

ADDENDUM

CH-631
Canter Property
Charles County, MD
Patuxent City vic.
Cathy Currey, November 2001

7. Description

The Canter Property was destroyed by fire soon after being surveyed.

Fire damage revealed the skeleton of a 1 ½ story dwelling within the 2 story main block, suggesting that the building began as a side-gable frame structure similar to that of the nearby Patuxent City House(CH-122). Around the turn of the 20th century the dwelling was substantially updated and enlarged when a 2nd story was added to the main block of the original structure, a 2-story addition was erected on the west elevation and a Victorian-inspired centered cross gable was added to accentuate the roofline.



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CANTER PROPERTY

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FRONT ELEVATION AFTER FIRE

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Canter Property
CH-631
Hughesville vicinity
Private

Mid 19th century; 1910

The Canter Property consists of a 210-acre farmstead near Patuxent City in the eastern section of Charles County. The site is occupied by a dwelling and an array of domestic and agricultural outbuildings typically found in Charles County. The existing two-story, five bay, single-pile dwelling is late-Victorian in appearance but includes elements of an earlier 19th century structure. A one-story kitchen wing is attached to the east wall. Several of the outbuildings also appear to be of earlier construction including a washhouse located behind the dwelling and a tobacco barn to the east. The site also includes a number of early 20th century outbuildings such as a cornhouse, chicken house, garage, shed and tobacco barn with an attached stripping house.

The Canter Property is a compelling example of an evolving farmstead in Charles County from the mid- 19th to early 20th century. Known in the 19th century as the Carey Farm, the property was acquired by the Canter family before the turn of the 20th century. In 1903, Leonard G. Canter made substantial improvements to the site, which is still in the possession of family descendants. The property is located adjacent to Old Fields Church on the Prince Frederick Road (now Route 231). Nearby is the 19th century village of Patuxent City which once boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of dwellings situated on small lots lining the public road.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-631

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Canter Property (preferred)
 other Carey Farm & Bowan Tract

2. Location

street and number 15922 Prince Frederick Road not for publication
 city, town Hughesville vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Leonard Paul Long
 street and number 15922 Prince Frederick Road telephone 301-932-1939
 city, town Hughesville state MD zip code 20637

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 36-108
 city, town LaPlata liber 910 folio 224

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<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:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				0

7. Description

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Condition

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

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

The Canter Property consists of a 210 acre farmstead near Patuxent City in the eastern section of Charles County. The site is occupied by a mid-19th century dwelling, which was significantly altered and enlarged at the turn of the 20th century. Originally three bays wide with a side-passage plan, around 1905 the house was expanded to the west and a center gable was added. Several of the outbuildings appear to be of mid-19th century construction including an attached kitchen, a washhouse located behind the dwelling and a tobacco barn to the east. The site also includes a number of early twentieth century outbuildings such as a, chicken house, garage, shed and tobacco barn with an attached stripping house.

The dwelling has a wood frame that rests on a continuous brick and brick pier foundation. German siding sheaths the façade on the first floor while simple weatherboard covers the upper floor, and the full side and rear elevations. The roof is currently covered in asphalt shingles but evidence of earlier pressed metal sheeting is found in the center gable that adorns the façade. This decorative gable also frames a characteristic late 19th early 20th century square window. The cornice is boxed. The dwelling has two chimneys, one found in the interior of the main block, the other at the kitchen wing.

Currently, the façade features a decorative center gable with window and a hipped roof porch that extends the length of the main block. Fenestration consists of five bays with two entrances and three windows on the first floor, below five vertically symmetrical windows above. Doorways are located on the second and fifth bays when moving from left to right, or west to east. The door located in the second bay, gives access to a formal parlor and consists of Victorian detailing with a transom above. The door in the fifth bay appears to predate the western wing and consists of four panels with sidelights. Window composition throughout consists of 2/2 light double-hung wood sashes. Moving clockwise, the west elevation has two original 2/2 light windows, one above the other.

The rear or north elevation includes a one story shed addition resting on a concrete block foundation. This later addition has 6/6 light windows on the north and east side. The second story has an unusual 6/6 light window nestled in the upstairs east corner, probably dating to the time of the dining room addition below. A secondary door is found on the west side of the shed addition.

