

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

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	<input type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____			

_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		_____ Reviewer, NR program	
_____ Date		_____ Date	

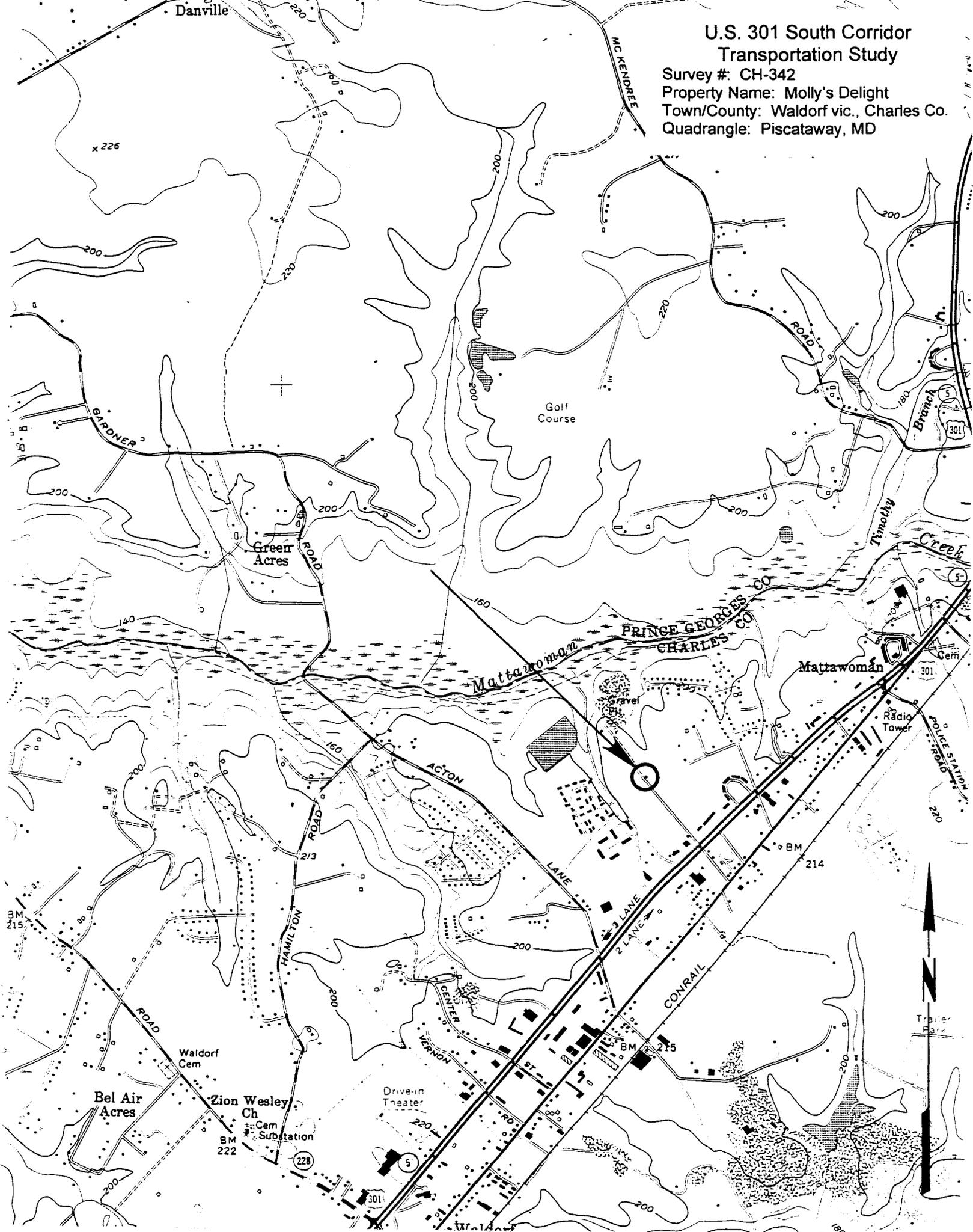
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey #: CH-342

Property Name: Molly's Delight

Town/County: Waldorf vic., Charles Co.

