

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-403 (PACS A8) Construction Date: circa 1930

Name: C. Posey Herbert Property

Location: 8311 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The C. Posey Herbert Property is a 1½-story, front-gable commercial building located on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. The building has an asphalt shingle roof and is of rusticated, molded, concrete block construction with vinyl siding in the gable end. The structure has three garage door bays on its north elevation. Its setting is a level parcel located in a residential and commercial area along Leonardtown Road. It has commercial properties to the north and south, and a light wooded area to the west.

Significance:

C. Posey Herbert purchased the .361 hectare (.894 acre) lot in 1909. According to the owner, a building was constructed on the land circa 1930 and was used as a car dealership. The Hughesville Volunteer Fire Department purchased the property in 1968 for the use of the department. The property was later sold to the current owners, Frank G. and Norma E. Stratchko in 1990, when the lot was reduced to its current size of .095 hectares (.23 acres). The property is not a significant resource, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. It has been altered with the enclosure of door and window openings, the addition of three metal overhead garage doors, and the installation of 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 C. Posey Herbert Property

and/or common Hughesville Auto Service

2. Location:

street & number 8311 Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 & 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

liber 1438

street & number Charles Street

folio 256

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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| 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: 1

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

The C. Posey Herbert Property is 1½-story, 1-bay front-gable commercial building on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. According to the owner, the building was constructed circa 1930 and originally served as a car dealership. It has an interior brick chimney and a shed roof addition on the south side of the building.

The structure has a asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends. The building is of rusticated, molded, concrete block, and has vinyl siding in the gable ends. The windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung unless noted otherwise.

The east, or front elevation has an entrance with a metal door. There is one, fixed-light wood window, and a second window opening has been infilled with plywood.

The south elevation has a shed roof addition with wood supports. There is a 4-light, wood door and a garage door bay infilled with wood. In addition, two windows are located on the elevation.

The west elevation has a wood, overhead garage door with sixteen lights. One window is located on each side of the garage door.

The north elevation has three, garage bays with metal overhead doors.

The interior has a mechanic's garage and a small office on the east side of the building.

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

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 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 C. Posey Herbert Property is an early twentieth century commercial building. The development of the automobile created a rise in roadside commercial development, particularly among primary routes. About the time of World War I, shops began to appear along these routes and included such structures as gas stations, produce stands, restaurants, and motels. To capture the public's attention, visible signs often appeared on the front of businesses, on billboards, and the sides of barns and other structures. As a result of an emerging society where most families owned an automobile, business owners often relocated in areas that were once rural, where land was cheaper and could accommodate large parking lots. These developments led to a decline in urban retail districts all over the country after World War II (Liebs, 1985: 5-9).

Early twentieth century rural, small-scale commercial buildings were often adaptations of simple dwelling designs. Most were of wood-frame construction and 1 to 2-stories in height. Often in 2-story structure, the upper story served as living quarters for the proprietor. These buildings usually had front-gable or parapeted flat roofs and featured large display windows and a sign located over the main entrance. These buildings usually had little decorative features, limited to transoms over the door and decorative signs (Liebs, 1985: 5-8).

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1930, the C. Posey Herbert 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 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 the property is an undistinguished example of a common building type. The material integrity has been compromised by the enclosure of window and door openings, which changed the original fenestration patterns on the east and south elevations. In addition, the metal overhead garage doors on the north elevation have been replaced by wood doors, and vinyl siding has been installed in the gable ends. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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

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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):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings

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

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

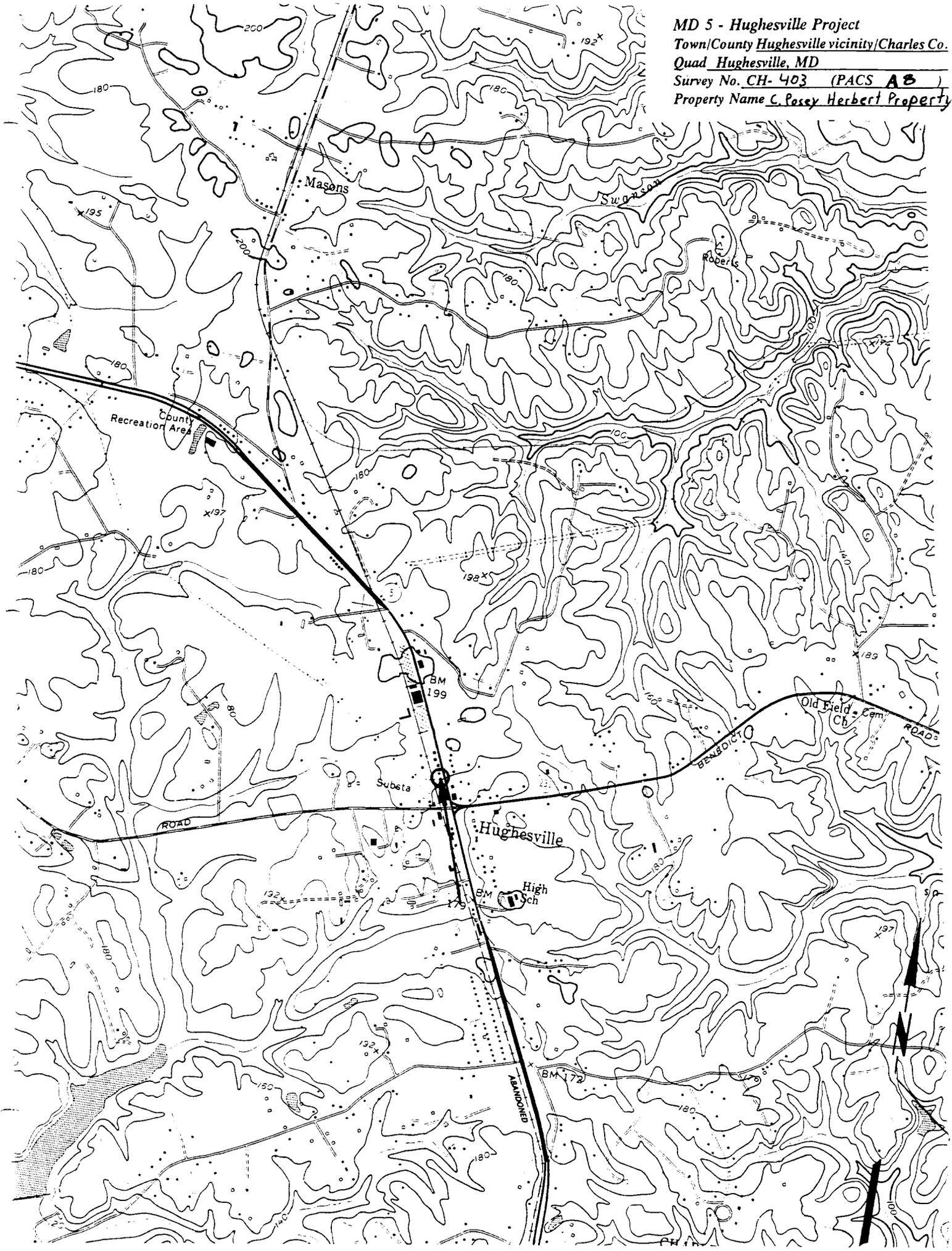
Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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HUGHESVILLE
AUTO
SERVICE

274-0000

870-2700

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3 Charles County, MD

4 Eric Griffiths

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7 South and East Elevations, view NW

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WINDHOLM
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SERVICE

204 2300



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- 4 Eric Godfitts
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- 7 North elevation, view SW
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A black and white photograph of a single-story building with a gabled roof. The building is white with dark trim around the windows and door. The text 'HUGHESVILLE AUTO SERVICE' is painted on the side of the building. To the left of the door is a window with a sign. To the right of the door are two phone numbers: '274-0050' and '870-2755'. There are also some smaller signs and a logo on the wall. The building is situated on a street with a road in the foreground and trees in the background.

HUGHESVILLE
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SERVICE

274-0050

870-2755

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