Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: PG:60-21
William and Alice Jackson House

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.: PG:60-21 (PACS 3.5) **Construction Date:** 1936

Name: William and Alice Jackson House

Location: 11815 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville Vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The William and Alice Jackson House is a 1½-story, 4-bay, side-gable cottage with Colonial Revival influences located on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road in the Beltsville vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1936, according to the tax record, the building is a massed plan with a 1-story side addition and a rear wood deck. The structure has a side-gable, asphalt shingle roof with two gable-dormers on the front elevation and an exterior end brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a poured concrete foundation. The windows are double-hung wood-sash.

Significance:

According to the tax record, the William and Alice Jackson House was built in 1936 on .25 hectares (.62 acres) of land purchased from Marcellus Robey in 1923. Alice Jackson sold the house in 1947 with .09 hectares (.23 acres) of land to William Spicknall. The property has remained in the Spicknall Family since that time. Norval and Hester Spicknall bought the property in 1958 with .20 hectares (.5 acres) of land. It was passed to Stella Spicknall in 1961. She passed it to James and Cynthia Spicknall in 1971. It was sold to Robert G. Spicknall in 1975, and remains in his ownership, with the same acreage.

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 William and Alice Jackson House (preferred)

and/or common Spicknall House

2. Location:

street & number 11815 Old Gunpowder Road n/a not for publication

city, town Beltsville _X_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_X_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_X_building(s)	_X_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_X_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 Robert G. and Mary E. Spicknall

street & number 3226 Regents Row telephone no.:

city,town West Friendship state and zip code Maryland 21794

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County liber 7974

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 261

city,town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG:60-21 (PACS 3.5)

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

Resource Count: 2

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 west, or front elevation sits has a raised concrete foundation. There are two 8-light awning windows in the basement level. The first story entrance is centered on the main block. Brick steps lead up to the 8-light door, which has a door surround with pilasters supporting a dentil cornice. The fenestration pattern in symmetrical, with paired 6/6 windows flanking the door on the first elevation. There are two 8-light casement windows on the southwest corner of the side addition. The two gable dormers have 1/1 double-hung vinyl replacement windows.

north elevation consists of the gable-end of the main block, and the rear shed-roof portion .. the side addition. The basement level has one 8-light awning window. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with two 6/6 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has a centered 1/1 double-hung window. The rear wood deck leads to a door on the north side of the side addition.

The east, or rear elevation consists of the main block and side addition. There are two 8-light casement windows at the southeast corner of the side addition. The main block has three bays. The first bay has paired 6/6 double-hung windows. The second bay has a small 1/1 double-hung window. There is a single 6/6 double hung window in the third bay.

The south elevation of the main block is obscured on the first story by the side addition. There is a garage opening in the basement level which has been boarded. There are paired 8-light casement windows at the east and west corners of the side addition. The exterior-end brick chimney is located on the main block, and is now partially covered by the addition. There is a 1/1 double-hung window in the gable of the main block.

There is one outbuilding associated with this house. It is a garage with a front-gable roof covered in standing-seam metal. Constructed circa 1995, it is of concrete block construction with 6/6 double-hung windows and paired 12-light garage doors. The structure is located to the southeast of the house.

The property is located on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road, with residential property to the south and west, and cultivated fields to the north and east. The fields belong to a farm located to the east of the house. There is a split-rail fence at the edge of the property next to the road, and a paved driveway and parking area to the immediate south of the house. The property's setting is rural, and remains relatively unchanged from the historic setting.

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	__other (specify)	
		__invention			

Specific dates 1936 Builder/Architect

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 William and Alice Jackson House is located in a rural area to the northwest of Beltsville. Beltsville, named after the Belt family, is an area of Prince George's County on either side of Route 1 from Ammendale Road to the Capital Beltway. During the 1700s and early 1800s, the Snowden family possessed large estates which were located on both sides of what is now Route 1, and on land which is now the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. In the colonial era, tobacco farming occurred along Indian Creek, a tributary of the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. Later, farmers in the area produced grains and vegetables.

