

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-472 (PACS B46) Construction Date: circa 1940

Name: Jennings Cross Property

Location: 6975 Carrico Mill Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture-Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

**Description:** The Jennings Cross Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage on the north side of Carrico Mill Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1940, the building is L-shaped in plan consisting of the original front-gable cottage with a side-gable addition to the east elevation. The structure has an asphalt shingle roof, with an interior brick chimney located on the eastern slope of the front-gable. The building is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are a combination of 1/1 and 2/2 double-hung. The house has a hipped roof porch on the front elevation of the front-gable section. The porch is screened and is supported by four square wood posts. The porch also has an aluminum awning on all three sides of the porch.

**Significance:** Jennings Cross purchased the 20 hectare (50 acre) lot in 1940. The parcel currently retains this size. A house was constructed on the land circa 1940 and Mr. Cross continues to own the property. The house is an example of a common twentieth century farmstead. The main house lacks architectural and material integrity. A 1-story addition was constructed to the east elevation of the house, several windows have been replaced and metal awnings were added to the window openings.

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 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form  
 MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Jennings Cross Property

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number 6975 Carrico Mill Road \_\_\_ not for publication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	___x agriculture ___ museum
___x building(s)	___x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ education ___x private
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment residence
___ object	___ in process	___x yes: restricted	___ government ___ religious
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ scientific
	___x not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:
			___ transportation

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

name Jennings Cross

street & number 6975 Carrico Mill Road, Box 707 telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 72

street & number Charles Street folio 81

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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<u>  </u> condition		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<u>  </u> excellent	<u>  </u> deteriorated	<u>  </u> unaltered	<u>  x</u> original site	
<u>  x</u> good	<u>  </u> ruins	<u>  x</u> altered	<u>  </u> moved	date of move <u>          </u>
<u>  </u> fair	<u>  </u> unexposed			

Resource Count: 6

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 south, or front facade has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with a central entry flanked by two double-hung windows. A double-hung window is located in the gable end. The south elevation of the east addition has a single double-hung window.

The west elevation has three double-hung windows.

The rear, or north elevation has a shed roof porch. The porch is supported by three square, wood posts. Within the porch are a door and a double-hung window, while the gable end has a single double-hung window. The north elevation of the east addition has a single double-hung window.

The east elevation has a double-hung window located on the front-gable section and on the east addition.

Access to the interior was not available.

There are five outbuildings associated with this property, including a garage, two tobacco barns, one all-purpose barn and a shed, all constructed circa 1940. The first outbuilding is a front-gable garage, with a metal roof and vertical wood siding. The structure is located north of the house. Both tobacco barns have vertical wood siding with metal roofs. The first tobacco barn is located northeast of the house. The second tobacco barn has a large shed roof addition and is located northwest of the house and west of the pond. The third barn is an all-purpose barn constructed of the same materials as the tobacco barns. The barn is located north of the house and east of the pond. Next to the barn is the fifth outbuilding; a shed with a side-gable roof covered with metal.

The property is located on the north side of Carrico Mill Road, with open space to the north and west and residential property to the south and east. The farmsteads to the south have been subdivided with modern residential construction.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The house on the Jennings Cross Property is a front-gable cottage constructed circa 1940. From the 1870s to the 1940s, 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. 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).

Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The property, developed circa 1940, contains two tobacco barns and an all-purpose barn. 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.

Tobacco has also been grown in Charles County from its first settlement. This crop and the factors necessary for its successful cultivation have, to a great extent, determined the economic and social development of the County. Large landholdings were aggrandized by the wealthy elite and worked first by indentured servants and later by slaves. Tobacco was so valued that it was used as a medium of exchange. As early as 1852 the soil of Charles County was defined as "much exhausted by neglectful culture...[because] this is entirely an agricultural County and much of its industry is devoted to tobacco-growing" (Fischer 1852: 63).