Quadrangle: Piscataway, MD





- 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



- 1) CH-342
- 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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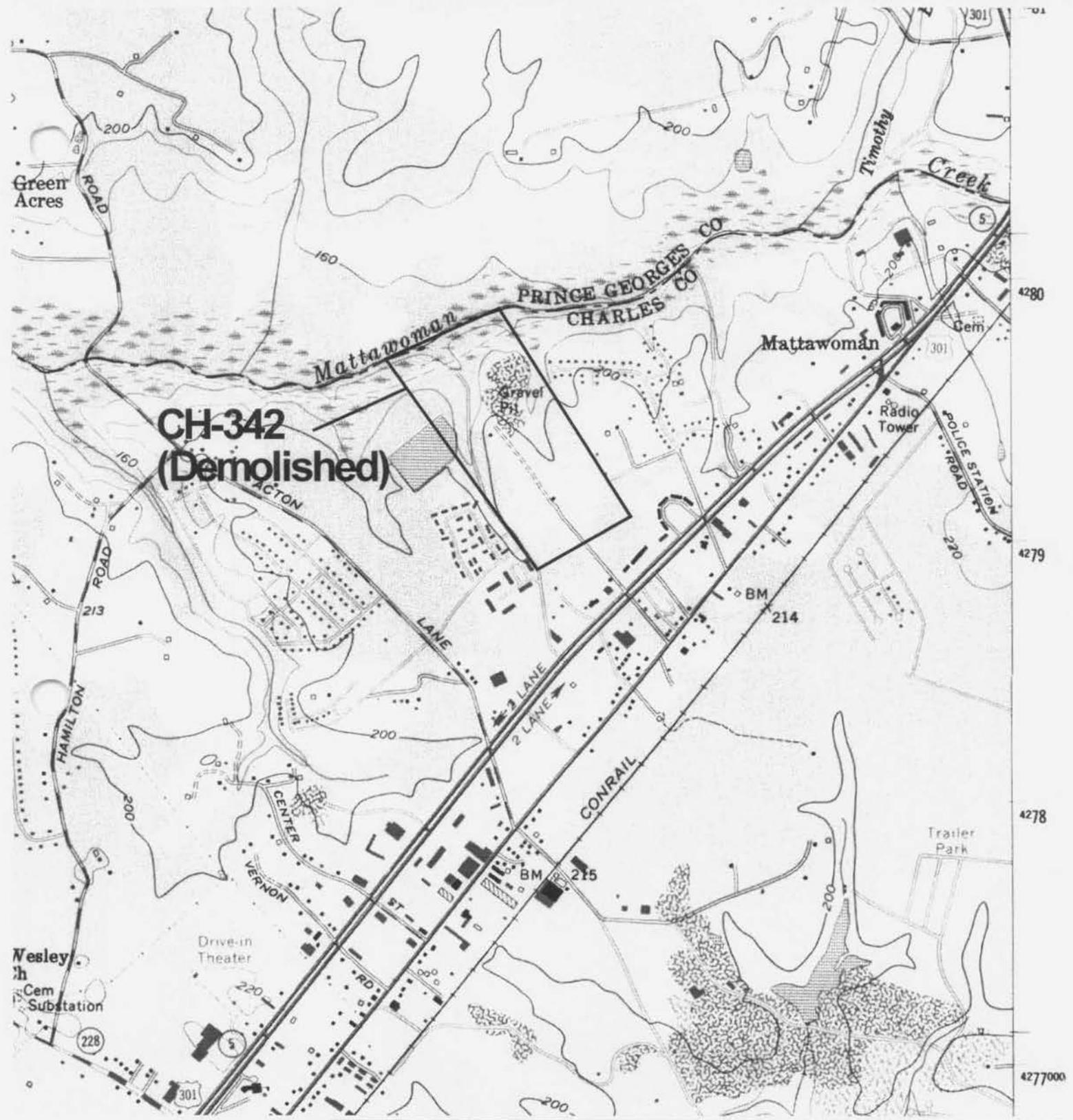
Acreage of Property 67 acres

