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Molly's Delight

Architectural Survey File

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Molly's Delight
Survey No.: CH-342

Property Address West side U.S. 301 (Crain Highway), ¼ mile north of Acton Lane, Waldorf vicinity, Charles County
Owner Name/Address Dreadnaught Limited Partnership, 7201 Wisconsin Ave. Suite 650, Bethesda MD 20814-4810
Year Built early-nineteenth century, early-twentieth century, demolished circa 1995

Description:

Molly's Delight was previously surveyed by J. Richard Rivoire of the Design Alliance in 1994. Since the time of the previous survey, the house has been demolished. A townhouse development known as The Woods at Deer Creek has been constructed on the site of the house, and a Home Depot is being constructed on the land to the east. There are no extant buildings associated with the property.

National Register Evaluation:

Molly's Delight was determined not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Maryland Historical Trust in August 1994.

MHT CONCURRENCE:
Eligibility _____recommended __X__ not recommended
Criteria ___A ___B ___C __/__D **Considerations**___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments:_____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 10/11/04 Reviewer, NR program Date 8/14/00

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
January 1999

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Molly's Delight Survey Number: CH-342

Project: Townhouse Development Jefferson Road Agency: COE

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B _X_C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
Molly's Delight is a frame dwelling consisting of two construction periods: early nineteenth Century and early twentieth century. The original structure measures three bays wide, rises one story in height and capped by a steep gable roof. the two exterior brick chimneys were distinguished by a large, one story pent. The early twentieth century expansion includes a two story, three bay, gabled addition with a recessed porch. The current condition of the building is quite deteriorated. The character defining chimneys and pent have collapsed, siding, windows, columns and doors have been removed. Molly's Delight no longer possesses integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to be eligible for the National Register.

As of August 1994, the developer anticipates demolishing the building in the near future, after archeological investigations have been completed.

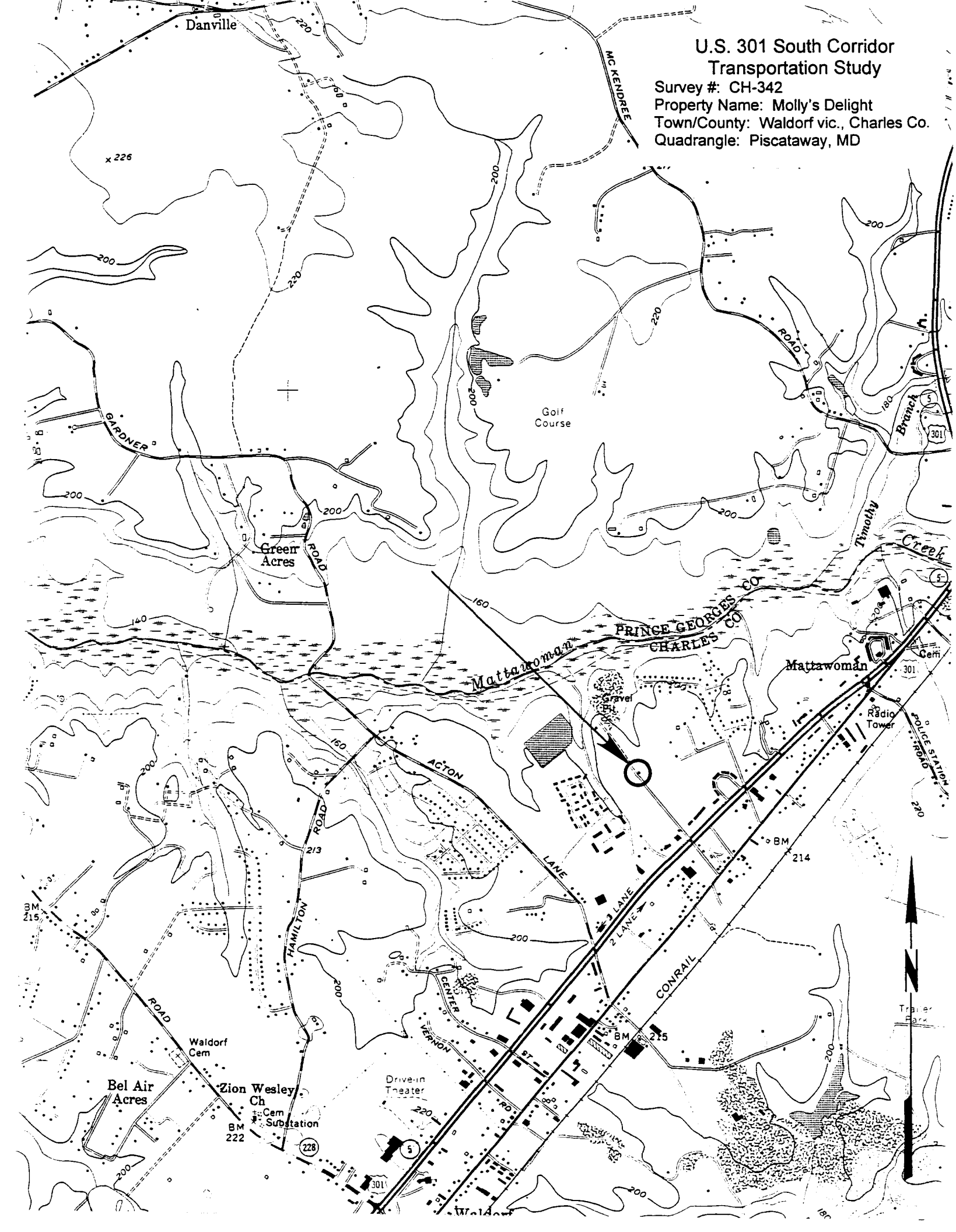
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory

Prepared by: Design Alliance, Rick Rivoire

Lauren L. Bowlin — 18 August 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

R Anderson — 9.22.94
Reviewer, NR program — Date


U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study
Survey #: CH-342
Property Name: Molly's Delight
Town/County: Waldorf vic., Charles Co.
Quadrangle: Piscataway, MD
Danville
MC KENDREE
ROAD
GARDNER
ROAD
Golf
Course
Green
Acres
ROAD
Timothy
Branch
Creek
PRINCE GEORGES CO
CHARLES CO
Mattawoman
Mattawoman
Cem
Gravel
Pit
Radio
Tower
POLICE STATION
ROAD
ACTON
LANE
HAMILTON
ROAD
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214
2 LANE
CONRAIL
CENTER
VERNON
ST
RD
BM
215
BM
215
ROAD
Waldorf
Cem
Bel Air
Acres
Zion Wesley
Ch
Cem
Substation
BM
222
Drive-in
Theater
Trailer
Park
N



1) CH-342

2) Molly's Delight,

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Julie Darsie

5) 1-99

6) MD SHPO

7) site of house - View SW

8) 1 of 2



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2) Molly's Delight
3) Charles Co, MD
4) Julie Darsie
5) 1-99
6) MD SHPO
7) land east of house - View SE
8) 2 of 2

ADDENDUM

Molly's Delight
CH-342
Charles County, MD
Waldorf vic.
K.G. Smith, October 1998

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8. Statement of Significance
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The early 19th Century dwelling known as Molly's Delight burned down in 1994.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 67 acres

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

The Molly's Delight site is located on Parcel 457 on Map 8 on the Charles County Property Map.

