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3545 Bic Pic Place, site

Architectural Survey File

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

Property/District Name: 3545 Bic-Pic Place, Bennsville Survey Number: CH-396

Project: Cross County Connector Agency: F/COE

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

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: X 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)

Characterized by its side-gable roof, two interior brick chimneys, and "L" shaped configuration, this one-story frame dwelling was built in approximately 1940. The main facade measures three bays wide and includes a two bay frame porch. Material alterations are apparent such as aluminum siding and replacement shutters. Supported by a concrete foundation, the house displays minimal ornamentation. Little historical information was discovered. Its modest design is not architecturally significant. The Trust concurred that the building is not eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MD Inventory form

Dames & Moore Archeological report for the Charles Co. Cross County Connector

Prepared by: Steve Moffson, Dames & Moore

Lauren Bowlin 12/18/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program 12/26/96
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
_X_	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
____	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
_X_	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
_X_	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic n/a

and/or common n/a

2. Location

street & number 3545 Bic-Pic Place ___ not for publication

city, town Bennsville X vicinity of congressional district 1st

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	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	X being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Grover A. and Alice M. Bice

street & number 3545 Bic-Pic Place telephone no.:

city, town Waldorf state and zip code MD 20603

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse liber

street & number Charles Street (P.O. Box B) folio

city, town La Plata state MD 20646

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one		
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site		
X good	___ ruins	___ altered	X moved	date of move	unknown
___ fair	___ unexposed				

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

3545 Bic-Pic Place is a ca. 1940, one-story, four-bay, frame dwelling, with a gable-roofed addition on the south side of the house and a rear ell. The single-cell house features a side-gable roof, two interior brick chimneys and a three-bay front porch. The house is clad in aluminum and board-and-batten siding. The house is set on a concrete-block foundation. A one-story, frame shed, possibly a tool shed, is located at the rear of the house. (This house is pictured in Roll 1, Frames 8-9.)

This architectural survey was conducted as part of a Phase I archeological investigation of proposed alternatives for the Cross COunty Connector. The architectural survey examined properties that would be impacted by two proposed alternatives that would intersect Bensville Road between Elsa Drive and Billingsley Road. Twenty-four properties were evaluated. Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties forms were completed for six dwellings that were determined to be at least fifty years of age. The remaining eighteen properties were determined not to be historically significant. Each property was photographed and identified on a project area map.

8. Significance

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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	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __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.

3545 Bic-Pic Place is an example of a small, one-cell domestic building type that is common in Charles County. This house is not architecturally significant because this vernacular building type is well represented by other examples that retain higher levels of historic integrity. Historical research on this property and the surrounding area did not reveal any associations with historically significant persons or events.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Map of Charles County Showing Topography and Election Districts", Maryland Geological Survey, 1914 and 1939.

Port Tobacco (Maryland) Qyadrangle, U.S. Geological Survey, 1956

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 4

Quadrangle name Port Tobacco **Quadrangle scale** 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				
B				
C				
D				
E				
F				
G				
H				

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Steven Moffson, Architectural Historian; William Bushong, Historian

organization Dames & Moore **date** January 31, 1996

street & number 7101 Wisconsin Ave, Suite 700 **telephone** (301) 652-2215

city or town Bethesda **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.

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Continuation Sheet
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
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Historic Context

The survey area lies in North Central Charles County along Route 228, also known as Bensville-Berryville Road. The survey area extends from the intersection of Elsa Road for about one half mile to the south, also including several houses on Bic-Pic Place, a side road several hundred feet in length. Structures in the survey area were constructed between approximately 1900 and the present; the majority of the properties were built after 1950.

Route 228 runs in a north-south direction following the high ground to the west of Port Tobacco Creek. The high ground is a natural transportation route leading north from the Colonial town of Port Tobacco to the Waldorf area and beyond. The road is at least 130-years old, as it appears on Martenet's 1866 map of Charles County. On that map, a school is shown in the approximate vicinity of the project area. This Civil War-era school is the earliest known property in the area, predating the earliest extant structure in the project area by at least 50 years. The earliest extant structure is an approximately 1900-vintage farm house and barn complex (7525 Bensville-Berryville Road) several hundred yards to the north of the presumed site of the former school house. Three 1930s houses, two of which are immediately to the north and south of 7525, are the next oldest structures in the area. Since all three of the 1930s structures appear to have been moved from other locations rather than constructed in place, it is uncertain whether there were any houses in the immediate area until 1940, the approximate date of the houses at 3545 Bic-Pic Place and 7520 Bensville Road. The remaining houses in the project area date from after 1950. The area does not correspond to a named community at present, nor is there any evidence that it did in the past. There are no churches shown in the vicinity in 1866, indicating sparse settlement.