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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Molly's Delight (demolished)
Charles County, MD

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PISCATAWAY, MD QUAD

CHAS-342
MOLLY'S DELIGHT
Vicinity of Waldorf
Private

Early 19th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHAS-342

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY WCI #0163425304

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
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- 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

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 84

Folio #: 1

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 are 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			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

August 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

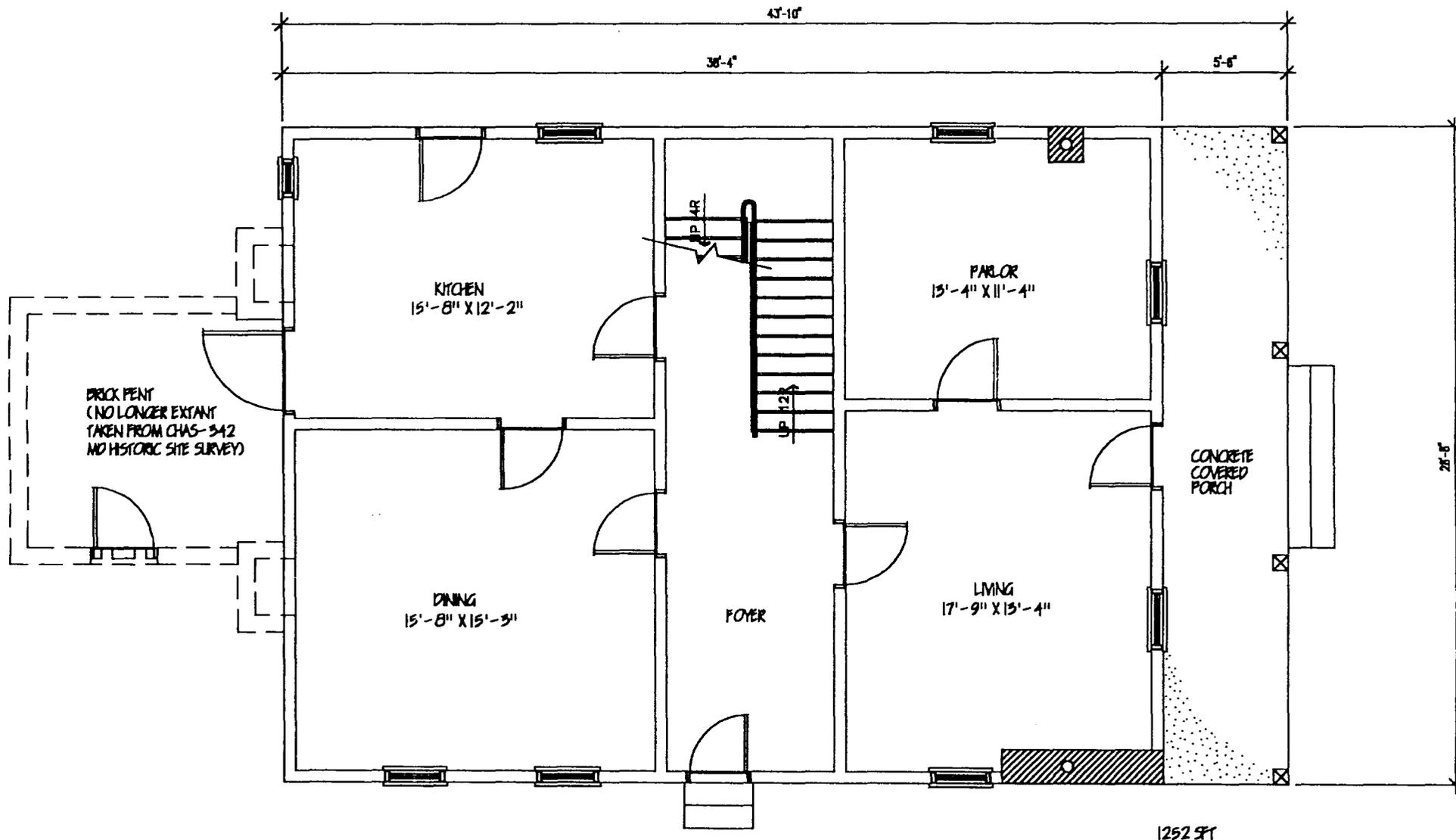
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Continuation of #7 (Description)--MOLLY'S DELIGHT

