

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 7525 Bennsville Rd, Bennsville Survey Number: CH-395A

Project: Cross County Connector Agency: F/COE

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

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This abandoned one-story frame dwelling (c.1930) measures three bays wide, rests on concrete foundation and is covered by a shallow gable roof. An one bay side addition and rear block extend this small building. An interior chimney projects from the roof. The windows appear to be six over one, punctuating the asbestos shingles. Little historical information was discovered. Its modest design is not architecturally significant.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MD Inventory form

Prepared by: Steve Moffson, Dames & Moore

Lauren Bowlin 12/18/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter [Signature] 12/26/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CH-395A

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic n/a

and/or common n/a

2. Location

street & number 7525 Bensville Road (on same property as occupied house with this number) not for publication

city, town Bensville vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input 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 Timothy L. and Dawn R. Kral

street & number 7525 Bensville Road telephone no.:

city, town Waldorf state and zip code Maryland 20603

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse liber

street & number Charles Street (P.O. Box B) folio

city, town La Plata state MD 20646

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CH-395A

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

7525 Bensville Road is a ca. 1930, one-story, three-bay, frame dwelling, with a one-bay side addition and rear, shed-roofed addition. The single-cell dwelling features an interior brick chimney, side-gable roof, and open cornice. The house is sided in asbestos shingle. A frame privy with a collapsed roof is located southeast of the main house. This house is pictured in Roll No. 1 (Frame 241).

This exhibit (architectural survey) was conducted as part of the 1981 archaeological survey of proposed alternatives for the Cross County Connector. The architectural survey examined properties that would be impacted by two proposed alternatives that would intersect Bensville Road between Elsa Drive and Billingsley Road. Twenty-four properties were evaluated. Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms were completed for six dwellings that were determined to be at least fifty years of age. The remaining eighteen properties were determined not to be historically significant. Each property was photographed and identified on a project area map.

8. Significance

Survey No. CH-395A

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

7525 Bensville Road is an example of a small, one-cell domestic building type that is common in Charles County. This house is not architecturally significant because this vernacular building tyoe is well represented by other examples that retain higher levels of historic integrity. Historical research on this property and the surrounding area did not reveal any association with historically significant persons or events.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CH-395A

"Map of Charles Co. Showing the Topography & Election Districts", MD Geological Survey, 1914 and 2939
Port Tobacco (Maryland) Quadrangle, U.S. Geological Survey, 1956

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 3Quadrangle name Port TobaccoQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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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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**Continuation Sheet
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Unoccupied House on Property of 7525 Bensville Road
Charles County, Maryland
CH-395A**

Historic Context

The survey area lies in North Central Charles County along Route 228, also known as Bensville-Berryville Road. The survey area extends from the intersection of Elsa Road for about one half mile to the south, also including several houses on Bic-Pic Place, a side road several hundred feet in length. Structures in the survey area were constructed between approximately 1900 and the present; the majority of the properties were built after 1950.

Route 228 runs in a north-south direction following the high ground to the west of Port Tobacco Creek. The high ground is a natural transportation route leading north from the Colonial town of Port Tobacco to the Waldorf area and beyond. The road is at least 130-years old, as it appears on Martenet's 1866 map of Charles County. On that map, a school is shown in the approximate vicinity of the project area. This Civil War-era school is the earliest known property in the area, predating the earliest extant structure in the project area by at least 50 years. The earliest extant structure is an approximately 1900-vintage farm house and barn complex (7525 Bensville-Berryville Road) several hundred yards to the north of the presumed site of the former school house. Three 1930s houses, two of which are immediately to the north and south of 7525, are the next oldest structures in the area. Since all three of the 1930s structures appear to have been moved from other locations rather than constructed in place, it is uncertain whether there were any houses in the immediate area until 1940, the approximate date of the houses at 3545 Bic-Pic Place and 7520 Bensville Road. The remaining houses in the project area date from after 1950. The area does not correspond to a named community at present, nor is there any evidence that it did in the past. There are no churches shown in the vicinity in 1866, indicating sparse settlement.

The project area does not qualify as an historic district. Historically, the area was a country road through farmland with a school and a single farm house located at the roadside. The 1866 Martenet's map shows that a blacksmith shop was located about a mile south of the project area. The schoolhouse and blacksmith shop were contemporaneous and appear on historic maps from the late nineteenth century. The farmhouse was a later addition around the turn of the century. The date that the school house and blacksmith shop were abandoned is not known; they are no longer extant. Today, the community consists primarily of houses that were built in or moved to the area from the 1930s onward. The majority of the present houses are less than fifty years old.

