Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 28-62
Derrick Motor Company Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:28-62 (PACS 9.39) **Construction Date:** 1929

Name: Derrick Motor Company Property

Location: 2-10 Ashton Road, Ashton, Montgomery County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Yes:restricted

Description:

The Derrick Motor Company Property is a 1-story, 4-bay automotive service station at the northeast corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Ashton Road in Ashton, Montgomery County. The building, constructed in 1929, is a front-gable service station with a gambrel roof dairy store. The service station is oriented north-south, while the dairy store is oriented east-west. The structure is of concrete block construction with a brick veneer exterior. It has an asphalt shingle roof, with wood double-hung and plate glass windows. The gambrel roof dairy story (originally operated as a High's Dairy Store, now vacant) is attached to the service station by gable roof additions.

Significance:

In 1926, Howard L. Derrick built a gasoline filling station and Ford dealership at the corner of Howard Avenue and Connecticut Avenue (now Armory Avenue) in Kensington. Three years later in 1929, Derrick purchased a .2 hectare (.5 acre) lot at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Ashton Road in Ashton from Albert and Nelle Reese. The property in Ashton contained a house known as "Aldercroft". In 1929, Derrick built a Standard gasoline filling station and Ford automobile showroom adjacent to the house and sold the Kensington station to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey (Rebeck 1987). Howard L. Derrick's two sons, Willard and Warren Derrick, took over operation of the business in 1953, and the property was transferred to them in 1957. By 1958, a canopy was added over the gasoline pumps and the business operated as Derrick's Esso Station. Charles Kimball became the third partner in the business after Warren and Willard Derrick gained ownership of the property. In 1966, the building was remodeled and the adjacent house was demolished; a High's Dairy Store was constructed on its site. The property remains in the ownership of the Derrick family.

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Derrick Motor Company Property (preferred)

and/or common Kimball's Service Center Property

2. Location:

street & number 2-10 Ashton Road N/A not for publication

city, town Ashton ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_X_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_X_building(s)	_X_private	___unoccupied	_X_commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	___private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	_X_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_X_not applicable	___no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Warren L. Derrick

street & number 115 Ashton Road telephone no.:

city,town Ashton state and zip code MD 20861

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 11239

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 796

city,town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_X_original site	
_X_good	___ruins	_X_altered	___moved	date of move _____
___fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

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

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The structure is of concrete block construction with a brick veneer exterior. It has an asphalt shingle roof, with wood double-hung and plate glass windows. The gambrel roof dairy story (originally operated as a High's Dairy Store, now vacant) is attached to the service station by gable roof additions.

Originally, the building had a stepped parapet false-front of concrete block and was attached to a wood-frame dwelling. A flat roof canopy extended from the front elevation to shelter the gas pumps. In 1966, the front elevation of the service station was extended to include the canopy area, a front-gable roof was added and brick veneer covered the exterior walls. The gasoline pumps were moved further south toward the intersection. At that time the adjacent dwelling was demolished and the High's Dairy Store constructed.

The front elevation has three plate glass windows, a double-hung window and two entrances into rest rooms. The west elevation has four garage bays and wood double doors into the office. The north elevation has a garage bay, a vinyl door with 3-lights and two double-hung windows.

The dairy story had its main entrance in the east gambrel end. Metal and glass double doors are centrally located on the elevation, however the plate-glass windows have been enclosed with plywood. The south elevation has two fixed sash 8-light windows.

The gable roof additions between the service station and the dairy story have double-hung windows and a wood door with 6-lights.

The property is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Ashton Road. A paved parking lot is located on all sides of the building. A nursery is located to the north and east, a bank to the south and a shopping center to the west.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
_prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion	
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science	
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture	
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian	
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	__theater	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__transportation	
X_1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government		
		__invention	__other (specify)		

Specific dates 1929, 1966 (remodeled) **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A___B___C___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___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 property is located in Ashton. The community of Ashton in northern Montgomery County was, until 1890, a part of neighboring Sandy Spring and shares that town's early Quaker roots. Ashton centers roughly on the intersection of MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) where early Quaker farmers brought their produce to be weighed. The crossroads also attracted Caleb Stabler and Charlie Porter who opened a store around 1860 and named it Ashton. The actual significance of this name is uncertain. In 1889 Alvin G. Thomas, a Quaker, took over the Ashton store. This community commenced its official existence when it received a post office in 1890, taking its name from Stabler and Porter's store.

