CH-239

Philip A Sasscer Property, (Benjamin & Ruth Jenkins)

Architectural Survey File

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CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-239 ~~(PACS-B1)~~ **Construction Date:** 1890

Name: Philip A. Sasscer Property

Location: 2205 Tara Place, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County

Private/Private residence/Occupied/Fair/Not accessible

Description:

The Philip A. Sasscer Property consists of a side-gable I-house, constructed in 1890 and a 2½-story wood-frame barn. The property is located at the end of Tara Place, a dirt lane which extends north from Berry Road in the Waldorf vicinity, Charles County. The residence is a 2½-story, 4-bay I-house with asbestos siding and a concrete foundation. The roof is covered with both asphalt shingles and rolled asphalt covering and an interior brick chimney is located at the east gable end.

Significance:

The Philip A. Sasscer Property is a typical example of a late-nineteenth century I-house in Charles County. The structure is an undistinguished example of a common building style. In addition, alterations to the property such as asbestos siding, some alteration of the windows, and the construction of a rear addition have compromised the architectural integrity of the structure. The house was originally situated on 56.96 hectare (140.75 acres) of "Hull", purchased in 1881. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1890. The parcel associated with the residence was reduced to 55.44 hectare (137 acres) in 1949. The lot was reduced to its current size of 19.9 hectare (49.2 acres) in 1961, when the current owners purchased the property.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Philip A. Sasscer Property

and/or common Benjamin and Ruth Jenkins Property

2. Location:

street & number 2205 Tara Place ___ not for publication

city, town Waldorf _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_x_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	___yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_x_not applicable	_x_no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Benjamin and Ruth Jenkins

street & number 8500 Potobac Shores Road telephone no.: (301) 932-2780

city,town Port Tobacco state and zip code MD 20677

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 153

street & number 101 Catalpa Drive folio 350

city,town La Plata state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository/survey records

city,town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
___good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
_x_fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

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The south, or front elevation has two doors and two, 1/1 double-hung wood windows on the first story. A modern wood deck extends from grade level across the full width of the structure. The second story has two, 1/1 double-hung wood windows.

The west elevation has one, 1/1 double-hung wood window on both the first and second stories and a vent in the gable end.

The north, or rear elevation has a 1-story addition which projects to the north. The west elevation of the addition has one window and one door. Both the north and east elevations of the addition have one window. The first story of the north elevation of the house has one 1/1 double-hung window and one 2/2 double-hung window. The second story has one 1/1 double-hung window.

The east elevation has no fenestration and a vent in the gable end.

The only outbuilding on the property is a 2½-story side-gable barn with a 2-story shed roof extension to the south. The barn is covered with vertical wood siding and has double doors on the west elevation. The structure is located southeast of the house.

The Philip A. Sasscer Property is located at the end of Tara Place, which is a long dirt lane. The property's setting remains rural, as it is surrounded by woods and open farmland. Although Berry Road is a busy four-lane artery, it is located a considerable distance to the south of the property, and therefore, has not altered the rural character of the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
__prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion	
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science	
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture	
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian	
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	__theater	
x 1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__transportation	
__1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__other:	
		__invention			

Specific dates 1890 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___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.

The Philip A. Sasscer Property is a typical example of a late-nineteenth century I-house in Charles County. The house was originally situated on 56.96 hectare (140.75 acres) of "Hull", purchased in 1881. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1890. The parcel associated with the residence was reduced to 55.44 hectare (137 acres) in 1949. The lot was reduced to its current size of 19.9 hectare (49.2 acres) in 1961, when the current owners purchased the property.

The Philip A. Sasscer Property is located in southern Maryland, in northern Charles County. The Native American inhabitants of southern Maryland from the Piscataway and Potobac nations were joined by European settlers beginning in 1634 with the establishment of St. Mary's City by Leonard Calvert. Successive waves of colonists took up tracts of land further inland from the Chesapeake Bay along the Patuxent and Potomac rivers and their tributaries. Charles County was formed in 1658 and Prince George's County was established in 1696. Settlement was confined to inland areas until road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

A standard I-house, such as the dwelling on the Philip Sasscer Property is one room deep and two stories tall with three to five openings on each story. From the front, an I-house is often indistinguishable from a Georgian house. The gable view, however, reveals the greater depth of the Georgian house. Chimneys are located on the interior of the gable ends, however, external chimneys are characteristic in the Chesapeake region. Usually, an I-house has a one-story porch running the length or nearly the length of the long side. On the interior, a central hall separates the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contains either two or four sleeping chambers. Due to the narrowness of the main core, many I-houses have kitchen wings to the rear. Initially, stone masonry construction was used but by the mid-nineteenth century, as pre-cut lumber became increasingly available, frame construction became the norm. During the Victorian period, pre-cut detailing or a two-tiered porch was commonly grafted onto the traditional I-house. The I-form was popular into the early twentieth century, with examples appearing in catalogs of mass-produced suburban houses (Gowans 1992, 55-6).