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12. Property Owner
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name Dreadnaught Ltd. Partnership
street & number 7201 Wisconsin Ave. telephone
city or town Bethesda state MD zip code 20814
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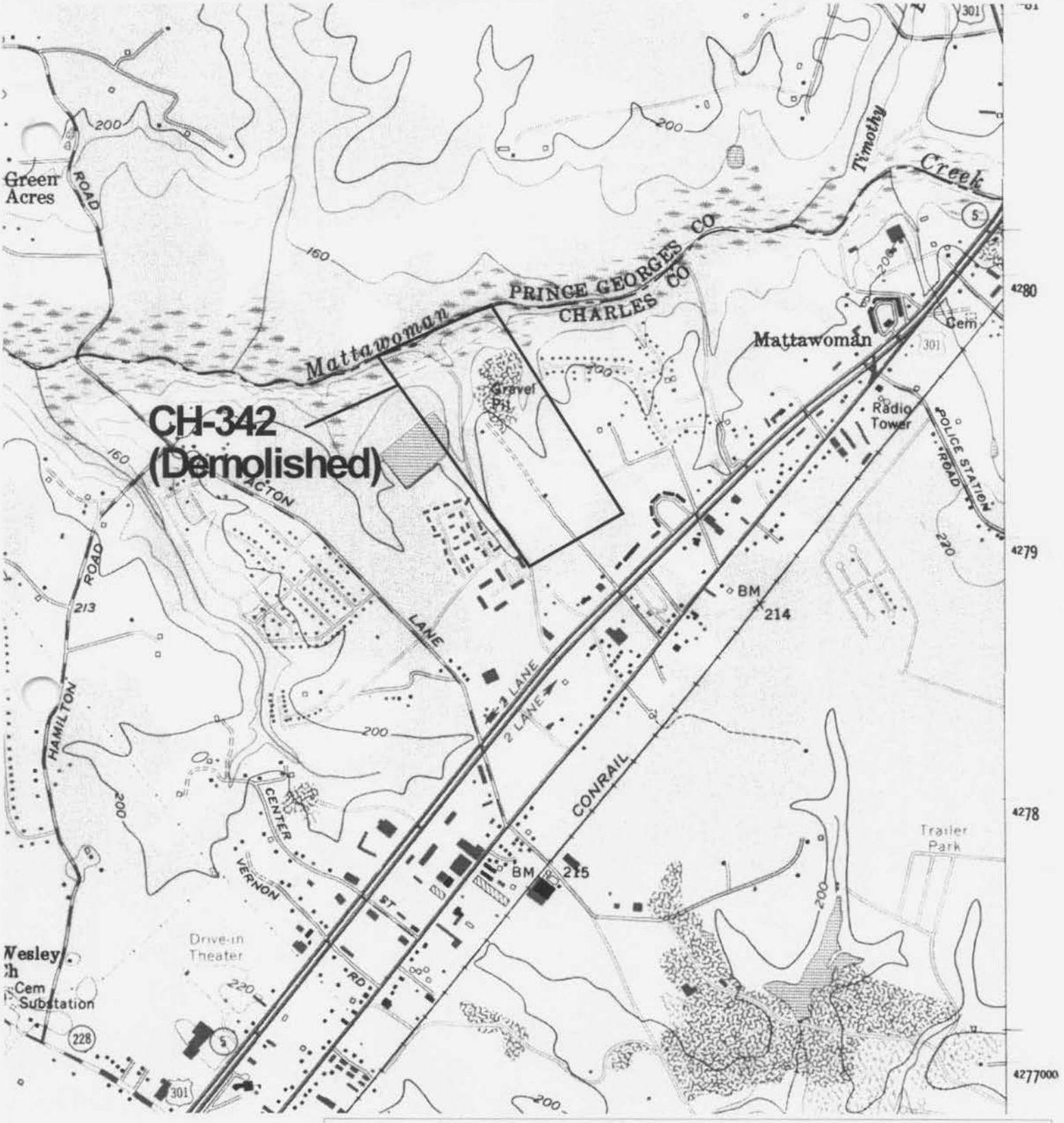

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Molly's Delight (demolished)
Charles County, MD

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PISCATAWAY, MD QUAD

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MOLLY'S DELIGHT
Vicinity of Waldorf
Private

Early 19th century

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The present 111 acre property is part of what was in 1844 a 731 acre farm that encompassed such early tracts as Duke's Delight, Ford's Adventure, Acton's Adventure, Aberdeen and Timberland. The portion of the property on which the house is located was patented by Henry Hardy as Molly's Delight in 1768. In 1837 it was part of the estate of John Boone and for at least twenty years was involved in a settlement between his heirs. In an 1840 appraisal, the property was described as "very poor" farmland that with existing improvements was "not worth more than $4.50 per acre."

