

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Charles S. Early Sr. House Inventory Number: PG:85B-10

Address: 14280 Brandywine Road City: Brandywine Zip Code: 20613

County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Brandywine

Owner: David J. Billings III Is the property being evaluated a district? No

Tax Parcel Number: 1 Tax Map Number: 145 Tax Account ID Number: 11-1191584

Project: Brandywine Communications Receiver Site, Tower Construction Agency: United States Air Force

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

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| <i>If the property is within a district</i> | | District Inventory Number: _____ |
| NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes | Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes | District Name: _____ |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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| <i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i> | |
| Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | |

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Charles S. Early House, constructed ca. 1870, is an excellent example of an "I" house form with applied period trim. The main block is 3 bays in width, with side gables. A single story porch with turned posts and square spindles runs the full width of the main elevation. The cornice of the main section has Italianate influenced brackets on the main elevation and returns at the end gables. A rear "L" addition is three bays in length and one bay wide, simpler in detailing, apparently a later addition. Windows are 6/6 throughout the house (presumably the wooden originals or sympathetic replacements). Wooden siding covers all elevations, although that at the rear section is "German" or "drop" siding whereas that at the main section is more typical clapboard. There is a recent-appearing masonry foundation with windows, implying a basement space (see integrity, below more discussion on this).

Charles S. Early was the son of William H. Early, a farmer and merchant who was the foremost early citizen of Brandywine, and essentially created the village through land development and business activity in relationship to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad. The Early family became the major presence in the village, building several homes and businesses and creating an historic physical nucleus for Brandywine west of the railroad that exists in part today. The Charles S. Early House is an excellent example of the Early family's prominence and influence in the village.

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Comments: _____ | |
| Reviewer: <u>Andrew Lewis</u> | Date: <u>8/3/05</u> |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | Date |
| Reviewer: <u>Beatty</u> | Date: <u>7/22/05</u> |
| Reviewer, NR Program | Date |

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

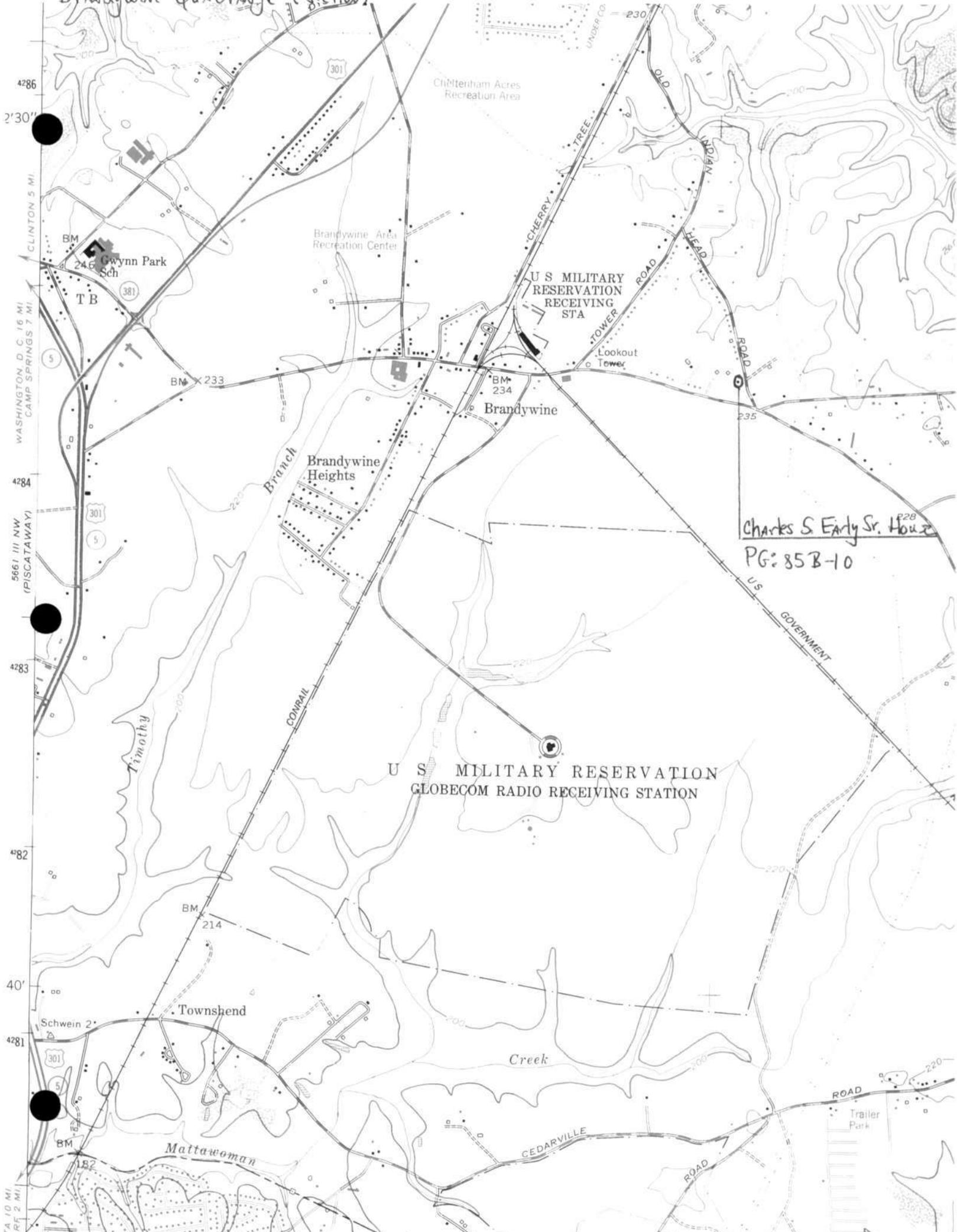
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The Charles S. Early House's integrity is good overall. Original exterior materials, porch materials, and windows appear to be intact, and in excellent condition. Patterned metal roofing noted in the 1986 MIHP form appears to remain, in good condition. However, compared to 1986 photographs of the site (included in the 1986 MIHP form), the house does appear to have been raised slightly on its site to create a useable basement. This is evident in the new steps to the porch whereas the 1986 photos show the building at most one step up from grade. Also, a new masonry foundation wall with windows is shown at all elevations. The basement appears to be accessed only from within the building and is not a "walk-out" or "daylight" basement. Judging from trees and other vegetation at the site, however, the building does not appear to have been moved from its original site. Also, slender chimneys seen in the 1986 photos have also been replaced with more robust examples. Despite these changes, the house largely retains its overall form, materials, and association with the Early family's development of Brandywine and domestic architecture and regional house forms of the mid to late nineteenth century. Its setting is also highly evocative of the building's history and original use. It is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A (broad patterns of history in the Village, County, and the State), B (Association with members of the locally prominent Early family), and C (Embodies distinctive characteristics of the period in which it was built).