By 1795, a turnpike from Baltimore to Georgetown in the District of Columbia had been constructed through the county. Taverns were established along the turnpike (present day Route 1 and Old Baltimore Pike), including one operated by Jacob Van Horn in what is now Beltsville. The tavern, called Vansville, serviced turnpike travellers from the 1790s to 1817. In the 1830s, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad built tracks for the Washington Branch through the Belt family farm and established a station which was named Beltsville. The station, located along the turnpike, the east-west roads of Odell and Powder Mill, and the railroad, grew during the 1800s and became a village containing two churches, residences, stores, and businesses such as a blacksmith and a wheelwright shop.

During the late 1800s, Beltsville became part of the expanding Washington, D.C. suburbs, as development occurred along the railroad and streetcar lines north of the city. Federal workers could live in the suburbs and work downtown, and many new communities were established from the District line to Beltsville. The suburban development continued after the introduction of the automobile. The state improved the roads, and Route 1 became the major north/south route along the east coast. Although the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was established in 1910

8. Significance (Continued)

and employment in the area increased, Beltsville was relatively far from Washington, and the more southern suburbs experienced greater growth. It was not until after the Second World War that intensive development came to the Beltsville area. The increase in Federal employment and the dramatic rise in personal automobile use led to the suburbanization of Beltsville. The area west of Route 1 was developed as a residential area, and the development increased in the 1960s as Interstate 95 made the area more accessible. Today, most of the farms are gone and Beltsville has become a densely populated suburb of the Nation's Capital.

The William and Alice Jackson House is an example of a vernacular side-gable cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1936, the William and Alice Jackson House 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. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of a common architectural type that has been altered with the addition of vinyl siding a side addition, and a rear deck. 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
_____
_____
_____
_____
Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____
Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.PG:60-21 (PACS 3.5)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Beltsville, 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

name/title	Susan L. Taylor	
organization	P.A.C. Spero & Company	date May 1998
street & number	40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412	telephone (410) 296-1635
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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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
(410) 514-7600

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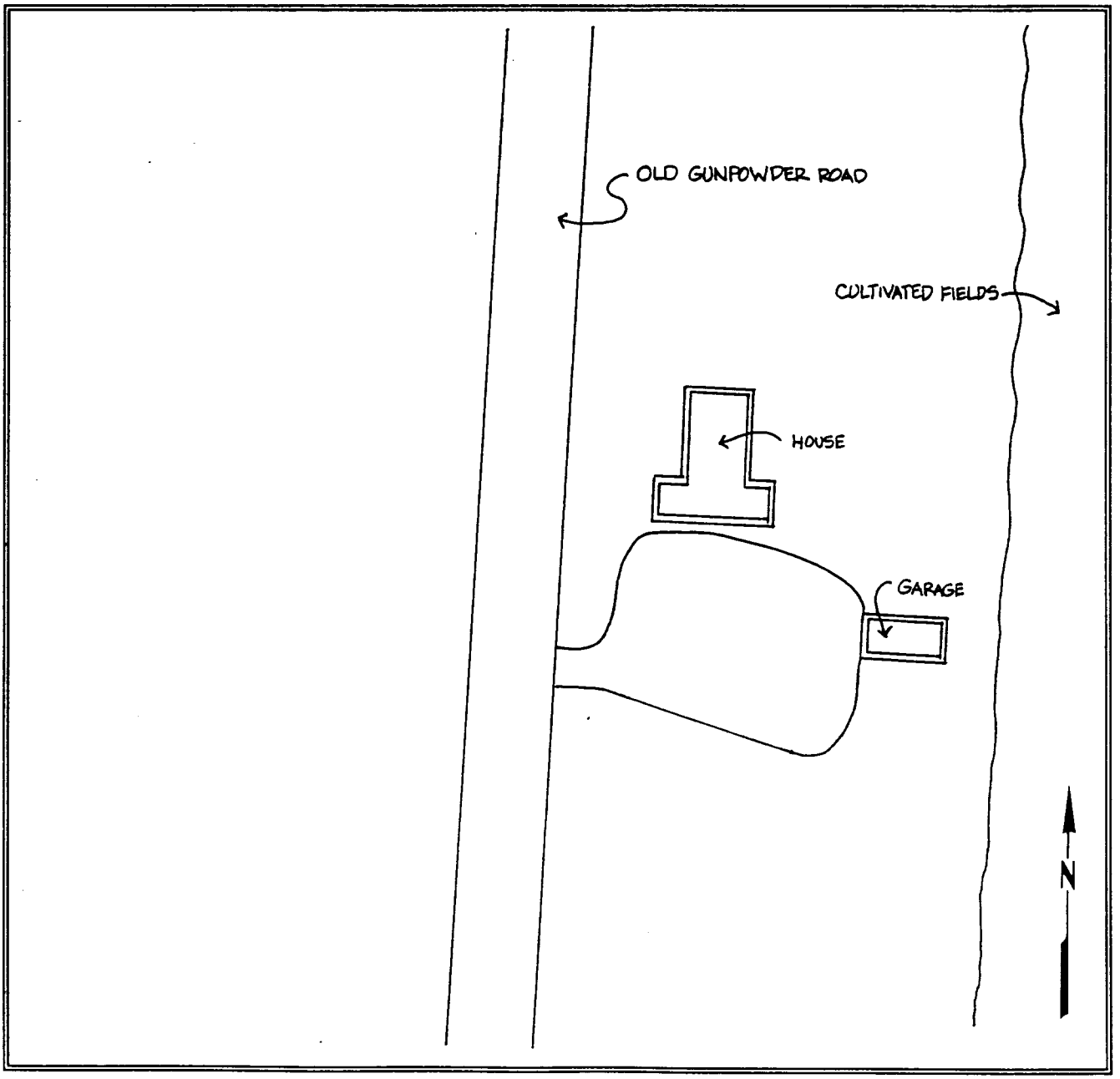
10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: William and Alice Jackson House
SURVEY NO.: PG:60-21 (PACS 3.5)
ADDRESS: 11815 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville Vicinity, Prince George's County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Buildings