The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, wooden buildings with a gable roof. The interior had a central aisle and was divided into compartments by a network of wooden beams and "tie-poles." From these beams the tobacco was hung and allowed to naturally air-dry. To facilitate the curing process, the barns were designed with several methods of ventilation. Many barns had windows or ventilators near the roof ridge, while others had vertical board siding



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-472 (PACS B46)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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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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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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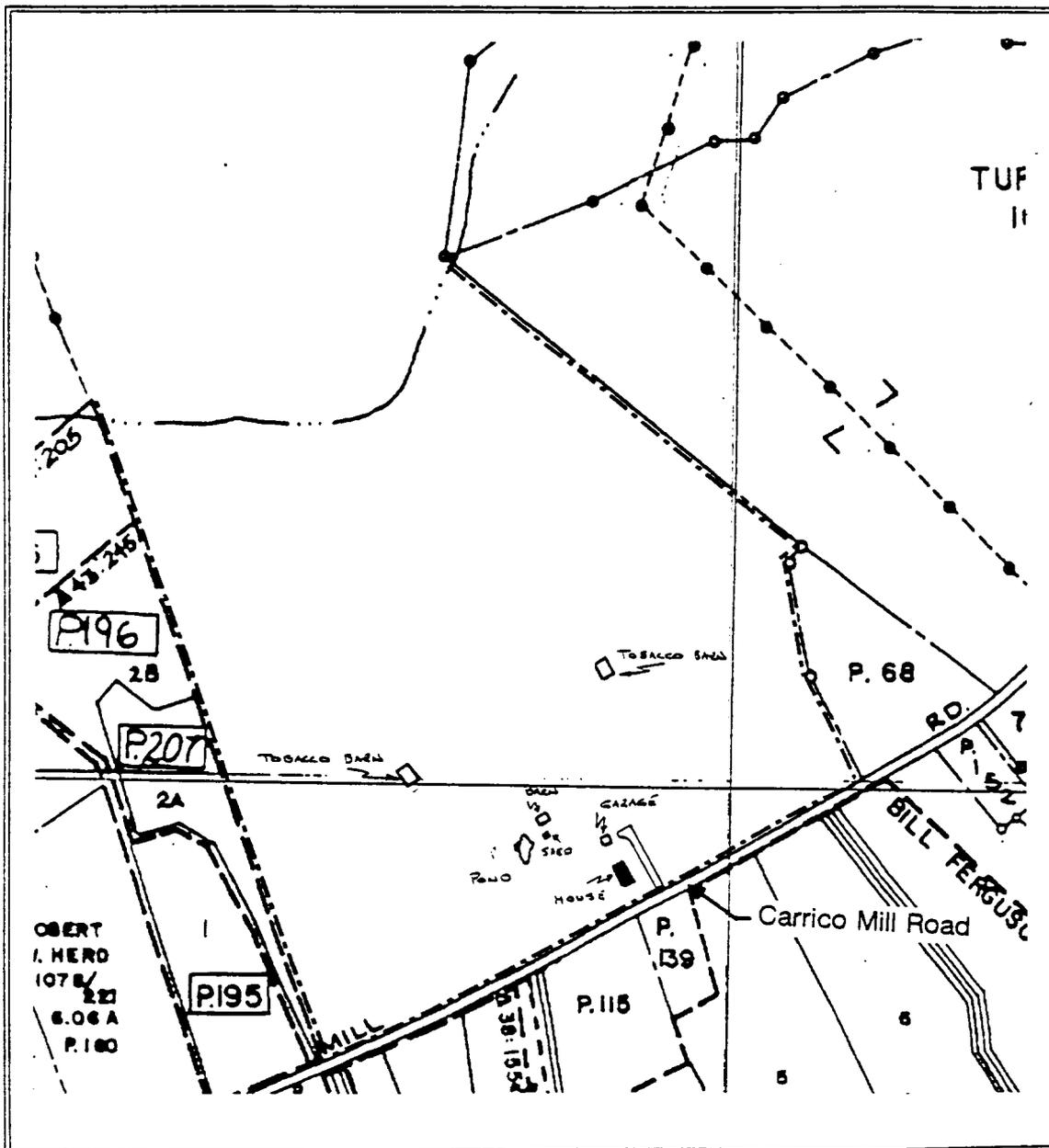
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farmstead

