

CT-96
VICTORIAN HOUSE
(Early 20th Century)
Sunderland
Private

The upper story of this five-bay house contains deep corniced gables with unusual and rather delicate shingle patterns. Perched on one hill with an even older tobacco barn sitting on top of the next hill, these two structures seem to dominate the valley in between.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Victorian House, and Barn, Pushaw

AND/OR COMMON

Morsell Victorian House [and Barn (CT-1151)]

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pushaw Station Road

CITY, TOWN

Sunderland

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Modern brick siding on the first story has altered the original appearance of this clapboard siding farmhouse. Wrought iron porch supports have replaced what were probably turned columns; there may have been scroll work decorations as well.

The five-bay, gable-end roof, central pediment and rear wing (L-plan) and 2/2 windows is common to the area. It is not uncommon either for the gables to be decorated although in this case the usual fishscale pattern has been reworked to make a more individual scroll-type design. Deep cornices and a pointed arch window in the central pediment complete the late Victorian design.

The interior was not examined.

It should be noted that the five bays are not symmetrical which in some instances is indicative of additions or alteration of original plan.

This house is perched on top of a hill. Along with a modern tobacco barn (barn #1) an older clapboard covered barn (barn #2) occupies the next hill West. It is assumed that the house and barn were part of the same farm.

(CT-1151) The barn has three transverse sills which divide the building into thirds. A fourth transverse sill, as in other barns, may have been removed. The whole frame is post-and-beam construction with hewn timbers joined by mortise and tenon with trunnels. The south sill and one of the plates are continuous but the north sill has been cut, probably to accommodate a wagon.

There are additions on the north and south sides, the original measurements appear to have been the standard 24' x 40'. Racks are eight tiers high and ten rooms deep. 8' doors are opposite each other on all four sides and were probably originally intended for ventilation as much as entry since continuous sills make entry difficult. Additional ventilation is provided by lift-vents cut into the east side of the north shed, which is one of those with horizontal siding. Louvres can be seen in the west gable.

The east doors have forged loop-end strap hinges.

It is assumed that the south shed pre-dates the north shed because the latter contains modern machine cut structural members whereas the south shed has hand hewn rafters and plates.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

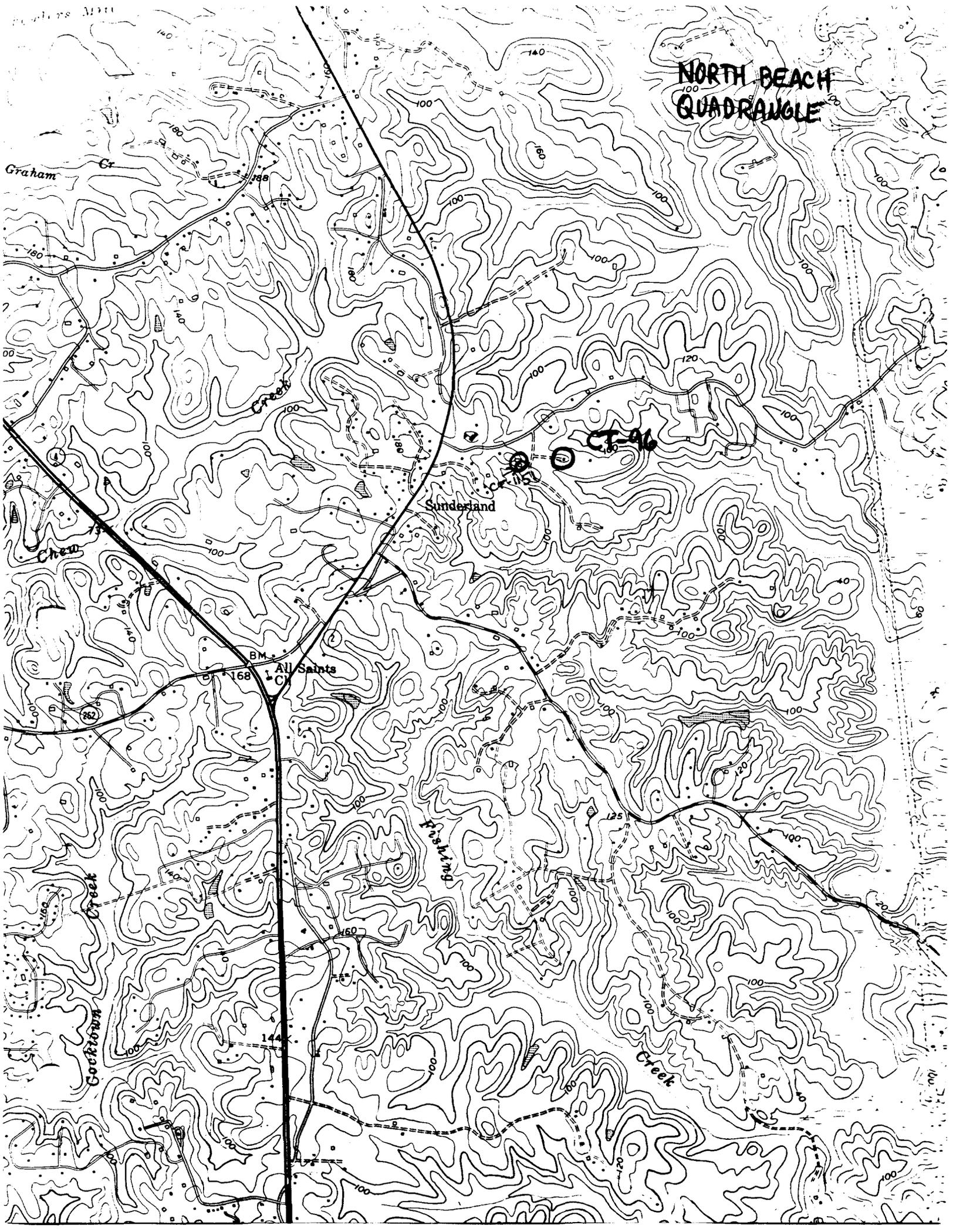
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