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MACI #0963425304

1 NAME

HISTORIC
MOLLY'S DELIGHT

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
On Jefferson Road,
West side of U. S. Rte. 301, approx. 1/4 mile north of Acton Lane

CITY, TOWN
Waldorf

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
__DISTRICT
X BUILDING(S)
__STRUCTURE
__SITE
__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
__PUBLIC
X PRIVATE
__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
__IN PROCESS
__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
__UNOCCUPIED
__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE
__YES: RESTRICTED
__YES: UNRESTRICTED
X NO

PRESENT USE
__AGRICULTURE
__COMMERCIAL
__EDUCATIONAL
__ENTERTAINMENT
__GOVERNMENT
__INDUSTRIAL
__MILITARY
__MUSEUM
__PARK
X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__RELIGIOUS
__SCIENTIFIC
__TRANSPORTATION
__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Verdie M. Jefferson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Molly's Delight

CITY, TOWN
Waldorf

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20601

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 84
Folio #: 1

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Charles County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Charles Street (P. O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN
La Plata

STATE
Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	X DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A dilapidated, two-part frame house, Molly's Delight gives the appearance of complete abandonment, but in fact continues to be occupied by its owner of the past 34 years.

Like the Trinity Lake House (CHAS-294), Molly's Delight began as a modest, two room, one story plus attic dwelling to which was later added a two story wing, the roof of the addition running at a right angle to that of the original house.

The oldest part of Molly's Delight appears to date from the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The principal facade is on the east side and is three bays wide, having a transomed door occupying the third bay from the south end and two windows. The doorway frames a later door and the transome has also been replaced by a single pane; both windows are now boarded over. On the west side of the house there is a door positioned near the south end of this elevation with an adjacent window that is approximately centered. Both of these openings are also covered over. On the front slope of the gable roof are two very odd looking semi-circular windows that are undoubtedly of twentieth century date. Both have been boarded over. There a' no windows on the opposite side. The house is built on low brick foundation walls. The exterior is sheathed with lapped clapboards and the roof with composition shingles. Some of the clapboards have fallen from the walls, revealing the morticed and tenoned framing and brick nogging beneath. The present exterior appearance of the house is extremely plain, devoid of even standard trim to decorate the windows, doors and cornices.

The surviving original features that today provide the remnants of Molly's Delight a degree of distinction are its two end chimneys and brick pent, the latter the largest and most unusual example of its type in Charles County. Of the two chimneys only the southeast chimney served two fireplaces and consequently is somewhat broader in width than its companion. It has brick tiled shoulders just below the rake board of the roof and a flush stack. The other chimney also has a flush stack but only one tiled shoulder.

Both inside side walls of the chimney bases extend within the pent. The pent is unusually wide (usually they are only as wide as the space between the chimneys permit) and extends out from the end of the house about twelve feet. Both of the chimneys and the pent are of common bond brick construction. A single small window is located in both side walls of the pent and the roof is sheathed with tin. The masonry of the chimneys and pent is in an advanced state of deterioration and has been cemented over in various places. Each of the chimney stacks has been torn down to the level of roof line.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. & 2. Court Proceedings, August 1844. Survey description and proceedings of litigation. Charles County Land Records, La Plata, Maryland.

