

CH-542
Stony Hill Farm
Hughesville vic.
Private

circa 1900

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The dwelling is a typical example of the numerous late-19th century vernacular I-houses that dot the rural landscape of Charles County. The building's deteriorated condition seriously detracts from its architectural integrity and historic significance.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-542

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Stony Hill Farm

common/other name Woodburn House; "Part of Fox's Race"

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2. Location

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street & number Scout Camp Road not for publication

city or town Hughesville vicinity X state Maryland code MD

county Charles code 017 zip code 20637

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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)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	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: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant Sub: _____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Early 20th Century Vernacular I-house

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: poured concrete
roof side gable: pressed metal shingles
walls wood frame: asbestos shingles (weatherboard underneath)
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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance circa 1900

Significant Dates circa 1900

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.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 137.897 acres

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

The property is designated as Parcel 21 on Map 47, Grid 5 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Stony Hill Farm has been associated with Parcel 21, Map 47 since its construction.

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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 20, 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 Jim Stewart
street & number telephone 301-638-0009
city or town state zip code

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Charles County, Maryland
county and state

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The house, which is missing its doors, windows, and its porch floor and supports, displays the typical 2-story, side-gable 3-bay form of rural vernacular I-houses. Its roof is clad with the original decorative pressed metal shingles, and its foundation consists of poured concrete piers. A 1-3/4-story frame "ell" extends off the building's rear wall. Two interior brick chimneys punctuate the house's roof line, one set off-center along the main roof ridge, and the other at the interior gable end of the rear "ell."

The facade is divided into three bays with a central single-leaf entry flanked by single window openings. The second story contains three identical window openings aligned with the first story openings. A full-width, half-hipped roof porch extends across the facade. Its floor and supports have collapsed.

There are no associated outbuildings on the site.

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The dwelling is a typical example of the numerous late-19th century vernacular I-houses that dot the rural landscape of Charles County. The building's deteriorated condition seriously detracts from its architectural integrity and historic significance.

The farmhouse occupies a piece of property once farmed by Francis S. Canter. Canter's farm was known as "Stony Hill" or "Part of Fox's Race." After Canter's death (prior to 1883), an 82-acre portion of the property was allotted to his daughter Susan J. Chappellear (nee Canter). She and her husband sold the tract for \$1500 to Sarah M. Woodburn in 1883. It is likely that Woodburn and her husband, George, were responsible for the construction of the dwelling. After Woodburn's death in 1940, the property passed to her sons, W. Clarence & George P. Woodburn. Sometime prior to 1948, the heirs sold their mother's lands to Clare A. Norris of Washington, DC. In 1948, Norris devised the Woodburn Farm along with other acreage to the Smith family. Very recently, the property has been sold to a local developer who has plans to develop it as a residential subdivision.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-
1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcel 1:

September 6, 1883:

John H. & Susan J. Chappellear to
Sarah M. Woodburn
\$1500
82 acres
portion of the farm of the late
Francis S. Canter called "Part of
Fox's Race," or "Stony Hill"
Land allotted to Susan J. Chappellear
(nee Canter) in division of her
father's estate
Charles County Land Records
Liber BGS 6 Folio 563

Parcel 2:

March 11, 1931:

John H. Jenifer to Sarah M. Woodburn
\$200
11 acres, part of land of John H.
Jenifer obtained from Francis P.
Canter, et al. July 30, 1910 (HCC
26, folio 286)
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 53 Folio 165

March 8, 1940:

W. Clarence Woodburn to George P.
Woodburn
1/2 interest in land of Sarah M.
Woodburn (d. February 18, 1940,
heirs: W. Clarence & George P.
Woodburn)
2 parcels described below
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 71 Folio 630

June 24, 1948:

Clare A. Norris of Washington, DC to
Blanche Hannan & Robert T. Smith of
Washington, DC
137.9 acres
2 parcels: 1) 82 acres: portion of
the farm which Francis S. Canter
owned at his death "Part of Fox's
Race" or "Stony Hill"
2) 11 acres described in deed of

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March 11, 1931 (WMA 53, folio 165)
Charles County Land Records
Liber 87 Folio 462

December 27, 1990:

Will of Lorraine M. Smith
137.9 acres to children
Charles County Register of Wills
Liber SCB 49 Folio 170

July 9, 1996:

Karen Nolan, foreign personal rep.
of the estate of Lorraine M. Smith
to Karen Nolan, Diane Smith Murphy,
Lorraine Konen, Robert Smith &
Michael Smith (children of the
deceased)
137.897 acres
Charles County Land Records
Liber 2253 Folio 482