Prepared by: Julian W. Adams, GMI

Date Prepared: 5/20/2005

Brandywine Quadrangle (Section)



Charles S. Early Sr. P28
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U S MILITARY RESERVATION
GLOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION

4286
2'30"
CLINTON 5 MI.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 16 MI
CAMP SPRINGS 7 MI
4284
5661 III NW
(PISCATAWAY)
4283
4282
40'
4281
ATA 10 MI
DORF 2 MI

Chilterham Acres
Recreation Area

Brandywine Area
Recreation Center

U S MILITARY
RESERVATION
RECEIVING
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Brandywine

Brandywine
Heights

Timothy
Branch

COMRAIL

U S MILITARY RESERVATION
GLOBECOM RADIO RECEIVING STATION

Townshend

Schwein 2'

Creek

Mattawoman

CEDARVILLE

Trailer
Park

Charles S. Early Sr. P28
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Charles S. Early Jr House

14280 Brandywine Rd

Brandywine, Prince George's County, MD

Photographer: Tim Sato, GMI
5/16/05

Negative Location: MIDSTHPO

MAIN elevation, from SE



Charles S. Early, Sr. House

PG: 85 B-10

14280 Brandywine Rd

Brandywine, Prince Georges Co., MD

Photographer: Tim Sals, CME

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Negative location MD 5116105

Main elevation (SE) + NE elevation from East

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Charles S. Early Sr. House

PG: 85B-10

14280 Brandywine Rd

Brandywine, Prince Georges Co, MD

Photographer: Tim Saw, EMI

5/16/05

Negative location MD511PO

Long view, NW elevation (SE) + SW elevation, from South

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG# 85B-10 Building Date: circa 1970, 1900

Building Name: Charles S. Early House

Location: 14280 Brandywine Road, Brandywine, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Charles S. Early House is a two-story, gable-roof farmhouse with a two-story rear wing which forms a T. It is distinguished by Italianate cornice brackets and a porch with Victorian trim. The main block is side-gabled, three bays by two bays, with an entrance in the central bay of the three-bay south facade. Across this facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by turned bracketed posts. The building is sided with plain horizontal board, painted white. The roof is of patterned metal, and there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Cornices are returned at the gable ends, and have a wide board frieze embellished with Italianate jigsaw brackets of two sizes. Extending to the north and forming a T is a two-story, gable-roof rear wing covered with German siding painted white; the boxed cornice is returned at the north gable end, but there are no brackets. Spanning the west elevation of the wing is a one-story, hip-roof porch which has been enclosed, partially by screen and partially with German siding. Interior of the main block is that of the traditional I-house. North of the house is a complex of early-twentieth-century outbuildings.

