

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-414 (PACS A20) Construction Date: circa 1870

Name: Mary E. Bowling Farm

Location: 14982 Burnt Store Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture and Residential/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description: The Mary E. Bowling Farm is a circa 1870 farm complex on the north side of Burnt Store Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The residence, a 2½-story, 5-bay I-house with Folk Victorian detailing, has a side-gable roof with a center gable on the front elevation. The structure has a center hall plan, with two, 2-story rear wings, a 2-story shed-roof rear addition, and a 1½-story rear addition. The building has wood clapboard siding, a brick foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. There are eight outbuildings located on the property, including four barns.

Significance: The Mary E. Bowling Farm includes approximately 44.1 hectares (109 acres). The land was inherited by Mary E. Bowling upon the death of her father, James Morton. The extant residence was constructed circa 1870 by Mary E. Bowling. Mrs. Bowling sold the house and its associated 40.47 hectares (100 acres) in 1905 to her son, James Bowling. James Bowling is the grandfather of one of the current owners, George M. Bowling. The parcel associated with the premises increased to 46.54 hectares (115 acres) in 1943. The residence is an altered example of a popular nineteenth century building type. The structure has numerous additions and unsympathetic replacement materials. In addition, the agricultural outbuildings date to the mid- to late-twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Mary E. Bowling Farm

and/or common George Bowling Jr. Farm

2. Location:

street & number 14982 Burnt Store Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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"/> education	<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 checked="" 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"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name George M. and Dorothy M. Bowling Jr.

street & number P.O. Box 159 telephone no.: (301) 932-1480

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-0159

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 2178

street & number Charles Street folio 425

city, town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

ty, town state

7. Description

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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 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			

Resource Count: 9

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

The Mary E. Bowling Farm is a farm complex on the north side of Burnt Store Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The residence, a 2½-story, 5-bay I-house with Folk Victorian detailing, has a side-gable roof with a center gable on the front elevation. The structure has a center hall plan, with two, 2-story rear wings, a 2-story shed-roof rear addition, and a 1½-story rear addition. The building has wood clapboard siding, a brick foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. Most of the windows in the structure are 1/1 double-hung, vinyl replacement windows and the structure has three interior brick chimneys; one in the main block, one in a rear wing, and one in the 1½-story rear addition.

The front, or south elevation has a full-width, front porch which wraps around the structure to the east elevation. The porch has a metal, shed roof and modern wood decking. It has modern aluminum columns and one decorative bracket is located at the west end of the elevation. The first story has a central, wood-paneled door with a 3-light transom and two, 2-light side-lights. The first and second bays on the first story are 2/4, full-height, double-hung, wood-frame windows. The windows in the fourth and fifth bays are 1/1 vinyl, replacement windows. The second story has five, 1/1 vinyl, replacement windows, while a pair of 1/1 wood windows with a 2-light transom are located in the center gable.

The west elevation includes the main block, the west, rear wing, the 2-story, shed-roof rear addition, and the 1½-story rear addition. The main block has two, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl windows on both the first and second stories. In addition, two, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl windows are located on both the first and second stories of the west, rear wing. The 2-story shed-roof addition has no fenestration on the first story. The second story has a doorway which has been enclosed with wood siding and a modern octagonal, fixed-light window. The 1½-story addition has a small, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl window and one window opening which has been enclosed with siding on the first story. One 3/3 double-hung, wood window is located on the second story.

The north, or rear elevation includes the west, rear wing, the east, rear wing, the 2-story rear addition, and the 1½-story rear addition. The west wing has no fenestration on the first story and one, 2/2 double-hung, wood window on the second story. The east wing has no fenestration. The 2-story addition has one, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl window on the first story and no fenestration on the second story. The 1½-story addition has paired, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl windows on the first story and one, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl window on the second story. A 1-story enclosed entry projects to the west from this addition. It has a metal, gable roof, asbestos siding and a wood-paneled door.

