CH-583

Old Washington Survey District 2900-3000 Blocks

Architectural Survey File

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
Old Washington Survey District (CH: 583)
2900-3000 Blocks
Charles County, Maryland

Situated north of Leonardtown Road, between U.S. 301 and the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the survey district is located along the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road in the town of Waldorf. These houses reflect patterns of development that characterized southern Maryland during the early to mid-20th century and also stylistic trends in domestic architecture during the period.

Despite the conversion of several of the houses to commercial properties, the area retains its residential environment with medium-sized lots featuring mature trees and shrubs, and gravel or asphalt driveways. To the rear of some of the houses sit one-story garages. The sixteen houses reviewed in the survey group represent vernacular interpretations of both the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles and some vernacular I-houses. Of those houses that are classified as Colonial Revival, most are representative of the Cape Cod house form that mimicked the Colonial house form of the eighteenth century.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name of Property

historic name _____
common/other name 2900 and 3000 Blocks of Old Washington Road Survey District

2. Location

street & number 2925, 2937, 2939, 2955, 2965, 2975, 2980, 2990, 2995, 3000, 3005, 3010, 3020, 3025, and 3030 Old Washington Road; 11750 Oak Manor Drive not for publication _____
city or town Waldorf vicinity __ state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 17 zip code _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- X private
- ____ public-local
- ____ public-State
- ____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- ____ district
- ____ site
- ____ structure
- ____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
16	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
16	0	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____
No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
DOMESTIC	Single Dwelling
COMMERCE/TRADE	Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival
Craftsman
Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Concrete Block
Solid: Parged Concrete
Roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle
Hipped: Asphalt Shingle
Walls Masonry: Brick Stretcher Bond
Frame: Wood Weatherboard, Stucco, Aluminum Siding, Vinyl Siding, Asbestos Shingle
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

_X_ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance 1910-1950

Significant Dates c. 1910

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

Massey, James C. and Shirley Maxwell. " A Nation in Bungalove." In *Old House Journal*, Volume XXIV, Number 2 (March/April 1996): p. 35-36.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately ten acres

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

The properties at the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road are designated as Parcels 570, 702, 139, 136, 138, 125, 571, 137, 127, 569, Grid 21 on Map 8. The properties at the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road are designated as Parcels 120, 135, 415, 122, 121, 533, Grid 22 on Map 8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The properties at the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road have historically been associated with Parcel 570, 702, 139, 136, 138, 125, 571, 137, 127, 569, 120, 135, 415, 122, 121, 533 since the buildings' construction in the first half of the 20th century.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

12. Property Owner

name_____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state MD zip code _____

The survey group, lying along the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road, consists of sixteen houses that were constructed in the first half of the twentieth century. The east side of Old Washington Road is intersected by Bad Dog Alley and Oak Manor Drive. Single family dwellings line the east and west sides of Old Washington Road. Despite the conversion of some of the houses to commercial use, the area retains its residential environment. The typical grassy lots are medium-sized and feature mature trees and shrubs, and gravel or asphalt driveways. To the rear of some of the houses sit one-story garages. The sixteen houses reviewed in the survey group represent vernacular interpretations of both the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles and some vernacular I-houses. The Arts and Crafts Movement influenced the design of the Craftsman style bungalows. Bungalows of this period are often one-and-a-half stories in height with wide, overhanging roofs and deep porches. Of those houses that are classified as Colonial Revival, most are representative of the Cape Cod house form that mimicked the Colonial house form of the eighteenth century.

The Craftsman style bungalows in the survey area are mostly one-and-a-half stories in height and two or three bays in width. Typically, they feature concrete foundations, wood frame construction, front porches and asphalt shingle roofs. The raised foundations of the bungalows are either parged concrete or rock-faced concrete block. Many of the houses in the survey area have been reclad and feature a variety of cladding materials. The bungalows have been reclad in vinyl siding and asbestos shingles, however, one retains its original wood German siding. Wide eaves with exposed rafter tails and wood brackets characterize these houses. Other defining features on the bungalows include paired windows, dormers with wide eaves and exposed rafter tails, and deep porches with dwarf piers or columns atop masonry piers.