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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



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN

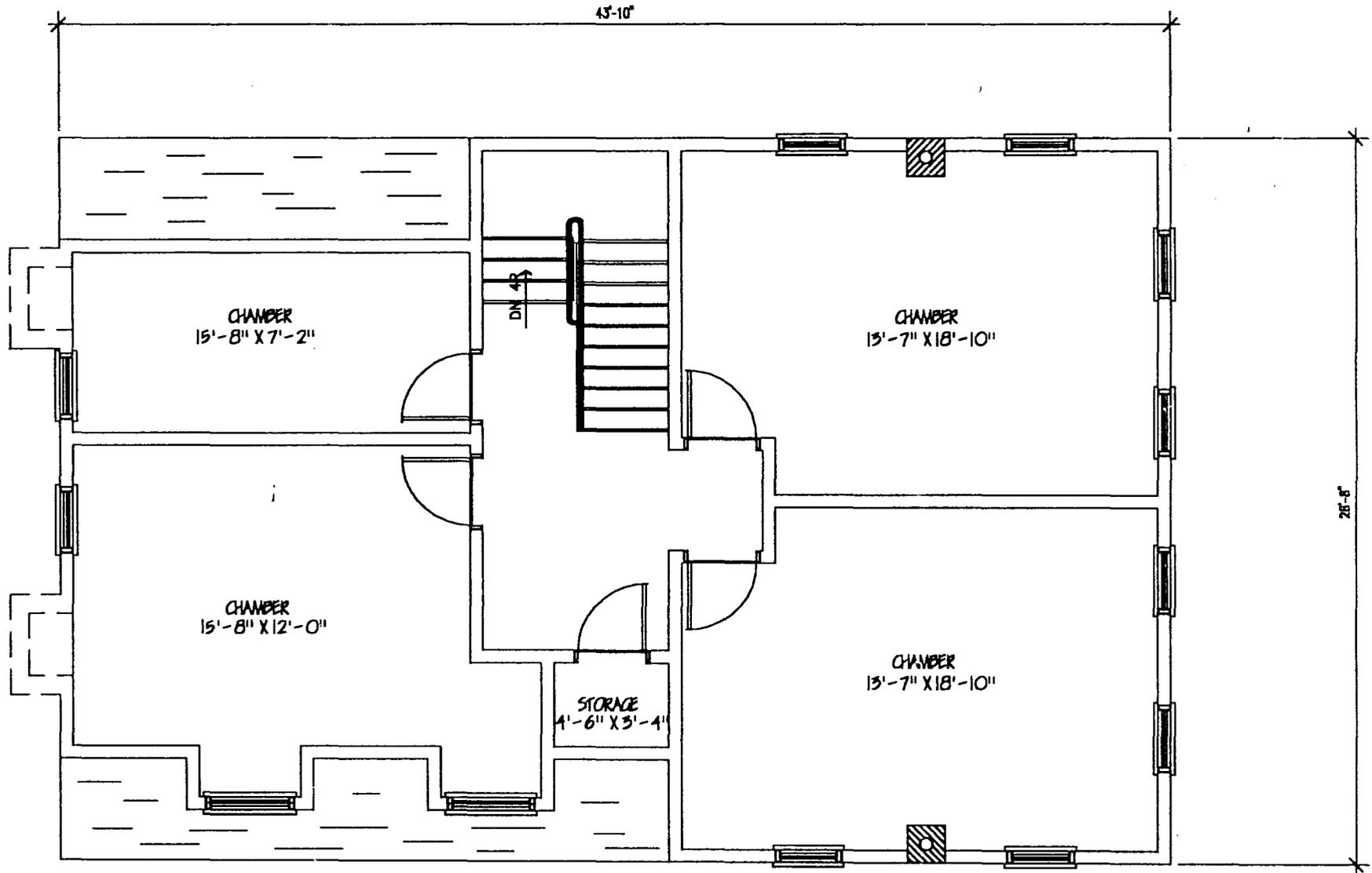
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HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION - MOLLY'S DELIGHT - WALDORF, MD 20601



