

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-397 (PACS A1) Construction Date: circa 1920

Name: James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property

Location: 8281 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable cottage with two outbuildings located on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1920, the residence has an asphalt shingle roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. A front porch on the east elevation has been enclosed and a shed roof addition is located on the west elevation. The property also contains two, wood-frame, gable roof sheds. The property's setting is on a level parcel in a residential and commercial area on Leonardtown Road.

### Significance:

James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property is a front-gable vernacular cottage constructed circa 1920. It is located on a .227 hectare (.56 acre) parcel along with two outbuildings on the west side of Leonardtown Road. The residence is not a significant resource, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type, which lacks architectural integrity. A characteristic feature of a vernacular cottage is the porch. This feature of the house has been altered with its enclosure. There is also a shed roof addition on the west elevation which alters the original rectangular form and plan of the structure. The residence also has vinyl siding.

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
January 1997

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 5 - Hughesville Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 8281 Leonardtown Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hughesville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

| Category  | Ownership  | Status  | Present Use                             |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" 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"/> education      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment  | <input type="checkbox"/> religious                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input checked="" 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"/> other:                       |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military       |   |
|   |  |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |   |

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

name James L. and Gertrude A. Russell

street &amp; number 8281 Leonardtown Road

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 219

street &amp; number Charles Street

folio 227

city, town La Plata

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date \_\_\_federal \_\_\_state \_\_\_county \_\_\_local

depository for survey records

ity, town

state

# 7. Description

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| Condition                                |                                       | Check one                                   |   | Check one          |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | date of move _____ |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    |                    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |                    |  |

Resource Count: 3

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

The James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable cottage and two outbuildings on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1920, the building has been altered through the enclosure of the front porch, construction of a rear addition, and application of vinyl siding.

The residence has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding and it has a concrete foundation. The structure has an enclosed porch on the front (east) elevation with bands of storm windows. The windows of the building are a combination of 6/6 or 6/1 double-hung, wood windows with metal storm windows. A 1-story, shed roof addition is located on the west elevation.

There are two outbuildings associated with the property. One is a wood-frame shed with an asphalt shingle, gable roof and a concrete block addition. The other is a prefabricated, shed with an asphalt shingle, gable roof.

The property is located on a level parcel in a commercial and residential area along Leonardtown Road, a major regional thoroughfare. A warehouse is located to the north of the property, and residences are located to the west and south.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

station of the Southern Maryland Railroad...and a banking town" with two (2) physicians, two (2) general stores, two (2) blacksmiths, a grist and saw mill, a flour mill, an undertaker and livery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population of 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property is an example of a vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

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National Register Evaluation:

The James L. and Gertrude A. Russell Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic event or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the residence is an undistinguished example of a common building type, which lacks architectural integrity. A characteristic feature of a vernacular cottage is the porch. This feature of the house has been altered with its enclosure. There is also a shed roof addition on the west elevation which alters the original, rectangular form and plan of the structure. The residence also has vinyl siding. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>         |                                       |
| Eligibility recommended _____            | Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u> |
| Comments _____                           |                                       |
| _____                                    |                                       |
| _____                                    |                                       |
| Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>        | Date: <u>5/15/98</u>                  |
| Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u> | Date: <u>5/20/98</u>                  |

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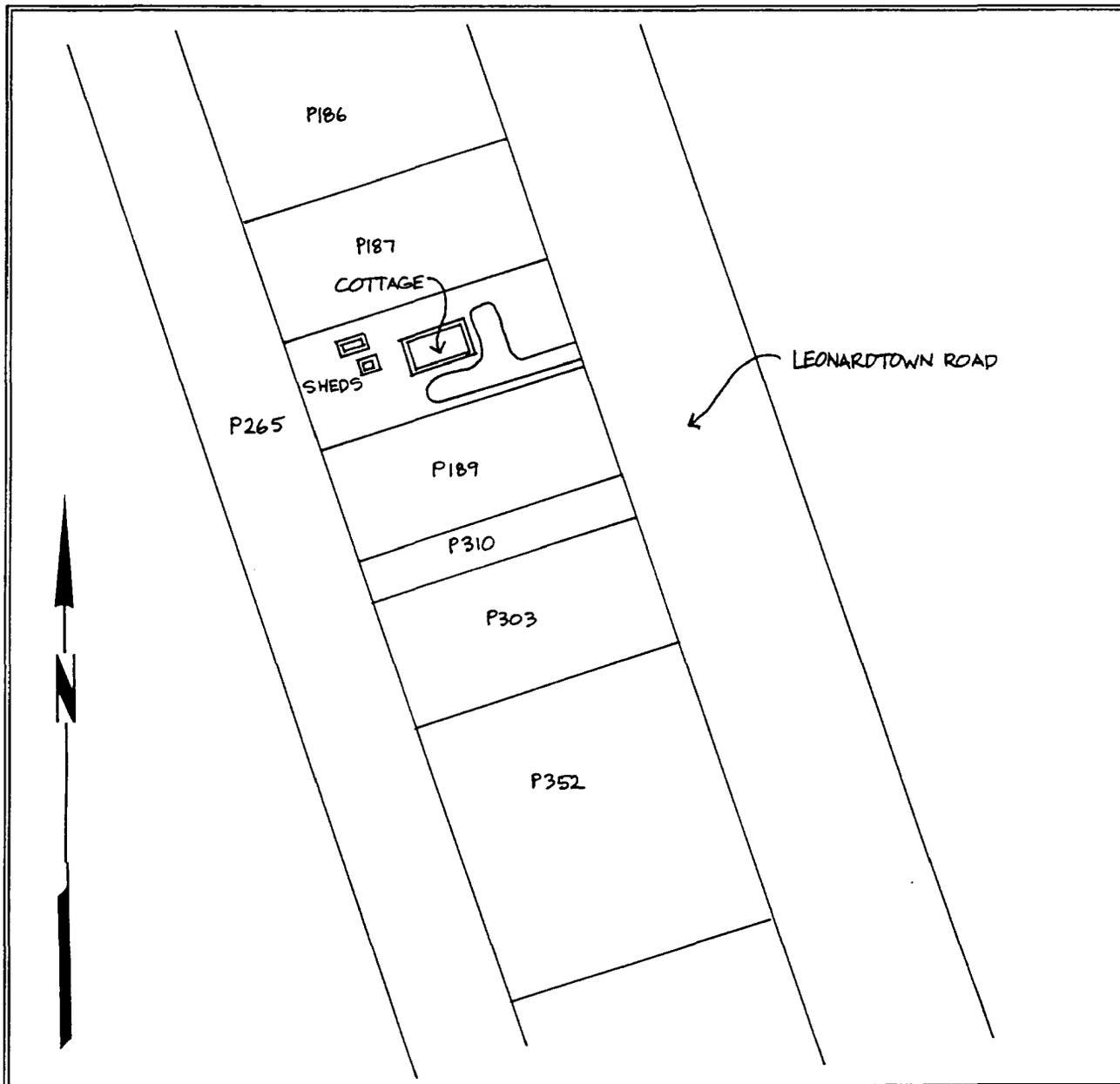
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