Significance:

The Charles S. Early House is a good example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse, a traditional frame I-house distinguished by Italianate decorative detail. It stands a short distance east of the railroad village of Brandywine, and was built in the 1870s for the second generation of Brandywine's most influential family. Before the Civil War, William H. Early operated a store and post office one mile east of Brandywine; his farm and dwelling house adjoined the store. After the construction of the railroad, and the growth of the village of Brandywine, Early built a store next to the tracks, and his business prospered. After Early's death in 1890, his son Charles S. Early received the 90-acre farm on which the subject house had been built for him at the time of his marriage in 1870. The new dwelling was a traditional frame I-house, with rear kitchen wing added some years later; the main block was highlighted by decorative cornice brackets and a Victorian porch. The property remained in the Early family through another generation, and was sold out of the family in 1949. Since that time the farm has been subdivided, but a significant portion of the original historic setting has been preserved, and the house itself is a distinctive and visible example of the dwellings of Brandywine's most prominent family.

Acreage: 4.4 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles S. Early, House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14280 Brandywine Road _____ not for publication

city, town Brandywine _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 5

state Maryland _____ county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
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| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Robert Brinckloe

street & number 14280 Brandywine 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 13020

street & number Main Street folio 312

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1992 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

7. Description

Survey No. PG 85B-10

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 Charles S. Early House is a two-story gable-roof farmhouse with a two-story rear wing which forms a T. It stands on a small farm in the corner formed by Brandywine and Old Indian Head roads. It is distinguished by Italianate cornice brackets and a porch with Victorian trim. The house is framed by several large trees, the entrance path is marked by gateposts of molded concrete block, and the setting includes a complex of early-twentieth-century outbuildings.

Exterior

The main block is side-gabled, three-bays by two-bays, and faces roughly south. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay south facade, through a door with a two-light transom. Across this south facade is a one-story hop-roof porch supported by turned bracketed posts, and resting on a concrete foundation. The building is sided with plain horizontal board, painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds and plain board sills. Ghosts of shutters indicate that the house once had them. (Two small square six-pane single-sash windows on the first story are the only openings in the west gable end.) The roof is of patterned metal, and there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Cornices are boxed with crown molding, and are returned at the gable ends. There is a wide board frieze, embellished with Italianate jigsaw brackets of two sixes, in XxxxXxxx arrangement. The house rests on a brick foundation,

Extending to the north, and forming a T, is a two-story gable-roof rear wing, four bays by one bay. It is covered with German siding painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash as in the main block. The foundation is of brick. The gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and there are two interior corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge. The boxed cornice is returned at the north gable end, but there are no brackets. Spanning the west elevation of the wing is a one-story hip-roof porch which has been enclosed, partially by screen, and partially with German siding. The porch rests on a concrete foundation. There is a basement space under only the northernmost (kitchen) section of the wing.

Interior

Interior plan of the main block is that of the traditional I-house, i.e., central stairhall flanked by a parlor on each side. The principal south entrance leads into a narrow stairhall, which has been widened by the removal of part of the west parlor wall. A two-run, open-string staircase rises along the east wall of the stairhall, turns 90 degrees to a landing, then turns 90 degrees again and rises to the second story. The staircase has a handsome turned newel with mitred cap, two smaller secondary newels at the landing, turned balusters and bracketed stairends. The panelled spandrel encloses a small closet space beneath the stairs.

.... Moldings of the doors and windows in the main block are representative of the 1870s, i.e., a broad cyma reversa molding with inner bead and outer square backband. Beneath each window sill is a plain board with lower bead. Baseboards are of plain wide board with sharply molded cap. All floorboards (except the landing) have been replaced with narrow boards. There is a fireplace centered in the exterior gable-end walls of each parlor; both mantels have been replaced (probably in the 1930s or the 1940s) by corbelled brick surrounds. In the corresponding locations in the second-story spaces are stovepipes. Doors on the second story have four rectangular panels; interior doors on the first story have been replaced by fifteen-pane glazed doors.