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Philip A. Sasscer Property consists of a side-gable I-house, constructed in 1890 and a wood-frame barn. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It does not meet Criterion C, as the structure is an undistinguished example of a common late nineteenth and early twentieth century building style. In addition, alterations to the property such as aluminum siding, some alteration of the windows, and the construction of a rear addition have compromised the architectural integrity of the structure. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
Eligibility Recommended_____ Eligibility Not Recommended__X__
Comments:_____

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997
Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 4/4/01

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility Recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: 10/18/96

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: 10/19/96

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Piscataway, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date September 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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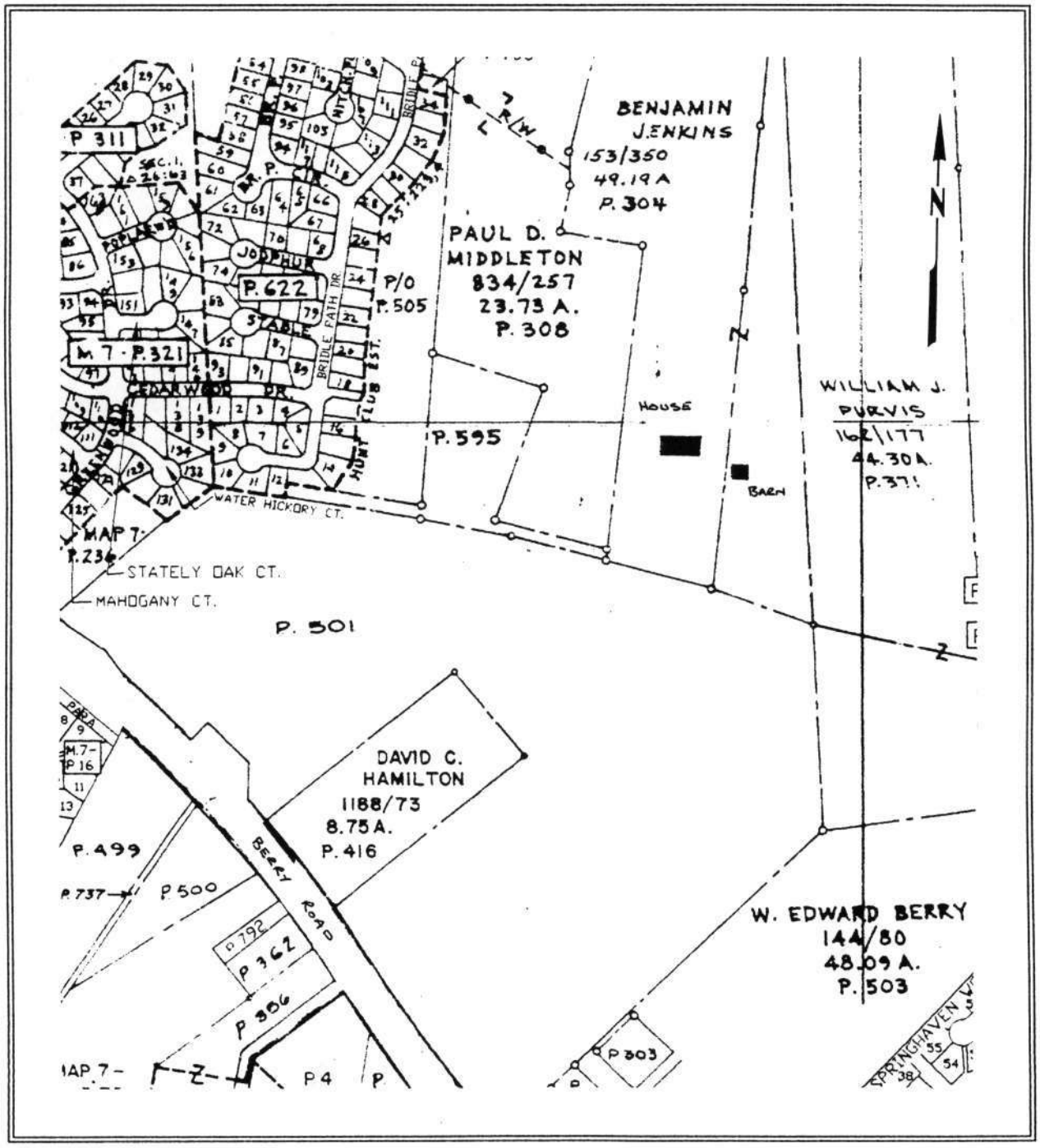
10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Philip A. Sasscer Property; CH-239 ~~(PACS B1)~~
2205 Tara Place, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not applicable; Occupied; Not accessible; Private Residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