The project area does not qualify as an historic district. Historically, the area was a country road through farmland with a school and a single farm house located at the roadside. The 1866 Martenet's map shows that a blacksmith shop was located about a mile south of the project area. The schoolhouse and blacksmith shop were contemporaneous and appear on historic maps from the late nineteenth century. The farmhouse was a later addition around the turn of the century. The date that the school house and blacksmith shop were abandoned is not known; they are no longer extant. Today, the community consists primarily of houses that were built in or moved to the area from the 1930s onward. The majority of the present houses are less than fifty years old.

Continuation Sheet

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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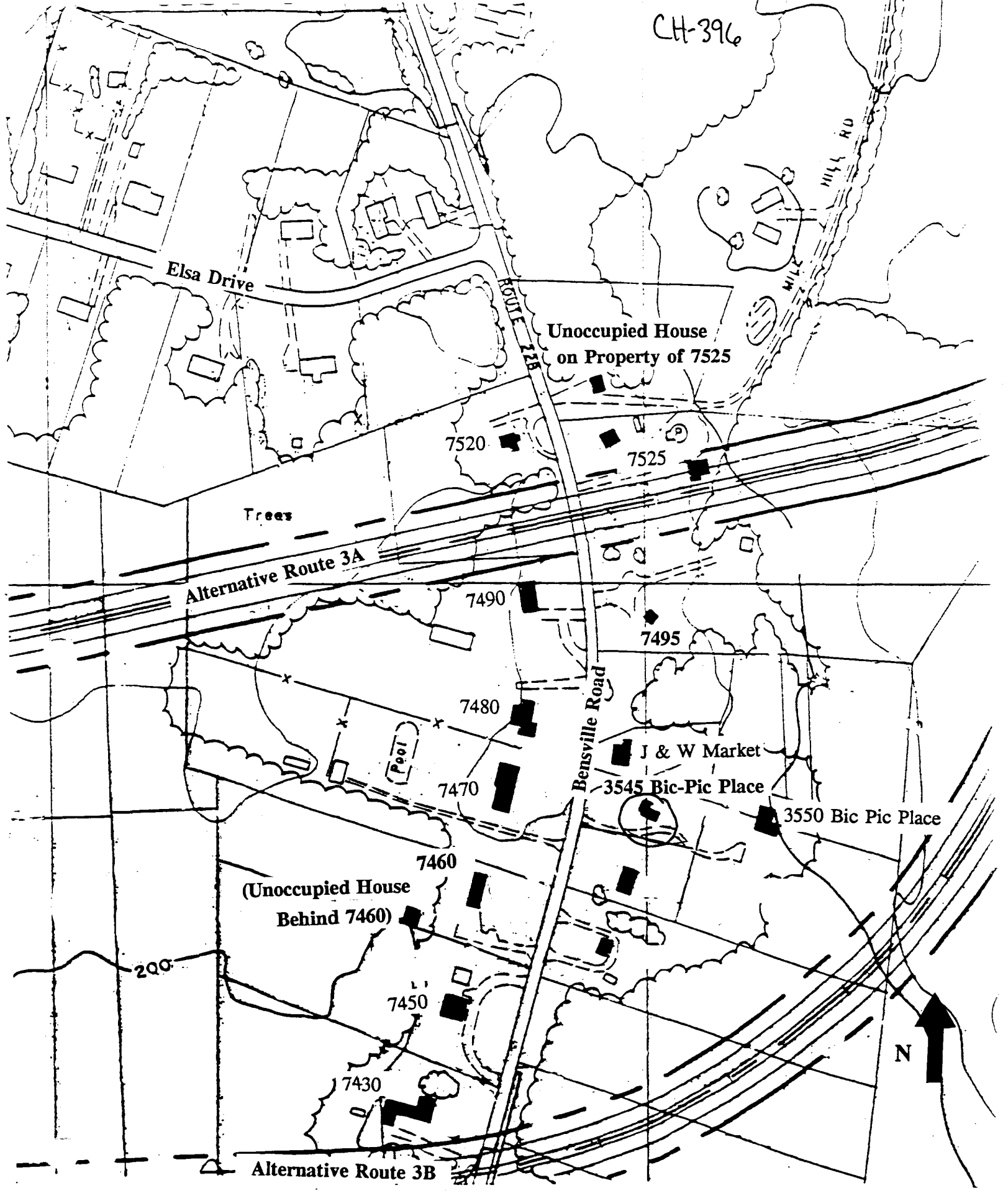
Preservation Planning Data:

a. Geographic Organization: Western Shore

b. Chronological/Development Periods: Modern Period, A. D. 1930-present

c. Historic Period Theme: Architecture

d. Resource Type: Single Dwelling



AREA OF IMPACT, ALTERNATIVE ROUTES 3A AND 3B,

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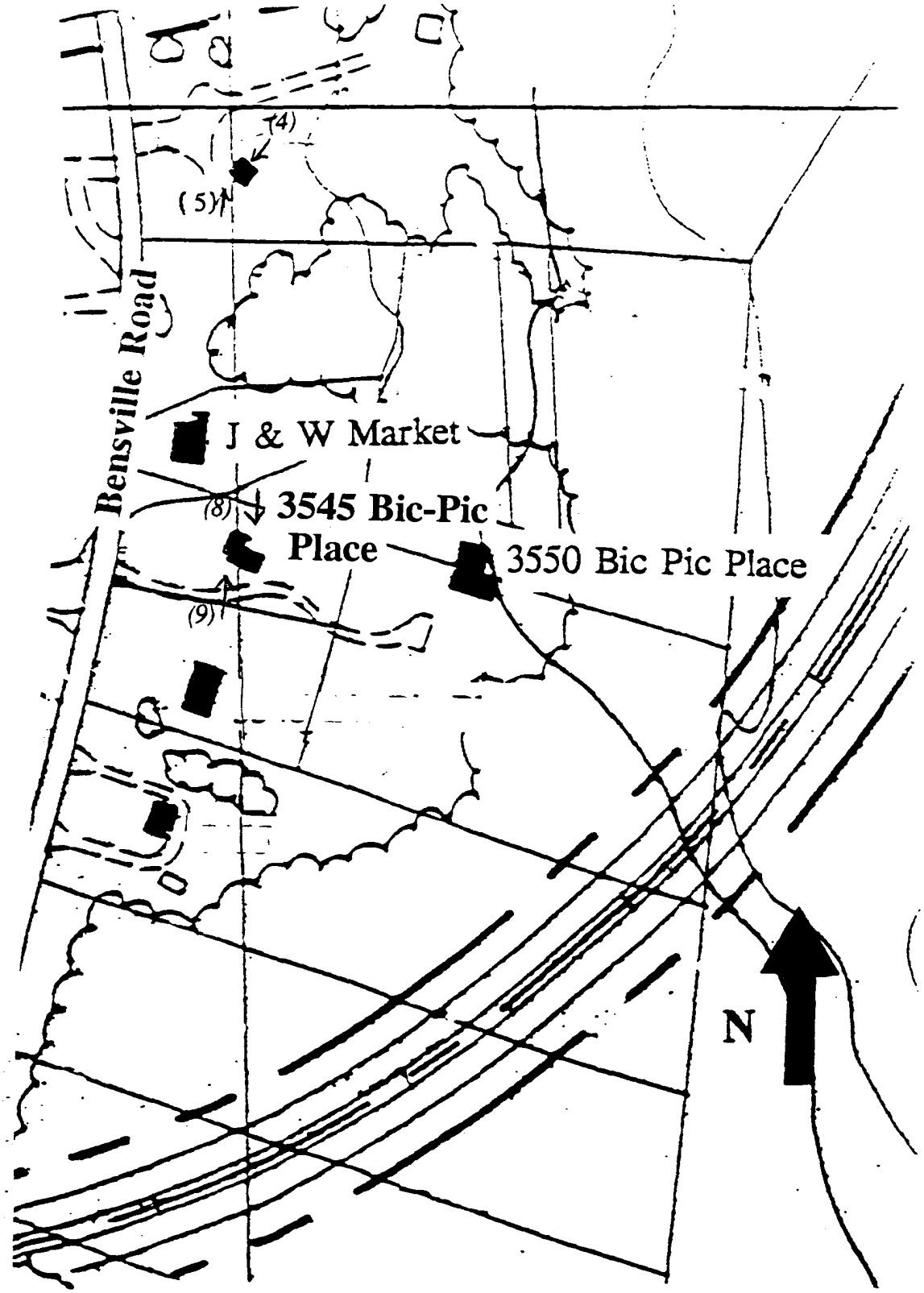