The stairhall leads north into the wing addition: a hallway which opens into an interior sitting room, and leads back past a transverse enclosed rear stairway into the kitchen space. There are stovepipes in the interior walls of both the kitchen and the sitting room - hence the two interior chimneys at the ridge of the wing. The central part of the porch which shelters the west elevation of the wing has been enclosed to create a bathroom which opens from the hallway. Moldings of the doors and windows in the wing are typical of the early twentieth century, i.e., narrow multi-band moldings with inner bead and outer square backband. Floorboards in the wing have been replaced with the same narrow boards as in the main block; baseboards are of plain wide board with molded cap of a different profile from that in the main block. Modern synthetic paneling covers the south wall of the sitting room, closing a door which once led into the east parlor of the main block.

The house is in fair-to-good condition. Much of the interior plaster has been removed, and repair work is in progress (1999).

Setting and outbuildings

The entry lane runs east from Brandywine road to two sets of gateposts: molded concrete block with egg-and-dart molding under caps. One set frames the driveway which runs north to the outbuildings; the other set frames the walkway which runs north to the principal south entrance of the house. The house itself is framed by several large old trees: two maples, a pecan, and a sweetgum at the edge of the lawn.

Behind the house, to the north, is a small square smokehouse. It has a gable-roof, covered with patterned tin; it is sided with plain horizontal boards, and has a batten door in its west gable end. It rests on a concrete foundation.

North of the smokehouse is a small concrete foundation which once supported a

generator. Beyond that to the north was the site of the (two-seater) privy, long gone. Considerably farther to the north on approximately the same line are the ruins and the concrete foundation of a garage.

There is a parallel line of wood frame outbuildings to the west, on the other side of the driveway. All are front-gabled and face toward the east, with openings in their east gable ends. All are covered with white asbestos shingles, and all the roofs are covered with green asphalt shingle. The southernmost, roughly opposite the smokehouse, is a shop attached to a chicken house, in deteriorating condition. Beyond that to the north is a two-story storage building, and beyond that a corncrib. Two other deteriorating structures are located to the west of this line of domestic outbuildings, toward the Brandywine road.

[At a greater distance to the north, on an adjoining parcel of land, stands a gambrel-roof barn, with vertical siding and a side shed to the west. Displayed in metal letters on this barn is the name of the farm: *Tiny Oak Farm*. The barn is situated on an approximately-4-acre parcel, currently under separate ownership, and therefore no longer part of the setting. This parcel of land was originally part of the Early farm and will soon be purchased by the new owner of the Early House, thus rejoining the historic setting.]

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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Specific dates ca. 1870

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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Before the Civil War, William H. Early operated a store and post office one mile east of Brandywine; his farm and dwelling house adjoined the store at the intersection of the Brandywine-Horsehead, Brandywine-Marlboro, and Brandywine-Nottingham Roads.¹ The construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through the Brandywine District opened up new business opportunities, and the village of Brandywine grew up at the intersection of the public road and the railroad tracks. In 1872 Early purchased 42 acres which lay along the tracks both north and south of the public road. On this land, just west of the tracks, he built a general store (#85A-32-11) and ran a retail business and post office in partnership with his sons, James A. and Charles S. Early. The company prospered, and William H. Early continued to buy up neighboring land.

By the time of his death in 1890, William H. Early owned approximately 3,000 acres in the Brandywine area.² Commissioners were appointed to divide his real estate among his heirs. His son Charles S. Early received approximately 1,000 acres, including Lot F (the general store and 29 buildings lots) and a 90-acre farm (composed of Lots #4 and #8) nearly a mile east of Brandywine; on this farm his father had built the subject house for him at the time of his marriage in 1870.³

Charles S. Early's new dwelling was a standard frame I-house, with rear (T shape) kitchen wing added some years afterwards. The house was highlighted by Italianate cornice brackets and Victorian porch, and stood just across the old Marlboro road from William H. Early's old homestead and first store. Charles S. Early raised his family in this house, operating the general store, and working as a railroad agent, as well as farming his property.⁴ He died in 1910, leaving properties for his children. His two eldest sons,

William B. and Charles S., Jr., received parts of Lot F (north of the general store) on which they built family homes (85A-32-10 and 85A-32-29, respectively). The subject farm, by agreement of all the family, went to Thomas H. Early, third son of Charles S. Early. It was at approximately this time (the turn of the 20th century) that the rear wing was completed, and the domestic outbuildings were built. The farm, by this time known as "Tiny Oak Farm," remained in the Early family for another generation; Thomas H. Early's widow sold it out of the family in 1949.⁵

The Early house has been occupied by tenants for much of the time since then. The farm has been subdivided, and only 2.97 acres remain in the house parcel (Tax map 145, parcel 1). The new owner has purchased the house parcel and the adjoining 1.43-acre parcel at the corner of the roads (Tax map 146, parcel 77), thus preserving a significant portion of the original historic setting.

