

Owen House  
SM-692  
22903 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1900  
Private

The Owen House, constructed *circa* 1900, was part of a small family farm that included approximately 4 acres. According to the current owner, the dwelling has been altered over the past several decades with the application of aluminum siding, enclosure of the porches and replacement of some windows on the exterior, as well as substantial changes to the original configuration of the interior spaces and finishes. The barn and chickenhouse were built in the early twentieth-century and have been added to since their construction. The owner stated that he no longer raises chickens, but that he maintains small crops of beans and corn for family consumption.

Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-692

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Owen House

## 2. Location

street & number 22903 Three Notch Road (MD 235)      not for publication

city, town California   X   vicinity

county St. Mary's

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Henry M. Owen

street & number Box 2 Old Rolling Road telephone

city, town California state and zip code MD 20619

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34/96

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio 020/280

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT  
 Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>  3  </u>	<u>  0  </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>  3  </u>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>  0  </u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The residence at 22903 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located at the northwest corner of MD 235 and Old Rolling Road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a frame barn/tractor shed and frame chicken shed are situated north of the dwelling. A gravel driveway runs along the east side of the property and leads to Old Rolling Road.

The 2-story frame tee-shaped building clad in aluminum siding is supported by a concrete block foundation. Two one-story gable-roof ells are appended to the west end of the building; a shed-roof addition extends along the south side of the ells. A full-width enclosed porch with a shed roof is located on the east elevation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with an interior end brick chimney in the north side of the main block. A central brick chimney rises between the two ells. Windows throughout the house consist primarily of six-over-six and one-over-one double-hung sash.

The east elevation of the enclosed porch contains three bays: a door in the south end and two one-over-one windows. Two six-over-six windows are located in the second story. The north elevation of the porch includes a set of paired one-over-one windows and the main block contains two windows in the first story: a six-over-six and a one-over-one. The north elevation of the central ell includes a band of three six-over-six windows. The west elevation of the western ell contains a single six-over-six window and a door is located in the shed-roof addition. The west elevation of the main block contains two six-over-six windows. The south elevation of the shed-roof includes three one-over-one windows and a door with a metal awning entry porch.

The gable-roof frame barn covered with asphalt shingles includes several shed-roof additions and contains a variety of window types. The frame chicken shed is currently in dilapidated condition and is no longer used to house chickens.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> military	

**Specific dates** Circa 1900 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

The Owen House, constructed *circa* 1900, was part of a small family farm that included approximately 4 acres. According to the current owner, the dwelling has been altered over the past several decades with the application of aluminum siding, enclosure of the porches and replacement of some windows on the exterior, as well as substantial changes to the original configuration of the interior spaces and finishes. The barn and chickenhouse were built in the early twentieth-century and have been added to since their construction. The owner stated that he no longer raises chickens, but that he maintains small crops of beans and corn for family consumption.

Prior to the formation of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575 (Hammett 1991:491). With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235). As a result, the largely rural nature of the area was transformed with suburban-type development and in more recent decades has been inundated with modern commercial development.

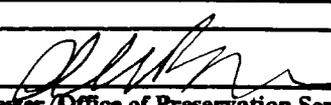
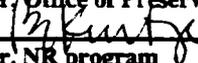
It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Alterations to both the exterior and interior of the dwelling have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>X</u> C <u>  </u> D	Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>X</u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None
Comments: _____	
_____	
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_____	
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>9/26/98</u> Date
 Reviewer, NR program	<u>11/6/98</u> Date

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:	Southern Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning Agriculture
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling Agriculture
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.  
Personal Communication with Mr. Henry Owen, 7-30-98.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 2.93 acres  
Acreage surveyed 2.93 acres  
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 96, Map 34, Grid 23