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

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

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May 1998

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
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Account Identifier: **District -** 01 **Account Number -** 0066050

Owner Information

Owner Name:	SPICKNALL,ROBERT G & MARY E	**Use:**	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	3226 REGENTS ROW WEST FRIENDSHIP MD 21794-9204	**Deed Reference:**	1) / 7974/ 261 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
11815 OLD GUNPOWDER RD BELTSVILLE 20705	RR	GUN POWDER RD

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
12	F2	23						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas **Town** **Ad Valorem** **Tax Class** 08

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1936	1,481 SF	21,800.00 SF	002

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1 1/2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	56,780	51,780		
Improvements:	88,370	118,650		
Total:	145,150	170,430	162,002	170,430
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	SPICKNALL,ROBERT G	**Date:**	06/12/1991	**Price:**	$0
Type:	NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	/ 7974/ 261	**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**	04/03/1975	**Price:**	$40,000
Type:	UNKNOWN	**Deed1:**	/ 4472/ 584	**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**		**Price:**	
Type:		**Deed1:**		**Deed2:**	

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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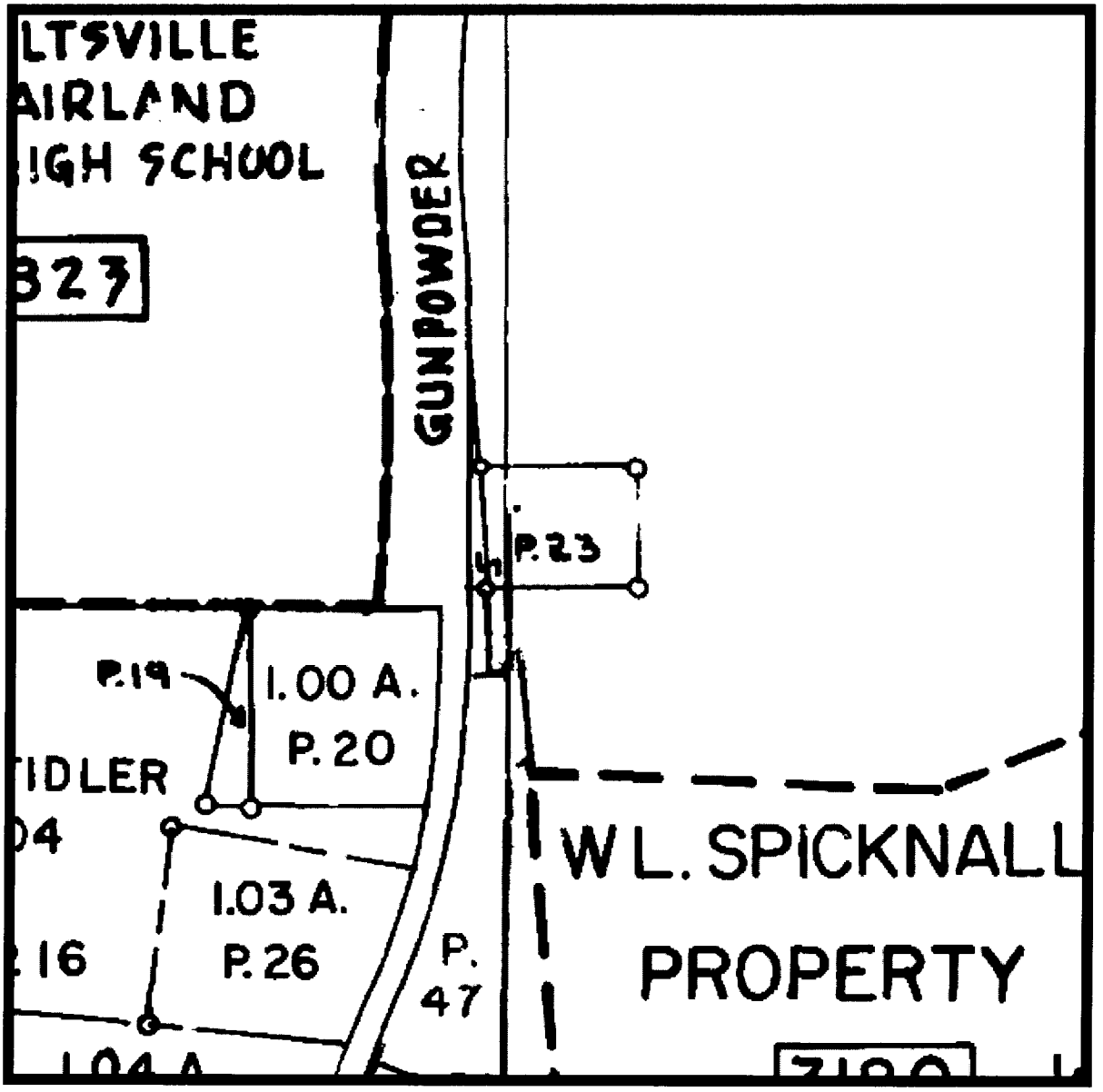

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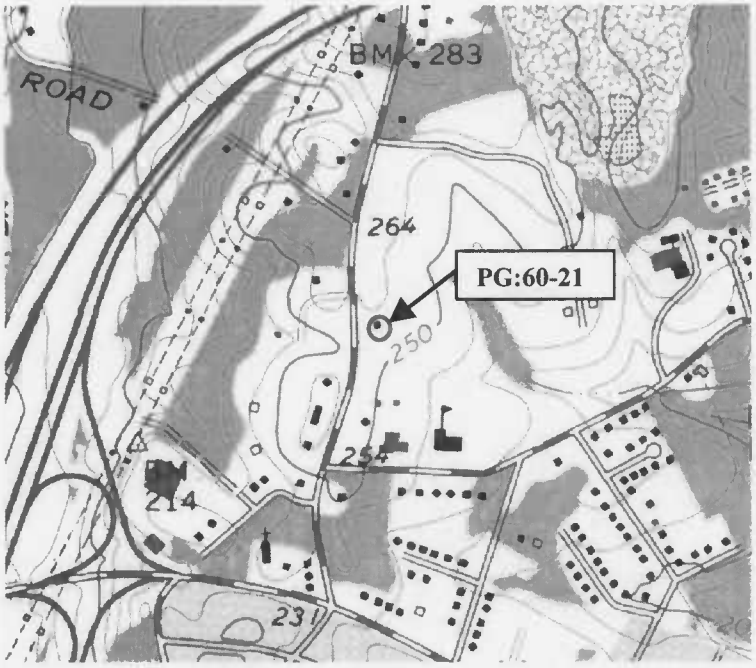
William & Alice Jackson House
11815 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville
Beltsville Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