The kitchen wing consists of a frame, side-gable structure resting on a continuous brick foundation. It is covered in German siding throughout. The roof is broken by a single dormer with a 6/6 light window, which reveals part of the original roof material, wooden shingles. Otherwise, the roof is now sheathed in asphalt singles. Two very large windows of an earlier date appear on the eave wall but may not be original to the structure.

The floorplan of the dwelling is somewhat atypical. There are four primary rooms on the first floor. Moving from west to east we find the parlor, living room, hall/stairs and then finally the kitchen wing to the west and the dining room addition to the rear. The eastern section seems to predate the western wing featuring a late federal side passage plan. The stair placement at the rear of the dwelling suggests the possibility that the house orientation may have changed from north to south or this may represent a regional variation. (See Friendship Farm, CH-101)

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Although further architectural fieldwork is required, evidence for an earlier 19th century skeleton is found in the presence of a three-bay side passage floorplan of the western half of the main block, and earlier door on this section and a change in interior elevation between the east and west wings.

Evidence of a garden fence is found extending from the northwest of the dwelling. Worthy of further study is the variety and placement of trees near the dwelling.

OUTBUILDINGS

The meathouse and the washhouse as well as the kitchen wing attached to the house are said by Canter family descendants to have been moved here from another location. Although architectural evidence found neither confirms or negates this, a simpler explanation would be that the buildings were associated with the dwelling before it was extensively remodeled c.1900. The meathouse rests on stone pier foundation consisting of a type of stone found throughout the Patuxent River area. This stone is known locally as iron mine stone.(1)

WASH HOUSE

The washhouse is located behind the dwelling. This frame structure includes a wood shingled roof, and a box cornice. The door is situated on the eave wall facing the dwelling. A small window opening sits under the gable wall on the east side and a large shuttered window, which while historic, may or may not be original to this structure. The weatherboard siding shows evidence of being whitewashing.

MEATHOUSE

The meathouse stands opposite the work yard consisting of a frame structure covered with wide horizontal planks. This has a vertical board door attached to the frame with early strap hinges.

CORNHOUSE

The cornhouse is a fairly substantial frame, front-gable structure that rests on twelve concrete block piers and is sheathed with a metal seam roof. The framing is exposed on the outside and includes diagonal and cross bracing.

CHICKEN HOUSE

The chicken house is a crudely constructed structure with a sloped metal roof. It is sheathed in weatherboard siding and includes a batten door.

TOBACCO BARN

The earliest tobacco barn lies furthest east from the dwelling. This barn has six bays, or rooms with the ridge running on an east/west axis. Heavy frame timbering is present in several sections along with newer framing elements. The barn includes vertical board siding and a metal seam roof with a shallow pitch. Foundation piers are constructed from native stone as well as concrete. Crudely shaved logs provide interior support to the rooms above. The presence of crudely made stalls suggests that at some point the barn was converted to serve several functions including housing livestock. Also inside the barn is an early twentieth century tobacco press, used to prize tobacco into hogsheads before transport.

Attached to southwest end this barn is a later drill shed, which held a wagon and

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seed drill. This mechanism was horse drawn and facilitated the planting of wheat and rye. Directly next to this barn is an outcrop of native stone.

TOBACCO BARN W/ STRIPPING SHED

To the west stands a second tobacco barn of more recent construction which is taller and more slender in proportion than the earlier one. This barn has a concrete block pier foundation, vertical board siding and a metal seam, steeply pitched roof. The structure was built in two stages, with the earliest section to the north and the newer to the south.

The earliest portion dates to around 1900 and consists of 10 rooms. This section is joined with half-dovetail joints. The south end was constructed circa 1930 by local carpenter Adolf Howard, adding an additional three rooms to the structure. (2) Large double doors are situated on the eave walls, while narrow doors are found on either gable end. Attached to the barn is a frame stripping shed, once covered with tar paper said to have been constructed by Mason Jennifer circa 1950. Overall the barn includes a mix of recycled hinges and other hardware.