The traditional frame I-house was one of the most popular and frequently built of the more modest house types in late-nineteenth-century Prince George's County. Partly because of the popularity and frequency of this type, however, many of the County's examples have been lost. Most of the outstanding surviving examples are distinguished by a flush crossgable centered on the principal facade: e.g., the McLeod House (Historic Site #61-11) and the Hamilton House (Historic Site #74B-7), both from the 1870s. Other examples from this period, without the central crossgable, are incorporated into larger multi-part structures: Maple Shade (Historic Site #70-31), and the Eckenrode-Wyville House (Historic Site 79-63-8). The Charles S. Early House offers a good example of this type and period dwelling. The early twentieth-century gateposts still mark the entrance to the house and to the farm grounds, defining a significant portion of the original historic setting, and the house itself is a distinctive and visible example of the dwellings of Brandywine's most prominent family.

1. Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861; cf. MHT P.G. #85A-32-11.
2. Cf. PG #85A-32-11; Prince George's County Deed HB #5:556; HB #10:564.
3. Prince George's County Equity #1904; G.M. Hopkins *Atlas of Prince George's County*, 1878. P.G. Co. Tax Assessment 1871.
4. Census for Prince George's County, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910.
5. Prince George's County Deeds #1116:250; #101:154.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG#85B-10

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property ^(c.4.9a) 2.97 acres + 1.43 acre Tax Map 145, parcel 1; TM 146
Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section E Quadrangle scale _____
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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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian
organization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1986, April 1999
street & number c/o Community Planning Div, M-NCPDC telephone 301-952-3521
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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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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ROBERT MACKAY
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ROBT. C. PROCTOR
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MAP 146-P. 88

EARLY MANOR
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EARLY MANOR
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SANTUARY, INC.,
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MAN HEAD RD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

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Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair-Good/Inaccessible

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Significance

The Charles S. Early, Sr. House is a good example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse, a standard frame I-house with Italianate decorative detail. It stands a short distance east of the railroad village of Brandywine, and was built in the 1870's by the second generation of Brandywine's most influential family. Before the Civil War, William H. Early operated a store and post office one mile east of Brandywine; his farm and dwelling house adjoined the store at the fork of the Brandywine-Horsehead and Brandywine-Nottingham roads. On land just west of the railroad tracks he built a general store and ran a retail business and post office in partnership with his sons, James A. and Charles S. Early. By the time of his death in 1890, Early owned approximately 3,000 acres in the Brandywine area. His son Charles S. Early received approximately 1,000 acres, including a 90-acre farm on which his father had built the subject house for him at the time of his marriage in 1870. The house was a standard frame I-house, with rear (T shape) kitchen wing added a short time afterwards. It was highlighted by Italianate cornice brackets and Victorian porch, and stood just across the old Marlboro road from William H. Early's old homestead and first store. After his death the subject farm went to Thomas H. Early, third son of Charles S. Early. Since being sold out of the Early family in 1949, the farm has been subdivided, and only 2.97 acres remain in the house parcel. There are, however, remnants of the historic setting; the early twentieth century gateposts still mark the entrance to the house, and the house itself is a distinctive and visible example of the homes of Brandywine's most prominent family.

Acreage: 2.97 acres

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 14280 Brandywine 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name William H. Winstead

street & number 14280 Brandywine 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 5260

street & number Main Street folio 22

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.P.G. #85B-10

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| 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 checked="" 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, Sr. farmhouse is a two-story gable-roof farmhouse with a two-story rear wing which forms a T. It stands on a small farm in the corner formed by Brandywine and Old Indian Head Roads. It is distinguished by Italianate cornice brackets and a porch with Victorian trim. The house is framed by two large trees, and the entrance path is marked by gateposts of molded concrete block.