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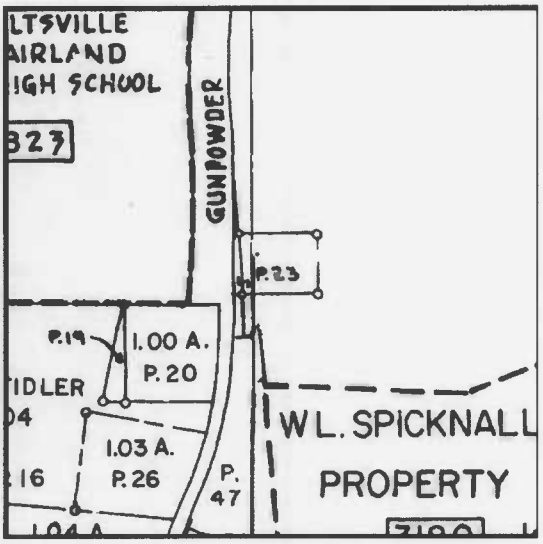

Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief
Town/County Beltsville Vic./Prince George's
Quad Beltsville, MD
Survey No. PG:60-21 (PACS 3.5)
Property Name William and Alice Jackson House
Deer Park
Galway Park
Recreation Area
Gravel Pits
Calverton
Calverton Sch
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
PLANT RESEARCH FARM
Beltsville North Park
Water Tank
Beltsville Sch
Home Acres
High Point High Sch
Gravel Pit
Beltsville Jr High Sch
St Josephs Sch
Powder Mill Estates
Chestnut Hill Sch
Drive-in Theater
Chestnut Hills
Paint Branch Park
Water Tank
U S DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PLANT INDUSTRY STATION
Sewage Disposal
Knollwood
Whitehouse
Trailer Park
Cherry Hill
White Oak Manor
Edgewood
Little Paint Branch Park
Indian Branch
Little Paint Branch
Branch
BELTSVILLE ROAD
FAIRLAND ROAD
MUSGROVE RD
CALVERTON BLVD
FALLSTON AVE
FULLERTON STREET
STONEHAM DRIVE
DUNNINGTON ROAD
GREENMOUNT AVE
BELLEVUE ST
FLINT ROCK DR
MONTGOMERY
SELLMAN ROAD
CHERRY HILL
POWDER MILL
CAPITAL BELTWAY
INTERCHANGE 26
INTERCHANGE 27
NIAGARA RD
SUNNYSIDE AVENUE
BALTIMORE
PRINCE GEORGES AVENUE
ODELL RD
Echo
Hense
Cem
Orchard ROAD
Little Branch

11815

1 [illegible]

2 William [illegible] Jones House

3. Prince George Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MD SHPO

7 W elevation

8 1 of 10

11815

1. PG:60 [illegible]

2 William [illegible] Alice Jackson [illegible]

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 NW corner

8 2 of [illegible]

1 PG:60 21

2 William & Alice Jackson House

3 Prince Georges Co Md

4 Susan Sa[illegible]

5 5 28

6 Md SHPO

7 [illegible]

8 3 [illegible]

1 PG 66-21

2 Willis [illegible] Jackson House

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/95

6 Md SHPO

7 Md Courier

8 4 of 10

1 PG 60-21

2 [illegible]

3 Prince George Co. Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md St#10

7 E elevation

8 S [illegible]

1 PG:60-21

2 William H. Hice Jackson House

3 Prince George's Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/91

6 Md SHPO

7 House SE elevation

8 6 of 10

1 PG:60-21

2 William + Alice Jackson House

3 Prince Georges Co. Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 [illegible]

8 7 . 10

1 PG:60-21

2 William + Alice Jackson House

3 Prince George's Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 MdSHPO

7 House - SW elevation

8 8 of 10

1 PG 60-21

2 William & Alice Jackson House

3 Prince George's Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/96

6 Md SHPO

7 Garage, NE elevation

8 9 of 10

1 PG-60-21

2 William + Ann Jackson House

3 Prince George's Co., Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 Garage, S-W elevation

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