

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-398 (PACS A2) Construction Date: circa 1920

Name: Stratchko Property I

Location: 8289 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Stratchko Property I is 1½-story, side-gable cottage, constructed circa 1920. The residence has an asphalt shingle roof and is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding and a concrete block foundation. The structure has an enclosed shed roof porch on the north elevation and an addition on the west elevation. The property contains no outbuildings. The property is located in a mid-twentieth century residential and commercial area along Leonardtown Road with residences to the north, south, west.

### Significance:

The Stratchko Property I is a vernacular, side-gable cottage constructed circa 1920. It is located on a .185 hectare (.457 acre) parcel on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County, in southern Maryland. The property is not a significant resource, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. It has been significantly altered with the gable addition, enclosure of the shed roof porch, and the installation of vinyl siding.

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

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Stratchko Property I

2. Location:

street &amp; number 8289 Leonardtown Road \_\_\_ not for publication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
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Frank G. and Norma E. Stratchko

street &amp; number 5516 Little Brook Drive

telephone no.:

city, town La Plata

state and zip code MD 20646-3633

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

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street &amp; number Charles Street

folio 72

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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

Resource Count: 1

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

The Stratchko Property I is a 1½-story, side-gable cottage on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1920, the residence has been altered by the enclosure of a rear porch, a 1-story rear addition on the west elevation, and vinyl siding. There are no outbuildings associated with the property.

The residence has an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding and it has a concrete block foundation. The building has an enclosed shed roof porch on the north elevation and a 1-story addition with a gable roof on the west elevation. There is a panel door with four-lights on the east elevation and a metal storm door with one-light on the porch addition. All of the windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung with metal storm windows.

The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road with residential structures to the north, south, and west. The property is lightly wooded to the west. The property's setting is a mid-twentieth century residential and commercial area along Leonardtown Road, a major regional thoroughfare.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1920

Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exceptions:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Stratchko Property I is a vernacular, side-gable cottage constructed circa 1920. It is located on a .185 hectare (.457) acre parcel on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County, in southern Maryland. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structure.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary. In 1658 Charles County was founded in an area originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

The area that became Hughesville was located in Lord Baltimore's grant of 6,879.9 hectares (17,000 acres) of Newport Hundred to Major William Boarman during 1650-1699. This land included the region "east of Zachiah Swamp" and became known as Boarman's Manor. Hughesville does not appear on an 1840 Map of a Part of Maryland, and Fisher's 1852 Gazetteer of the State of Maryland did not list the community. Hughesville was located at the crossroads of two of the main routes through Charles County: Burnt Store to Patuxent City and on to Annapolis, (Burnt Store Road and Prince Frederick Road/Route 231) and Bryantown to Charlotte Hall and on to St. Mary's City (Leonardtown Road/Route 5). Accordingly, Hughesville is shown on Martenet's 1866 Map of Maryland, Atlas Edition. The 1871 State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers Directory for Maryland and the District of Columbia called Hughesville a "post town." Bland's 1887 Maryland Directory and State Gazetteer listed both Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches in Hughesville as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2) undertakers, a wheelwright, a blacksmith, a tobacco buyer, and a population of fifty (50). Gannett's 1904 Gazetteer of Maryland defined Hughesville as a "post village...on the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad" (Gannett 1904: 43). By 1906 the community was known

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as "a 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 Stratchko Property I is a side-gable cottage constructed circa 1920. 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:

Constructed circa 1920, the Stratchko Property I 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 historic events 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 it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. In addition, the architectural integrity of the structure has been compromised by the enclosure of the porch and the construction of a gable addition on the west elevation. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	
_____	
_____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/15/96</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/2/96</u>

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-398 (PACS A2)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Caroline Hall/Eric Griffitts

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date January 1997

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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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.

return to:           Maryland Historical Trust  
                          DHCP/DHCD  
                          100 Community Place  
                          Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
                          (410) 514-7600

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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):

