

Capsule Summary
SM-437
Callaway Service Station
Callaway
Private

1932-1933

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern Period, 1930 -.

Historic Period Theme: Economic

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Automobile Dealership
Gas Station
Bar/Restaurant

Known Design Source: None

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Callaway Service Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Route 5 & Piney Point Road (249) not for publicationcity, town Callaway vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Saint Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Callaway Rentals, Inc.street & number 301 Pine Road telephone no.:(301) 994 0969city, town Fort Washington state and zip code Maryland 20744

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 172street & number folio258city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Callaway Service Station is located on the north side of Route 5 at the intersection of Route 5 and Piney Point Road (Route 249). To the east of the building stands a metal storage shed. To the west stands a two-story, frame house. The Service Station faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1933, the main block of the Callaway Service Station is a one-and-a-half story, five-course brick building with a one-story wing on the west end. A two-story wing extends from the north end of the building. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The south (main) elevation has a gable roof portico which extends out from the main block towards Route 5. This portico is supported by two rows of three brick columns. Originally, two gas pumps were located between each pair of columns. The gable end of the portico is sheathed with shingles and pierced by a half-round window. Lightbulbs originally lined the portico soffit, illuminating the gas pumping area of the service station. The main block is pierced by a pair of four-light-over-three-panel doors. Above these doors is an immobile, single-light transom with an ovolo surround. Above the immobile transom are two rectangular, movable transom windows. Two picture windows with rectangular transoms and a second entry door are also located on the south elevation. To the east of the portico, the first floor of the main block is pierced by two single-light windows. A large garage door located here is now covered with particle board. This section of the building was used to service cars.

The east elevation of the main block is pierced by an entrance door flanked on either side by a six-over-six sash window. The entrance door transom window is boarded up as are four window openings which pierce the northern bays of the elevation. The eave is lit by two one-over-one sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of the building at this east gable end.

The north elevation of the main block is lit by two six-over-six sash windows, two modern entrance doors, and two windows which are now boarded up. A one-and-a-half-story, gable end wing projects from the center of this elevation. The first floor of the addition is lit by a single pane window while the upper half story is lit by one one-over-one sash window. A louvered metal vent pierces the eave. The west side of the wing is lit by two six-over-six sash windows and a six-light-over-two-panel door. A shed roof addition extends from the east side of the wing. This addition is lit by a single-light casement window on the north side and by three single-light casement windows on the south side. An exterior brick chimney stack rises against the south side of the one-and-a-half story wing.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM 437

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1933

Builder/Architect Revell

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: 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.

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William Levi Callaway began leasing this one acre parcel in 1923 when he was 33 years old. Here he built a frame structure from which he operated an auto dealership, garage, and service station. At about the same time, Route 249 was being constructed from Route 5 to Valley Lee.

In 1926, Callaway purchased the one acre parcel of "Hunting Quarter" which he had been renting for a fee of \$6.00 per annum. Around 1933 he hired a firm from Baltimore named "Revell" to build the steel frame and brick curtain wall structure that is located on the property today. By 1937, Callaway had closed the car dealership, but continued to sell gas and service cars. He also opened a bar and restaurant in a one-story, brick wing which he added to the west elevation of the service station. At one time, picnic tables were located outside of the building for customers' use. A small rectangular window, located in the northeast corner of the building, was used as a sort of carry-out window for African-American customers who were prevented from dining with whites because of segregation laws.

The Callaway family lived above the service station. Behind the building, Mrs. Callaway raised chickens. Her flocks consisted of about 3000 chicks which she would grow to the size of fryers. Sometimes, Mr. Callaway would also have horses, pigs, or other livestock penned on the property which he had received as payment for his work.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM 437

Callaway, William Lee. Personal Interview, August 1994.
Hammett, Regina Combs. "Callaway, MD." Chronicles 21.3 (March, 1973):
244 246.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 AcreQuadrangle name Piney PointQuadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Acre surrounding building.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyororganization St. Mary's Co. Planning & Zoning date August 1994street & number 328 Washington Street telephone (301) 475 4662city or town Leonardtown 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.

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7.1 Description

The west elevation of the main block is pierced by a large picture window surmounted by a pair of rectangular transom windows. To the north of this window are two pairs of six-light casement windows. The upper story is lit by two six-over-six sash windows and a small single-light casement window. A one-story, common bond brick wing with a corrugated metal roof projects from the northern-most bay of this elevation. The south side of the wing is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows and a modern door. The west gable end is finished with cornice returns and pierced by three six-over-six sash windows. A wooden, louvered vent pierces the eave. The north end is blind except for a small rectangular opening located in the northeast corner of the wing. This opening was used to deliver carry-out goods to African-American customers. An exterior brick chimney stands next to this north elevation.

The interior of the main block consists of a large front and back room which originally served as show rooms for the Callaway car dealership. Two bathrooms are located in the northwest corner of the front showroom behind five-panel doors. A pair of pocket doors separate the front room from the back room. An enclosed stair in the northeast corner of the back room rises to the upper half story of the main block. Above the service station was the Callaway residence, consisting of two bedrooms, a bath, and a living room. The eastern section of the main block, accessible by means of a door from the front room, was used as the service area for cars.