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SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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...es 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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and use of a handgun in
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more than 20 years. Both
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theft over \$300, three
conspiracy, kidnapping,
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three counts of use of a
in the commission of a
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Vell, his grandmother

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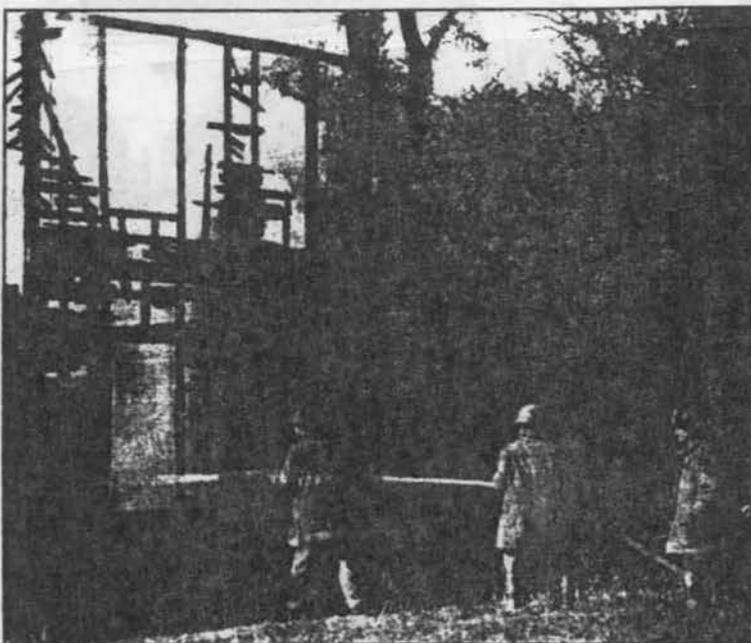


Photo by Kimberly A. Crowley

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.

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ROAD

ROAD

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See ADC's
"PRINCE GEORGES, COUNTY MD STREET MAP"
For Continuation

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ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1985