3. WMA #57, folio 212. Charles County Land Records, La Plata, Maryland.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Molly's Delight is located on an 80 acre tract of land indentified as Parcel 457, Map 8, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976.)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
J. Richard Rivoire, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Charles County Planning Department	August 1978
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Charles County Courthouse	645-6537
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
La Plata	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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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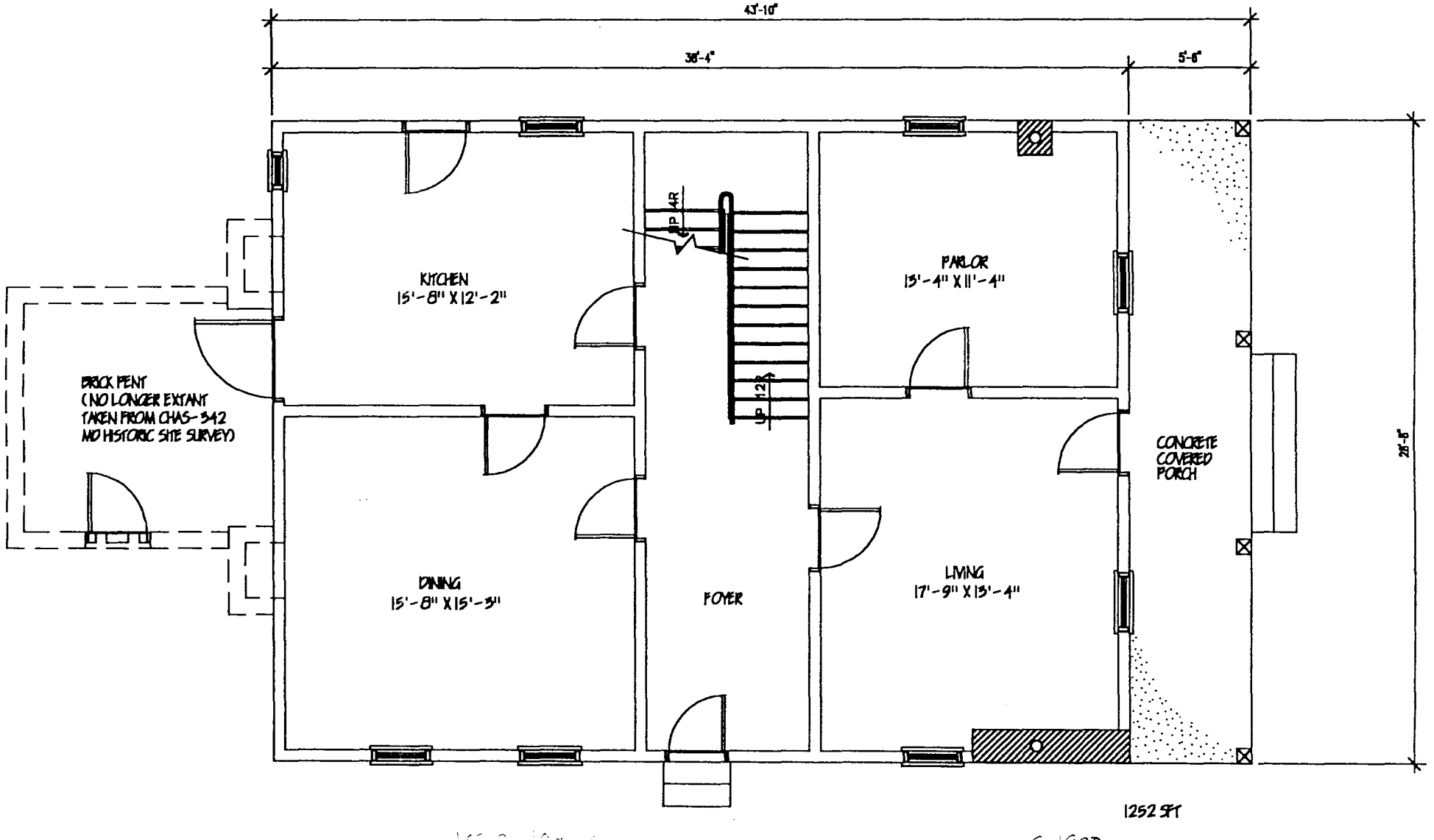
In the late nineteenth or early twentieth century a two story addition was built at the north end of the original house. The addition, which is in better repair than the older part, is of interest for its first floor recessed porch extending the full width of the north side. This elevation has a centered first floor door and two flanking windows and three second floor windows above. Both ends of the wing are one bay wide at the first floor and two on the second. In the east gable are two narrow louvered vents. At each end of the roof ridge is a single stove chimney.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION - MOLLY'S DELIGHT - WALDORF, MD 20601