The main block is side-gabled, three-bays by two-bays, and faces roughly south. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay south facade, through a door with a two-light transom. Across this south facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by turned bracketed posts, and resting on a concrete foundation. The building is sided with plain horizontal board, painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds and plain board sills. Ghosts of shutters indicate that the house once had them. (Two small square six-pane single-sash windows on the first story are the only openings in the west gable end.) The roof is of patterned tin, and there is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Cornices are boxed with crown molding, and are returned at the gable ends. There is a wide board frieze, embellished which Italianate jigsaw brackets of two sizes, in XxxxXxxx arrangement. The house rests on a brick foundation, with no apparent basement.

Extending to the north, and forming a T, is a two-story gable-roof rear wing, four bays by one bay. It is covered with German siding painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash as in the main block. The foundation is of brick. The gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and there are two corbelled brick chimneys at the ridge. The boxed cornice is returned at the north gable end, but there are no brackets. Spanning the south facade of the wing is a one-story hip-roof porch which has been enclosed, partially by screen, and partially with German siding. The porch rests on a concrete foundation.

Behind the house, to the north, is a small square outbuilding. It has a gable-roof, covered with patterned tin; it is sided with plain horizontal boards, and has a batten door in its west gable end. It rests on a concrete foundation.

Continuing north of the house is a line of four small one-story gable-roof sheds. All face toward the east, with openings in their east gable ends. All are covered with white asbestos shingles, and all the roofs are covered with green asphalt shingle.

West of the row of sheds is a shed-roof chicken house. At a greater distance to the north is a gambrel-roof barn, with vertical siding, and a side shed to the west.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates ca. 1870 **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 Charles S. Early, Sr. House is a good example of Victorian vernacular farmhouse, a standard frame I-house with Italianate decorative detail. It stands a short distance east of the railroad village of Brandywine, and was built in the 1870's by the second generation of Brandywine's most influential family.

Before the Civil War, William H. Early operated a store and post office one mile east of Brandywine; his farm and dwelling house adjoined the store at the fork of the Brandywine-Horsehead and Brandywine-Nottingham roads.¹ The construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through the Brandywine District opened up new business opportunities, and in 1872 Early purchased 42 acres which lay along the tracks both north and south of the public road. On this land, just west of the tracks, he built a general store (#85A-11) and ran a retail business and post office in partnership with his sons, James A. and Charles S. Early. The company prospered, and William H. Early continued to buy up neighboring land. By the time of his death in 1890, Early owned approximately 3,000 acres in the Brandywine area². Commissioners were appointed to divide his real estate among his heirs. His son Charles S. Early received approximately 1,000 acres, including Lot F (the general store and 29 building lots) and a 90-acre farm (composed of Lots #4 and #8) nearly a mile east of Brandywine; on this farm his father had built the subject house for him at the time of his marriage in 1870.³

The house was a standard frame I-house, with rear (T shape) kitchen wing added a short time afterwards. The house was highlighted by Italianate cornice brackets and Victorian porch, and stood just across the old Marlboro road from William H. Early's old homestead and first store. Charles S. Early raised his family in this house, operating the general store, and working as a railroad agent, as well as farming his property.⁴ He died in 1910, leaving properties for his children. His two eldest sons, William B. and Charles S. Jr., received parts of Lot F (north of the general store) on which they built family homes (85A-10 and 85A-29, respectively). The subject farm, by agreement of all the family, went the Thomas H. Early, third son of Charles S. Early. Thomas H. Early's widow sold it out of the family in 1949.⁵

The house has been occupied by tenants for much of the time since then. There are several twentieth century outbuildings: meat house, storage sheds, chicken house and barn. The farm has been subdivided, and only 2.97 acres remain in the house parcel. There are, however, remnants of the historic setting; the early twentieth century gateposts still mark the entrance to the house, and the house itself is a distinctive and visible example of the homes of Brandywine's most prominent family.

Notes

- 1 Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861; cf. MHT P.G. #85A-11.
- 2 cf. PG #85A-11; Prince George's County Deed HB #5:556; HB #10:564.
- 3 Prince George's County Equity #1904; G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878. P.G. Co. Tax Assessment 1871.
- 4 Census for Prince George's County, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910.
- 5 Prince George's County Deeds #1116:250; #101:154.