Twentieth century development in Ashton featured the community's rural character. In fact the first "development" in 1934 consisted of six "farmettes" complete with a small orchard and barn, and room for gardening and animals. Further developments undertaken since World War II, such as Ashton Pond and Ashmead, often took shape as planned communities under the supervision of local, as well as outside developers. Current county zoning, which requires lots of 2 hectares (5 acres), has helped preserve the rural nature of Ashton.

The building on the Derrick Motor Company Property is an early twentieth century gas station and car dealership. The increase in automobile usage during the first half of the twentieth century led to the growth of roadside commercial development. The emergence of gas stations to serve the needs of millions of drivers formed a large part of this new development. During the 1920s,

8. Significance (Continued)

instead of purchasing cans of gasoline or pulling up to a curbside dispenser, the owner drove the car off the road and under a canopy where gas was pumped. At this time, service stations sought to gain new customers by offering an ever-wider range of services such as oil checks, window cleaning, and car repairs.

Early filling stations frequently resembled small dwellings with the high glass-topped pumps in front serving as the chief means of identification. Many were front gable cottages with a store and an extension, or canopy, leading out to the pumps. As highway speeds increased, it became increasingly necessary to attract the attention of quickly passing motorists. Owners employed bold, attention-grabbing signs and designed unusual buildings that resembled stately houses, oil cans, Indian tepees, and lighthouses. By the end of 1930s, however, gas stations began to become increasingly standardized in order to achieve lower costs. Such stations were built of concrete columns with continuous lightweight glass and enameled metal infill panels. They projected an image of efficiency and convenience which was popular with customers. (Rifkind 1980:302-303). The building on the Derrick Motor Company Property differed slightly from the standard gasoline station of the 1930s, since it combined automobile sales and service. As such, the building was larger than most filling stations with its stuccoed concrete block construction and stepped parapet false front.

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1929, the Derrick Motor Company Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 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. Due to alterations, the property no longer possesses sufficient architectural integrity to represent an early crossroads automobile-related business. 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, due to a lack of architectural and material integrity. The building was extensively remodeled in 1966, resulting in the removal of most original building materials, and disguising the original form and massing. The demolition of the farmhouse and construction of the High's Dairy Store further altered the property's setting and context within the crossroad community. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
Eligibility recommended_____ Eligibility Not Recommended_____
Comments
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Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____
Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:28-62(PACS 9.39)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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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city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland

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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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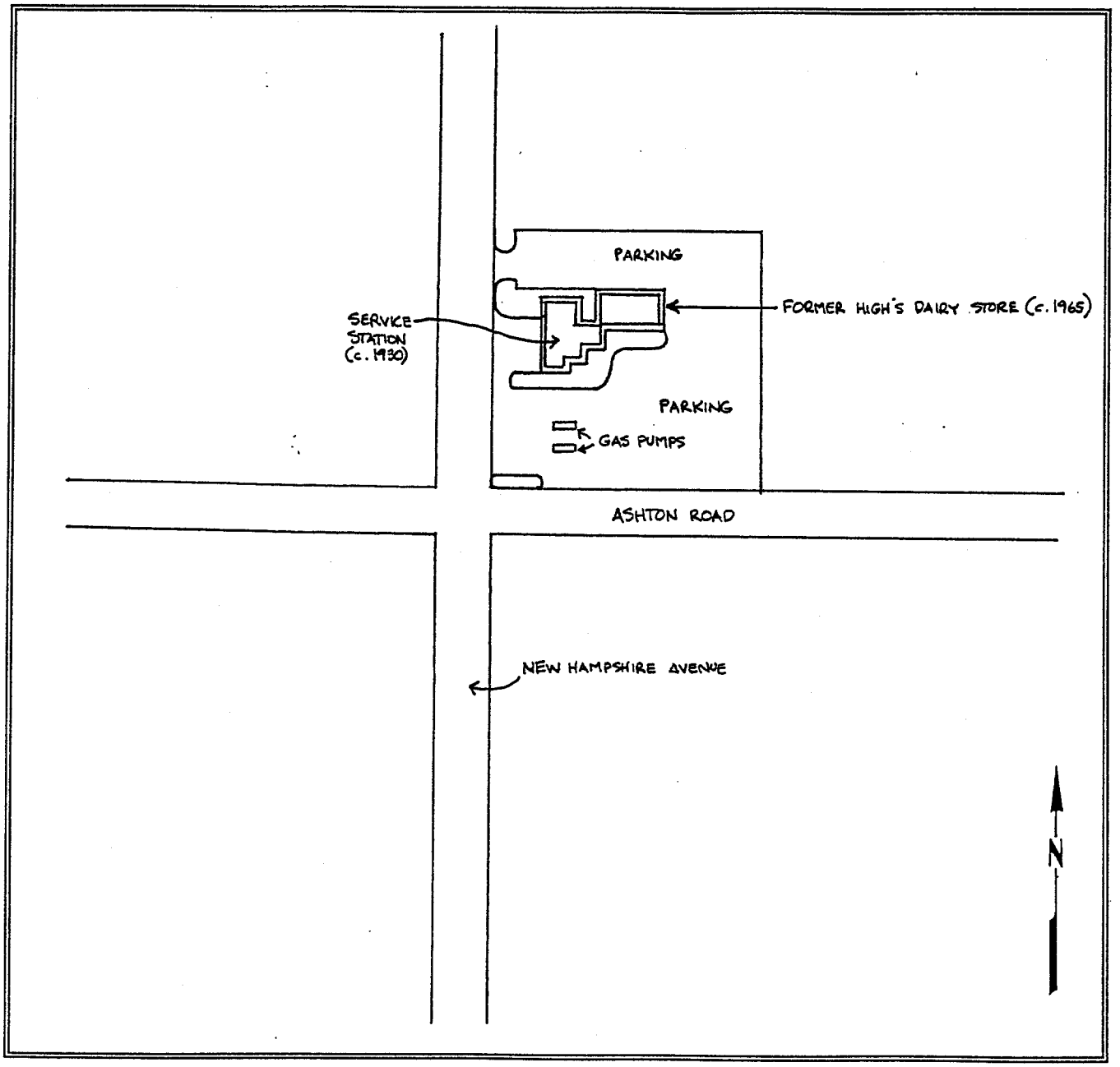

