

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-406 (PACS A12) Construction Date: circa 1945
Name: Maria Steffers Property
Location: 8371 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Maria Steffers Property, constructed circa 1945, is a 1-story, 3-bay, flat roof commercial building on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. The structure is of masonry construction and has a concrete block exterior with brick veneer on the east elevation. The windows are primarily vinyl, 1/1, double-hung. The fenestration pattern has been altered on the east elevation with the addition of a door in a window opening. There are two outbuildings associated with the property. One is an asphalt shingle, gambrel-roof wood-frame shed and the other is a metal, flat roof shed. The property's setting is a residential and commercial area along Leonardtown Road and is situated on a level site with commercial buildings to the north and south and a wooded area to the west.

Significance:

Maria Steffers purchased the .131 hectare (.324 acre) lot in 1929. The parcel currently retains this size. According to a long time local resident of the area, a building was constructed on the land circa 1945. The property was sold a number of times until the current owner, Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, acquired it in 1979. The building is not a significant resource, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. The architectural and material integrity of the building has also been compromised. The symmetrical fenestration pattern of the front (east) elevation has been altered with the addition of a door in a window opening. The building also contains vinyl, replacement windows.

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 Maria Steffers Property

and/or common The Hartman Building

2. Location:

street & number 8371 Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication

city, town ___ 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 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 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 Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 279

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 678

street & number Charles Street

folio 1

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: 3

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

The Maria Steffers Property is a 1-story, 3-bay, flat roof commercial building on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. According to a long time local resident of the Hughesville area, the structure was constructed circa 1945.

The structure has a flat roof with a parapet and interior brick chimney. The building is of concrete block construction with a concrete block exterior and foundation. The windows are vinyl, 1/1, double-hung, unless noted otherwise.

The east, or front elevation has a brick veneer with a denticulated cornice. It has two entrances; the main entrance is located in the center of the elevation and has a 3-light wood-panel door with 1-light sidelights and a transom. The second entrance is located in a former window opening. It also has a wood door with 1-light sidelights and a transom. A 2-light, metal-frame window is also located on the elevation.

The south elevation has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern with four, 1/1, double-hung windows and a metal door.

The west elevation has three, vinyl, double-hung windows and one, 6-light, wood casement window.

The north elevation has two, wood doors and four, vinyl, 1/1, double-hung windows. It also has one, wood, 2/2, double-hung window.

The interior of the building consists of a center hallway with offices on the north side of the hallway and offices and a conference room on the south side.

There are two outbuildings associated with the property. The first outbuilding is a pre-fabricated, wood-frame shed with an asphalt shingle, gambrel roof. The second outbuilding is a metal shed with a flat roof. Both are located northwest of the main building and were constructed circa 1980.

The property is located on a level site on the west side of Leonardtown Road, just north of the intersection with Burnt Store Road. There are commercial buildings to the north and south, and a light wooded area to the west. There are only a few trees on the east side of the property. Its setting is a commercial and residential area along Leonardtown Road.

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 1945	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
	and/or		
	Applicable Exceptions:	<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
	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local

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

Maria Steffers purchased the .131 hectare (.324 acre) lot in 1929. The parcel currently retains this size. According to a local resident, a building was constructed on the land circa 1945 for use as an office complex. The property was sold a number of times until the current owner, Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, acquired it in 1979. There are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures.

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 (Leonardtwn 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).

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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 Maria Steffers Property is a twentieth-century office building. Early twentieth century rural, small-scale commercial buildings were often adaptations of simple dwelling designs. Most were of frame construction and one to two stories in height. These buildings usually had front-gable or parapet-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: 5-9).

During the twentieth century, a typical office building often contained many small business services and professional workers. The creation of office space during the twentieth century often included accommodations for clerical workers. These workers helped to carry out the daily functions of various types of businesses, and the design of commercial structures during this time reflected the need and presence of such workers (Ford 1994: 29).