The Cape Cod houses are typical examples of the Colonial Revival house form, featuring wood frame construction, a side gable roof, 6/6 windows and front gable porticos. While one of the porticos has been rebuilt, the others are very similar in design. They feature arched openings, front gable roofs and paired wood posts. Two of the Cape Cod houses feature front gable dormers. While most of the Colonial Revival houses in the survey group are Cape Cod houses, there are two two-story brick Colonial Revival, one of

which has one-story side wings, 6/6 windows, rowlock sills, and a centered entry framed by a Colonial Revival style door surround. The other two-story Colonial Revival style house features a front gable portico with Tuscan columns and a one-story side wing.

The survey group also contains two vernacular I-houses that were constructed in the first quarter of the twentieth century. Two stories in height, these houses all feature side gable, asphalt shingle roofs. They are two and three bays in width and have enclosed, half-hipped front porches. The exteriors of these I-houses have been reclad in vinyl siding and aluminum siding.

Situated north of Leonardtown Road, between U.S. 301 and the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the survey district is located along the 2900 and 3000 blocks of Old Washington Road in the town of Waldorf. These houses reflect patterns of development that characterized southern Maryland during the early to mid-20th century and also stylistic trends in domestic architecture during the period. Architecturally, the houses represent the Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles that were prevalent in the first half of the 20th century. There are also some examples of vernacular I-houses from the early 20th century.

Popular in the United Stated between 1880 and 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from the rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival domestic buildings were drawn primarily from the Georgian and Federal styles. While Colonial Revival buildings of the first quarter of the twentieth century reflected their colonial influences more clearly, those that were constructed after World War II were more simplified, with details that suggested rather than duplicated the original examples. The Cape Cod house form, which a derivative of the Colonial Revival style, is loosely modeled after the early folk houses of eastern Massachusetts. Most commonly built between the 1920s and 1940s, these one-story houses generally have Georgian or Adam inspired doorways.

The typical Bungalow/Craftsman style, which gained popularity in the early 20th century, can be identified by the horizontal lines, deep, full-width porches, low-pitched roofs, broad eaves, an emphasis on natural materials, and a general air of informality. Craftsman style details such as exposed rafter tails, decorative eave brackets, and porch supports of short, square columns atop masonry piers, were often applied to the bungalow form. First used as vacation cabins, the Bungalow's small scale, informal floor plans, sheltering porches, and inexpensive building materials made it a natural addition to suburban communities.[1] The bungalow became the dominant style of middle and working class households in the early years of the 20th century. These houses were very popular because they were inexpensive to design and build. In fact, the

1 James C. Massey and Shirley Maxwell, "A Nation in Bungalove," *Old House Journal*, Volume XXIV, Number 2, March/April 1996, page 35-36.

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style was spread primarily by plans sold in popular catalogues, rather than by architects.

A prevalent 19th-century vernacular house type across the mid-Atlantic region, the I-house was one room deep, two stories in height, and three or five bays wide, with a central entry. I-houses usually had a porch on the front elevation and a kitchen wing in the rear, due to the narrowness of the main core. On the interior, a central passage separated the two rooms on the first floor, while the second floor contained either two or four bedchambers. During the mid- and late-19th century, pre-cut ornamental detailing was commonly added to the traditional I-house. I-houses continued to be built into the early 20th century.

In 1872, the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was laid, connecting Charles County to Baltimore; one of the stations on this line was located in the small village of Waldorf. By 1887, Waldorf grew to contain a Methodist Church, a school, two general stores, two saloons, and two hotels. By the beginning of the 20th century, road improvements and the use of the automobile began to further affect the development of the region. As trucks began carrying more tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern markets, the demands for better roads grew. In 1922, the construction of the Robert Crain Highway, the predecessor to U. S. 301, began. Linking the rural areas of southern Maryland to the urban centers in the north, Crain Highway attracted new commercial and domestic development. As a result of the highway, Waldorf became an important interchange on Crain Highway between the rest of southern Maryland and Washington, D. C. The commercial and residential development that sprang up contributed greatly to the overall growth of the town in the 1920s and 1930s. Passenger service on the B & P Railroad ended in 1949 and the dependence on the automobile grew even stronger. By 1950, the population in Waldorf had grown enough to warrant expansion of its school. Despite this growth, large-scale modern development did not affect Charles County until the 1970s when the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development guaranteed $24 million in loans for the St. Charles Communities.

