

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-1364

Shady Rest

2240 N. Solomon Islands Road

Huntingtown, Calvert County, Maryland

1936

Private

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Shady Rest was designed and built in 1936 by Lyons, Gibson & Company, a local Calvert County contracting firm responsible for many of Calvert County's more important early twentieth-century public buildings and private residences. The American Foursquare dwelling was constructed for Stanley Cox and his wife, Virginia, whose family retained ownership of the property for over six decades.

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.

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DWELLING

The dwelling associated with Shady Rest consists of a two-and-one-half-story American Foursquare-style building constructed in 1936 (Photograph 1). The dwelling sits atop a full concrete block foundation, and the exterior walls are clad in aluminum siding. A hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles caps the dwelling. A tapered exterior brick chimney is located at the southwest corner, and an interior brick chimney extends from the roof peak. A hipped-roof dormer extends from the eastern roof slope. The dwelling is lit by six-over-one, double-hung, wood-sash windows, except where noted.

The east elevation (façade) measures two-bays wide (Photograph 1). A poured-concrete sidewalk leads south from the driveway, across the east elevation around to a wooden ramp situated at the southeast corner of the dwelling. The ramp provides access to a one-story, full-width porch that runs the width of the east elevation. The porch consists of a wood floor, three Doric columns, and an asphalt-shingle clad hipped roof. The main entry into the dwelling occupies the northernmost bay of the elevation. Two brick steps provide access from the sidewalk to the porch, directly in front of the entry. The entry consists of a set of double-leaf, 15-light, wood doors. A ribbon of three typical windows is situated in the northernmost bay. Two sets of paired typical windows are evenly spaced in the second story. A set of paired four-light, wood, casement windows are centrally located in the dormer.

The south elevation features the tapered chimney near the eastern end (Photographs 2 and 3). A single typical window is located on either side in the first story. A hipped roof caps a projecting first-story bay near the western end of the elevation. The projecting bay contains a single typical window in the east and west elevations, and a ribbon of three typical windows in the north elevation. The second story features a single typical window to the east (right) of the chimney and two typical window openings centered above the first-story projecting bay.

The west (rear) elevation contains a one-story, full-width enclosed porch (Photographs 3 and 4). The porch is lit by a set of paired jalousie windows in the north elevation. The west elevation features a central entry accessed via five poured concrete steps. The entry consists of a single-leaf, three-light over panel, wood door, protected by a two-light aluminum storm door. A single jalousie window and a set of paired jalousie windows occupy the remaining first-story openings of the west elevation of the porch. The north elevation of the porch contains one typical window. Two typical windows are evenly spaced in the second story of the west elevation.

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The north elevation of the dwelling contains a set of paired typical square-shaped windows in the westernmost bay (Photograph 5). An additional entry occupies the center of the elevation and consists of a four-light over panel wood door, protected by a two-light aluminum storm door. A typical window occupies the easternmost bay. Three unevenly spaced typical windows are situated in the second story of the elevation. The center window is square-shaped, while the outer windows are elongated rectangles.

Overall, the dwelling, which currently houses the Calvert Well Pet Clinic, is in good condition.

SHED

A small one-story ca.-1950 converted garage is located to the west of the dwelling (Photograph 6). The building sits atop a poured-concrete slab, and the exterior walls are comprised of concrete block. Aluminum siding covers the former garage bay in the east elevation. The shed roof, which slopes downward from east to west, is clad in corrugated metal sheets and features exposed rafter tails at the west elevation. An exterior concrete block chimney is centrally located on the west elevation. The building is lit by four-light, metal, fixed-sash windows except in the former garage opening, which features nine-light, wood, fixed-sash windows.

The east elevation features a central single-leaf paneled door. In addition, a single-leaf, six-light over panel door is centrally located in the former garage bay. The north and south elevations each contain a single window opening. The rear (west) elevation contains two former pedestrian openings, which have been sealed with plywood. A single concrete block bay extends outward from the northwest corner and was most likely used to house fire wood.