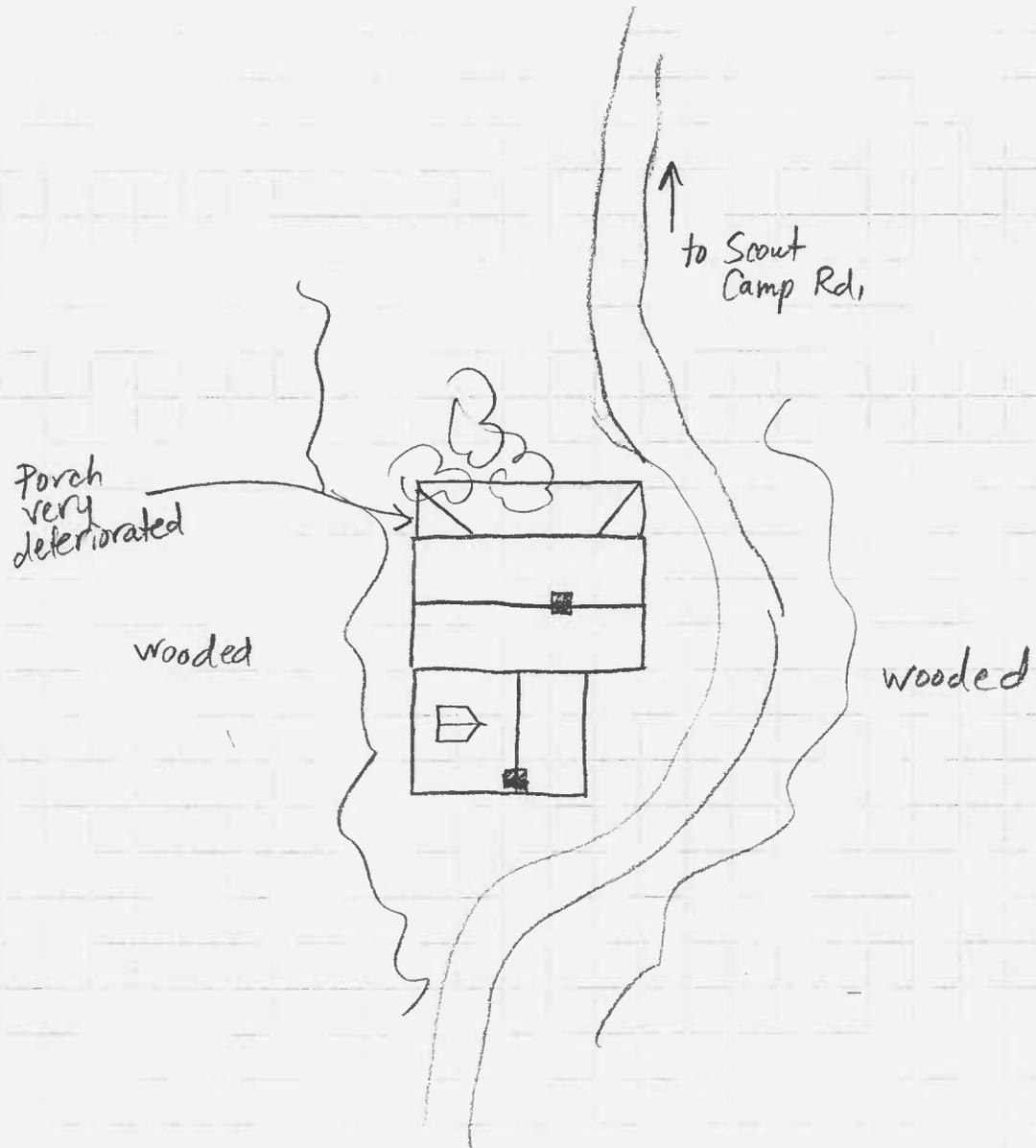
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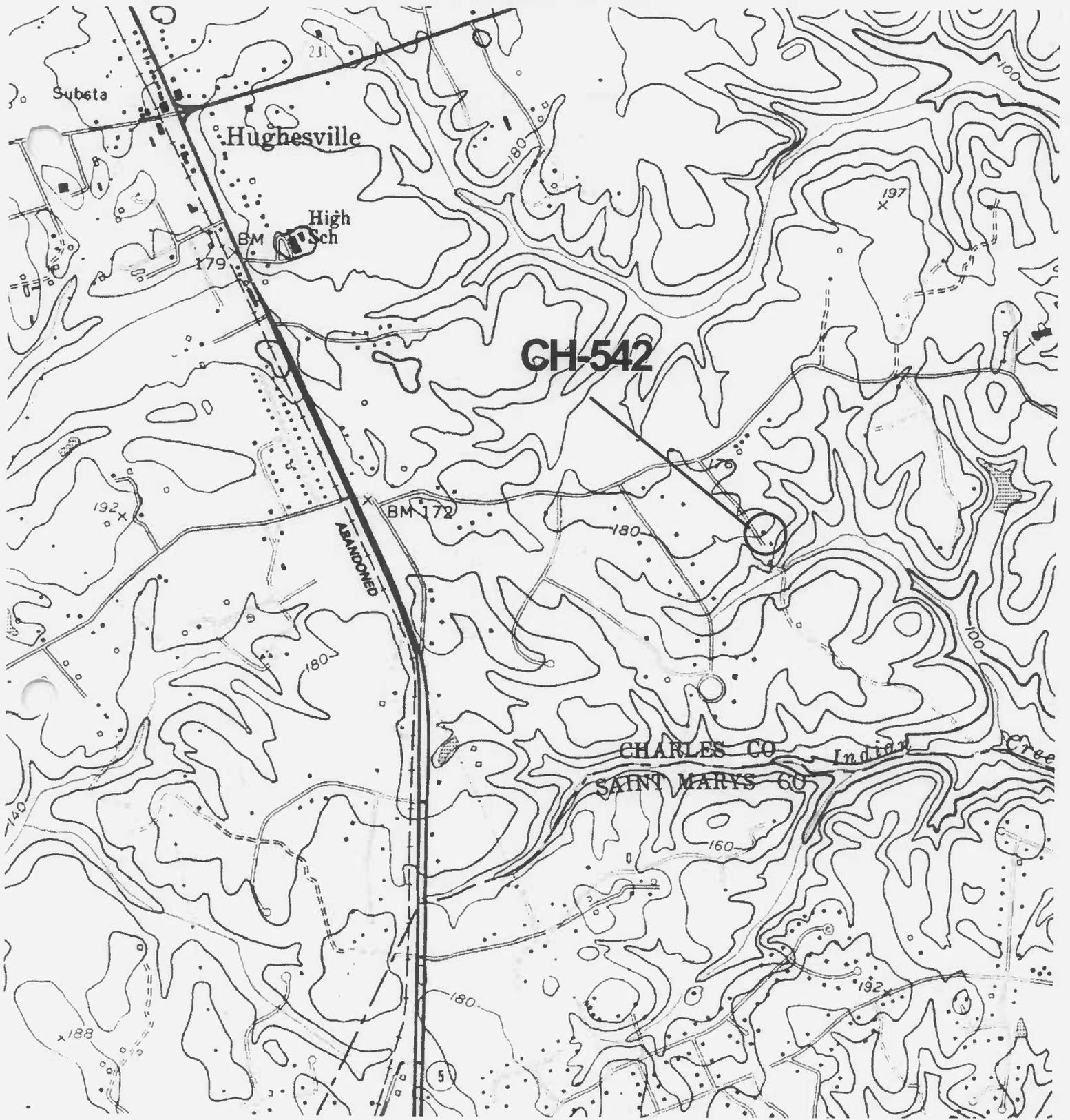
MAP

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STONY HILL FARM
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
Scout Camp Rd,
HUGHESVILLE VIC.

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Stony Hill Farm
Charles County, MD

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HUGHESVILLE, MD QUAD



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STONY HILL FARM

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

K.G. SMITH

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STONY HILL FARM
CHARLES COUNTY, MD

K.G. SMITH

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MARYLAND SHPO

LOOKING NW

2 OF 2

CH-543
Miller Cottage
Fenwick vic.
Private

circa 1910

This front gambrel Colonial Revival style dwelling features full-width front and rear porches, now enclosed, and gabled dormers on either side of the roof. Standing on a poured concrete foundation, the cottage has wood frame walls that are now clad with asbestos shingles. A single interior corbeled cap brick chimney extends above the roof along its western face.

Erected circa 1910, the Willard F. Miller Cottage is possibly the only remaining early dwelling in the village of Fenwick that retains its original appearance. It also was one of the most substantial of the early summer cottages erected in the town starting in 1909.