Norwood **c. 1900**
CH-713
Wicomico vic.
Private

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Associated with the Turner family from the late 19th to early 20th century, John R. Turner's left his property in the vicinity of Wicomico to be equally divided between his two sons after his death in 1888. Robert Turner took over possesion of the farm and soon after constructed the current dwelling house. The name Norwood first appears in 1920 when Mary Turner's heirs sold the entire Norwood property containing 500 acres toWashington Bowling. The Bowling family occupied the site until 1972.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-713

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Norwood
other	

2. Location

street and number	12800 Norwood Drive	___	not for publication
city, town	Wicomico	X	vicinity
county	Charles		

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

name	Marjorie and Charles Boyers				
street and number	12800 Norwood Drive			telephone	301-934-4273
city, town	Charlotte Hall	state	MD	zip code	20622-3621

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	66 p. 124		
city, town	La Plata, MD	liber	1270	folio	97

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
___ Other _____

6. Classification

Category
___ district
X building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
X private
___ both

Current Function
___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
X domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
___ good	___ ruins
___ fair	___ altered

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

Norwood, constructed around 1900, Norwood is an unusually elaborate rural example of Victorian architecture in Charles County. Consisting of a 2 1/2 story frame structure with an overall front gable orientation and irregular plan, cross gables are found on the eave elevations which are accentuated with several projecting bays. A one story wrap-around porch shelters the façade and extends to the south. The home was extensively renovated in the late 1980's and 90's.

The dwelling faces east and rests on a continuous brick foundation and the frame is currently sheathed in wallboard. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and is pierced by two interior corbeled cap chimneys. An exterior brick chimney was salvaged from a nearby site and attached to the rear elevation in the 1980's. The hipped roof porch includes a decorative gable over the entry and extends southward. The porch is distinguished by an octagonal seating area on the buildings southeast corner.

The front elevation includes four bays on the main levels. The first story has three long 6/6 windows and an offset entry door with transom. The second story fenestration is symmetrical but consists of smaller 6/6 windows. The attic story is also lighted with two small 6/6 windows.

The north elevation includes a prominent decorative gable interrupting the eave wall. Two projecting bays interrupt the first floor fenestration. The first is a rectangular bay holding a 6/6 window. The other is octagonal with narrower 6/6 windows. Finally a 6/6 window is set on the eave wall near the rear elevation. The second story has four equally sized and placed 6/6 windows. A small window also lights the attic.

The rear elevation is dominated by a salvaged chimney acquired from the site of a demolished structure once part of the property. The attic has a single 6/6 window. The second story has two asymmetrical 6/6 windows as does the first floor. A small gabled entry porch shelters the kitchen door.

The south elevation is dominated by a decorative center gable, mirroring the same found on the north side. Adornment differs from the opposite elevation in that this wall includes a single, centered two-story projecting bay rather than two first floor bays. The bay holds three windows each on the first and second floors. To the west of the projecting bay is a single second story and two first floor 6/6 windows of similar size. To the east is a single second story window above a larger first floor window.

The interior floor plan is irregular. The entry leads into a hall containing a staircase on the north wall. A hall passage proceeds to a dining room, now used as a siting room lighted by the octagonal bay window. Beyond this, a hallway leads to is a pantry along the north wall which has been converted into a bathroom. At the far end is a service stair. Opposite this hall way is a large kitchen. The south side of the house, beginning again from the main entry, includes a library, beyond which is a parlor, currently used as a dining room. The library and parlor are dived by a folding double door. Floors throughout appear to be original although most molding and hardware was replaced at the time of the renovation. During this time the attic story was finished. Before the renovation this hold a cistern feeding a gravity fed plumbing system that allowed water to circulate throughout the house.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates c. 1900 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____ Maryland Register X 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.)

Norwood is a good example of a rural interpretation of Victorian architecture in Charles County. In 1888, John R. Turner's last will and testament left his property in the vicinity of Wicomico to be equally divided between his two sons. Robert H. Turner and Thomas Turner, Jr. At that time, Robert was already living on the property as evidenced by the stipulation that Robert have the privilege of selecting for his share that part on which stands the dwelling house where he now resides. By 1900, Robert had passed away and in that year Thomas T. Turner deeded his portion Mary Thomas Turner, wife of the late Robert. The name Norwood first appears after Mary Turner's heirs sell the entire Norwood property containing 500 acres to two brothers Joseph W. and George P. Bowling. The house was occupied by the family of George P. Bowling. In 1972 when it was sold to F. George Heinze who initiated the renovations.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5

Acreage of historical setting 500

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Norwood is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 66, Parcel 124.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept.	date	8/28/01
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-5815
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zip code 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

Chain of title:

January 20, 1988 — F. George Heinze to Charles F. and Marjorie S. Boyers.
1270:97

October 2, 1972 — George P and Agnes B. Bowling to F. George Heinze. 425.419 a.
264:447

September 19, 1963 — Mary M. Gwynn widow to Bowling heirs. 5 contiguous tracts called Norwood 499 ½ acres near Wicomico.
5 lots
First
1-10 a. eastern part of "Parnham Hall" 6:236(1893)
2-Gray's Purchase"125a. 7:40(1894)
3-271/2 a. 8:156(1896)
4. 'Tavelin" 14:671 and 17:346(1904)
5- Adventure 327 acres Wills 18:489 John R. Turner(1900)
Being land sold by W. Bowling to J & G. Bowling in **44:632**
Second
Robert P. 3rd to Joseph W. and George P. Bowling126:549

189:299; 189:285

First

January 13, 1926 — Washington Bowling to Joseph W. and George P. Bowling. "Norwood" Buildings and improvements. Same property.
44:632

April 26, 1920 — Mary Thomas Turner and hiers to Washington Bowling. 499 acres. "Norwood"
WMA 36:430

January 16, 1900 — Thomas T. Turner to Mary T. Turner wife of Robert H. Turner.
BGS 10:526

April 19, 1888 — John R. Turner's Last Will and Testament heired property to be equally divided between sons Robert H. Turner and Thomas Turner, Jr.
Wife Mary H. use and profit from my farm "Adventure" which my son R.H. Turner now resides. "Adventure" to be equally divided provided R.H. have the privledge of selecting for his share that part on which stands the dwelling house where he now reisdes. Filed April 1893
Wills 18:489

Major Bibliographic References:

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

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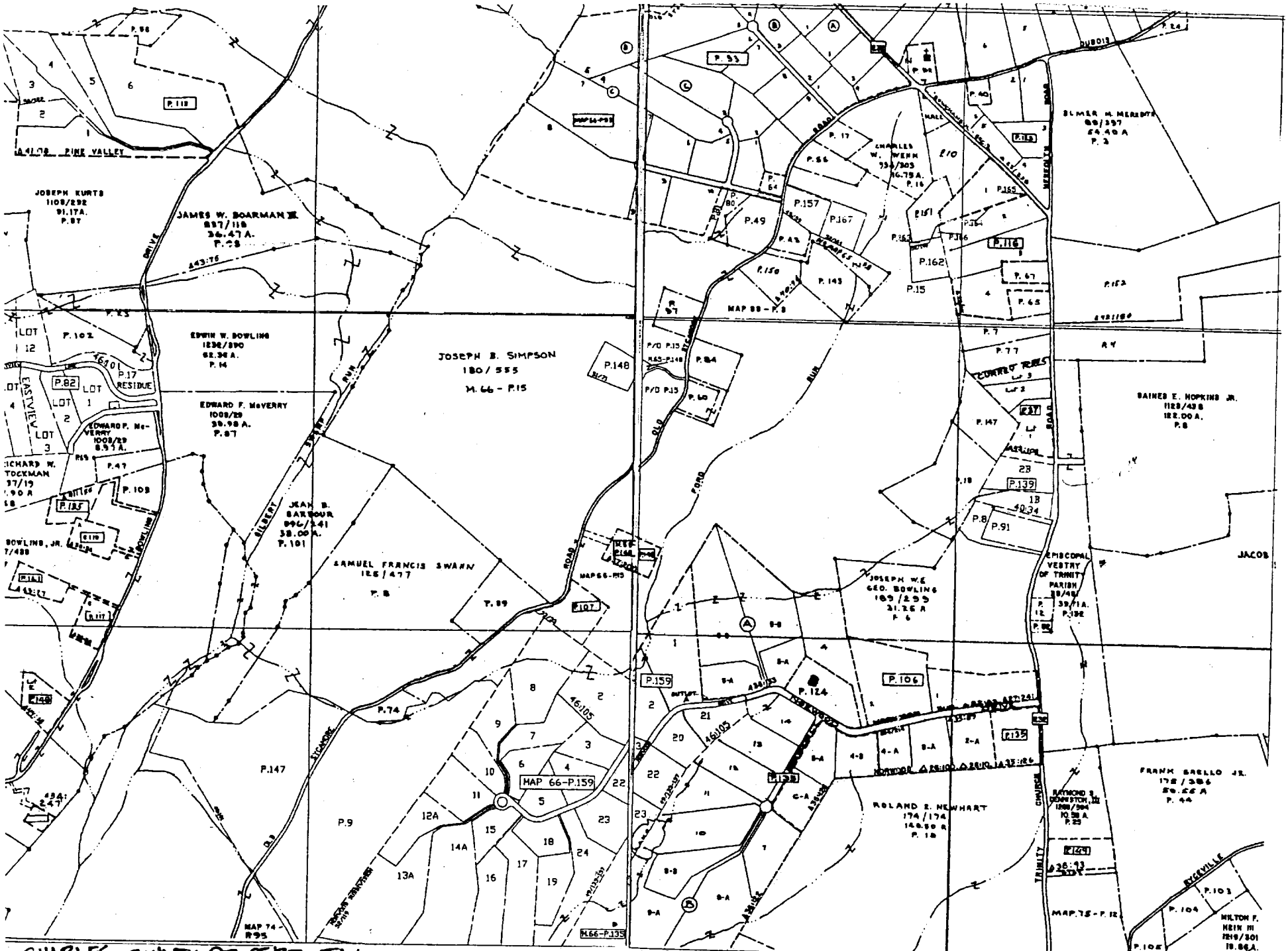
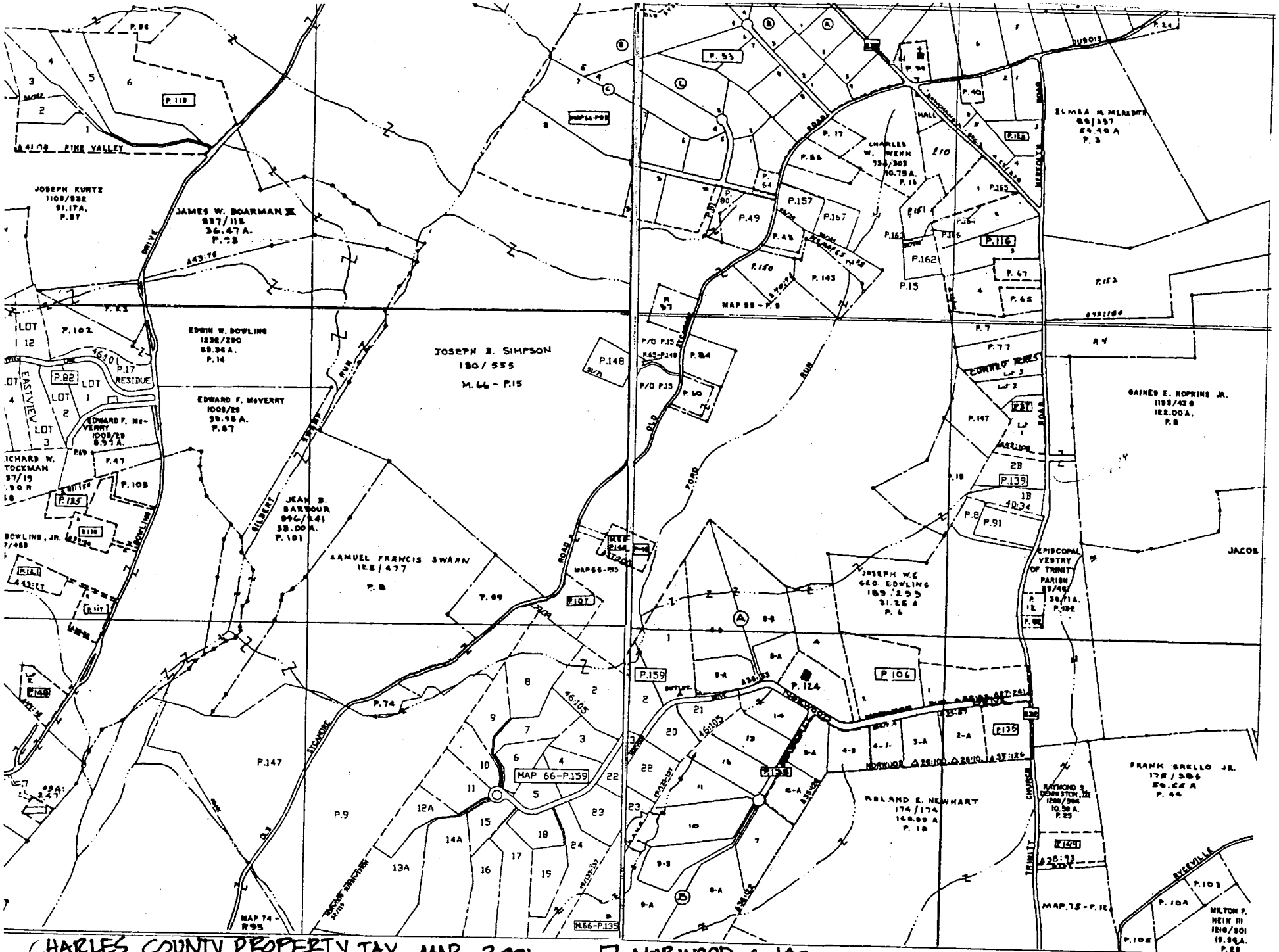
Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.