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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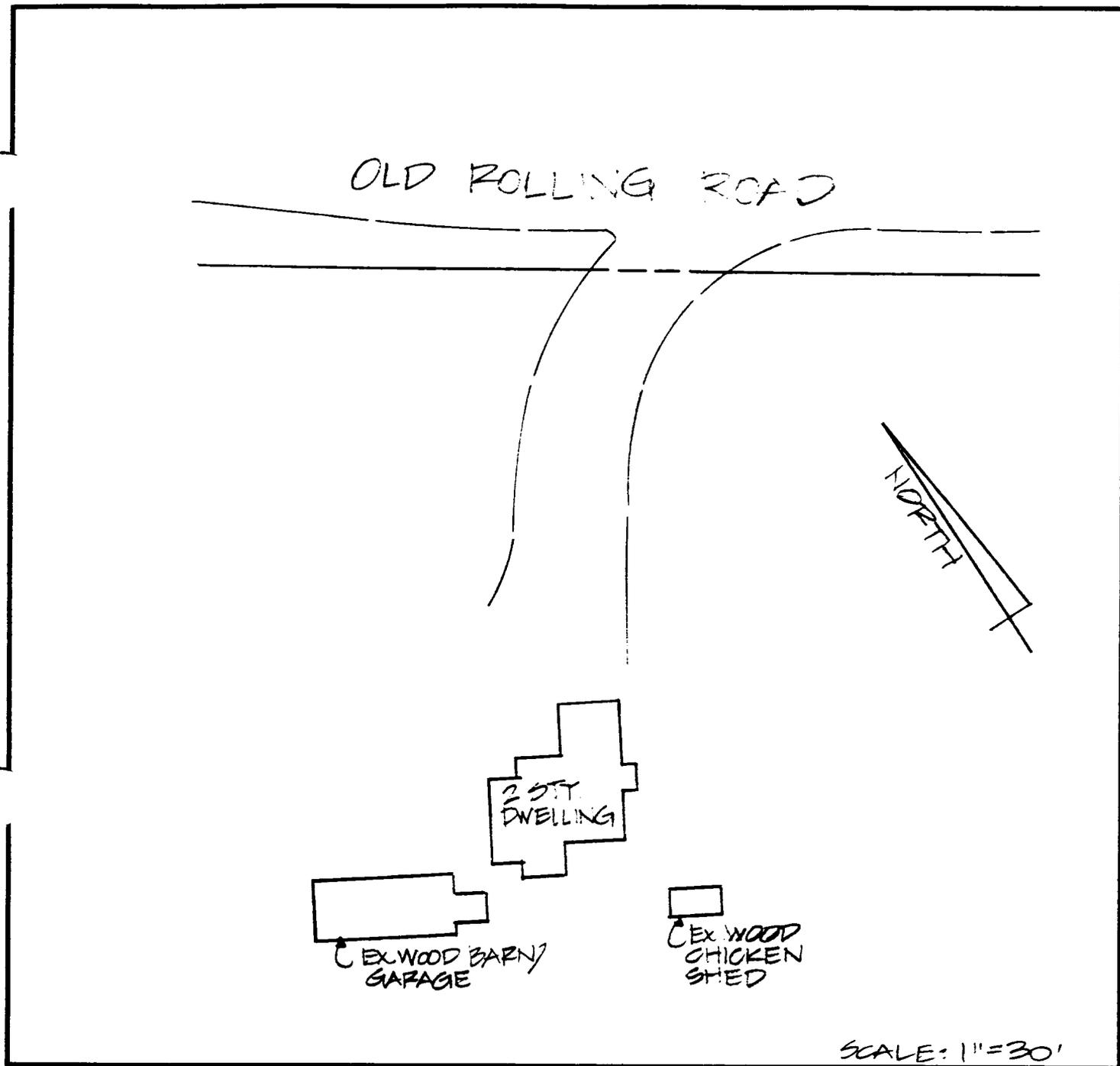
name/title	Margaret B. Parker		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	7-21-98
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Resource Sketch Map