The two-story, frame house located to the west of the service station was built by Mr. Callaway in the 1940s. Because of the shortage of local housing during the construction of the Patuxent Naval Air Base, Callaway converted the house for use as rental apartments. Later, the Callaways also made it their home.

A modern, metal storage shed is located to the east of the service station.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Callaway Rentals, Inc.

FROM: Mary O. Callaway and William Lee Callaway, Trustees under will of William Levi Callaway.

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 172, folio 258.

DATE: February 1, 1984.

NOTES: Transfer of 5 parcels: 1.) 1 acre, being same as JMM 4/422 and part of CBG 53/236. 2.) .54 acres, same as JMM 8/459. 3.) 9/16 of an acre, same as JMM 124/154. 4.) .01 acres conveyed in CBG 124/154. 5.) 4.09 acres conveyed in CBG 124/154.

TO: William L. Callaway

FROM: James A. Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 4, folio 422.

DATE: December 4, 1926.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 acre more or less, being part of "Hunting Quarter," and part of EBA 3/123.

TO: William L. Callaway and Mary O. Callaway

FROM: William Lee Callaway

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber CBG 53/236.

DATE: October 23, 1954.

NOTES: Transfer of four parcels including the 1 acre of Hunting Quarter, being the same as JMM 4/422.

TO: William L. Callaway

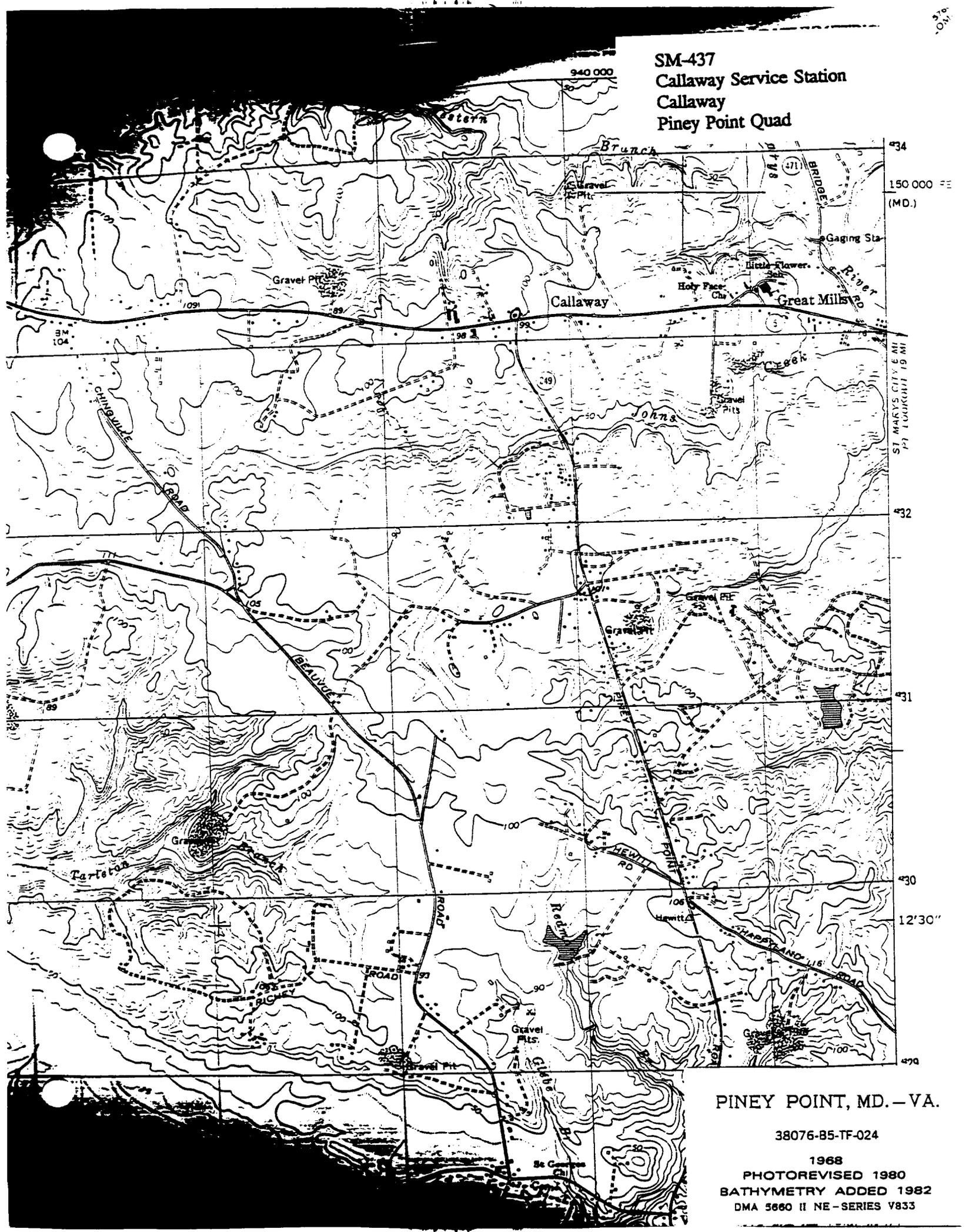
FROM: H. Eck Jones, guardian of James A. Graves

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 2, folio 85.