EQUIPMENT SHED

The equipment shed constructed in 1957-8 rests on poured concrete piers. This was the site of a former hog shed.

GARAGE

The frame garage is sheathed with vertical board siding and rests on a post-in-ground foundation.

According to the owner a turkey shed, now collapsed once stood in the yard south of the equipment shed.

Endnotes

(1) Interview with owner Leonard Long, Canter family descendant.

(2) Ibid.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates	1850-1940	Architect	unknown
Construction dates	1850-1940	Builder	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.)

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The Canter Property stands near the 19th century village of Patuxent City, located adjacent to Old Fields Church on the Hughesville-Benedict Road (now Route 231). The town once boasted a store, blacksmith shop, and a number of dwellings situated on relatively small lots lining the public road.

The town developed during the early 19th century as one of the several trade centers that grew up at crossroads around the county. Other such villages include Nanjemoy, Dentsville, Beantown and the historic district of Bryantown (CH-369). Patuxent City first appears on Martinet's Map of 1865 at the intersection of the road leading from Bryantown and later Hughesville with Benedict, and the northbound road to Aquasco in Prince George's County. Today, only a handful of original buildings remain in Patuxent City including Patuxent City House (18th century, CH-122), Old Fields Chapel (CH-112), the Herbert House (19th century, CH-119), and the Benedict Road House (19th century, CH-121).

Since its establishment in 1653, Charles County has been primarily an agrarian community. Well until the mid-20th century, tobacco was the main cash crop, although grains such as corn and wheat have been cultivated as well. The Canter Property reflects this rural tradition with its modest farmhouse surrounded by an assortment of outbuildings.

In 1903 Leonard G. Canter purchased 118 acres known as the Carey Farm and 66 acres known as the Bowan Tract from his father Henry A. Canter. While the original dwelling was likely constructed by the Carey family, we know that Leonard Canter substantially altered the existing dwelling by adding to the west wing, adding or extending the porch and capping the roof with a decorative center gable. While continuing to use existing buildings, Leonard Canter also constructed several outbuildings that survive on the property today.

The property is still owned by Canter's descendants and is leased for farming.

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According to Leonard Long, current owner and descendant of Leonard Canter, today, as historically, thirty-three acres of the property consist of open fields and agricultural lands with the remainder consisting of woodlands. In any given year about half of that would be under cultivation. Corn, wheat, rye and tobacco were consistently grown on the farm. Livestock was varied and included cows, horses, pigs, turkey, chickens, ducks, and guinea fowl.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10
Acreage of historical setting 209.799
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 15922 Prince Frederick Road is associated with Charles County Property Map 36, Grid 11, Parcel 108.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Survey		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	11/1/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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Canter Property

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of title:

Deed to Henry A. Canter c. 1890 from Estep

May, 6, 1903 Henry A. Canter to Leonard G. Canter. "Carey Farm" and "Bowan tract".
118 a. & 66 a. respectively.
Bounded by the lands of the late Henry Canter, Sarah E. Cross wife of
George Cross and lands of the late Thomas A. Carrico.
BGS 14 Folio 53

September 13, 1957 Ethel C. Long to children Mary Edith Murray and Lawrence E. Murray,
her husband, Vera Naomi Roberts and Heber E. Roberts. Part interest
1st- Carey Farm on north side of main road from Hughesville to Patuxent
City 118a. ; 66 a. Bowan tract all of which land is now in growth. BGS
14/53
2nd- land from Emma and James Burch sold in 1921 38/52
Save and excepting three lots...
Liber 132 Folio 265

June 1, 1976 Leonard Paul Long and Ethel C. Long to Leonard Paul Long and Jeanette
Long, his wife. Part interest in above property
Liber 443 Folio 113

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Major Bibliographic References:

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

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/25/00

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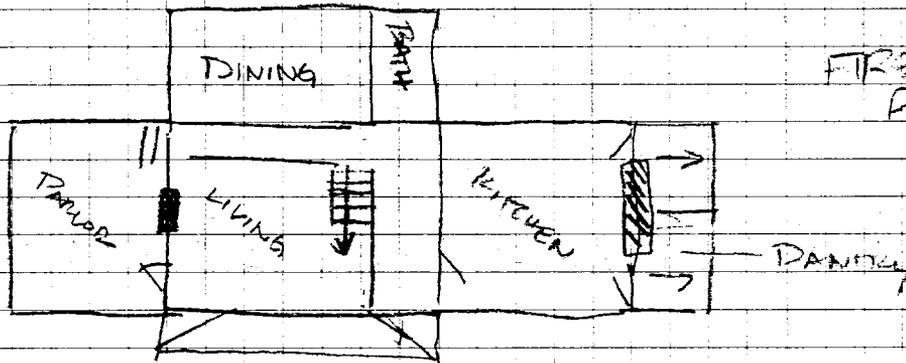
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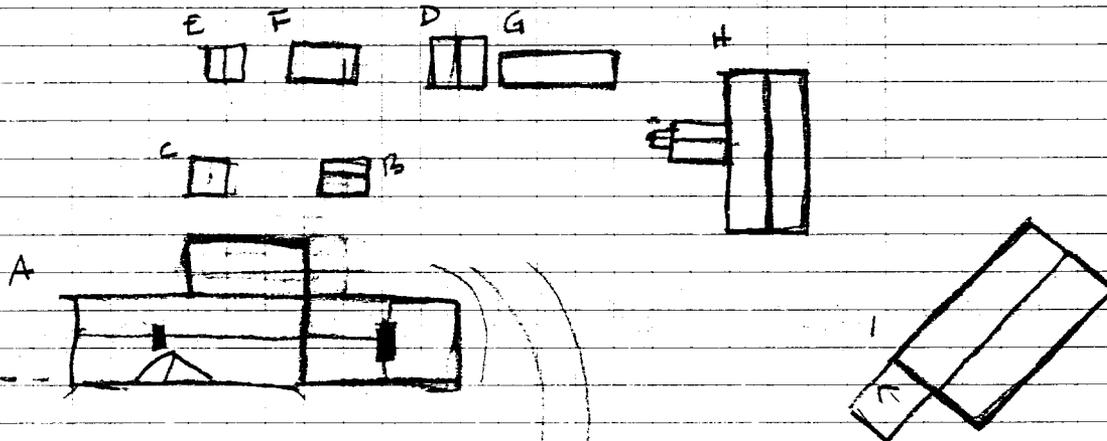
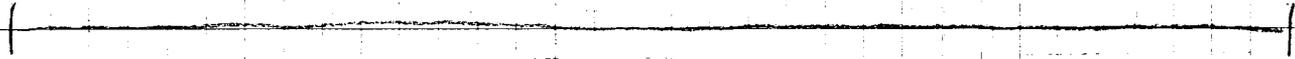
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Charles County, Maryland