The garage, which has been converted to a storage shed, is in good condition.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES

The dwelling is surrounded by a well-manicured grass lawn. Mature deciduous trees, including red maple and dogwood species, and evergreen trees dot the property. Low foundation plantings, including shrubs and perennials, surround the dwelling. A one-story, prefabricated, metal commercial building designated as 2240B Solomons Island Road borders the property to the west. In addition, a one-story, concrete block and glass building is immediately located to the north.

INTEGRITY

Shady Rest retains its integrity of location, on the west side of North Solomons Island Road. Integrity of setting has been compromised through the conversion of the former agricultural fields into wooded commercial and

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residential lots, as evident from the 1938 and 1957 historic aerial imagery. Although the dwelling has undergone alterations, including the construction of the ramp at the northeast corner in 2009 and application of replacement siding, overall, it retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design through the retention of the windows, doors, and overall footprint. Despite its conversion from a single-family dwelling to a pet wellness clinic in 2009, the dwelling still retains integrity of association and feeling as a 1936 American Foursquare-style residence.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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Specific dates	1936; ca. 1950; 2009	Architect/Builder	Lyons, Gibson, & Company
Construction dates	1936; ca. 1950		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register 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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORY OF SHADY REST

On November 19, 1924, Edward Cox, a Calvert County farmer, obtained 377 acres from the heirs of Joseph Turner, for \$11,000. The property extended along both sides of present-day Solomons Island Road, south of Huntingtown.¹ In 1935, Edward's oldest son, Stanley, contracted with the firm of Lyons, Gibson, & Company to design and build a two-and-one-half-story, American Foursquare style home on the west side of Solomons Island Road. The dwelling was completed one year later, and, on April 21, 1937, Stanley and his wife, Virginia, acquired the property and a surrounding 20-acre lot from Edward and Bessie Cox.² A 1938 historic aerial photograph illustrates the dwelling and surrounding driveway located amongst agricultural fields.³ The 1940 Federal Population Census lists Stanley Cox, then age 29, and his wife, Virginia. Stanley's occupation is listed as a "sawyer" at a "saw mill."⁴

The Coxes continued to live on the property throughout the next 60 years. Stanley Cox constructed the concrete block garage circa 1950, as evidenced in the 1957 historic aerial photograph.⁵ In 1985, the Coxes subdivided their 20 acres, and the dwelling was reallocated to a one-acre lot.⁶ Twelve years later, Stanley Cox passed away, on July 12, 1993. Virginia remained at Shady Rest until 2001, when the Virginia I. Cox Family Trust conveyed the one-acre lot, American Foursquare dwelling, and garage to Donald F.X. McIntyre for \$170,000.⁷ Donald

¹ Calvert County Clerk of Circuit Court, Land Record Liber 11: 333.

² Calvert County Clerk of Circuit Court, Land Record Liber 37: 134.

³ Calvert County GIS mapping, http://calvertgis.co.cal.md.us/flexviewer_imagery/, accessed May 2012.

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Census of the United States (1940: Stanley Cox)*, Washington, D.C.

⁵ Calvert County GIS mapping, http://calvertgis.co.cal.md.us/flexviewer_imagery/, accessed May 2012.

⁶ Calvert County Clerk of Circuit Court, Plat Record Liber 1: 330.

⁷ Calvert County Clerk of Circuit Court, Land Record Liber 1445: 91.

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McIntyre died on May 13, 2006, and on July 23, 2009, Thomas Rymer, Jr., a personal representative for his estate, conveyed the property to Patuxent Animal Welfare Society, Inc. (PAWS).⁸ In fall 2009, PAWS oversaw the construction of a handicapped-accessible ramp at the northeast corner of the dwelling. In addition, a sign denoting the property as the location of the “Calvert Well Pet Clinic” is situated on the front yard, adjacent to North Solomons Island Road. PAWS maintains ownership of the one-acre lot, dwelling, and garage in 2012.

