CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-452 (PACS B17) **Construction Date:** circa 1930

Name: Jennings Hamilton Property

Location: 8600 Block of Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Jennings Hamilton Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable vernacular cottage on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1930, the building has a full-width, hipped-roof screened porch on the front elevation, and a 1-story hipped-roof addition on the rear elevation. The structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney and shed-roof dormers on the north and south elevations. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood.

Significance:

Constructed circa 1930, the Jennings Hamilton Property is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type that lacks some character-defining features of cottages such as a porch with machine produced ornament. In addition, the sheathing of the shed-roof dormers with siding materials, leaving no fenestration, has compromised the architectural integrity of the cottage by introducing architectural elements not found in the original design. The Jennings Hamilton Property is located on a 0.08 hectare (0.21 acre) parcel of land on the west side of Leonardtown Road. According to a descendant of the original owner of the property, the residence was constructed circa 1930, and contains 85.8 square meters (924 square feet) of living space.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Jennings Hamilton Property

2. Location:

street & number 8600 Block of Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville ___ 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	___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 Jennings Hamilton

street & number 6860 Vernick Place telephone no.:

city,town La Plata state and zip code MD 20646-4615

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 349

street & number Charles Street folio 208

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: 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 structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney and shed-roof dormers on the north and south elevations. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise.

The east, or front elevation has a full-width, hipped-roof screened porch supported by wood posts. The porch has a brick foundation. The elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with a wood door centered between two 2/2 double-hung windows. There is a pair of 1/1 double-hung windows in the gable end.

The north and south elevations are similar. The elevations have a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with 2/2 double-hung windows in both the first and third bays. The shed dormers are centered on the roof plane and have no fenestration. The south elevation has concrete steps leading to a wood basement door below grade.

The west, or rear elevation is concealed on the first story by the hipped-roof addition. The addition has a 4-light wood door and one 2/2 double-hung window. There is a pair of 2/2 double-hung windows in the gable end of the original section of the cottage.

No information regarding the interior of the cottage is available.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property, a garage with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the garage is of wood-frame construction with asphalt siding, and it is located north of the cottage.

The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road with residences to the north and south. The site is level to a point west of the cottage, where it slopes up to the west. The property's setting is in the crossroads community of Hughesville, along a road that is a major transportation route.

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 circa 1930 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 circa 1930, the Jennings Hamilton Property is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type that lacks some character-defining features of cottages such as a porch with machine produced ornament. In addition, the sheathing of the shed-roof dormers with siding materials, leaving no fenestration, has compromised the architectural integrity of the cottage by introducing architectural elements not found in the original design. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures. The Jennings Hamilton Property is located on a 0.08 hectare (0.21 acre) parcel of land on the west side of Leonardtown Road. According to a descendant of the original owner of the property, the residence was constructed circa 1930, and contains 85.8 square meters (924 square feet) of living space.

The Jennings Hamilton 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

8. Significance (Continued)

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) 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 Jennings Hamilton Property is a vernacular front-gable cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the 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 circa 1930, the Jennings Hamilton 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 it is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type that lacks some character-defining features of cottages such as a porch with machine produced ornament. In addition, the sheathing of the shed-roof dormers with siding materials, leaving no fenestration, has compromised the architectural integrity of the cottage by introducing architectural elements not found in the original design. 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: 5/15/98

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: 5/21/98

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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