DATE: May 1, 1923.

NOTES: Lease granted to Callaway for parcel located "on the left hand side of the state road leading from Leonardtown to Great Mills...containing one acre..." being part of the real estate of the late Eugene L. Graves. Lease begins on May 1, 1923 and terminates on May 1, 1926 provided Calloway shall not purchase the leased land before the termination date for \$100. Rent is set at \$6.00 per year.

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Piney Point Quad



PINEY POINT, MD.-VA.

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BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
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Callaway 2000

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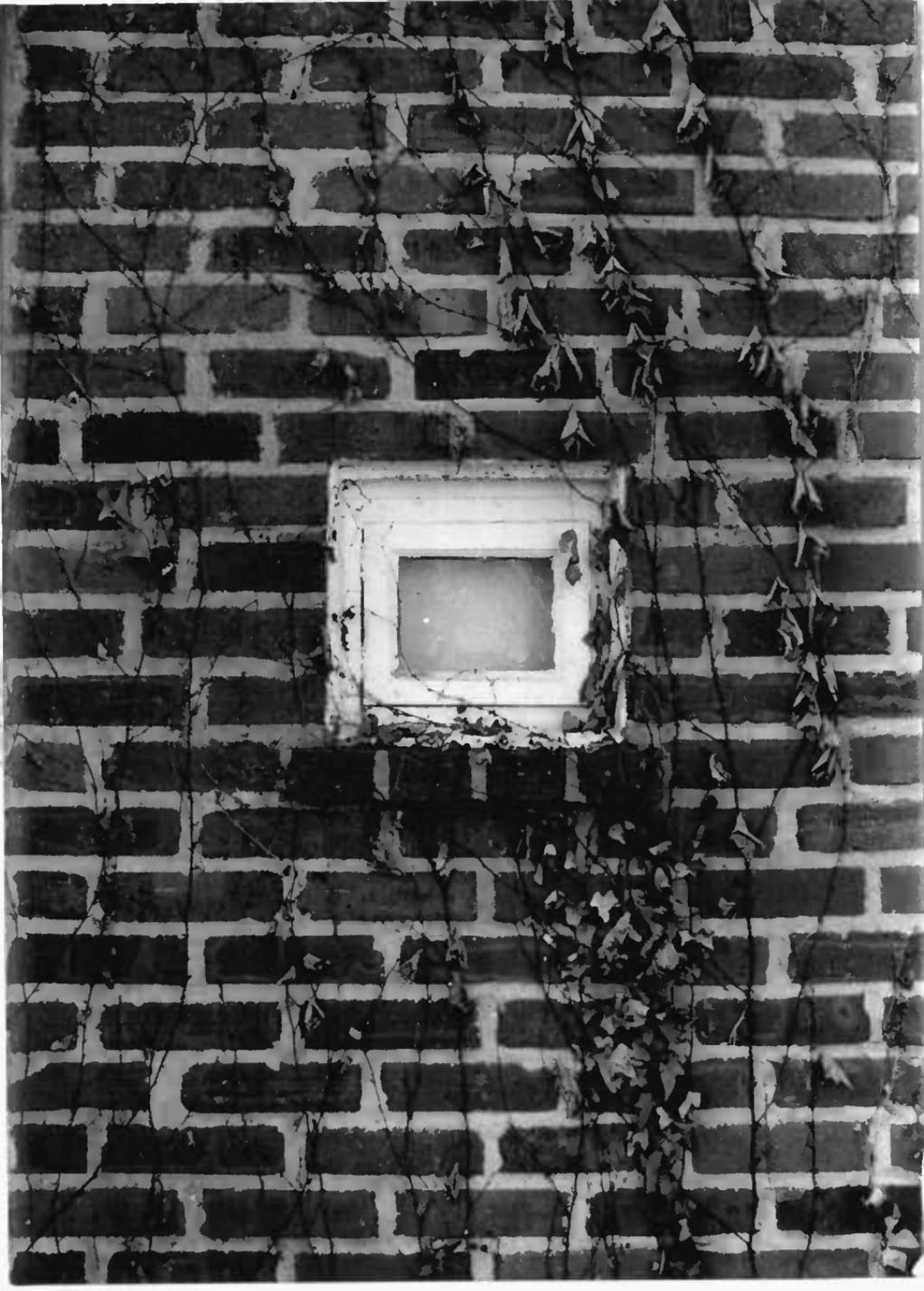
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J. Hargis owner

E. Hughes

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N. H. Hargis owner

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