LYONS, GIBSON, & COMPANY⁹

The contracting firm of Lyons and Gibson was founded about 1905, by Joseph Daniel Lyons and Stanley L. Gibson, both of Calvert County. The company was reorganized in 1922 as Lyons, Gibson, and Company, Inc. The firm started as primarily a lumber yard and construction company, emerging as one of the few local building companies operating during the early twentieth century. Located in the small village of Huntingtown, their modest office building (CT-103) was designed and finished to serve as an advertisement of building materials and the construction trade. According to Margaret Phipps, granddaughter of Lyons, the firm did not employ an architect but instead Lyons drafted all the plans, drawing inspiration largely from builders’ guides and catalogues. Purportedly, he learned to draw from Charles Spicknall, a local builder who constructed numerous churches and residences throughout Calvert County.¹⁰ Most of the materials the firm used were shipped via water from Baltimore and Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

The few surviving buildings within Calvert County known to have been built by Lyons and Gibson, like Shady Rest, are largely traditional in design. The larger homes are often square, two-story frame structures with hipped roofs. The buildings are known for their high-quality carpentry, both in construction and in the finishing details. The firm’s stated purpose was to “build Good Homes...using the very best grades of material [and] using the highest class of mechanics.” The company remained active largely up until the death of Joseph Lyons in 1945. Stanley Gibson later died in 1971, at the age of 92.¹¹

⁸ Calvert County Clerk of Circuit Court Land Record Liber 3361: 331.

⁹ Except where noted, the following is taken from J. Richard Rivoire, *Joseph D. Lyons House National Register of Historic Places Nomination*, prepared June 15, 1996.

¹⁰ Margaret Phipps (granddaughter of Joseph Lyons), in communication with Kirsti Uunila (Calvert County Historic Preservation Planner), May 2012.

¹¹ Other known Calvert County buildings designed and constructed by Lyons, Gibson, and Company include the Calvert County High School, Mt. Harmony, Asbury, and Olivet United Methodist Churches, the Solomons Island Bank of the Eastern Shore Trust Company, Calvert County Hospital, as well as various residences including those at 4110 Old Town Road (CT-766) and the Blankenship House (CT-1361).

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AMERICAN FOURSQUARE

The dwelling associated with Shady Rest was constructed in 1936 in the American Foursquare form, a common vernacular form and subtype of the early twentieth-century Prairie style. American Foursquare dwellings are typically two stories in height, square-shaped, with low-pitched hipped roofs containing broad overhangs. The facades are symmetrical with one-story front porches often with classical columns. The form's connection to the Prairie Style is visible through the horizontal emphasis created by the roofline of the front porch and overhanging eaves of the roof. The style originated in Chicago, but quickly proliferated throughout the United States through pattern books and popular magazines. The American Foursquare dwelling is particularly common in early twentieth-century suburbs throughout the country and most were constructed between 1905 and 1915; however, examples are seen into the 1930s.¹²

¹² Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 2002), 439-440.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.00 acres
Acreage of historical setting 20.00 acres
Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary for Shady Rest is shown on the attached Calvert County tax map (Tax Map 28, Parcel 643). The boundary includes the 1936 dwelling that has occupied the property since the time of its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

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Photograph 1: Shady Rest, east elevation, view looking southwest. March 2012.

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Photograph 2: Shady Rest, south and east elevations, view looking northwest. March 2012.

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Photograph 3: Shady Rest, south elevation, view looking north. March 2012.

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Photograph 4: Shady Rest, west elevation, view looking east. March 2012.

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Photograph 5: Shady Rest, north elevation, view looking southeast. March 2012.