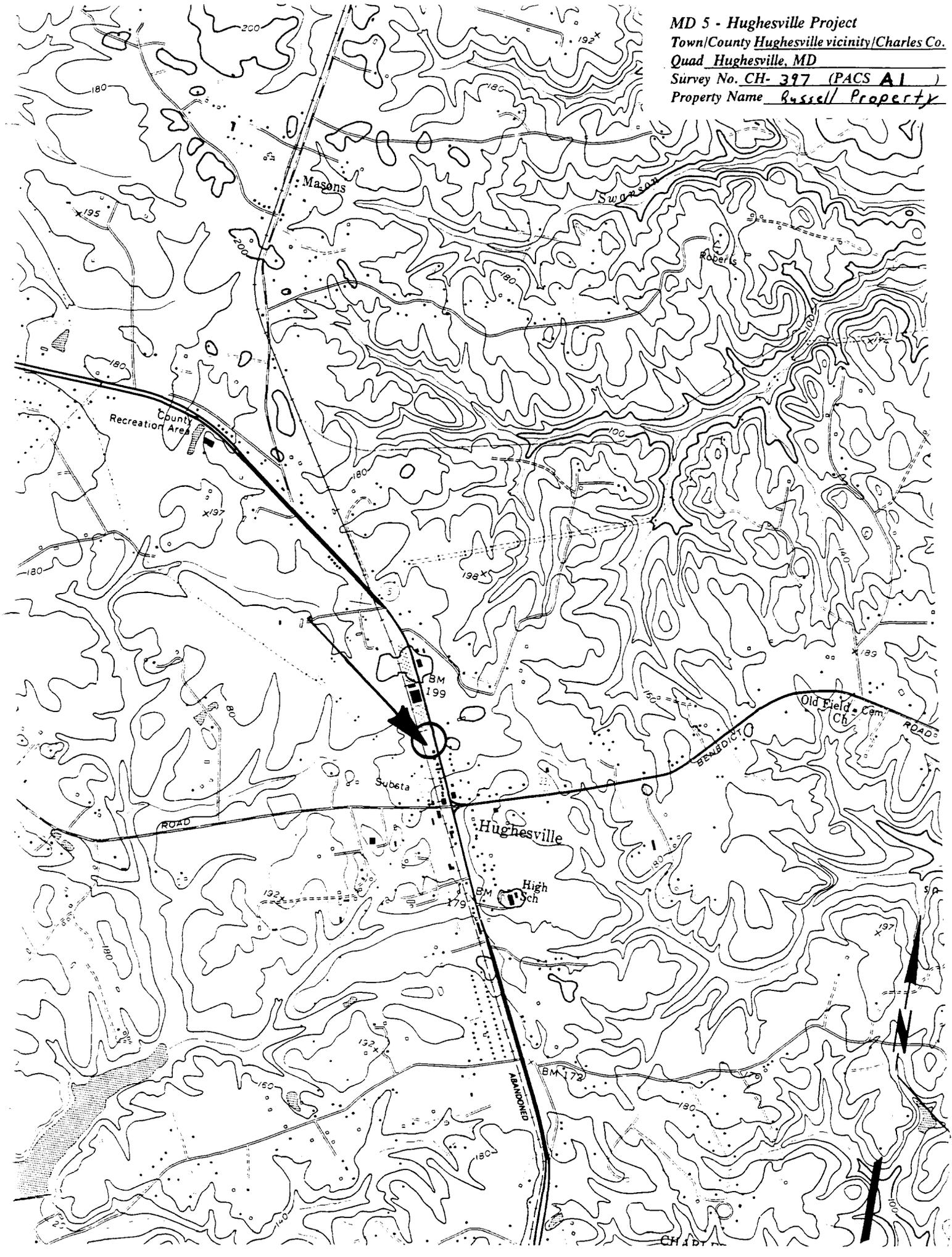
Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.  
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