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

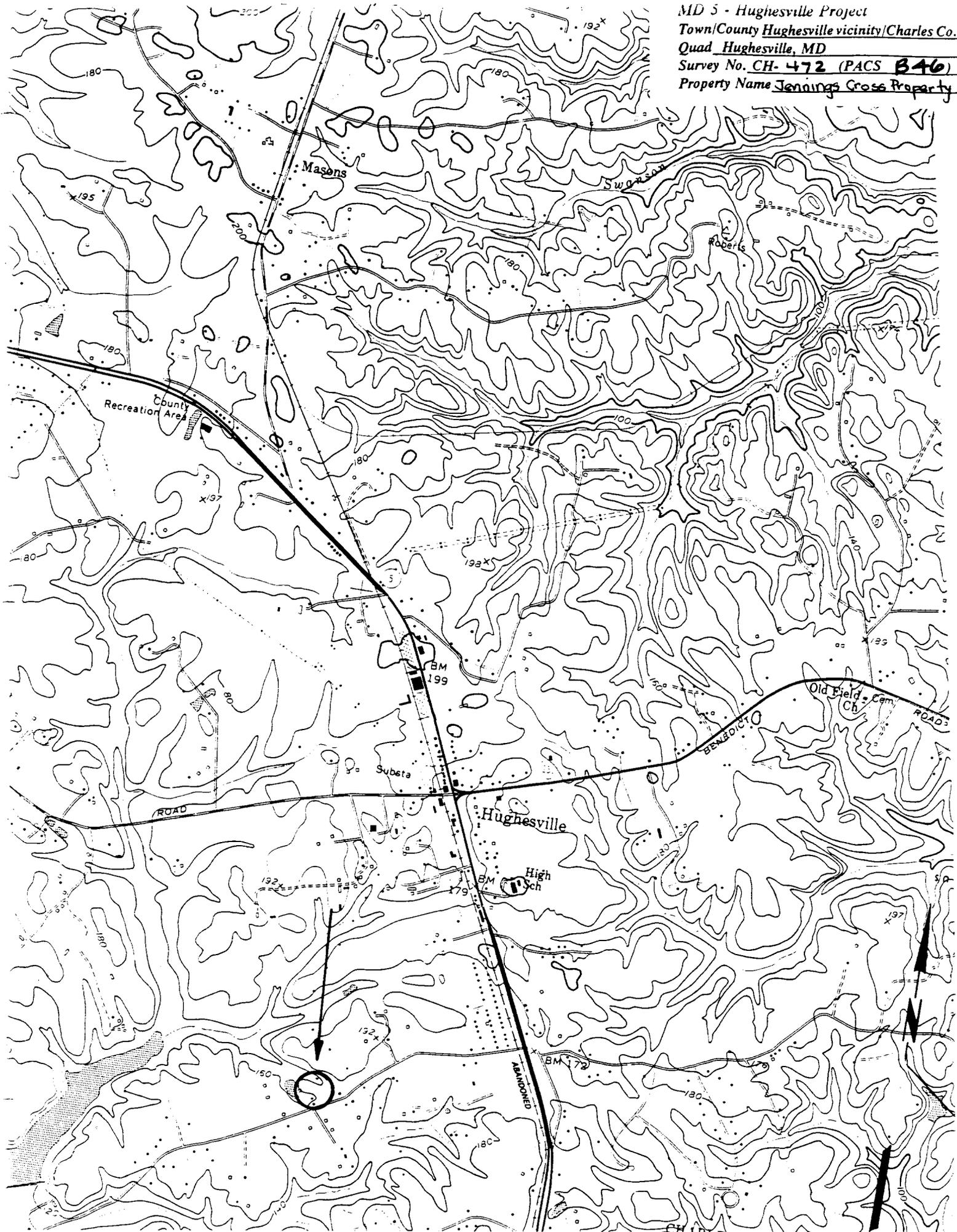
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- 7- Front elevation, view N
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7- Barn - tobacco, view N

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