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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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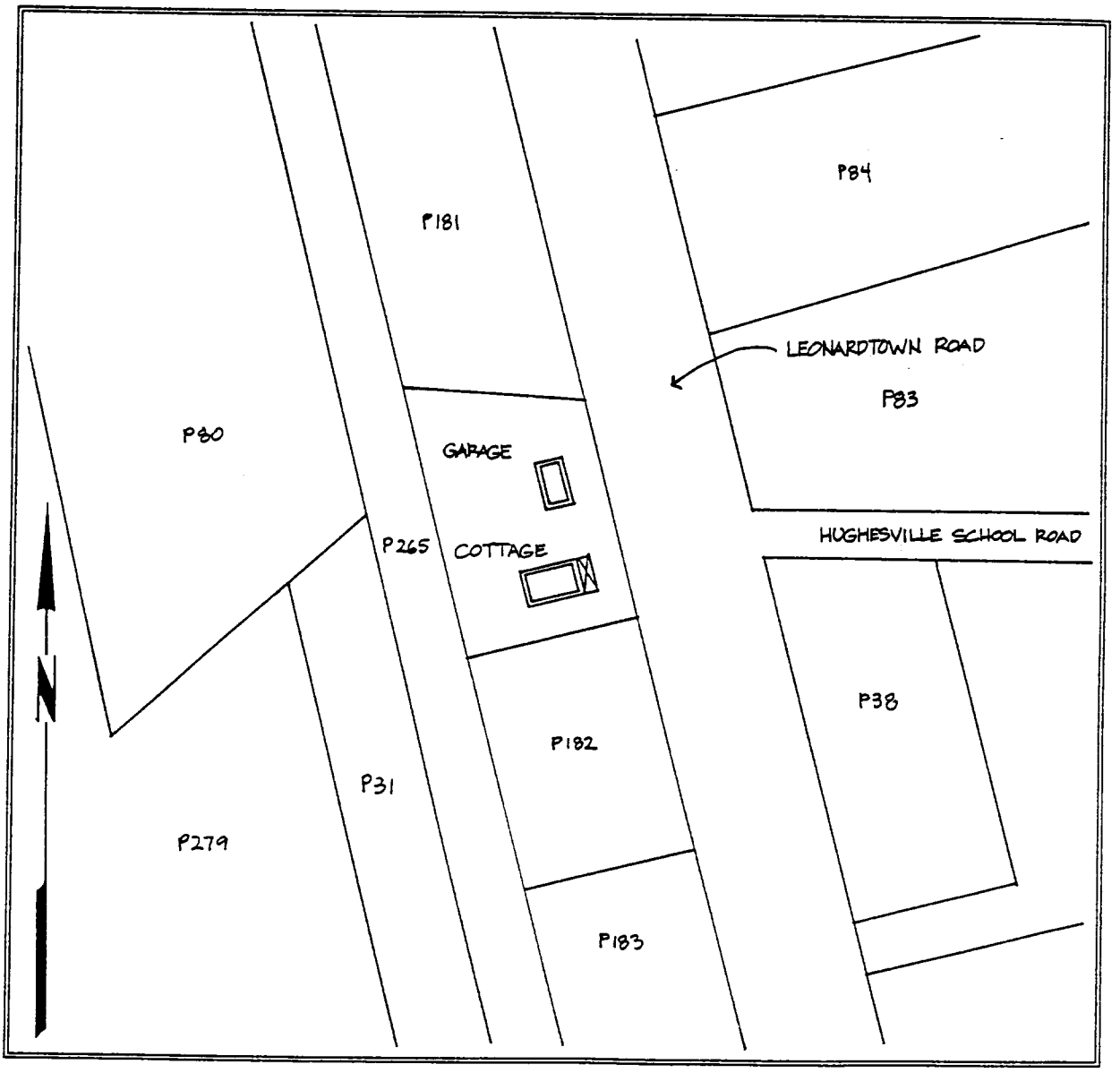