The east elevation includes the main block, the east rear wing, and the 1½-story rear addition. The main block has one, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl window on both the first and second stories. In addition, the first story is covered by the 1-story porch which wraps-around from the front elevation. The east, rear wing has a 1-story, front-gable projection with three, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl windows. The second story of the wing has three, 1/1 double-hung, vinyl windows. The 1½-story rear addition has a 1-story shed-roof porch which projects to the east.

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It has a metal roof, modern, wood decking and a modern, wood-lattice railing. In addition, the addition has two, 1/1 double-hung,, vinyl windows and a door on the first story. One, 3/3 double-hung, wood windows are located on the second story and two window openings have been enclosed with siding.

During the survey of the property, interior access was not available.

The Bowling Farm includes eight associated outbuildings. The first outbuilding is a modern pre-fabricated shed with a gambrel roof. It is located northeast of the house. The second outbuilding is a 1-story garage located northeast of the house and east of the modern shed. It has a front-gable, metal roof and vertical wood siding. Hinged, wood double-doors are located on the south elevation.

The third outbuilding is a small, 1½-story barn with a 1-story, shed roof extension to the north. It has a metal, gable roof and vertical wood siding. Located east of the house, and southeast of the garage, the structure is severely deteriorated. The fourth outbuilding is a modern wood playhouse. It is located east of the house, southwest of the small barn and south of the garage.

The fifth outbuilding is a barn with a front-gable, metal roof. This 2½-story structure is supported by concrete piers and has vertical wood siding. Two pairs of hinged, double-doors are located on both the north and south elevations. A 1-story, concrete block addition extends from the east elevation of the barn. The addition has a metal roof and a concrete block chimney. The barn is located southeast of the house, the small barn, and the garage.

The sixth outbuilding is a third barn. Like the first barn, it is supported by concrete piers and has vertical wood siding. Two pairs of hinged, double-doors are located on both the north and south elevations. The structure is located southeast of the house and the first barn.

The seventh outbuilding is a fourth barn with a metal, gambrel roof and vertical wood siding. It is supported by concrete piers and sliding wood doors are located on the south elevation. A 1-story addition with a brick chimney, covered with metal sheets, projects from the east elevation. The barn is located southeast of the house, east of the first barn, and northeast of the second barn. According to the property owner, all of the barns were constructed circa 1950.

The eighth outbuilding is a modern, pre-fabricated shed with a gambrel roof. It is located at the southwest corner of the third barn.

The Bowling Farm includes approximately 44.1 hectares (109 acres) of farmland. A long driveway extends from Burnt Store Road to the buildings, and pastures border the road. Four concrete entry posts with decorative, recessed panels are located at the west edge of the driveway, marking the location of a previous driveway which extended in front of the house.

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as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known as "a station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The residence on the Bowling Farm is an example of a 5-bay I-house. The standard I-house is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are most often located on the interior of the gable ends, however, some I-houses can have central, interior end or exterior end chimneys. Usually, an I-house has a 1-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a 2-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Swans 1992, 55-6).

Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Barn construction followed ethnic traditions. Dutch barns were nearly square and covered with a highly pitched roof. They employed a three-bay design with a large door at the center and smaller doors at the eaves which allowed access for the livestock. Hay was stored in a loft area above the animals. The English barn also contained three bays but with a long horizontal face and a low pitched gable roof. Where Dutch and English settlement coincided, a barn which combined construction styles developed (Arthur and Witney 1988, 36-83).

Foundation walls were frequently of fieldstone masonry construction which was also used most frequently for gable end walls before the mid-nineteenth century, when increasing supplies and reduced cost of pre-cut lumber led to the adoption of wood. Vertical sheathing was often used for front and rear facades from an early date. Roofs were covered with shingle, slate, or metal.

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On late eighteenth and early nineteenth century barns, a series of tall vertical vents, or embrasures, punctuated the walls, providing ventilation and illumination of the barn's interior. The wood walls of later barns featured louvers and windows for the same purpose.