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

NOT TO SCALE

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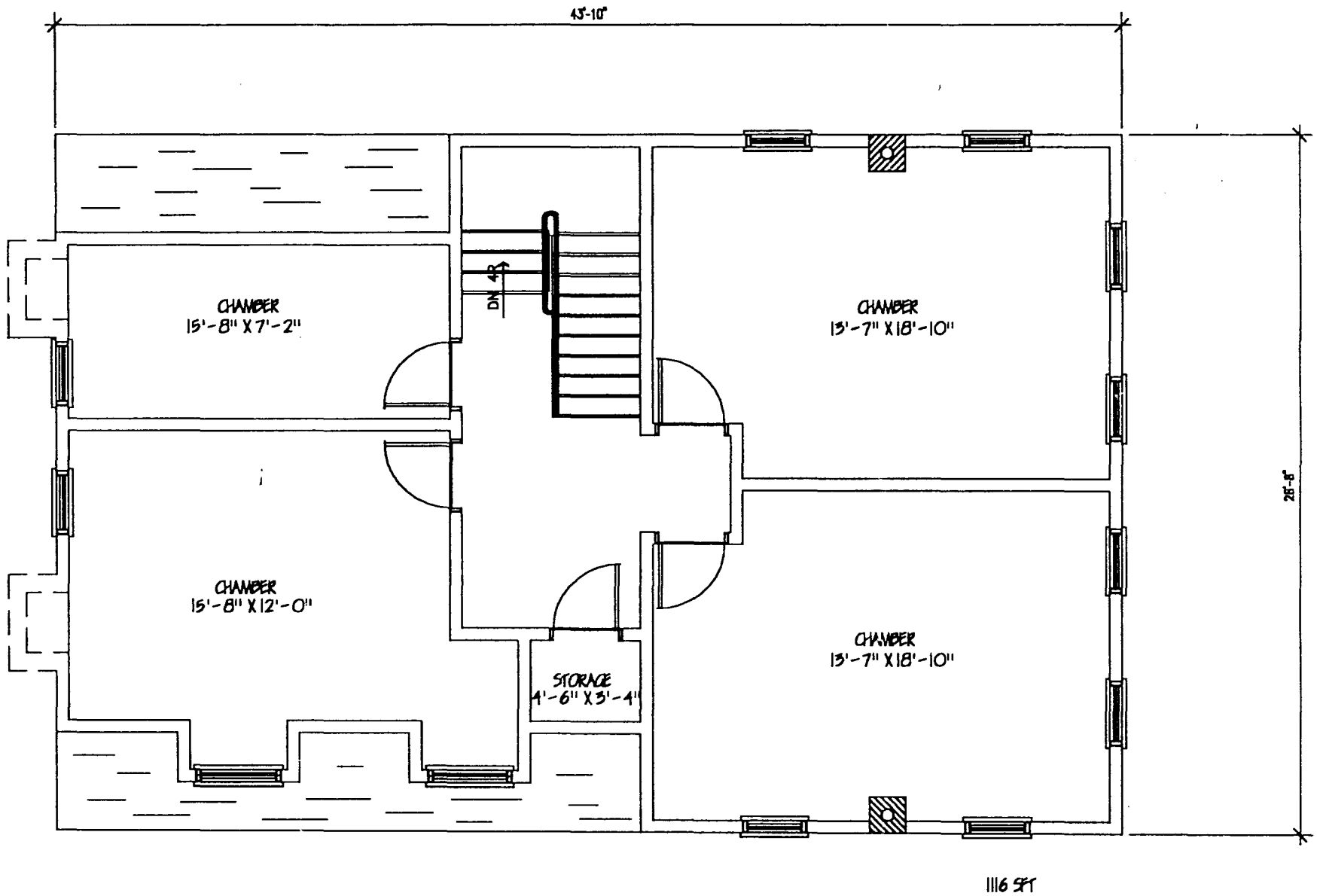

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

NOT TO SCALE

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Art by Dale Umbeltz

...ates to respond and alternated between who answered the questions first.

In a telephone interview, Davis said, "This endorsement tells me that the members of the Charles County Sheriff's Office believe I have the capability to be their sheriff. It definitely boosts my campaign."