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Jennings Hamilton Property
SURVEY NO.: CH-452 (PACS B17)
ADDRESS: 8600 Block of Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, 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):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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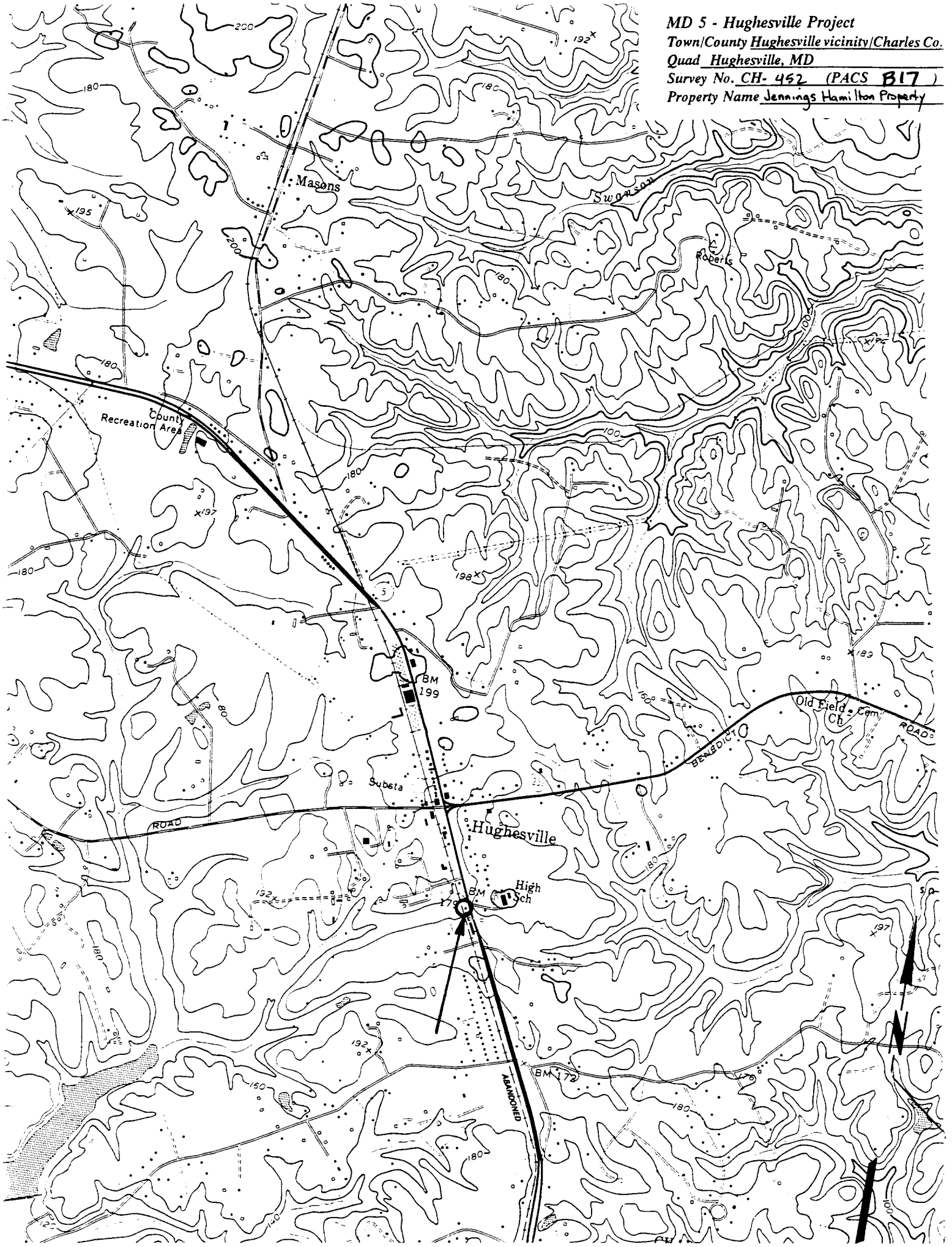

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2- Jennings Hamilton Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Ryan McKay

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- South + east elevation, view N

8- 1 of 4

1 - CH-452

2 - Jennings Hamilton Property

3 - Charles County, MD

4 - Ryan McKay

5 - January 1997

6 - MD SHPO

7 - South + west elevation, view NE

8 - 2 of 4

1 - CH-052

2 - Jennings Hamilton Property

3 - Charles County, MD

4 - Ryan McKay

5 - January 1997

6 - MD SHPO

7 - East + Northelevation, view SW

8 - 3 of 4

1 - CH-452

2 - Jennings Hamilton Property

3 - Charles County, MD

4 - Ryan McKay

5 - January 1997

6 - MD SHPO

7 - Garage, view NW

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