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Derrick Motor Company Property
SURVEY NO.: M:28-62 (PACS 9.39)
ADDRESS: 2-10 Ashton Road, Ashton, Montgomery County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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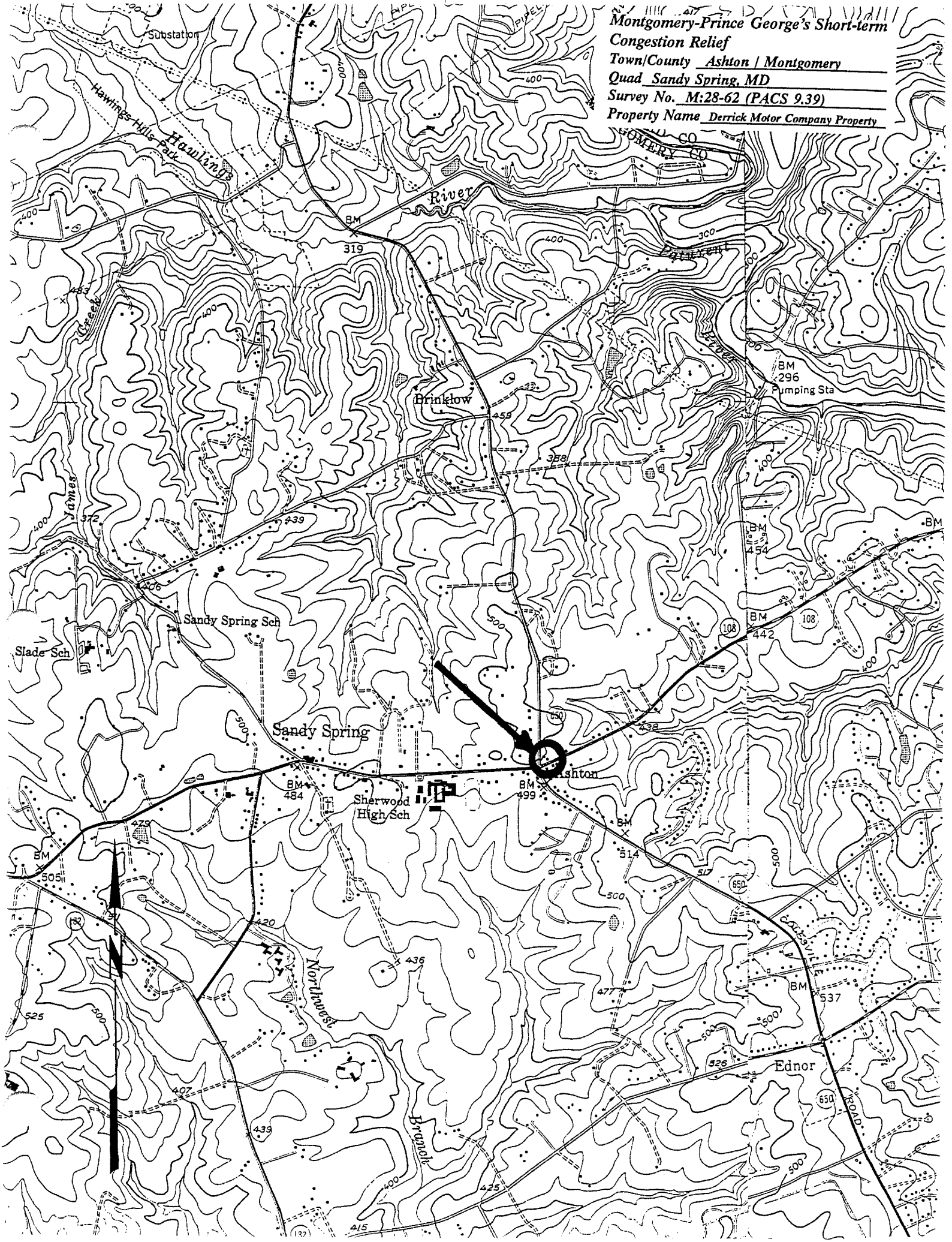
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Green
River
Patuxent
Brinklow
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BM 296 Pumping Sta
BM 454
BM 442
James
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Slade Sch
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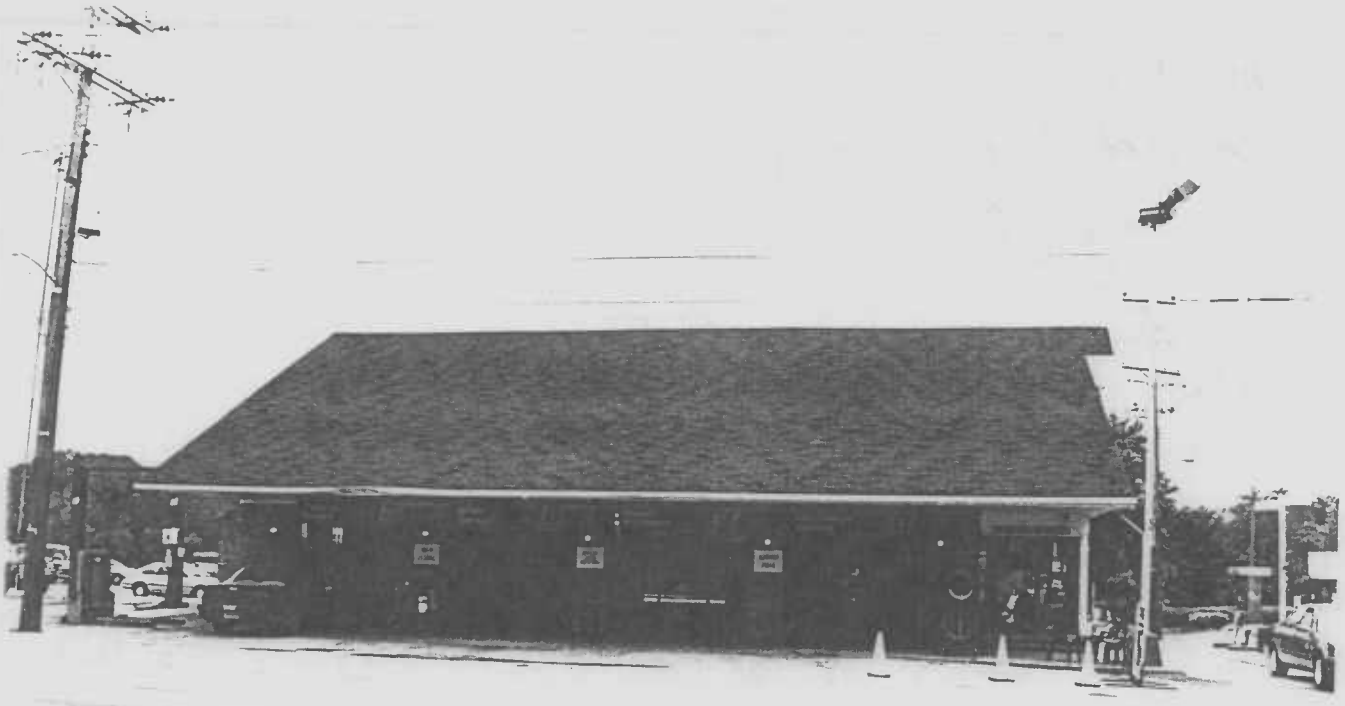