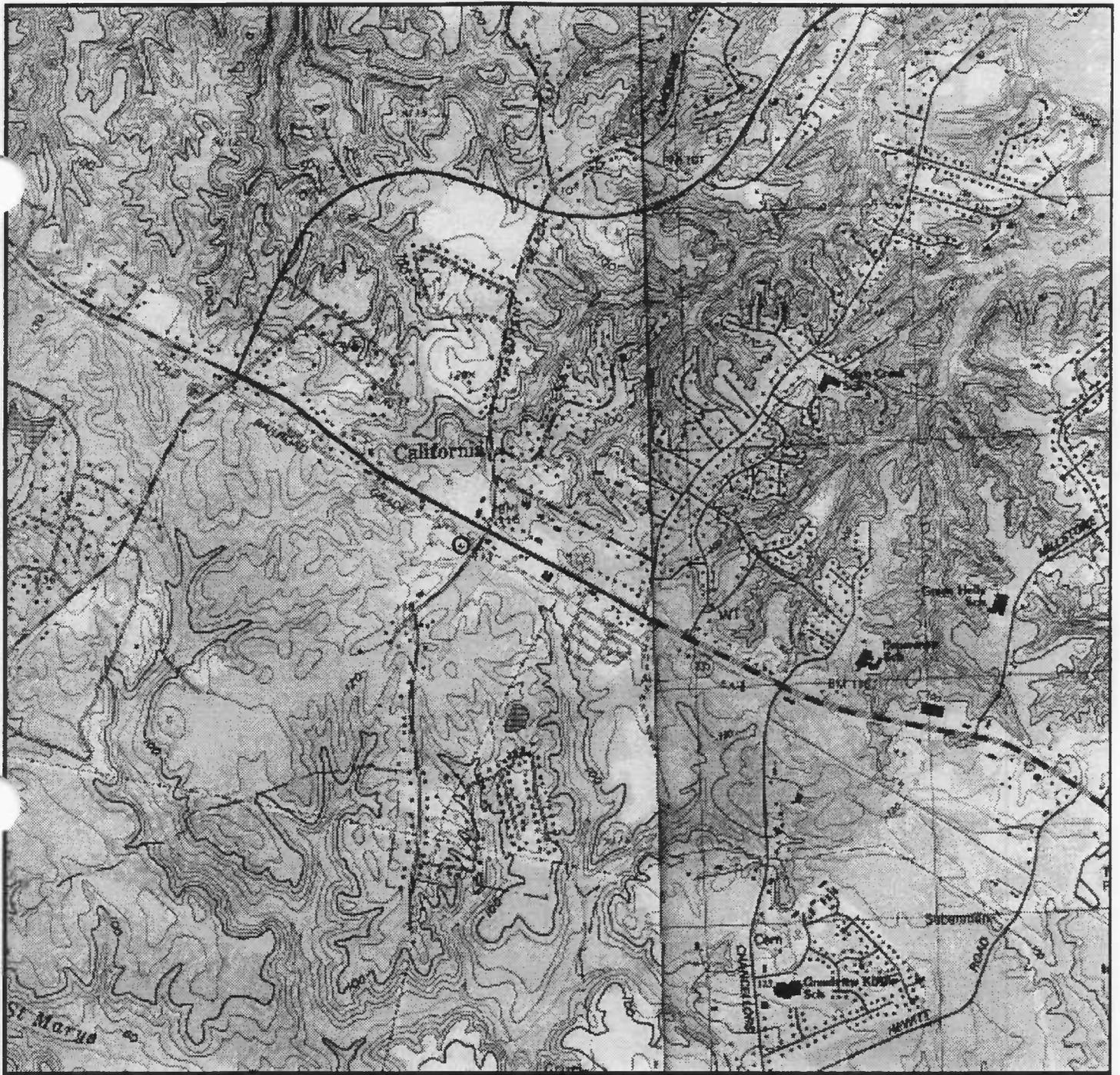


MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE  
HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030  
410-316-7800

MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246  
St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



**SM-692**  
Owen House, 22903 Old Rolling Road  
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad  
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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Scale: 1"=2,000'



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St Marys Co.