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National Register Evaluation:

The 2900 and 3000 Blocks of Old Washington Road Survey District is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the buildings and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the buildings provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, they are neither unusual nor distinguished; they do not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the properties are likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the survey district is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: _____ Date: 11/2/95

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

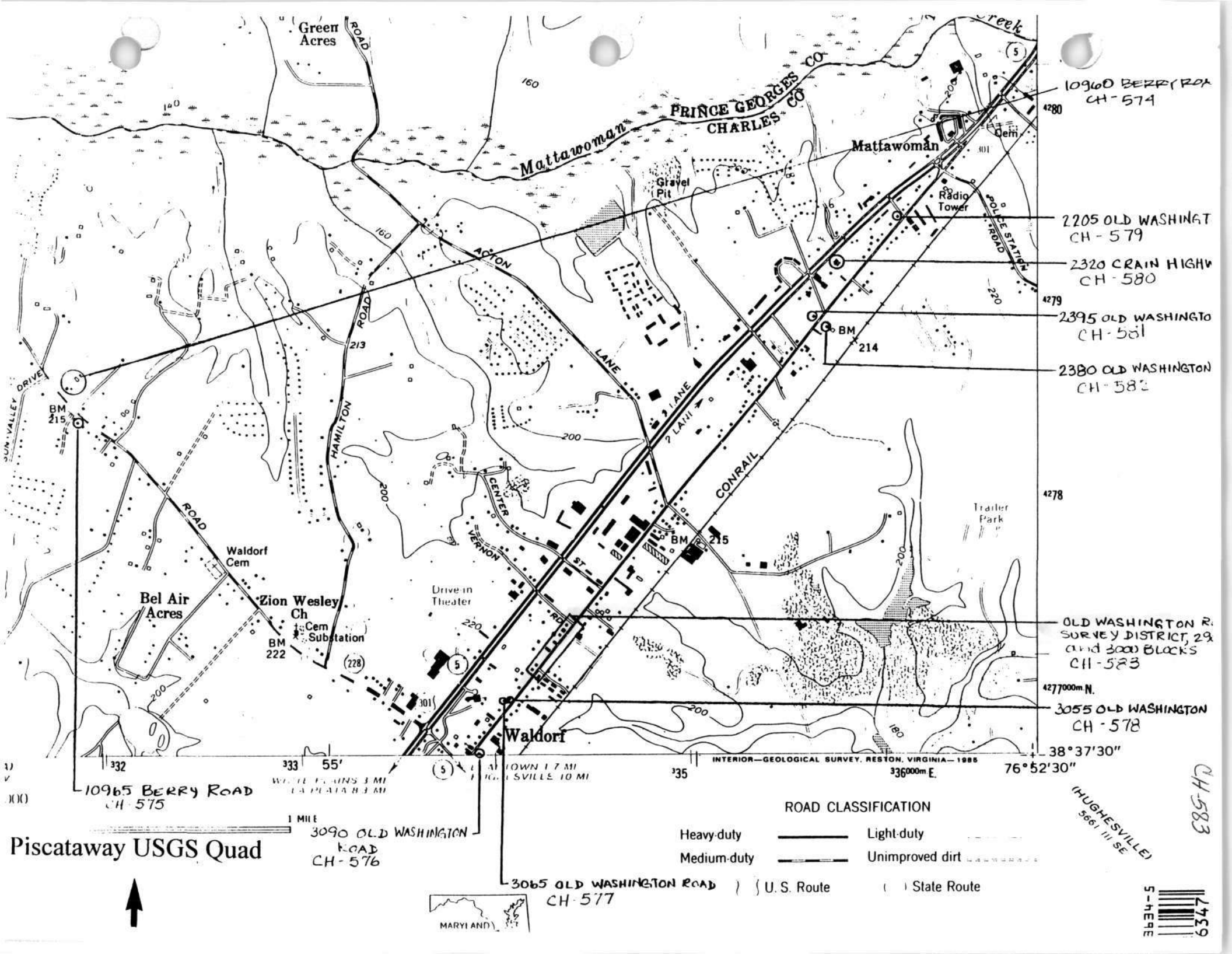
RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown


Green Acres
ROAD
Mattawoman
PRINCE GEORGES CO
CHARLES CO
Mattawoman Creek
Gravel Pit
Radio Tower
POLICE STATION ROAD
Cem
ACTON ROAD
HAMILTON ROAD
LANE
2 LANE
CONRAIL
CENTER
VERNON
ST
RD
Trailer Park
Drive-in Theater
Waldorf Cem
Bel Air Acres
Zion Wesley Ch
Cem
Substation
BM 215
BM 214
BM 222
SUN VALLEY DRIVE
ROAD
Waldorf
10960 BERRY ROAD
CH-574
2205 OLD WASHINGT
CH-579
2320 CRAIN HIGHW
CH-580
2395 OLD WASHINGTO
CH-581
2380 OLD WASHINGTON
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SURVEY DISTRICT, 29
and 3000 BLOCKS
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CH-577
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76°52'30"
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333
55'
335
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Piscataway USGS Quad
ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty
Medium-duty
Light-duty
Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route
State Route
MARYLAND
(HUGHESVILLE)
5661 III SE
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5-4693
6347