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4 Jim Tamburrino

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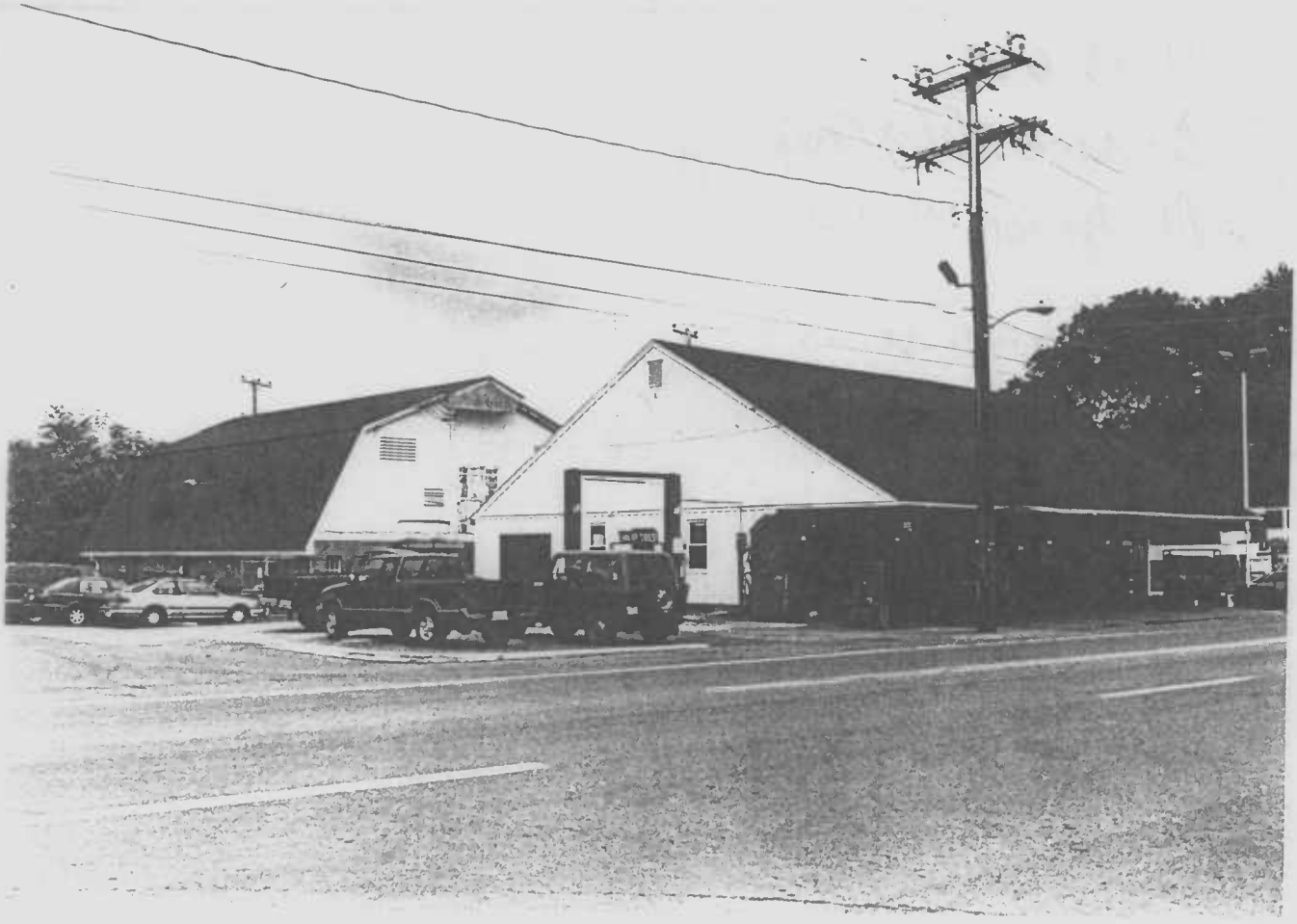