Continuation Sheet

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Unoccupied House on Property of 7525 Bensville Road

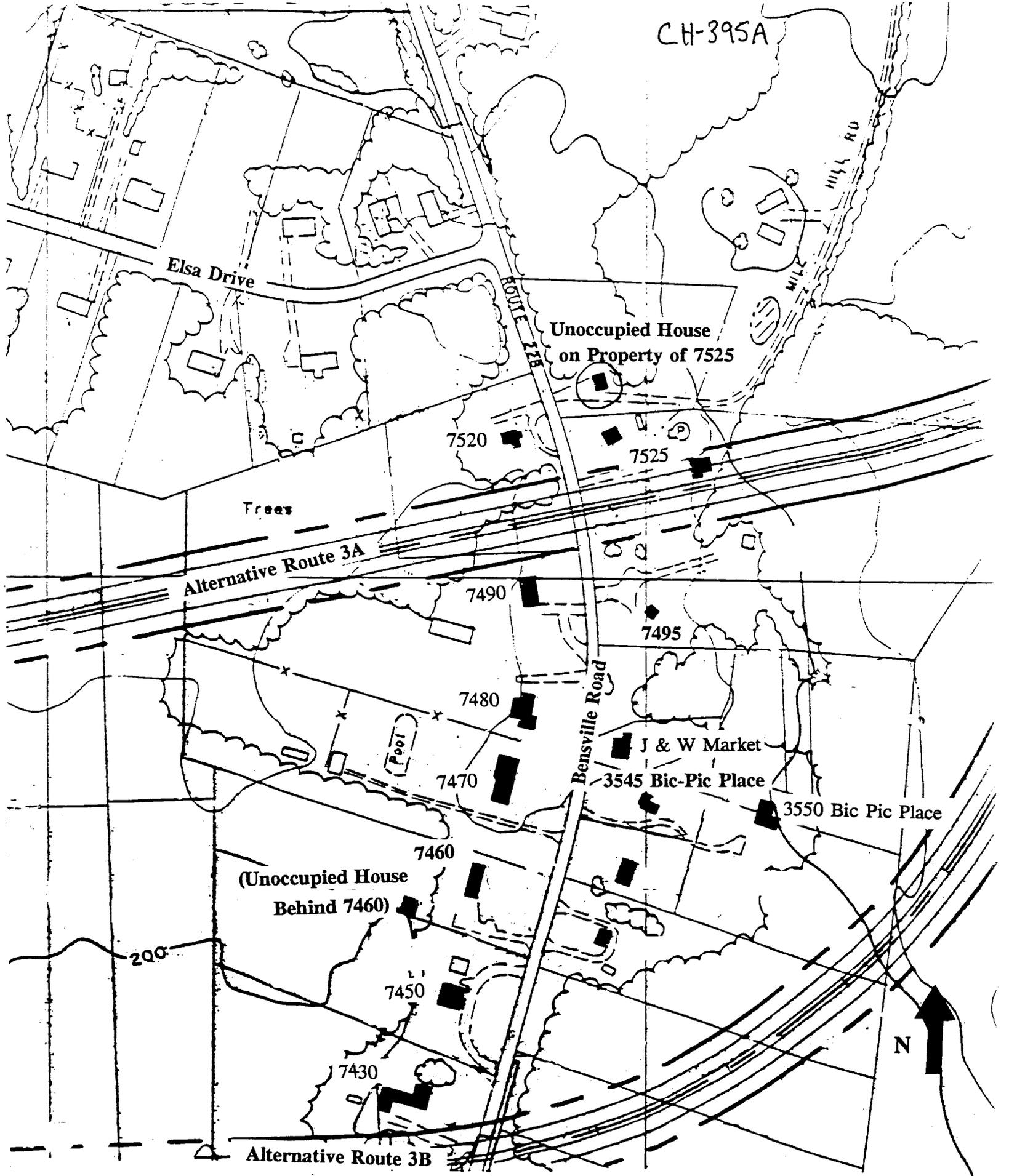
Charles County, Maryland

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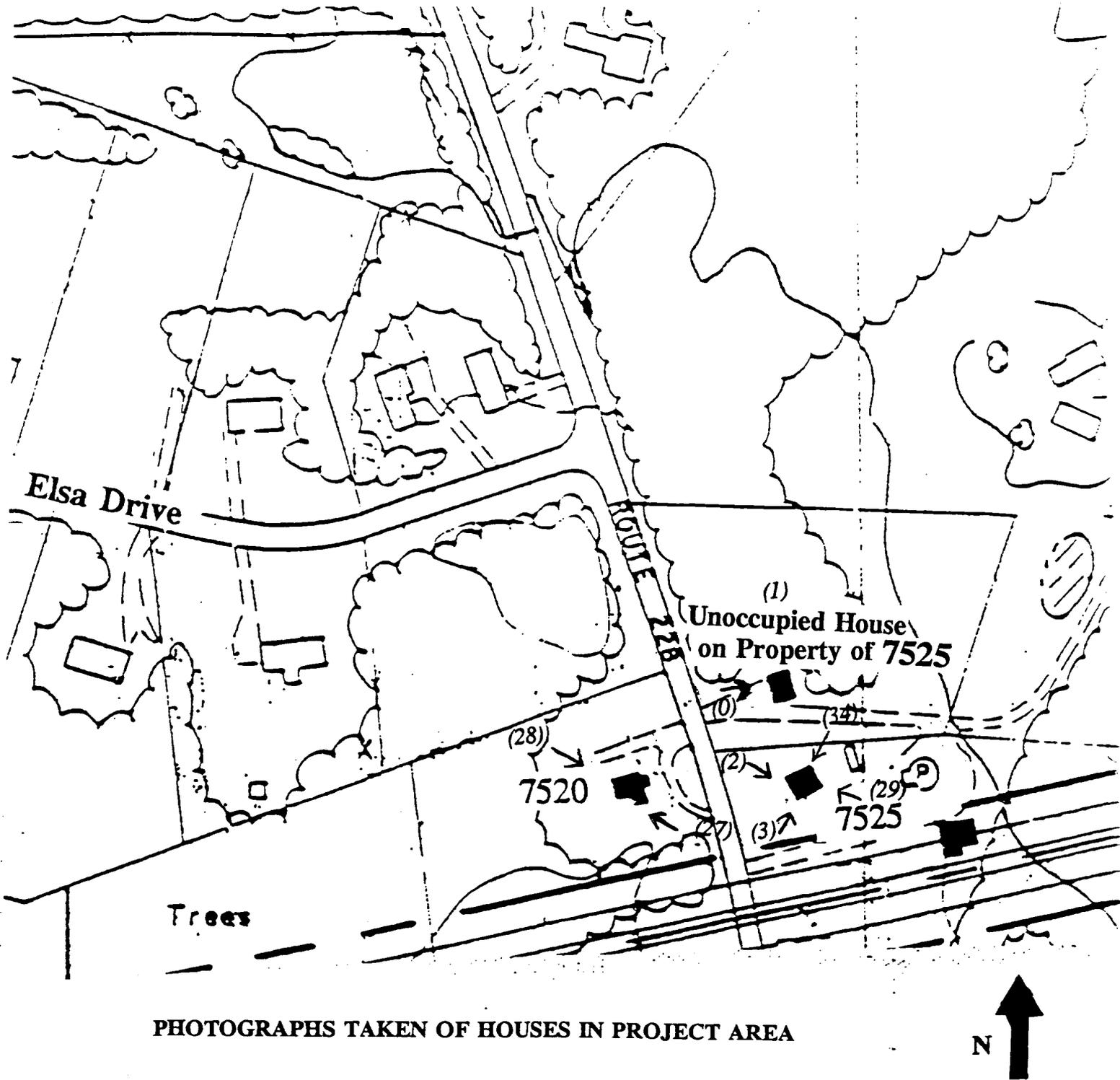
Preservation Planning Data:

- a. Geographic Organization: Western Shore
- b. Chronological/Development Periods: Modern Period, A. D. 1930-present
- c. Historic Period Theme: Architecture
- d. Resource Type: Single Dwelling

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**AREA OF IMPACT, ALTERNATIVE ROUTES 3A AND 3B,
CHARLES COUNTY CROSS COUNTY CONNECTOR**



PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF HOUSES IN PROJECT AREA



(*) numbers in parenthesis correspond to photographic negative numbers and indicate the direction of the photo.