Gartland said he anticipated the vote and said, "I'm not bitter about this. I don't want to give the impression that I think the forum was wrong. But the bottom line is the electorate makes the final watch, the detectives and alcohol enforcement.

"Patrol officers believe we should have more officers in the street ... spending more money on patrol. We are becoming more involved in crime prevention, drug prevention and programs such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or DARE, officers. This reduces the demand for the patrol officers," he said.

When asked if he knows who voted against him, Gartland said some of those include officers

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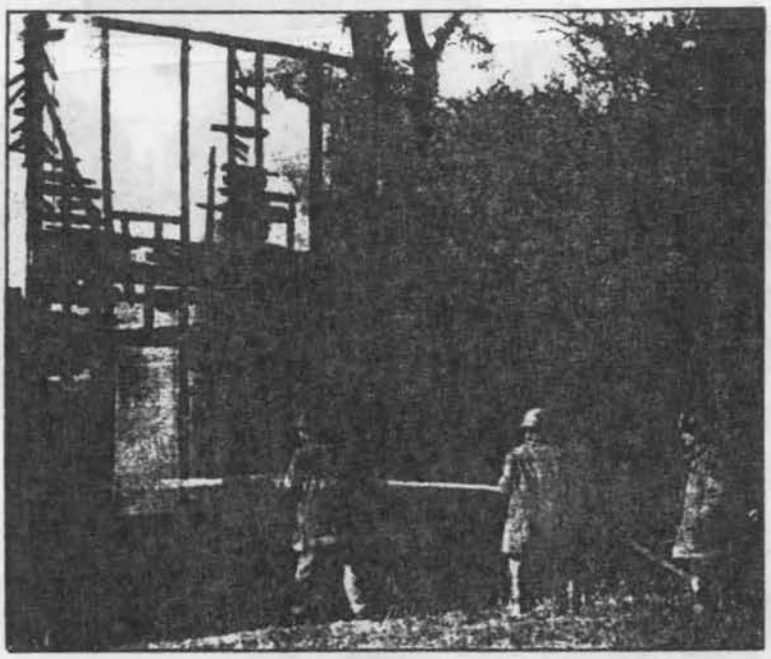

Photo by Kimberly A. Crowley

Arson suspected in fire

About 30 firefighters from Waldorf, La Plata, Brandywine, Clinton and Baden fire departments responded to a fire at an abandoned house behind the Heidelberg Motel in Waldorf Monday afternoon. According to Capt. Clark Embrey of the Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department, the fire was under control within 15 minutes. A group of about six boys were seen when firefighters arrived and were being questioned by the state fire marshal at the scene. A spokesman for the fire marshal's office confirmed the boys were suspects in the arson fire.