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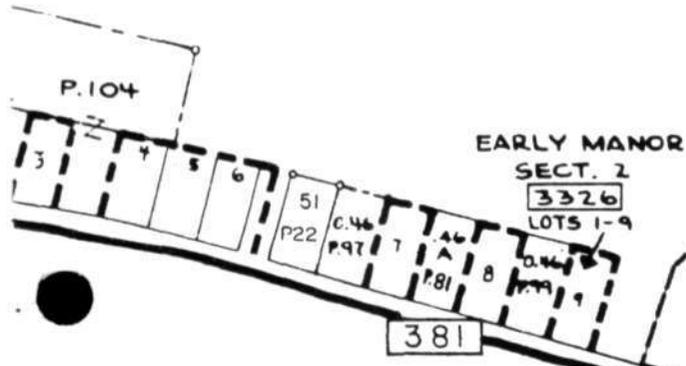
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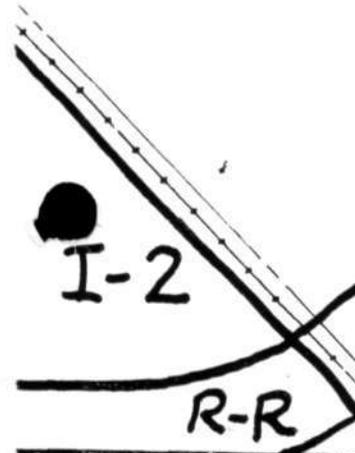
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BRANDYWINE DIST.

NO 11

Prince George County

Scale, 1/2 Inches to the Mile.



TEE BEE BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. E. Huntt,
Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,
Patent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Paints,
Oils, Glass, Dye Stuffs, and Hardware,
Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, etc.

William A. Gibbons,
Cabinet Maker and Undertaker

SPRING GROVE

John A. Coe,
Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries and
General Country Produce.