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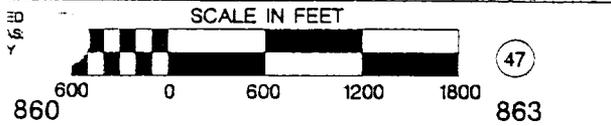
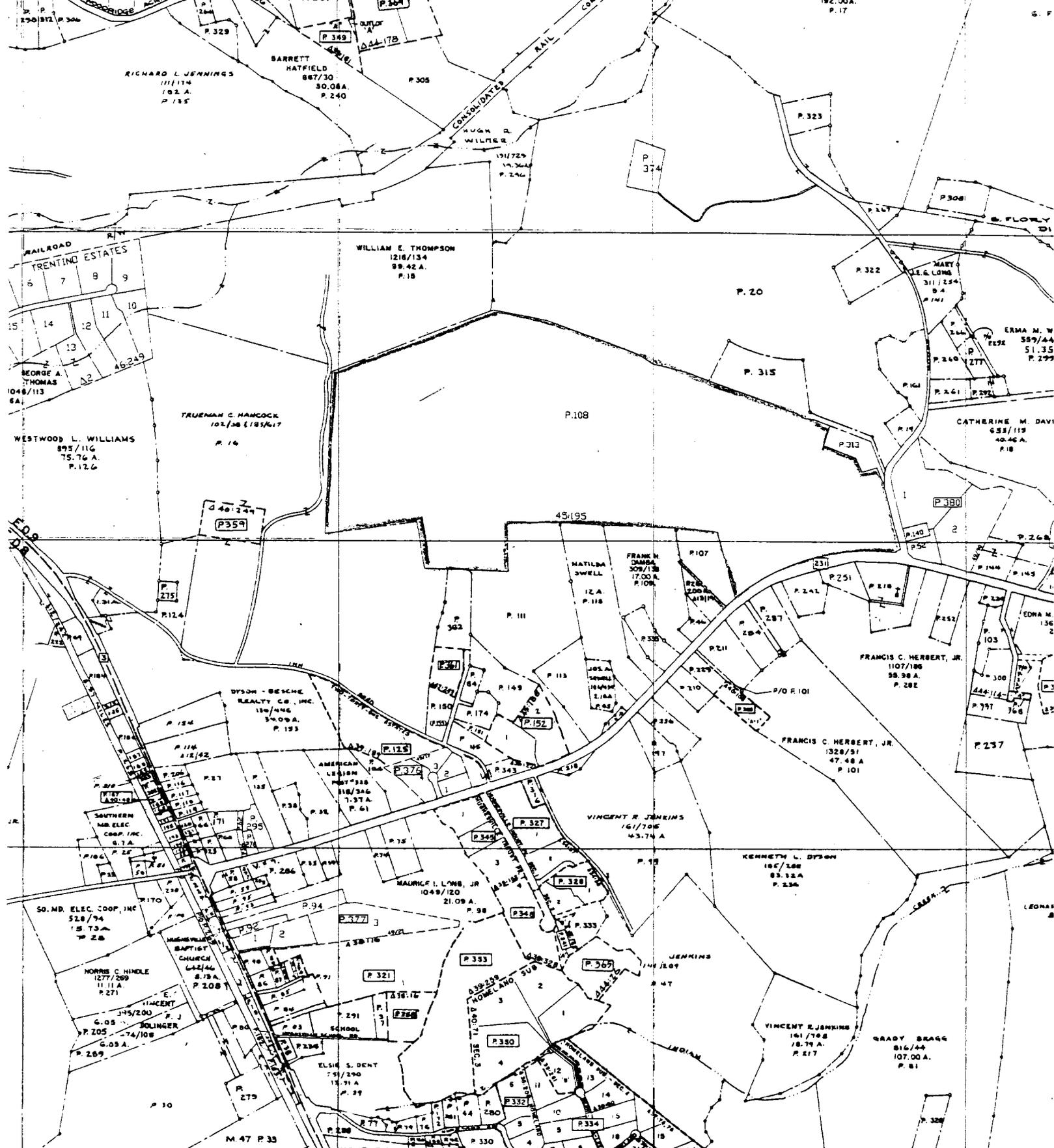


FIRST FLOOR PLAN



- A - DWELLING
- B WASH HOUSE
- C MEAT HOUSE
- D CORN HOUSE
- E GARAGE
- F CHICKEN HOUSE
- G EQUIPMENT SHED
- H 1900 TOBACCO BARN
- I TOBACCO BARN