See ADC's
"PRINCE GEORGES, COUNTY MD STREET MAP"
For Continuation
CH-342
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PRINCE GEORGES
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COUNTY
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ROAD
ROAD
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MATTAWOMAN
GILLESPIE MOBILE HOME COURT
DELIGHT
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ACTON
LA
STAR
MEMORIAL
HIGHWAY
AVE
WASHINGTON
BLUE
925
301
LYNNBROOK
HOLLY TREE PARK APTS
ACTON VILLAGE
SPRINGHAVEN
WALDORF BUSINESS PARK
WHITE OAK VILLAGE
WALDORF NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK
IDLEWOOD TRAILER PARK
WALDORF SOUTH IND PK
WALDORF NORTH IND PARK
Acton Sq Shop Ctr
Waldorf Shop Mall
Seventh Day Adventist
MATTAWOMAN ESTATES
MATTAWOMAN BEANTOWN ROAD
Pinefield Shop Ctr
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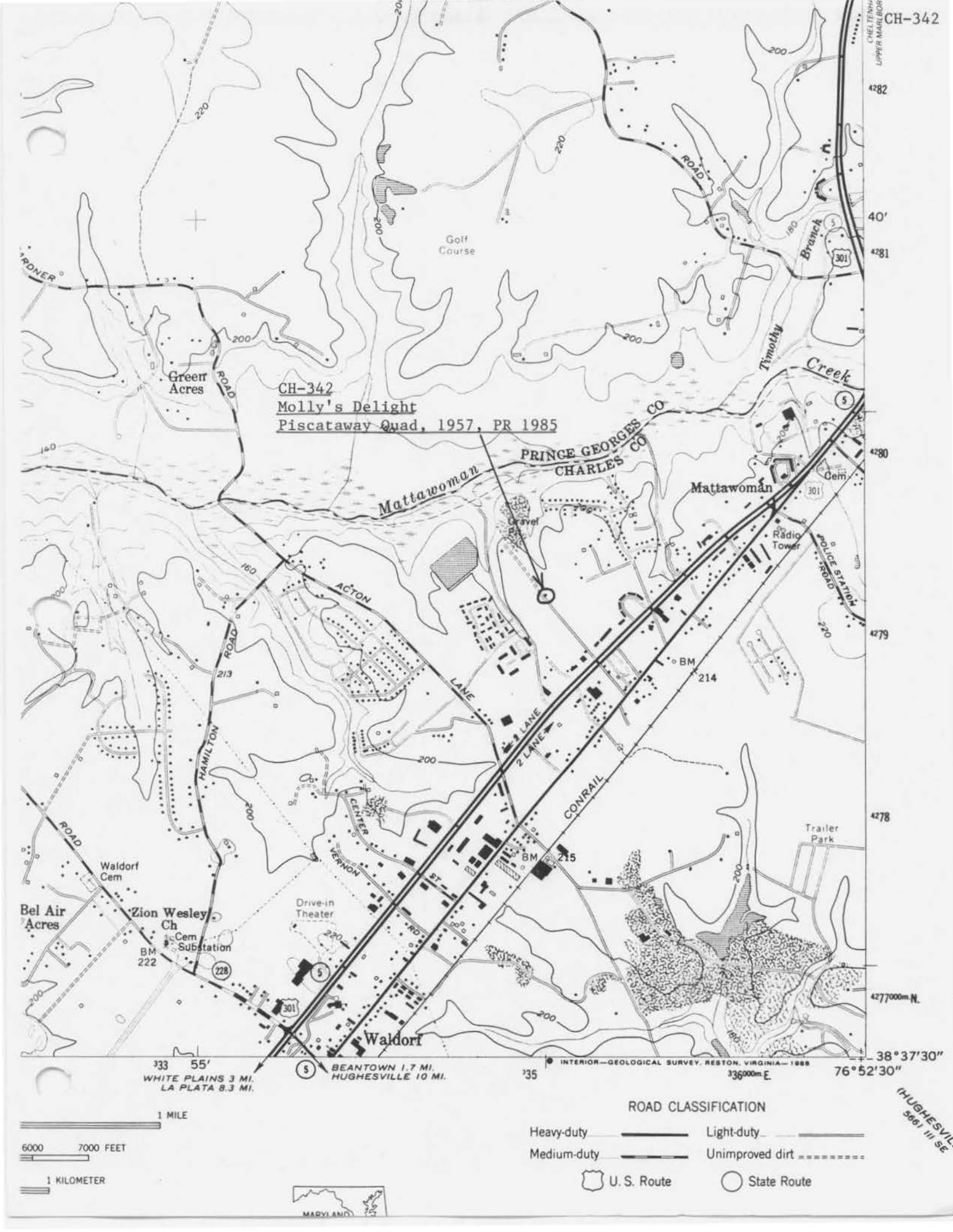
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Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985
Golf Course
Green Acres
ROAD
Timothy Branch
Creek
PRINCE GEORGES CO
CHARLES CO
Mattawoman
Mattawoman
Cem
Gravel
Radio Tower
POLICE STATION ROAD
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BM 222
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Waldorf
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76°52'30"
WHITE PLAINS 3 MI.
LA PLATA 8.3 MI.
BEANTOWN 1.7 MI.
HUGHESVILLE 10 MI.
INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1985
1 MILE
6000 7000 FEET
1 KILOMETER
MARYLAND
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty
Medium-duty
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route
State Route



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MOLLY'S DELIGHT; South End. J.R.Rivoire, 1978

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