**CH-524** **circa 1935**
**Pomonkey Elks Lodge**
**Pomonkey vic.**
**Private**

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. CH-524
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Pomonkey Elks Lodge, Pride of Southern Maryland Lodge #717

Common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 3380 Livingston Road not for publication _____

city or town Pomonkey vicinity X state Maryland code MD

county Charles code 017 zip code 20640

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

X private
____ public-local
____ public-State
____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
____ district
____ site
____ structure
____ object

Number of Resources within Property

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | buildings |
| 0 | 0 | sites |
| 0 | 0 | structures |
| 0 | 0 | objects |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: SOCIAL Sub: Meeting hall

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: SOCIAL Sub: Meeting hall

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Early 20th Century Commercial Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation not visible (likely concrete piers)
roof front gable w/ front parapet: asphalt shingles
walls wood frame: German siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

____ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. CH-524

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance circa 1935

Significant Dates circa 1935

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)


Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records. Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

*Elks Online* Homepage, http://www.elks.org : "Background" and "Brief History."


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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 3 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property is designated as Parcel 105 on Map 12, Grid 6 on the Charles County Property Map.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The Pomonkey Elks Lodge has been associated with Parcel 105, Map 12 since its construction circa 1935.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian
organization Charles County Planning Dept. date May 12, 1999
street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646


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12. Property Owner

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name Pride of Southern Maryland Lodge 717, Elks
street & number P.O. Box 717 telephone 301-375-8830
city or town Bryans Road state MD zip code 20616

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A 1-story shed addition was added to the east side of the building. This frame section also features a front parapet wall that screens the roof's slope.

There are no associated outbuildings on the site. The meeting hall is located within a large gravel parking area adjacent to a local bar and general store.

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The Order of Elks is a nationwide service organization made up of volunteers who provide support to their members, as well as undertaking charitable and service oriented projects for the general public. Founded in 1868 in New York by a group of actors, the order is now one of the oldest and largest private organizations in the United States, encompassing some 2,200 local "Lodges" with nearly 1.3 million members.

The Pomonkey Elks Lodge was erected circa 1935 on a 4-acre lot purchased for $350 from William F. Cole of Charles County.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Modern Period, 1930-present

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

SOCIAL/EDUCATION/CULTURAL

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** SOCIAL/Meeting hall

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

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|---|---|
| June 2, 1900: | Benjamin C. Proctor to Catherine F.M. Proctor<br>Charles County Land Records<br>Liber BGS 11 Folio 86 |
| July 9, 1931: | Catherine F.M. Proctor & Benjamin C. Proctor of Washington, DC to William F. & Agnes N. Cole<br>$300, 4 acres of "South Hampton"<br>Charles County Land Records<br>Liber WMA 53 Folio 646 |
| March 15, 1935: | William F. Cole, widower of Charles County to Pride of Southern Maryland Lodge #968 & Pride of Southern MD Temple No. 651 of the Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the World<br>$350, 4 acres on East side of road from Pomonkey to Washington, DC<br>Charles County Land Records<br>Liber 60 Folio 430 |