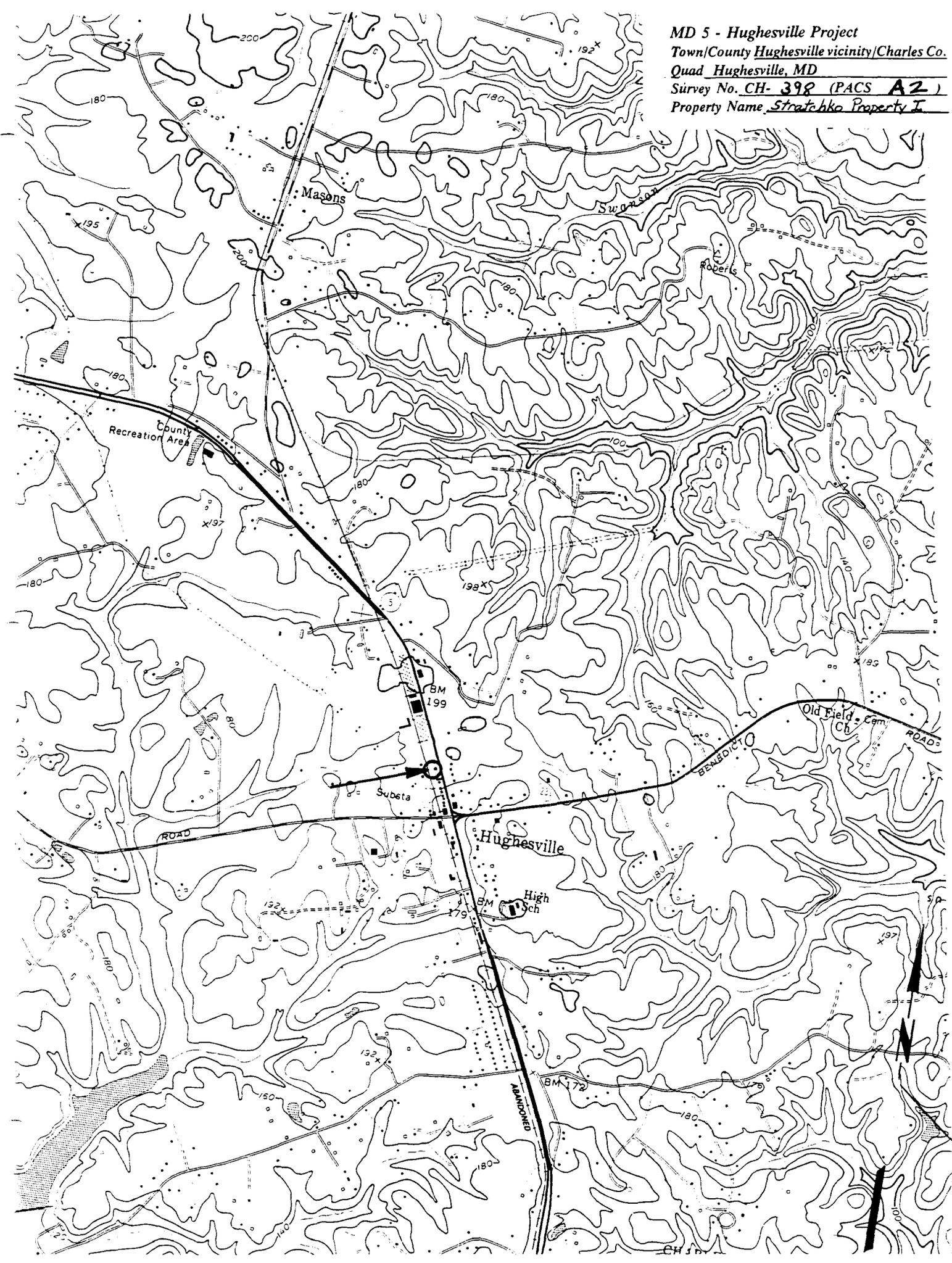
Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.  
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