CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-427 (PACS A43) **Construction Date:** 1937

Name: Johnson Property

Location: 5826 Gallant Green Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence and Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Johnson Property, constructed in 1937, is a 1-story, 4-bay side-gable cottage on the east side of Gallant Green Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. The building has a 3-bay wide screened porch on the front elevation and an addition at the rear. The structure has a side-gable roof with asphalt shingles on the west roof plane, and standing seam metal on the east elevation. The cottage has an interior brick chimney. The rear addition has an asphalt shingle roof with an exterior concrete block chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood. There is a tavern, built in 1937, associated with the cottage. The tavern has a standing seam metal, dual-pitch, front-gable roof, with an intersecting gable on the north. The tavern is of wood-frame construction with asphalt shingle siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The tavern has additions on the south and north, and there are several different window types, including double-hung, fixed, and hopper.

Significance:

Constructed in 1937, the Johnson Property, consisting of a cottage, tavern, and outbuildings are undistinctive examples of a common architectural type. The cottage and tavern have been significantly altered, which has resulted in a change in the form and massing of the original design. The Johnson Property is located on a 0.6 hectare (1.5 acre) parcel of land on the east side of Gallant Green Road. According to the owner, the cottage and the tavern were constructed in 1937 by the owner and her husband.

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Johnson Property

and/or common Johnson/ Curtis Property

2. Location:

street & number 5826 Gallant Green Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

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	_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 Mary S. Johnson and George A. Curtis

street & number 5826 Gallant Green Road telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-3027

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 2144

street & number Charles Street folio 579

city,town La Plata state MD

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: 7

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

The Johnson Property, constructed in 1937, is a 1-story, 4-bay side-gable cottage on the east side of Gallant Green Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. The building has a 3-bay wide screened porch on the front elevation and an addition at the rear.

The structure has a side-gable roof with asphalt shingles on the west roof plane, and standing seam metal on the east elevation. The cottage has an interior brick chimney. The rear addition has an asphalt shingle roof with an exterior concrete block chimney. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood, unless noted otherwise.

The west, or front elevation is concealed on the first three bays by the screened porch, which has an asphalt shingle shed-roof supported by wood posts. The fenestration pattern of the cottage is irregular, with an off-center wood door, three 2/2 double-hung wood windows, and a picture window with flanking 1/1 double-hung windows.

The north and south elevations are similar. Both have one 2/2 double-hung window. On the east, or rear elevation, a rear addition conceals the second, third, and fourth bays. The southern part of the addition has a gable roof that intersects with the original cottage roof. The northern part of the addition has an extension of the original roof. There is a wood door on the south elevation of the addition and two windows. The east elevation has a 6/6 double-hung window and a 2/2 double-hung window.

The interior of the cottage has two rooms in the original structure, and a bedroom and kitchen in the addition.

There are six buildings associated with this property. The first building is a tavern, built in 1937. The tavern has a standing seam metal, dual-pitch, front-gable roof, with an intersecting gable on the north. The tavern is of wood-frame construction with asphalt shingle siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The tavern has additions on the south and north, and there are several different window types, including double-hung, fixed, and hopper. The tavern, which has a large asphalt parking area to the west, is located approximately 9 meters (30 feet) south of the cottage.

The second associated building is a garage with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1940, the garage is of wood-frame construction and is located immediately north of the cottage.

The third associated building is a small storage building with a standing seam metal, shed-roof. Constructed circa 1940, the building is of wood-frame construction with asphalt shingle siding, and it is located between the cottage and tavern.

The fourth outbuilding is a garage with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1940, the garage is of wood-frame construction with wood siding. It is located near the tavern, south of the cottage, tavern, and storage building.

7. Description (Continued)

The fifth associated building is a storage shed with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1950, the storage shed is of wood-frame construction with adhesive applied veneer brick, and it has a shed-roof addition to the west. The storage shed is located south of the cottage, tavern, storage building, and garage.

The sixth associated building is a shed with a standing seam metal, shed-roof. Constructed circa 1960, the shed is of wood-frame construction with adhesive applied veneer brick and it is located south of the cottage and other buildings.

The property is located on the east side of Gallant Green Road, on a triangular lot between the road and railroad tracks. There are woods to the south of the property. The property's setting is a rural area.

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	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
x_1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other (specify)

Specific dates 1937 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.

Constructed in 1937, the Johnson Property, consisting of a cottage, tavern, and outbuildings are undistinctive examples of a common architectural type. The cottage and tavern have been significantly altered, which has resulted in a change in the form and massing of the original design. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures. The Johnson Property is located on a 0.6 hectare (1.5 acre) parcel of land on the east side of Gallant Green Road. According to the owner, the cottage and the tavern were constructed in 1937 by the owner and her husband.