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF HOUSES IN PROJECT AREA

(*) numbers in parenthesis correspond to photographic negative numbers and indicate the direction of the photo.

PORT TOBACCO QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

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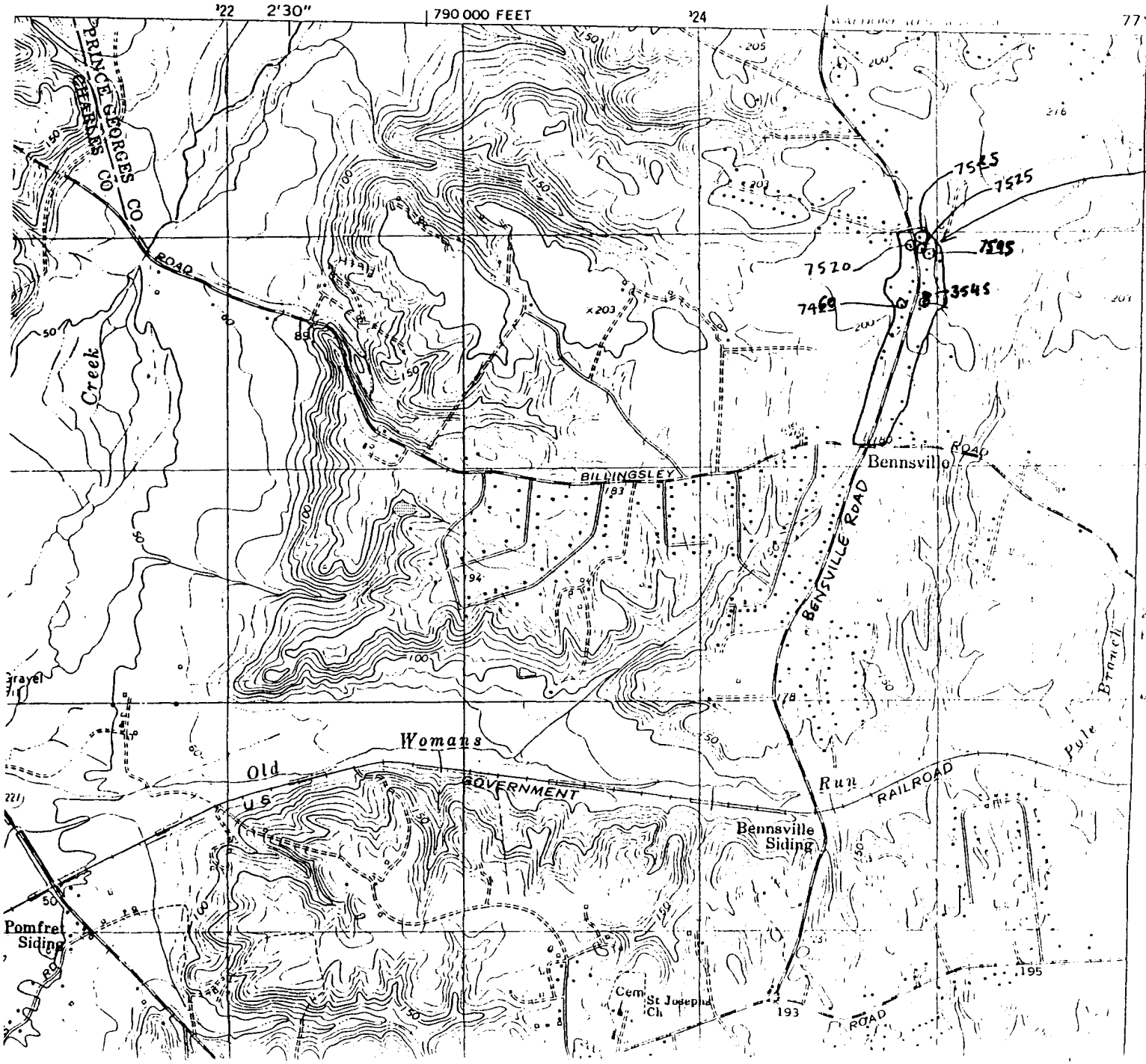
5661 III NW (PISCATAWAY)



