CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-458 (PACS B25) **Construction Date:** 1913

Name: Raymond and Martha Hitch Property

Location: 8474 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description: The Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a 2-story, 4-bay hipped roof cottage on the east side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1913, the building is rectangular in plan with a full-width, 1-story addition to the rear of the building. The structure has a hipped roof covered in pressed metal, with an interior brick chimney located on the south plane of the roof. The building is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a brick pier foundation. The foundation has been enclosed between the piers with concrete block. The windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung. The house has a full-width hipped roof porch with a central pediment on the front elevation. The porch is supported by four turned wood posts with sawn wood brackets.

Significance: Raymond and Martha Hitch purchased a 16 hectare (40 acre) parcel in 1910. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1913. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to its current size of 4.7 hectares (11.75 acres) when it was purchased by Edward M. and Alberta M. Majors in 1944. The property was sold a number of times until the current owners, Nancy Toler, et al., acquired it in 1996. The Maryland Historical Trust determined on August 29, 1997 that the property is not eligible for the National Register, as the structure has an addition on the rear elevation and lacks architectural integrity.

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Raymond and Martha Hitch Property

and/or common Nancy Toler Property

2. Location:

street & number 8474 Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication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 Nancy Toler

street & number P.O. Box 42 telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 2267

street & number Charles Street folio 573

city,town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

y,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
___good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
___fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

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

The Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a 2-story, 4-bay vernacular variation of the Four-square style on the east side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1913, the building is rectangular in plan with a full-width, 1-story addition to the rear of the building.

The structure has a hipped roof covered in pressed metal, with an interior brick chimney located on the south plane of the roof. The building is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a brick pier foundation. The foundation has been enclosed between the piers with concrete block. The windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung. The house has a full-width hipped roof porch with a central pediment on the front elevation. The porch is supported by four turned-wood posts with sawn-wood brackets.

The west, or front facade has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. The first story has three double-hung windows and a replacement wood door. The entrance is located in the third bay. The second story has three double-hung windows, while the attic level has a hipped roof dormer containing a pair of 4-light casement windows.

The north elevation has a single and a pair of double-hung windows on the first story, while the second story has two single double-hung windows. An exterior entrance to the basement level is located on the basement level of the rear addition. The basement level has a panel and glass door and a sliding window.

The rear, or east elevation has the full-width, rear addition on the first story. The concrete block addition is covered in brick veneer and has a wood door and a sliding window. The second story of the main block has three double-hung windows.

The south elevation has two double-hung windows on the first story and a single double-hung window on the second story. The south elevation of the rear addition has a pair of double-hung windows.

Access to the interior was not available.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first two outbuildings are small metal sheds located immediately east of the house. The third outbuilding is a wood-frame chicken coop. The chicken coop has a metal roof, vertical wood sheathing and metal screening. The chicken coop is located east of the sheds and house. The fourth outbuilding is a side-gable barn. The barn has a metal roof and vertical wood siding with a principal entrance in the north gable end. The barn is located southeast of the house and metal shed and south of the chicken coop.

The property is located on the east side of Leonardtown Road, with residential property to the th, south and west and open space and woodland to the east. The buildings are located at the top of a hill, set back from the road and are accessed by a circular driveway which wraps-around the house.

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 1913 Builder/Architect Unknown

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.

Raymond and Martha Hitch purchased a 16 hectare (40 acre) parcel in 1910. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1913. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to its current size of 4.7 hectares (11.75 acres) when it was purchased by Edward M. and Alberta M. Majors in 1944. The property was sold a number of times until the current owners, Nancy Toler, et al., acquired it in 1996. However, there are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ership of structures.

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. In 1658 Charles County was founded in an area 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 ectory 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

8. Significance (Continued)

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 Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a vernacular variation of the Four-square-style. The structure contains Four-square features such as the low pitched hipped roof, square plan and interior room arrangement. However, the "delicate" porch with mass-produced woodwork such as turned posts and brackets and the ornamental pressed metal shingle roof illustrate a vernacular influence. The Four-square house was popular in both suburban and rural areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s. Four-square dwellings are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, usually off-centered, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured dormers on all planes of the roof and a wide 1-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a 1-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

ional Register Evaluation:

The Maryland Historical Trust determined on August 29, 1997 that the Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is not eligible for the National Register. 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. In addition, the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure has an addition on the rear elevation and lacks architectural integrity. 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: _____ 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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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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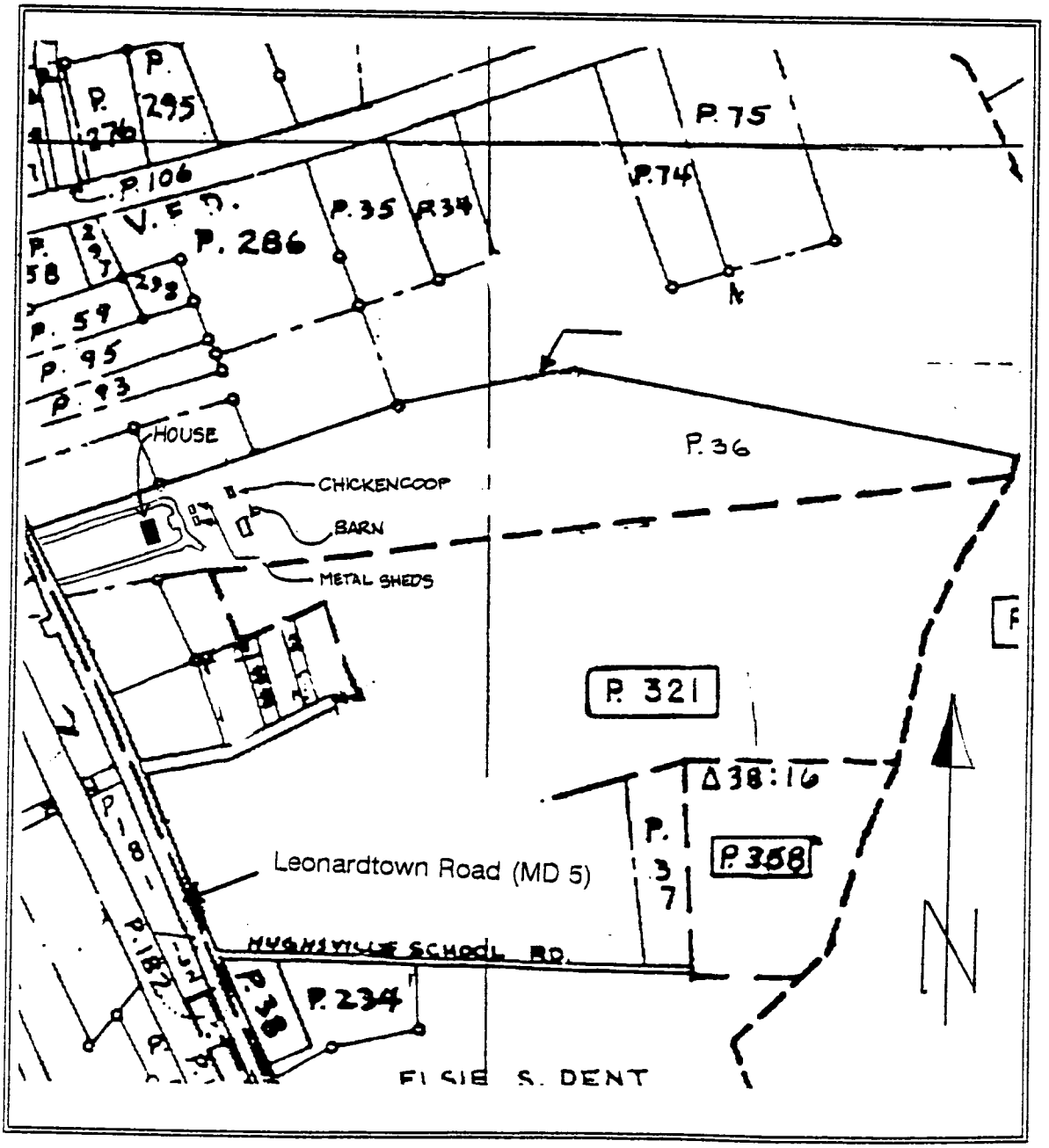

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

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):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agriculture / Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