National Register Evaluation:

The Maryland Historical Trust determined on August 29, 1997 that the Mary E. Bowling Farm 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. The integrity of the house has been compromised by replacement materials and unsympathetic additions and the barns post-date the construction of the house, therefore the property is not eligible under Criterion C. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 5/26/98

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 5/26/98

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-414 (PACS A20)

See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Hughesville, 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
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state	code	county	code
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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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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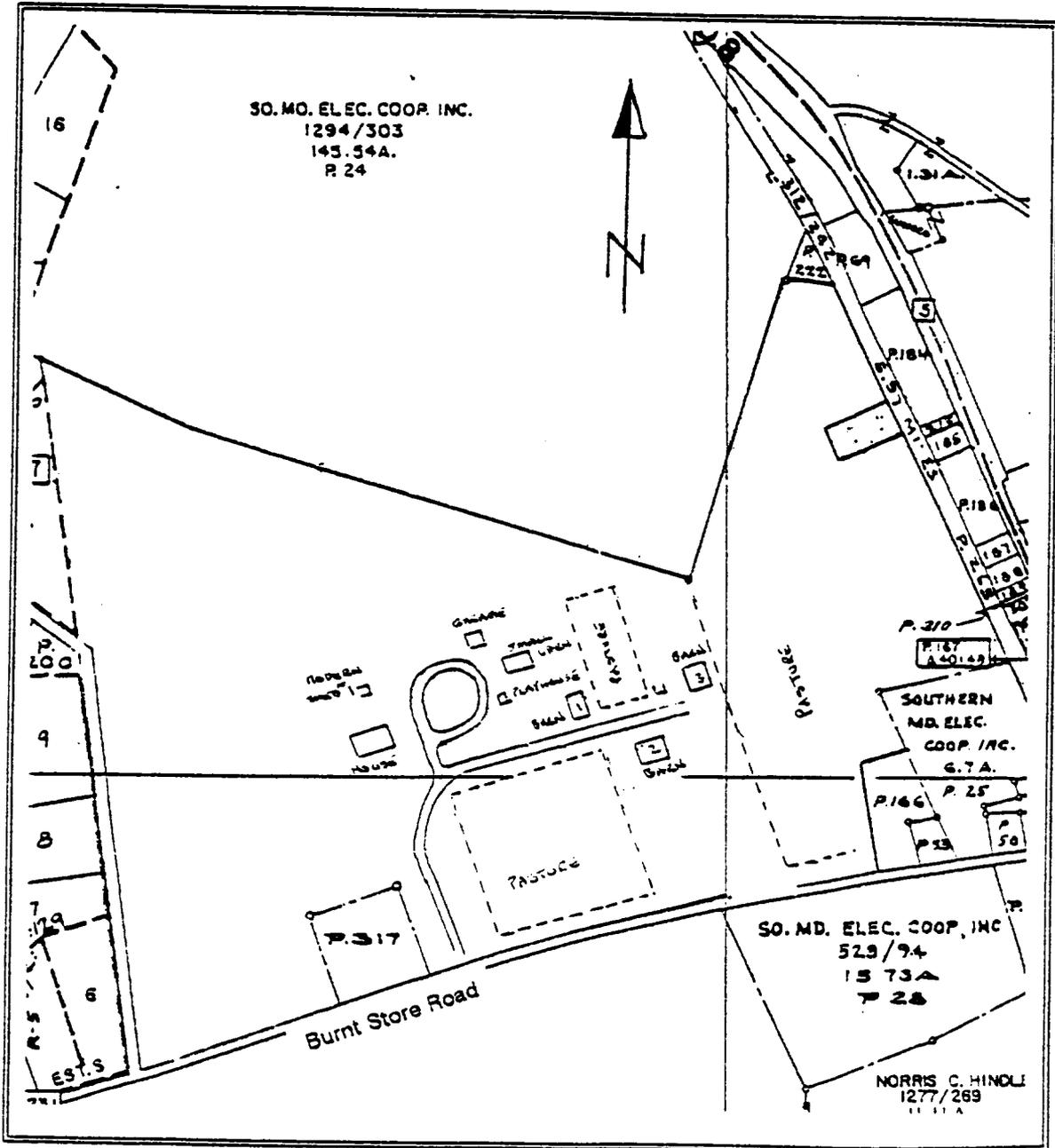
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture/Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agriculture/Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