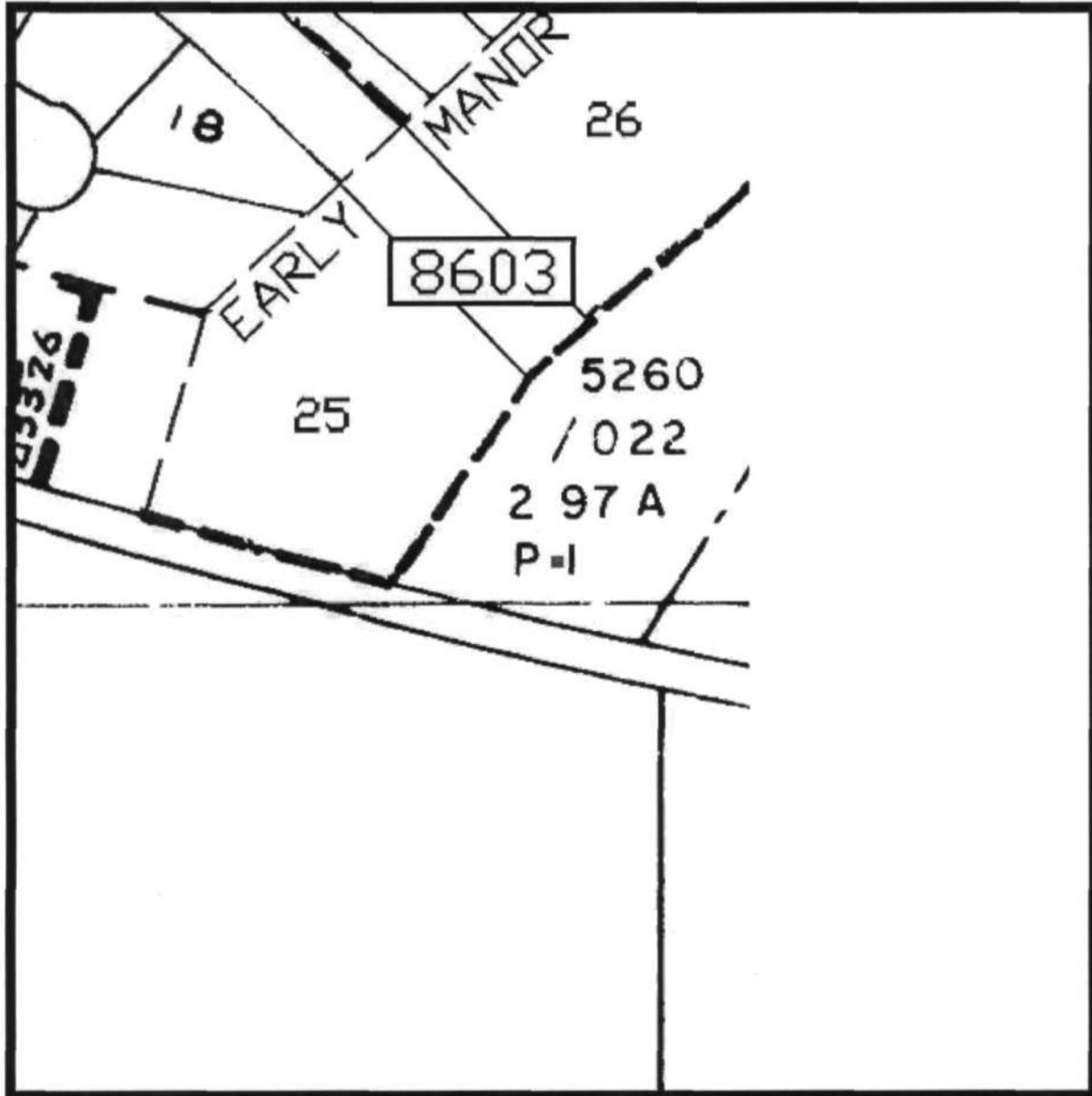
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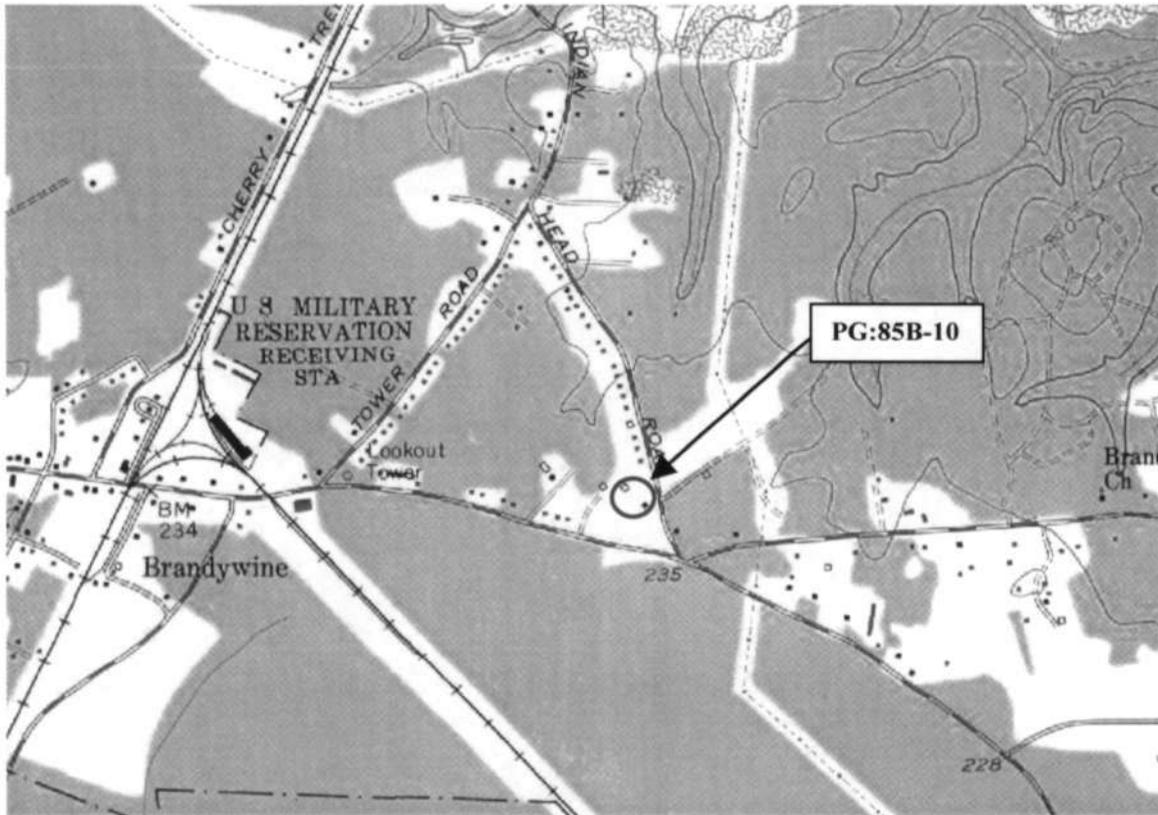
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Charles S. Early House
14280 Brandywine Road, Brandywine
Brandywine Quadrangle





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Charles S. Early, Sr., House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
South elevation
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Charles S. Early, Sr., House
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Southeast 3/4 elevation
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Northwest 3/4 elevation
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Charles S. Early, Sr., House
Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1986

West elevation

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Charles S. Early, Sr., House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
View to north
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