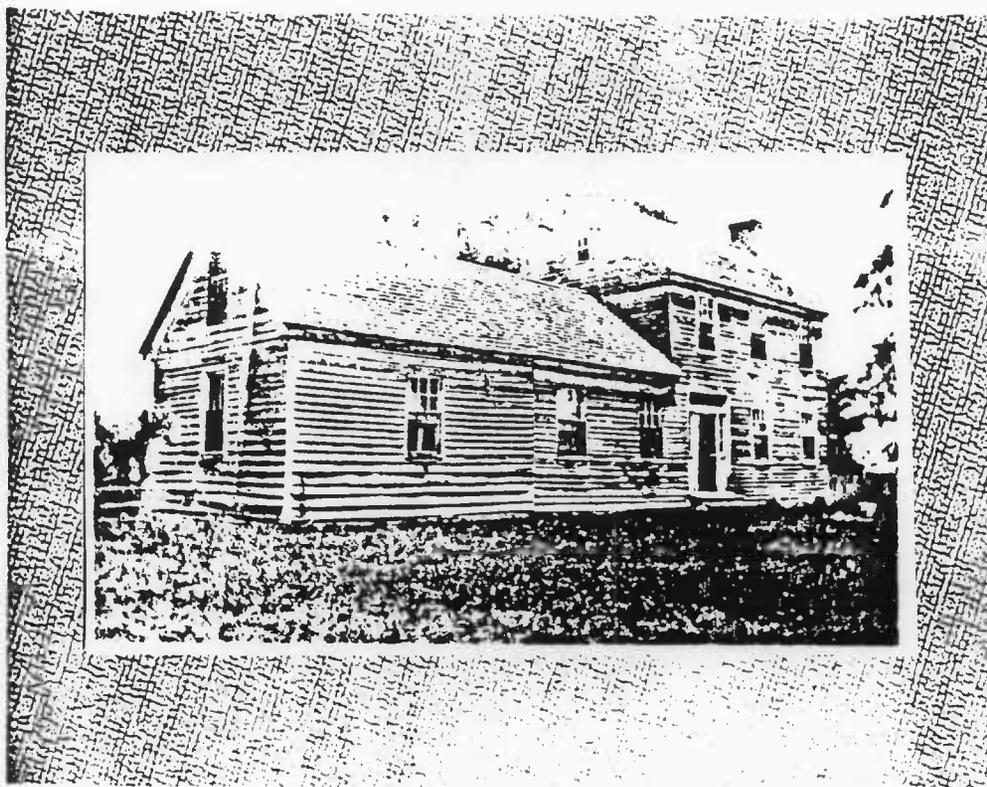
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H. B. B. Trueman House
Late 1800's



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H.B.B. Trueman House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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H.B.B. Trueman House
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Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MB



P.G. #87A-22

H.B.B. Trueman House

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April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

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NAME H.B. TRUEMAN HOUSE

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LOCATION TRUEMAN LA E, Rt. 381 AQUASCO, Md.

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