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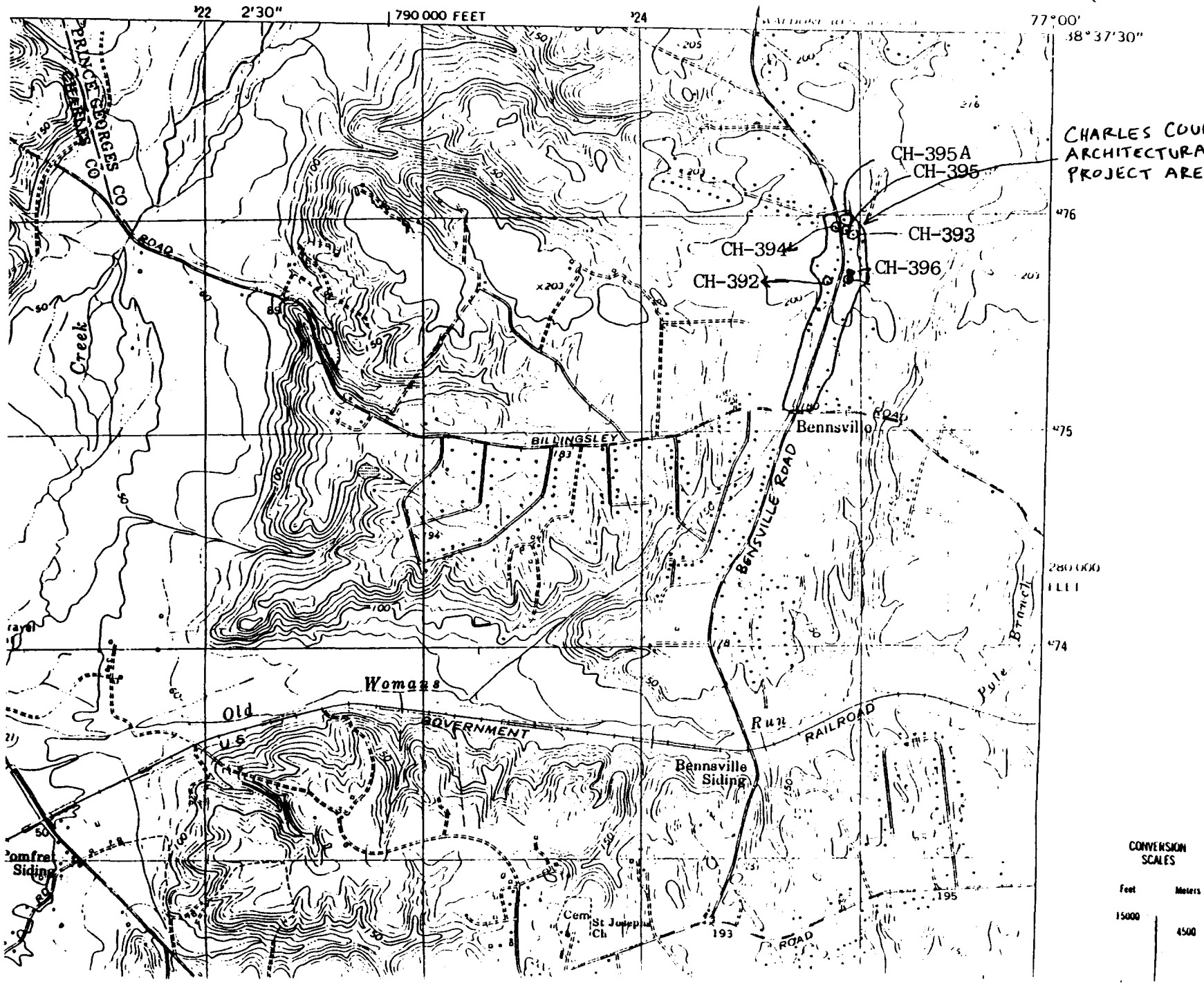

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Viewfrom North
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