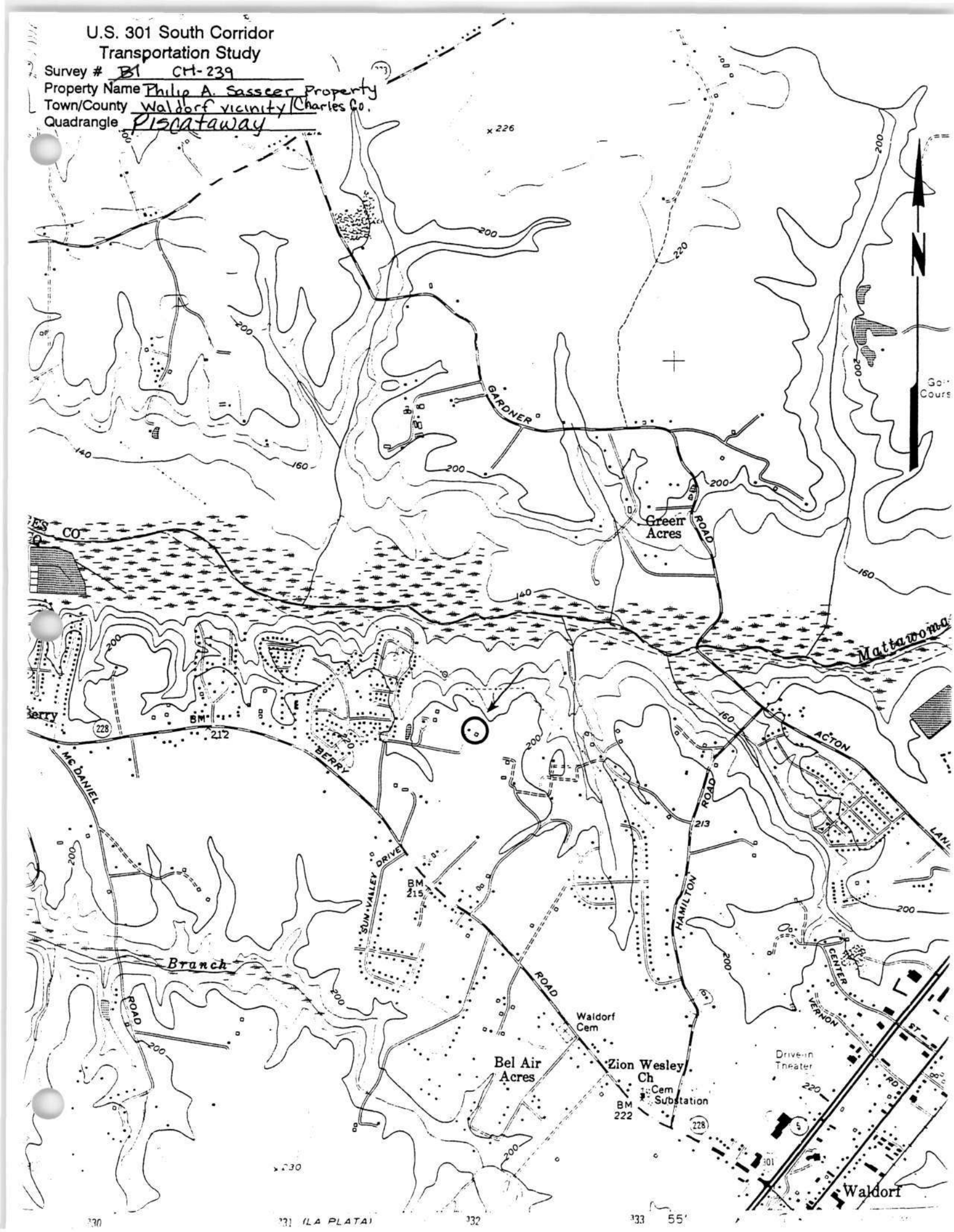
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study
Survey # B1 CH-239
Property Name Philip A. Sasseer Property
Town/County Waldorf vicinity/Charles Co.
Quadrangle Piscataway

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2. Philip A. Sassder Property
Charles County, MD

3. Caroline Hall 9/96

4. PAC. Spero + Co., 40 W. Chesapeake Ave. #412
Balto, MD 21204

5. 2205 Tara Place South elevation of house North view

6. 1 of 6



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2. Philip A. Sasscer Property Charles Co, MD

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5. 2205 Tara Place West elevation of house
East View

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5. 2205 Tara Place North
elevation of house southwest

6. 3 of 6 view



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2. Philip A. Sasscer Property
Prince Charles County, MD

3. Caroline Hall 9/96

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5. 2205 Tara Place North elevation of house Southeast view

6. 4086



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2. Philip A. Sasscer Property
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5. 2205 Tara Place East elevation
6. 5 of 6 of house Northwest
View


Rock

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2. Philip A. Bussler Property
Charles County, MD

3. Caroline Hall 9/96

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5. 2205 Jara Place barn west elevation East View

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