Margaret Parker

7/29/98

MD SHPO

E + N elev. of house

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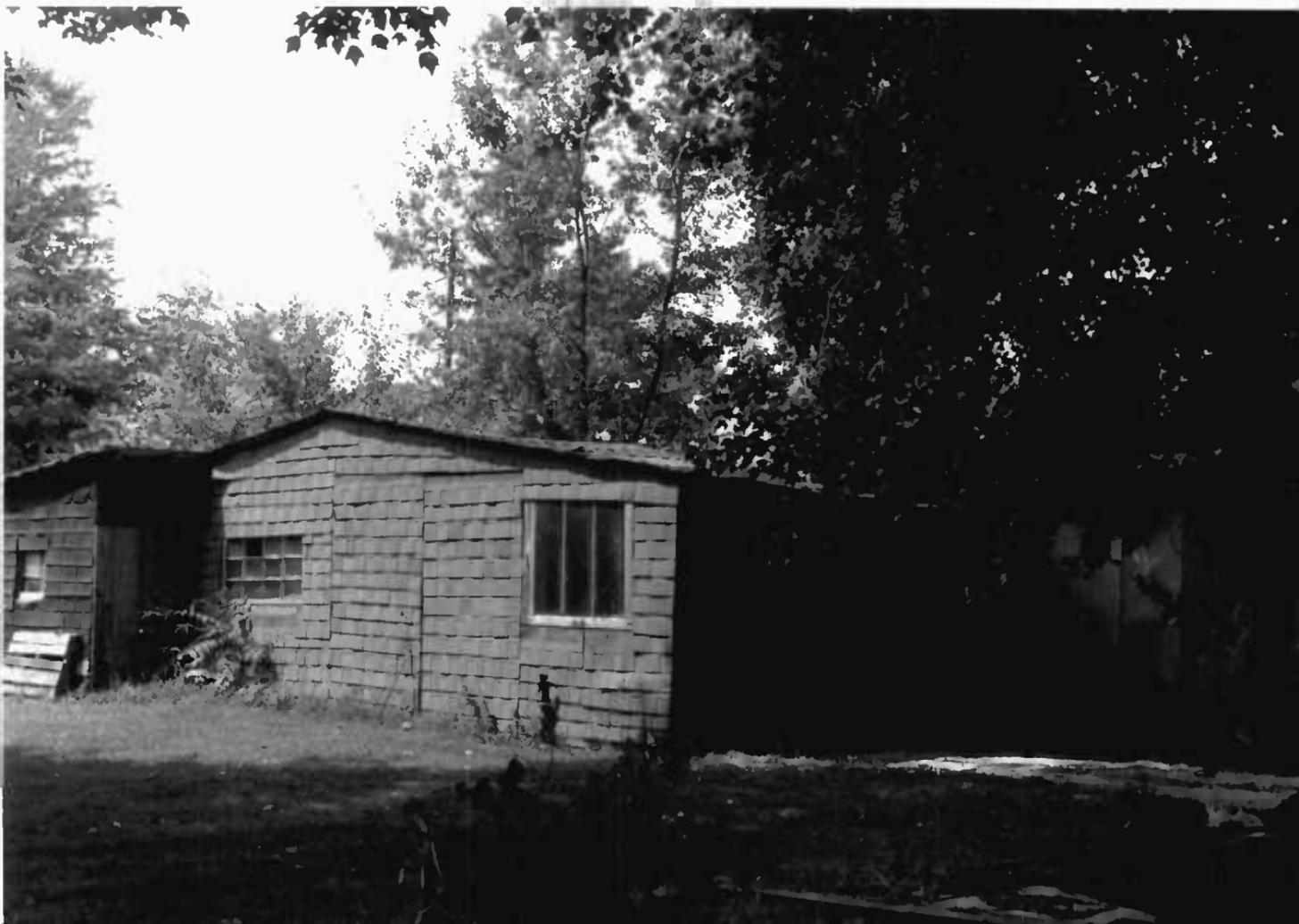
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Wt S elev. of house

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W + S elev of barn/shed

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MS S4P0

W + S elev. of children house

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