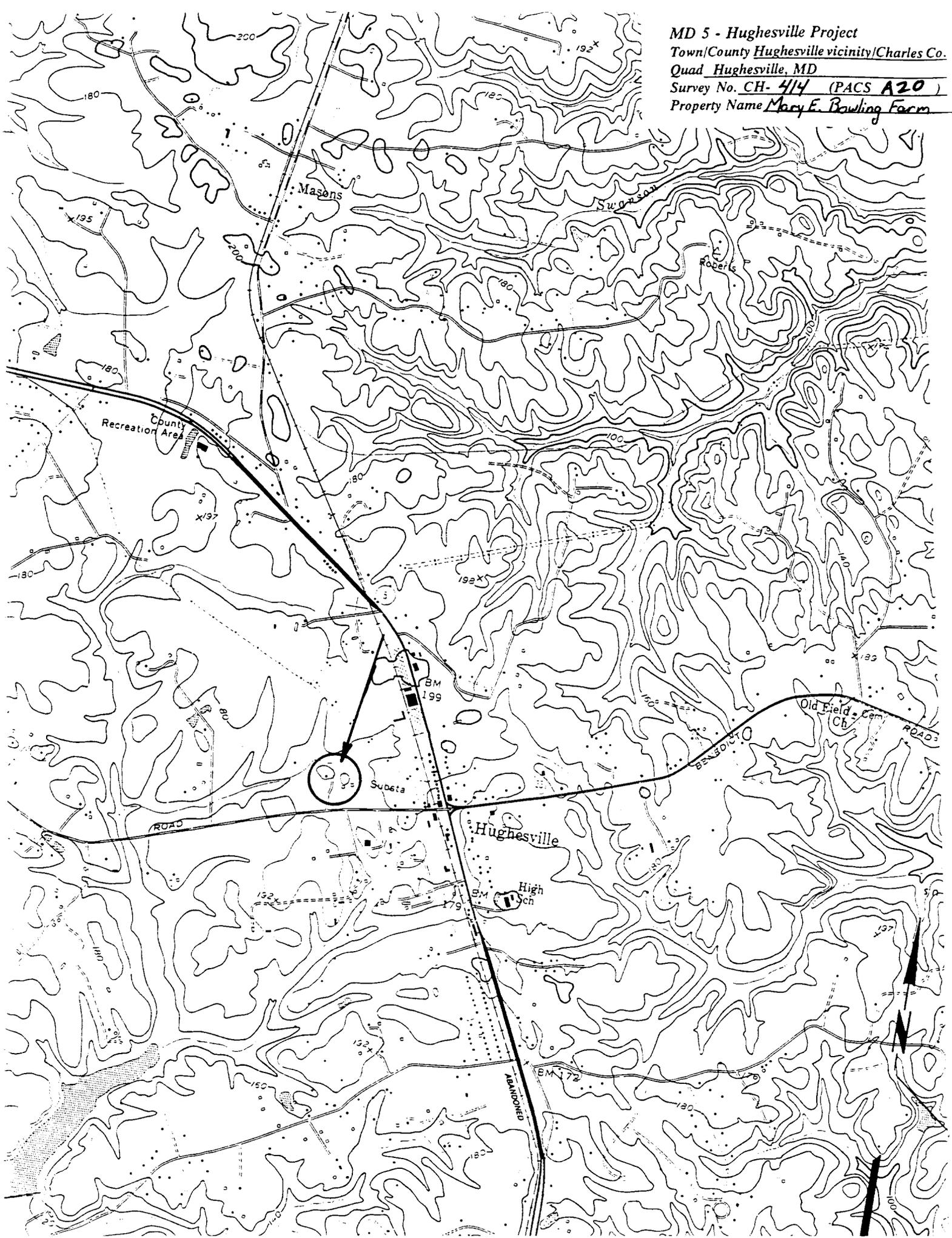
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