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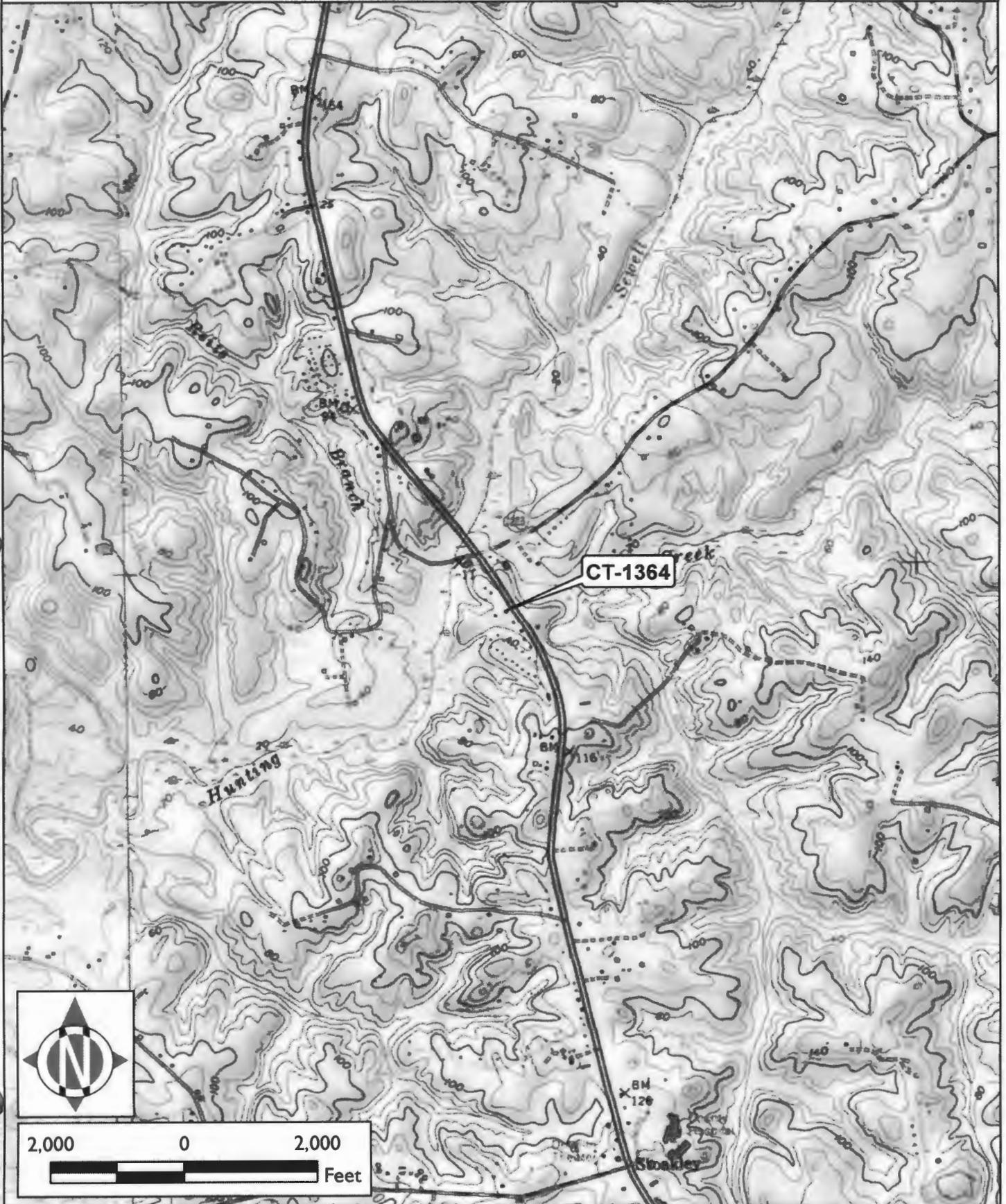
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Photograph 6: Shady Rest, shed, east elevation, view looking northwest. March 2012.