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11750 OAK MANOR DRIVE
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
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2939 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD
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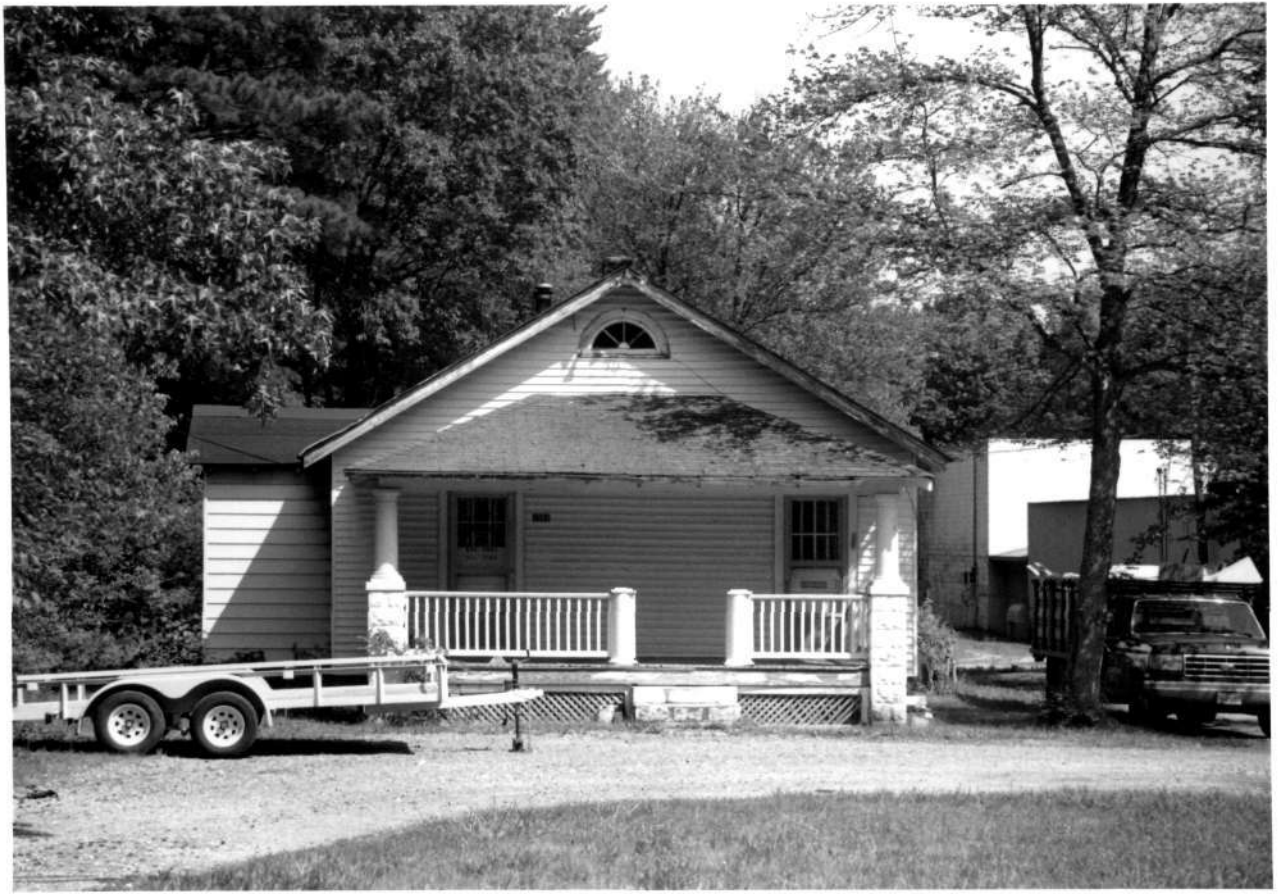
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OPEN

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Family
TRUCKING
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IF YOU NEED INFORMATION

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SPEED
BUMP

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3000 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD
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