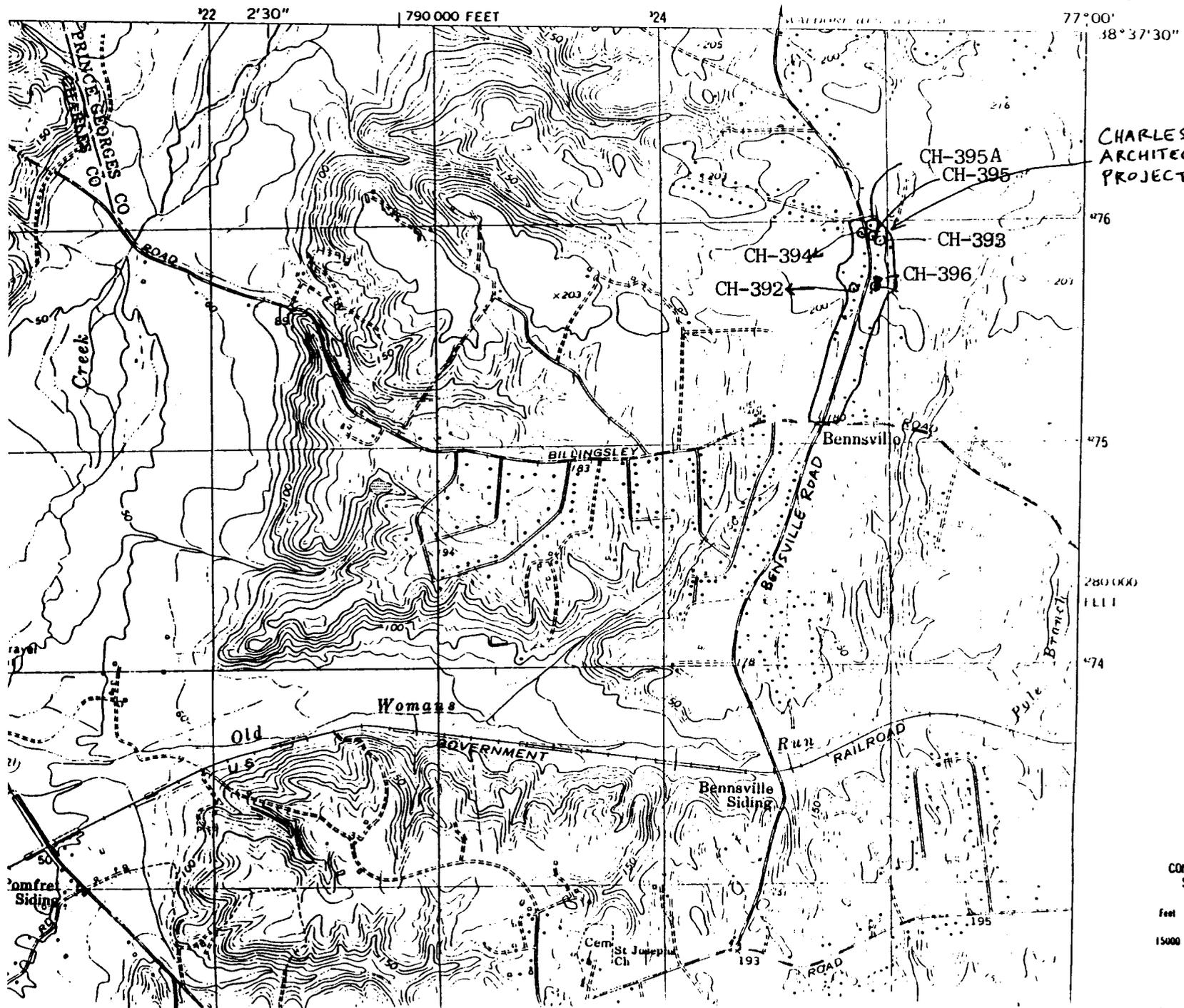
PORT TOBACCO QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIAL (TOPOGRAPHIC - BATHYMETRIC)

SE 1/4 INDIAN HEAD 15' QUADRANGLE

3661 III NW
(PISCATAWAY)



CHARLES COUNTY CONNECTOR
ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY
PROJECT AREA

CONVERSION
SCALES

Feet	Meters
15000	4500

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