The Johnson Property is located in Charles County, Maryland. The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary, and Charles County was founded in 1658. This area was originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2)

8. Significance (Continued)

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 Johnson Property is a vernacular 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 (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, xiii-xv). The Johnson Property is an example of a side-gable cottage that is a modest interpretation of larger cottage types.

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1937, the Johnson 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. 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 both the cottage and tavern are undistinctive examples of a common architectural type. The cottage and tavern have been significantly altered, which has resulted in a change in the form and massing of the original design. The cottage has been altered by the east addition, which has changed the original roof form. The tavern has been altered by additions on the north, south and east elevations. 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 ✓

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: 8/18/98

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: 8/20/98

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-427 (PACS A43)

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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall/Ryan McKay

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date January 1997/revised February 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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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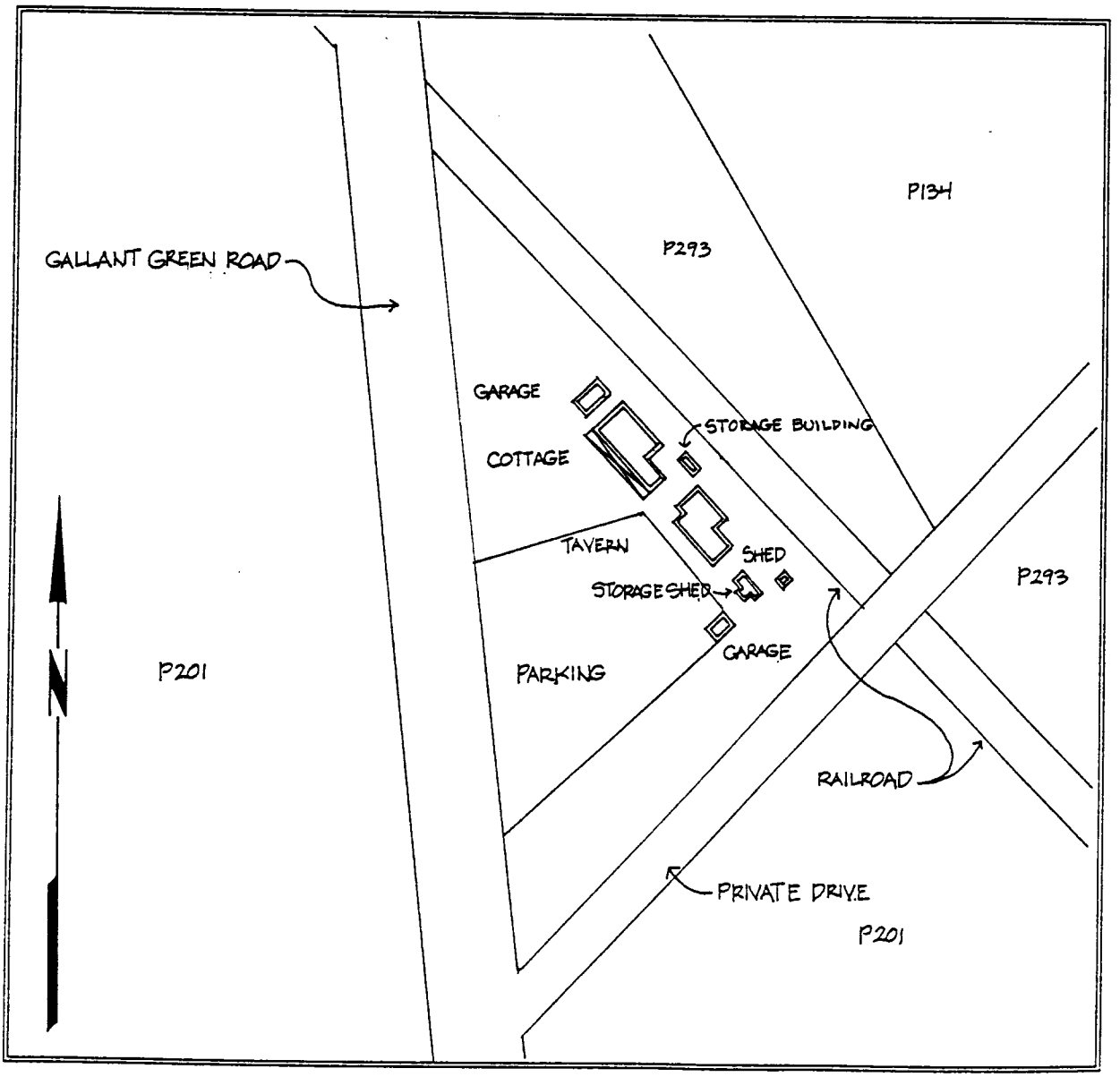