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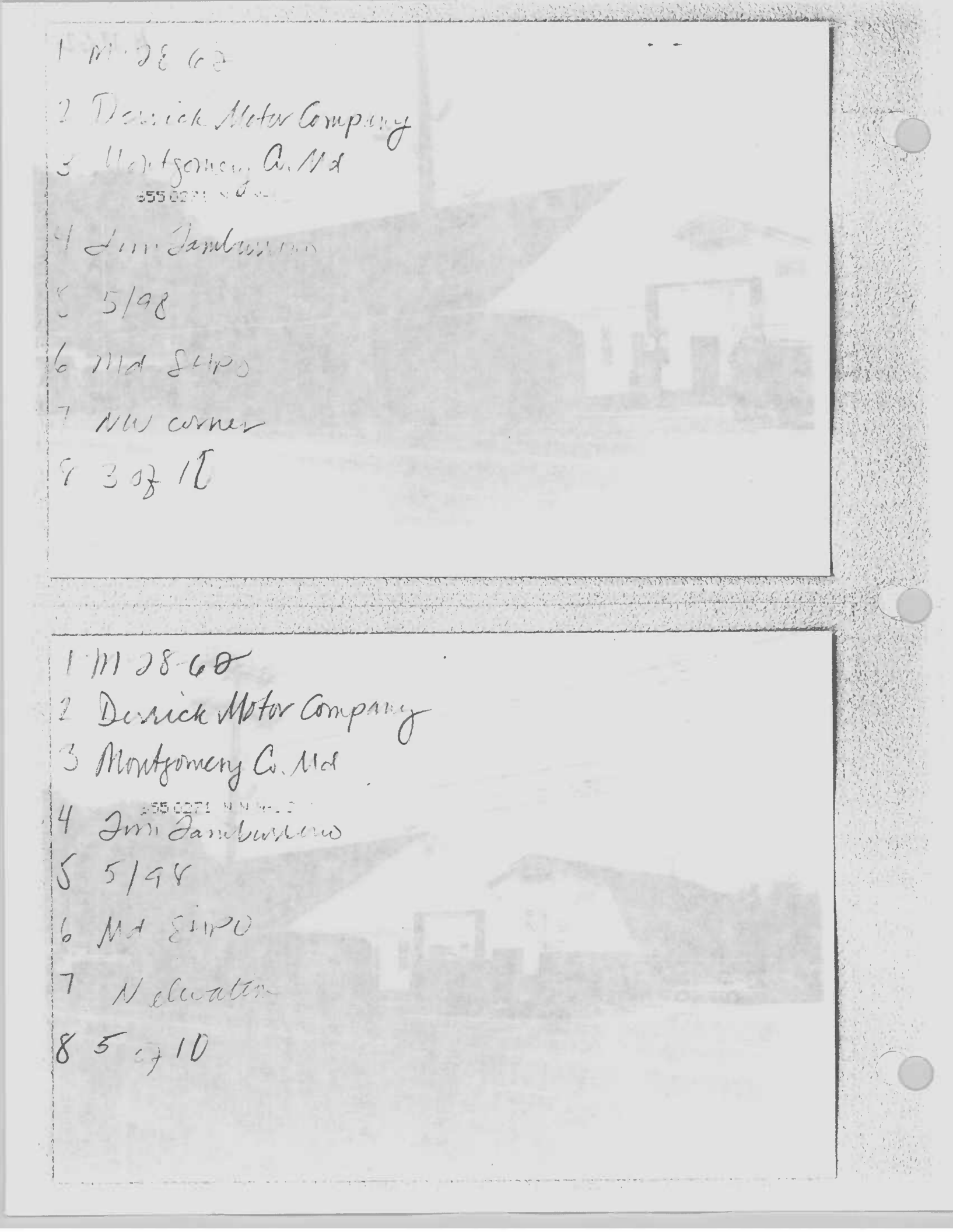