MD 5 - Hughesville Project
Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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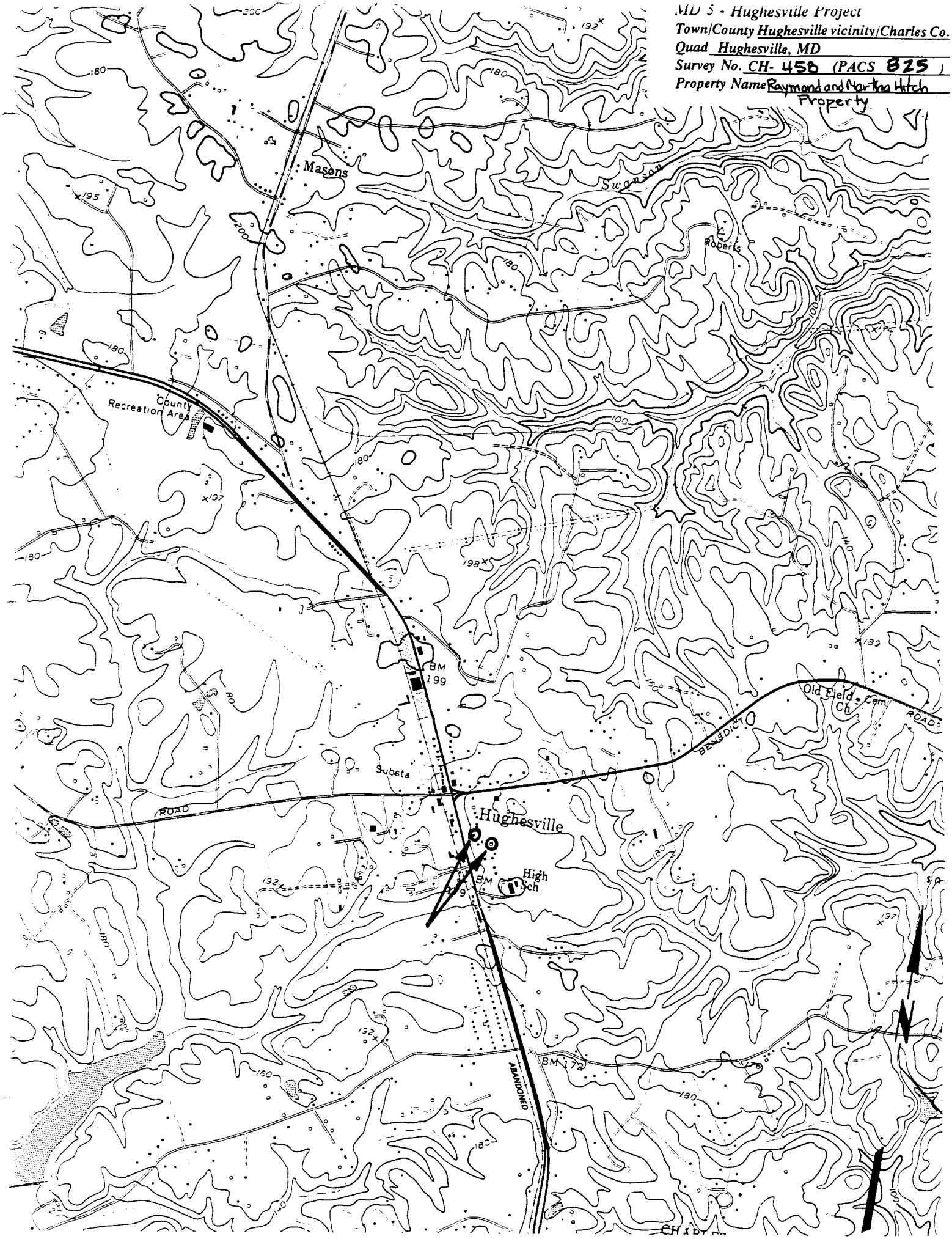

1- CH-458
2- Raymond Hitch Property
3- Charles County, MD
4- Tim Tamburrino
5- January 1997
6- MD SHPO
7- Front elevation, view E
8- 1 of 7

1- CH-458

2- Raymond Hitch Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Tim Tamburrino

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- Rear elevation, view W

8- 2 of 7

1- CH-458
2- Raymond Hall Property
3- Charles County, MD
4- Tim Tamburrino
5- January 1997
6- MD SHPO
7- South elevation, view N
8- 3 of 7

1 - CH-458

2 - Raymond Hitch Property

3 - Charles County, MD

4 - Tim Tamburrino

5 - January 1997

6 - MD SHPO

7 - Barns, view E

8 - 4 of 7

1 CH-458

2 Raymond Hotel Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Jim Jamburiens

5 January 1997

6 MD SHPO

7 North elevation, view S

8 5 of 7

1 CH-458

2 Raymond Hitch Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Jim Gomburzewski

5 January 1997

6 MD SHPO

7 metal sheds, view E

8 6 of 7

1 CH-458

2 Raymond Hitch Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Jim Gamburrino

5 January 1997

6 MD SHPO

7 Chicken Coop, view E

8 7 of 7