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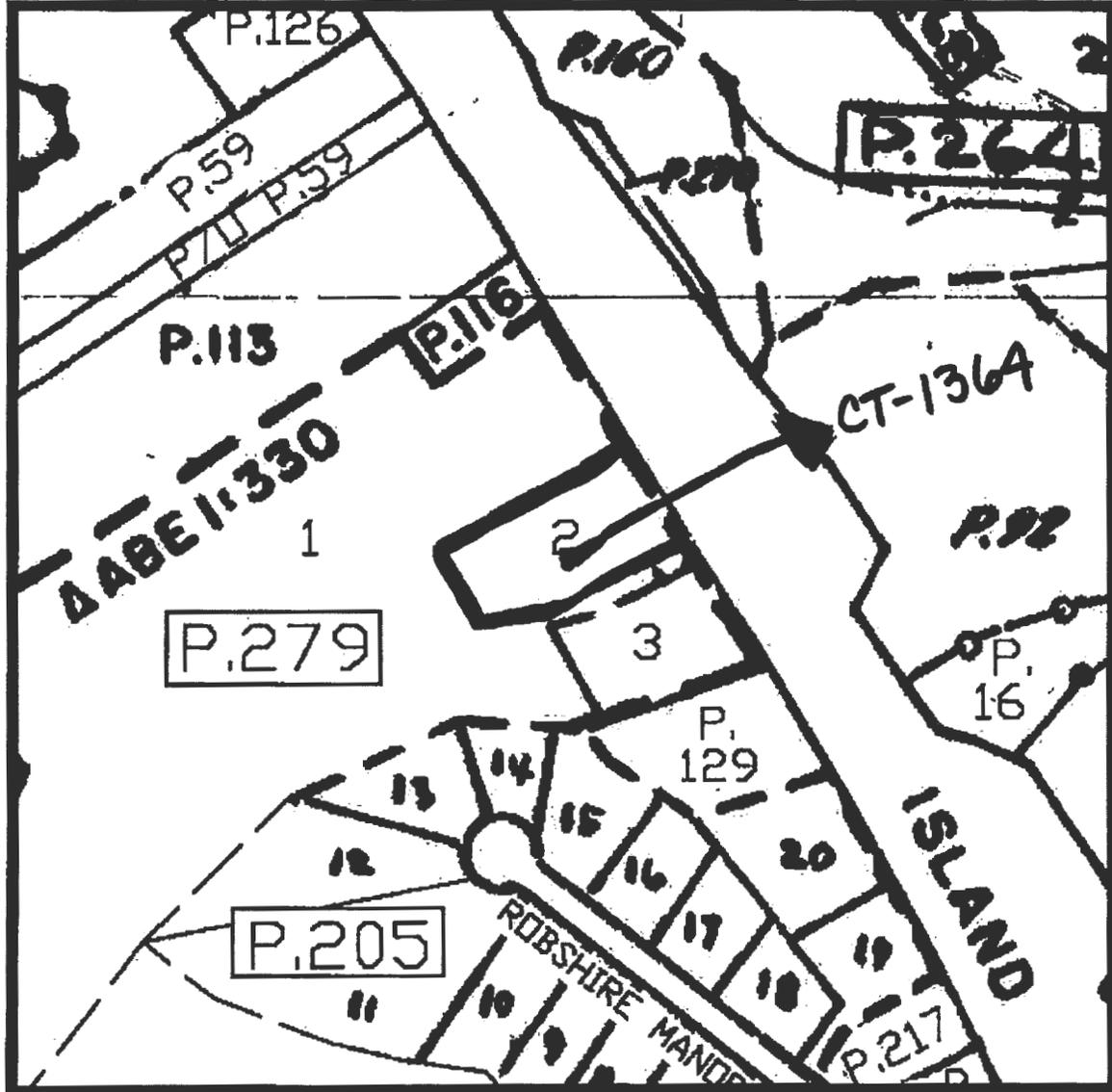