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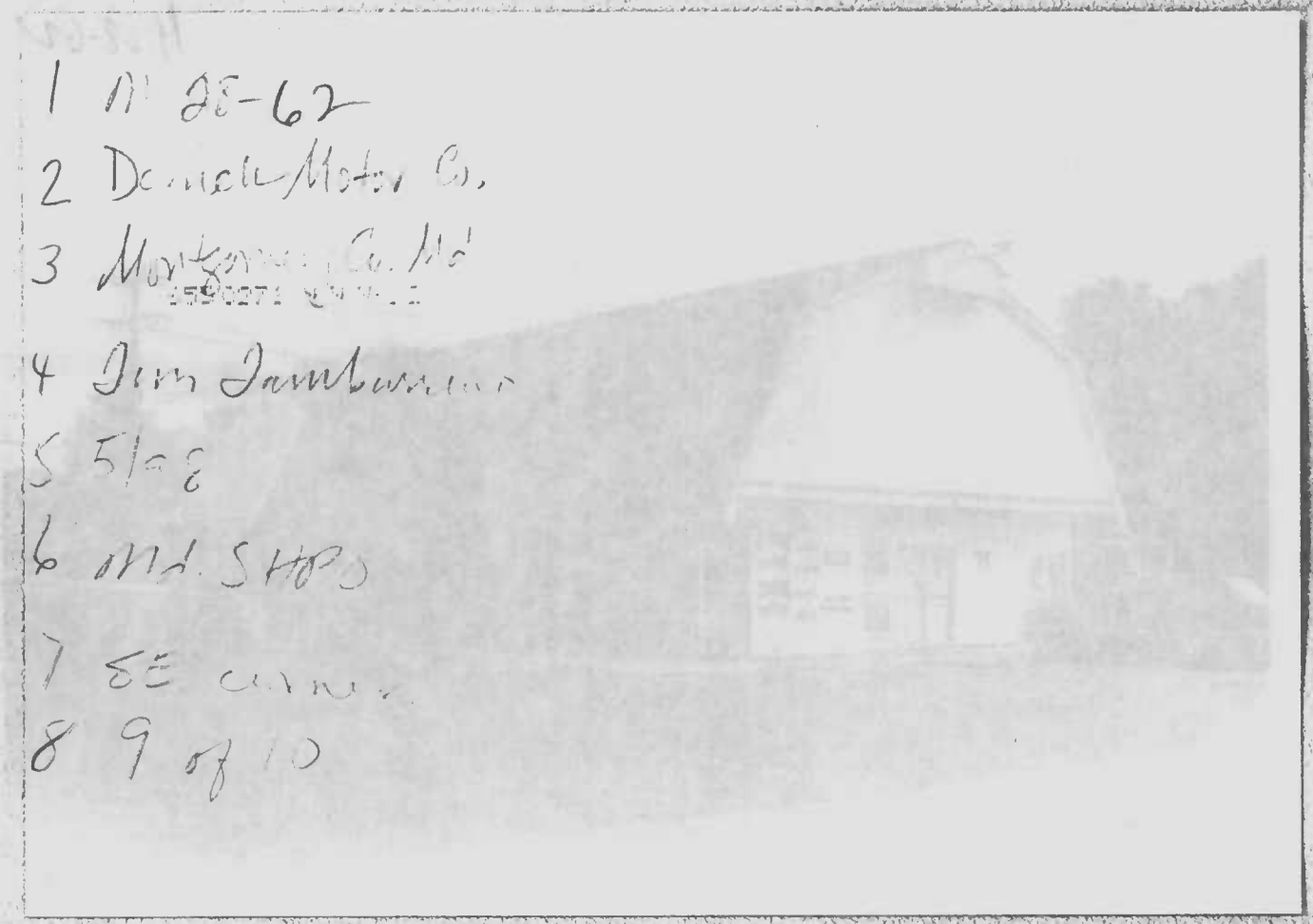