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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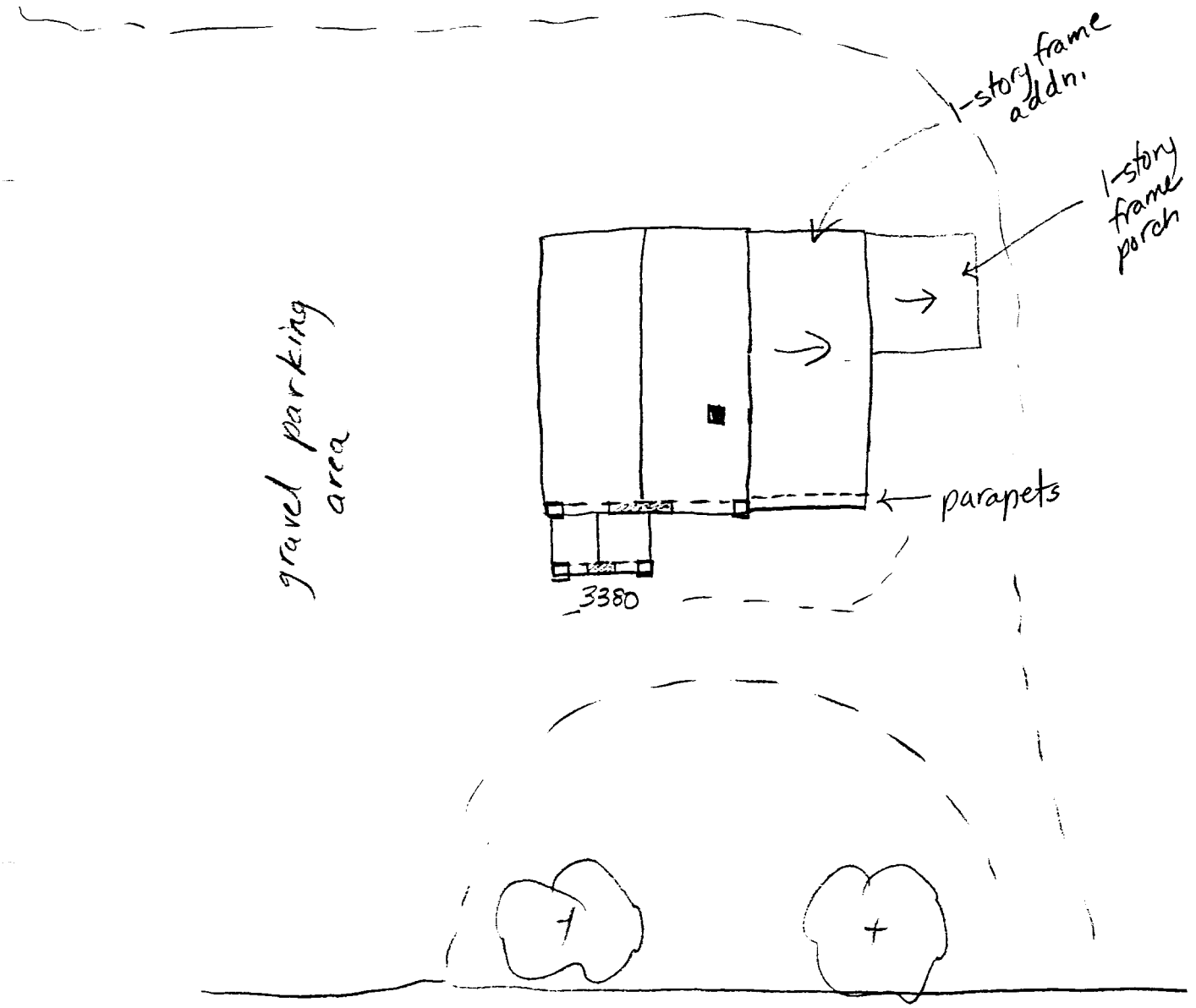
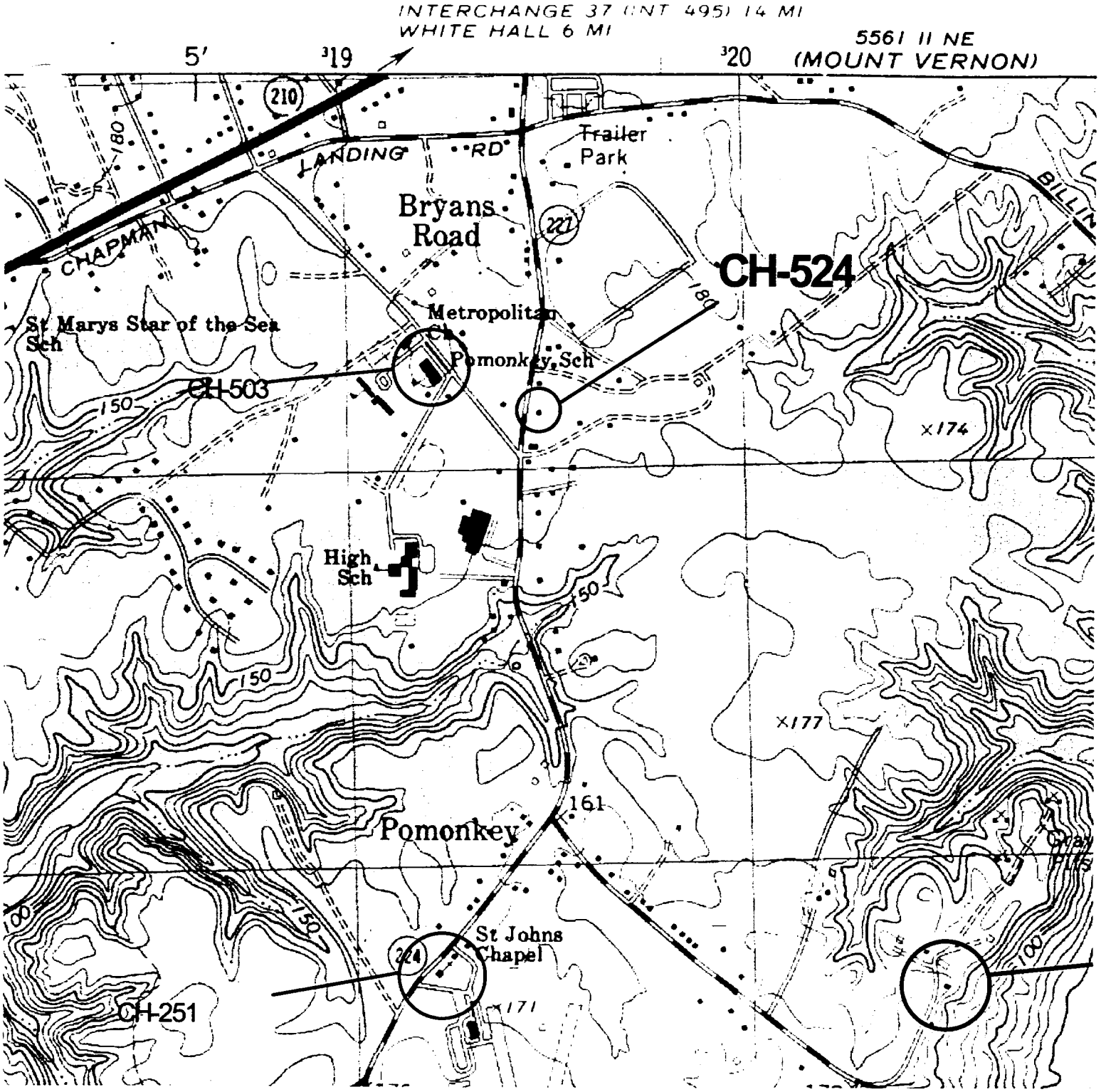
3380 Livingston Rd.
Pomonkey Vic.
CHARLES COUNTY, MD



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