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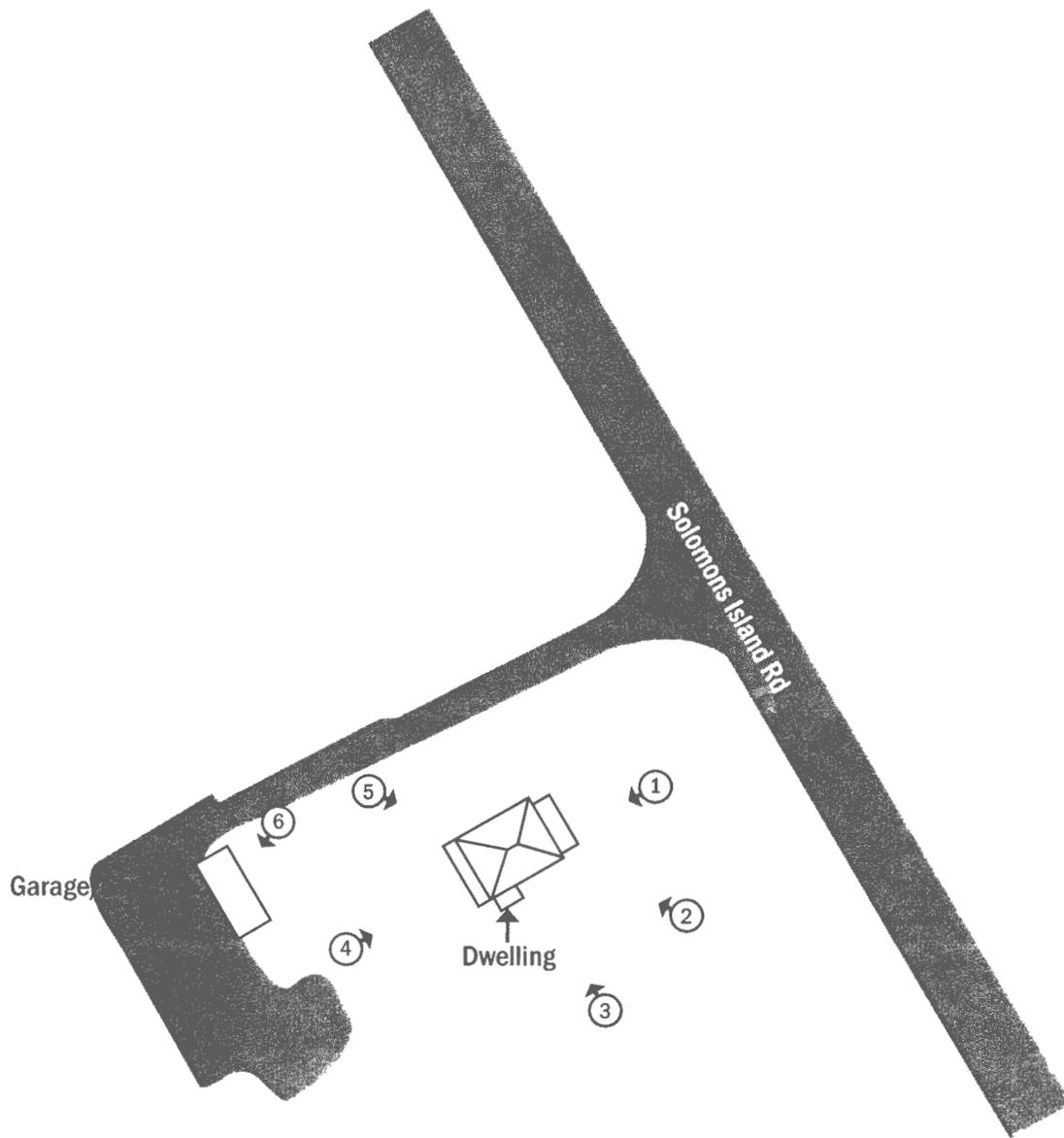
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If a plat for a property is needed, contact the local Land Records office where the property is located. Plats are also available online through the Maryland State Archives at www.plats.net.

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Site Plan and Photograph Locations
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 Photograph Locations

Shady Rest (CT-1364)**Digital Photo Log: All photographs printed using Epson Ultrachrome Pigmented Ink on Epson Premium Matte Photo Paper**

Photo File Name	MIHP #	Property Name	County	Photographer	Date of Photo	Photo Description	Photo Sequence
CT 1364_201203_01	CT-1364	Shady Rest	Calvert	E. Diehl	03/2012	East elevation, view looking southwest.	1 of 6
CT 1364_201203_02	"	"	"	"	"	South and east elevations, view looking northwest.	2 of 6
CT 1364_201203_03	"	"	"	"	"	South elevation, view looking north.	3 of 6
CT 1364_201203_04	"	"	"	"	"	West elevation, view looking east.	4 of 6
CT 1364_201203_05	"	"	"	"	"	North elevation, view looking southeast.	5 of 6
CT 1364_201203_06	"	"	"	"	"	Shed, east elevation, view looking northwest.	6 of 6



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EAST ELEVATION, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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SOUTH & EAST ELEVATIONS, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST.

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SOUTH ELEVATION, VIEW LOOKING NORTH.

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NORTH ELEVATION, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHEAST.

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SHED, EAST ELEVATION, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST.

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