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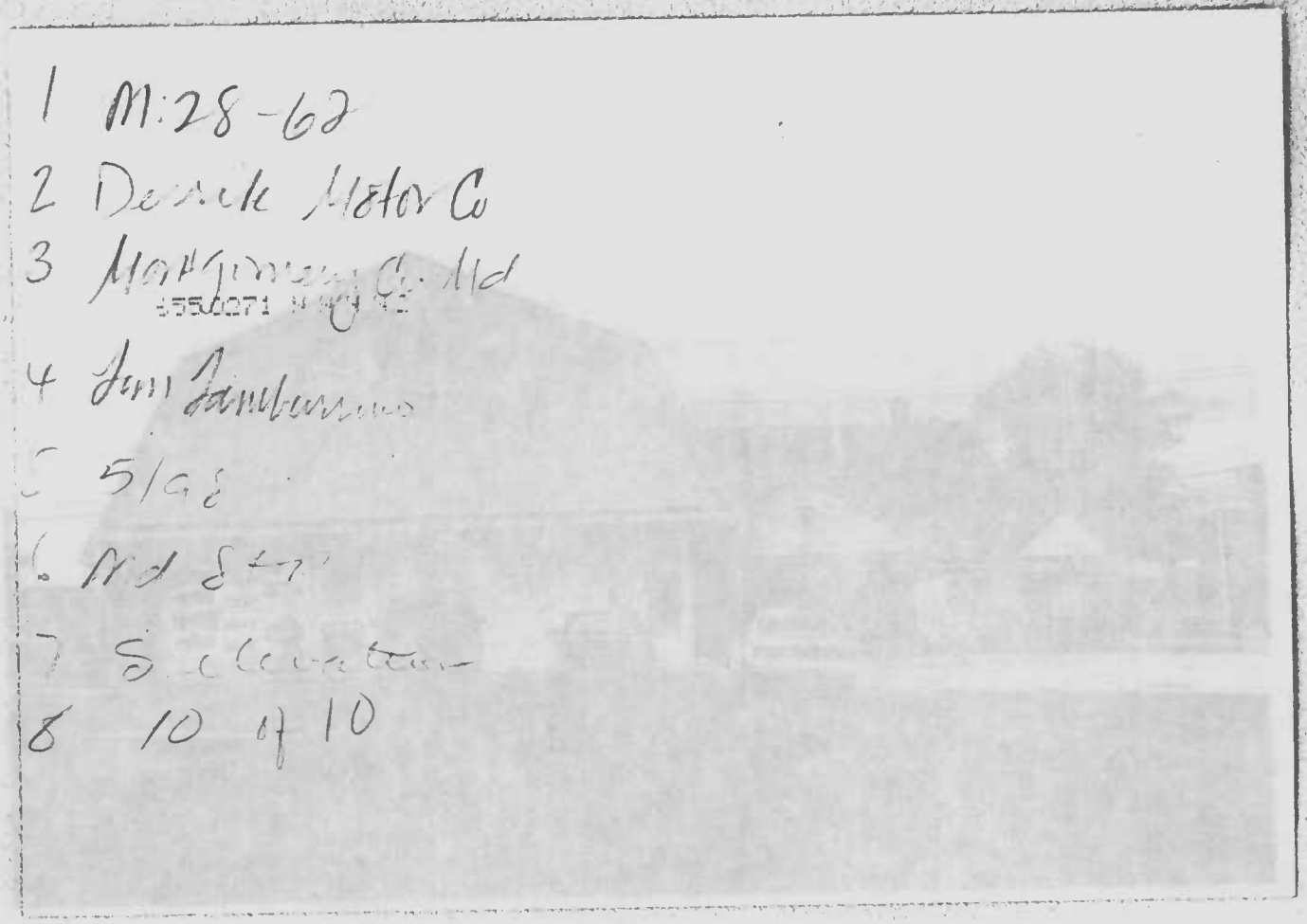

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