PRINCE GEORGES
CHARLES

COUNTY
COUNTY

Mattawoman

HIGHWAY

MARBELLA

GILLESPIE MOBILE
HOME COURT

Maryland
State

DELIGHT

DELIGHT
ST

MEMORIAL
AVE

SUBSTATION RD

HOLLY TREE
PARK APTS

925

WHITE OAK
VILLAGE

HOLLY OAK DR

WALLET OAK CT

BLACK OAK CT

DAK MOSSY OAK CT

MATTAWOMAN
ESTATES

BEANTOWN

MATTAWOMAN

ACTON VILLAGE

ACTON

WALDORF
BUSINESS PARK

STAR
RD

WASHINGTON

WALDORF NORTH
INDUSTRIAL PARK

IDLEWOOD
TRAILER PARK

WALDORF SOUTH
IND PK

WALDORF NORTH IND PARK

Waldorf Shop Mall

Acton Sq
Shop Ctr

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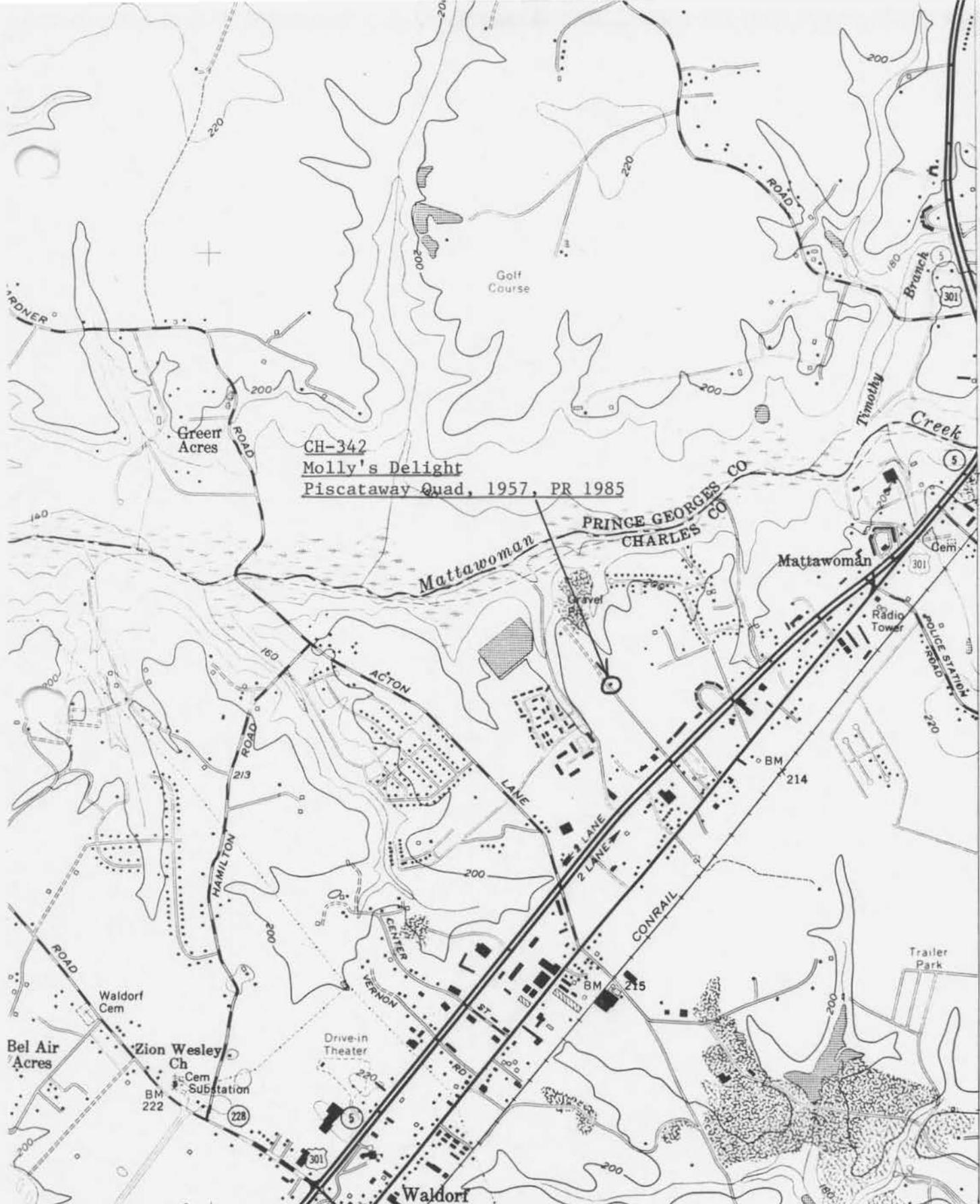
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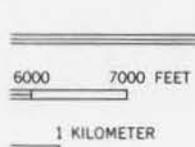


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 Molly's Delight
 Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985

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WHITE PLAINS 3 MI. LA PLATA 8.3 MI. BEANTOWN 1.7 MI. HUGHESVILLE 10 MI.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1988



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty —————
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route (Shield symbol)
- State Route (Circle symbol)

(HUGHESVILLE 5661 III SE)



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MOLLY'S DELIGHT; East Side

Ele. J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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

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