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Johnson Property
SURVEY NO.: CH-427 (PACS A43)
ADDRESS: 5826 Gallant Green Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles 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):

Building

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

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence, Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
Survey No. CH- 427 (PACS A 45)
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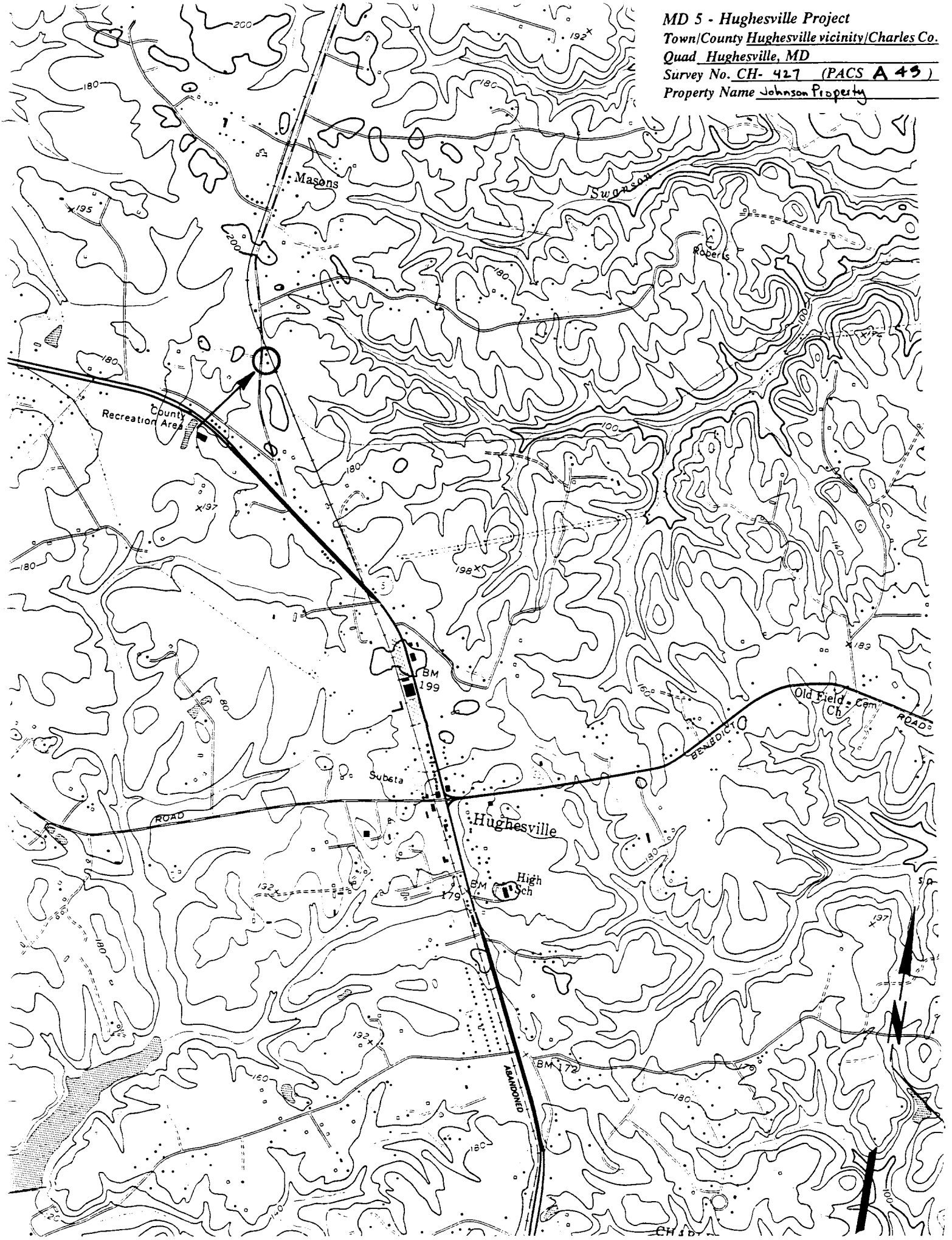

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2- Johnson Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Ryan McKay

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7- West elevation, cottage view E

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7- West elevation, Tavern, view E

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7 South elevation, cottage, view N.

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7 South + West elevation, cottage, view NE

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7 West Elevation, garage + cottage, view E
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7 North elevation, Tavern, view S

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7 Garage - Tavern, view E

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7 Storage Shed + Shed. Farm, view E

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7 Shed - Tavern, view E

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