Not drawn to scale



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PROPERTY MAPPING SECTION

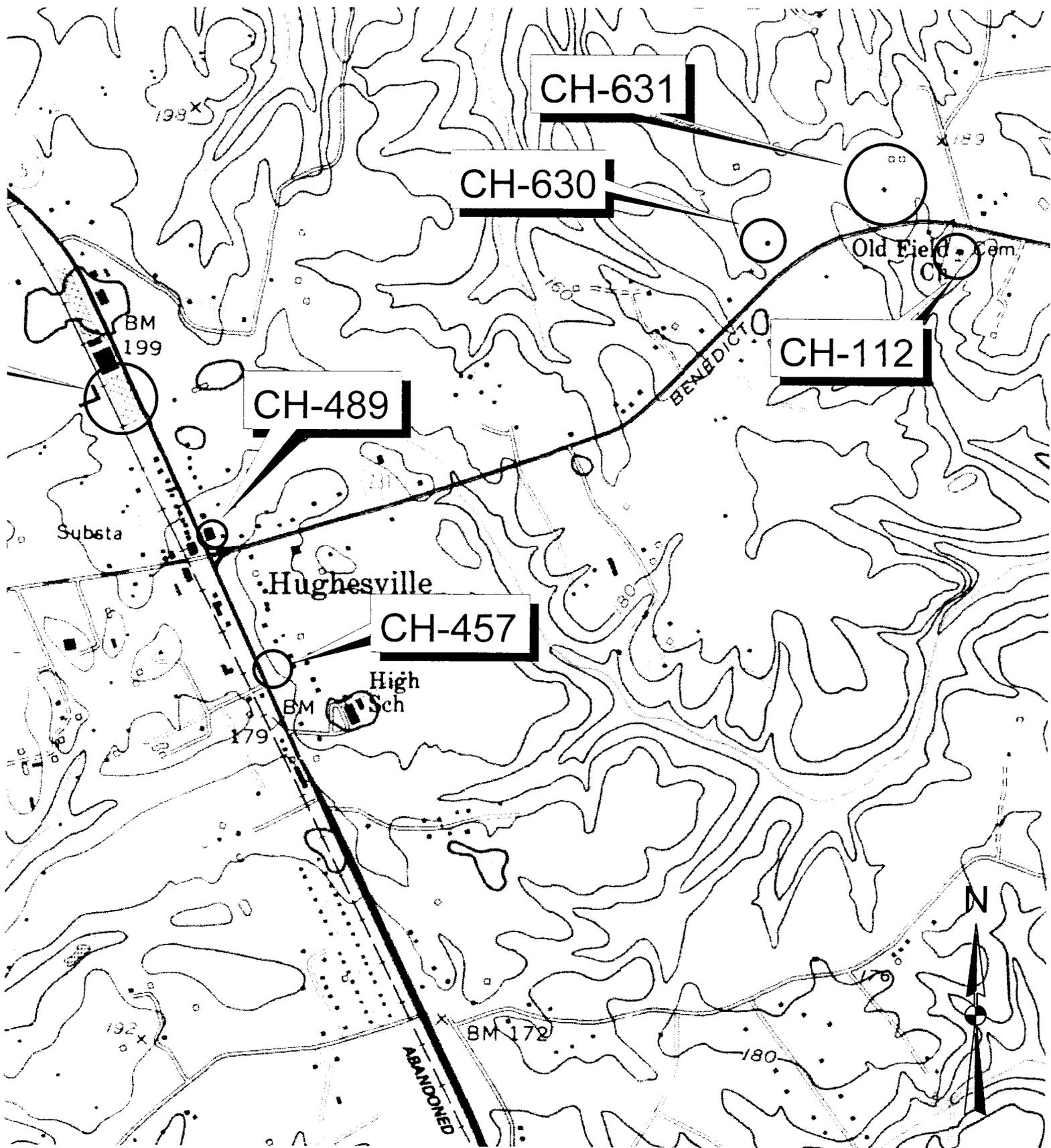
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REVISED TO: DATE: MAY '98

PROPERTY LINE
SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY
CONTIGUOUS OWNERSHIP
PANEL NUMBER(S) - P-244 (ASSIGNED TO IDENTIFY AND INDEX OWNERSHIP)
SCALE 1"=600' (RF 1/2000)

BY: CAT





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Charles County, MD
Hughesville, MD Quad



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CANTER PROPERTY

CHARLES COUNTY, MD

11/2000

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MD SHPO

DWELLING, LOOKING N

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CANTER PROPERTY

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KITCHEN WING, LOOKING N

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CANTER PROPERTY

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MD SHPO

REAR ELEVATION W/ WASHHOUSE to LEFT

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CANTER PROPERTY

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MD SHPO

REAR YARD, LOOKING NW, WASH HOUSE IN FOREGROUND

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MD SHPO

MEATHOUSE, LOOKING N

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MD SHPO

CORN HOUSE, LOOKING NE

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CHICKEN HOUSE, LOOKING W
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BARN & STRIPPING SHED, LOOKING N

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BARN & STRIPPING HOUSE, LOOKING EAST

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