CHARLES COUNTY PROPERTY TAX MAP 2001

NORWOOD c. 1920 (APPROXIMATE)
CURRENT SITE



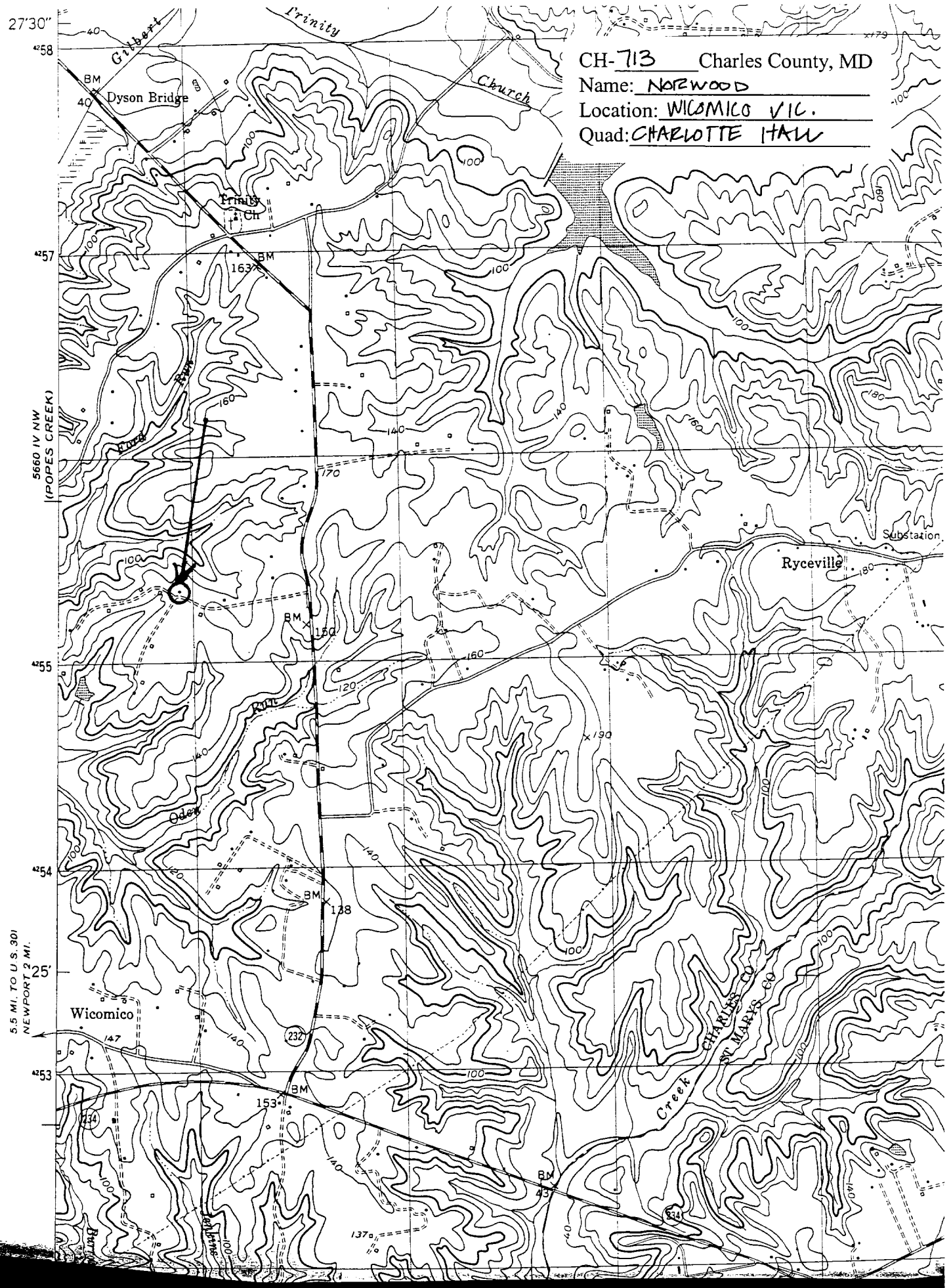
CHARLES COUNTY PROPERTY TAX MAP, 2001.

☐ NORWOOD c. 1920 APPROXIMATE

☐ CURRENT SITE

CN 713

CH-713 Charles County, MD
Name: NORWOOD
Location: WICOMICO VIC.
Quad: CHARLOTTE HALL



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NORWOOD
WICOMICO VIC.
C. CURREY
6/2001
MD SHPO
FACADE, LOOKING NW
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C. CURREY
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MD SHPO
LOOKING SW
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