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1945, the Maria Steffers 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 it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. The architectural integrity of the building has also been compromised. The symmetrical fenestration pattern of the front (east) elevation has been altered with the addition of a door in a window opening. The building also contains vinyl replacement windows. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2/15/90</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/20/98</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-406 (PACS A12)

See Continuation Sheet

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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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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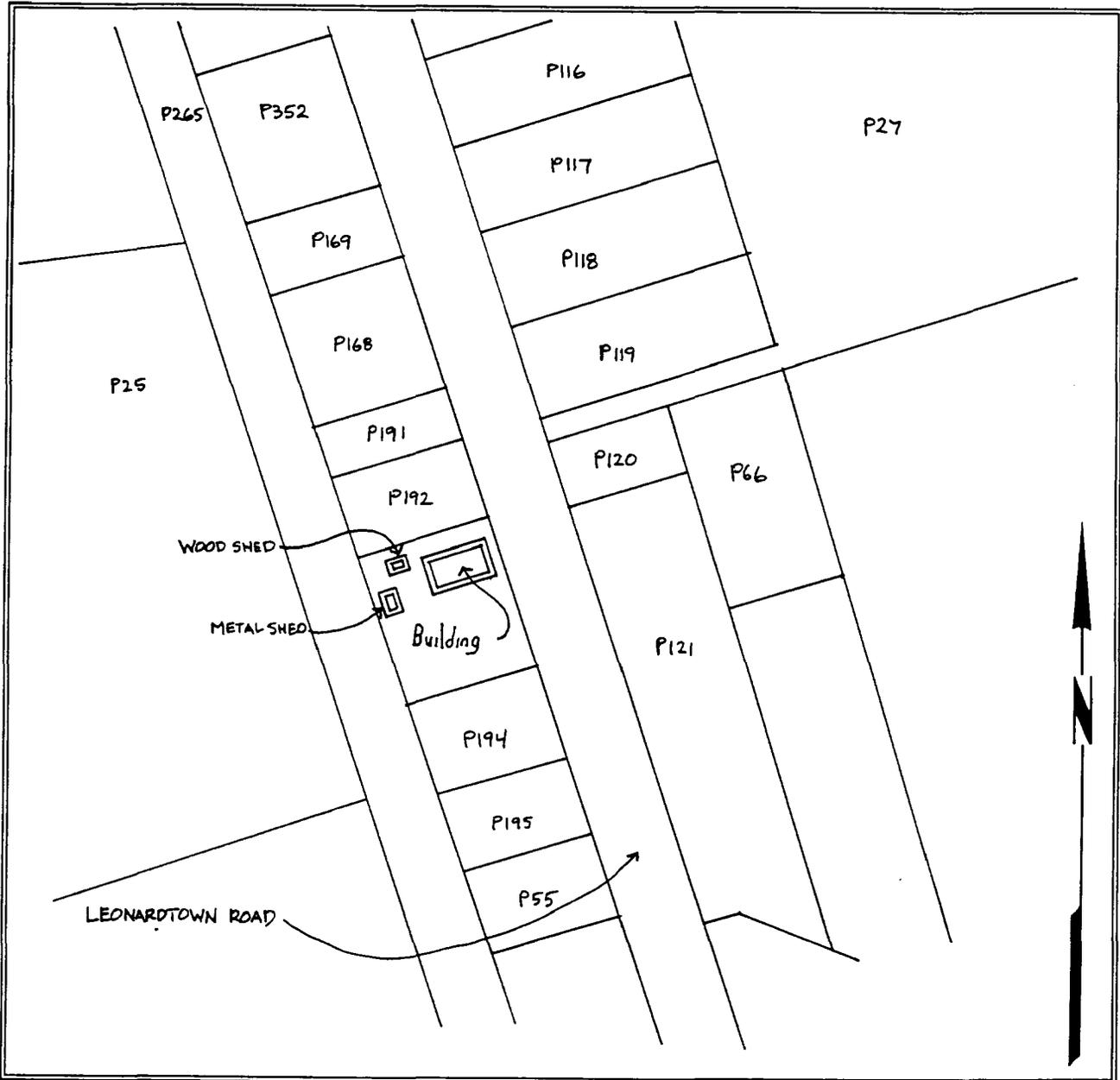
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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):

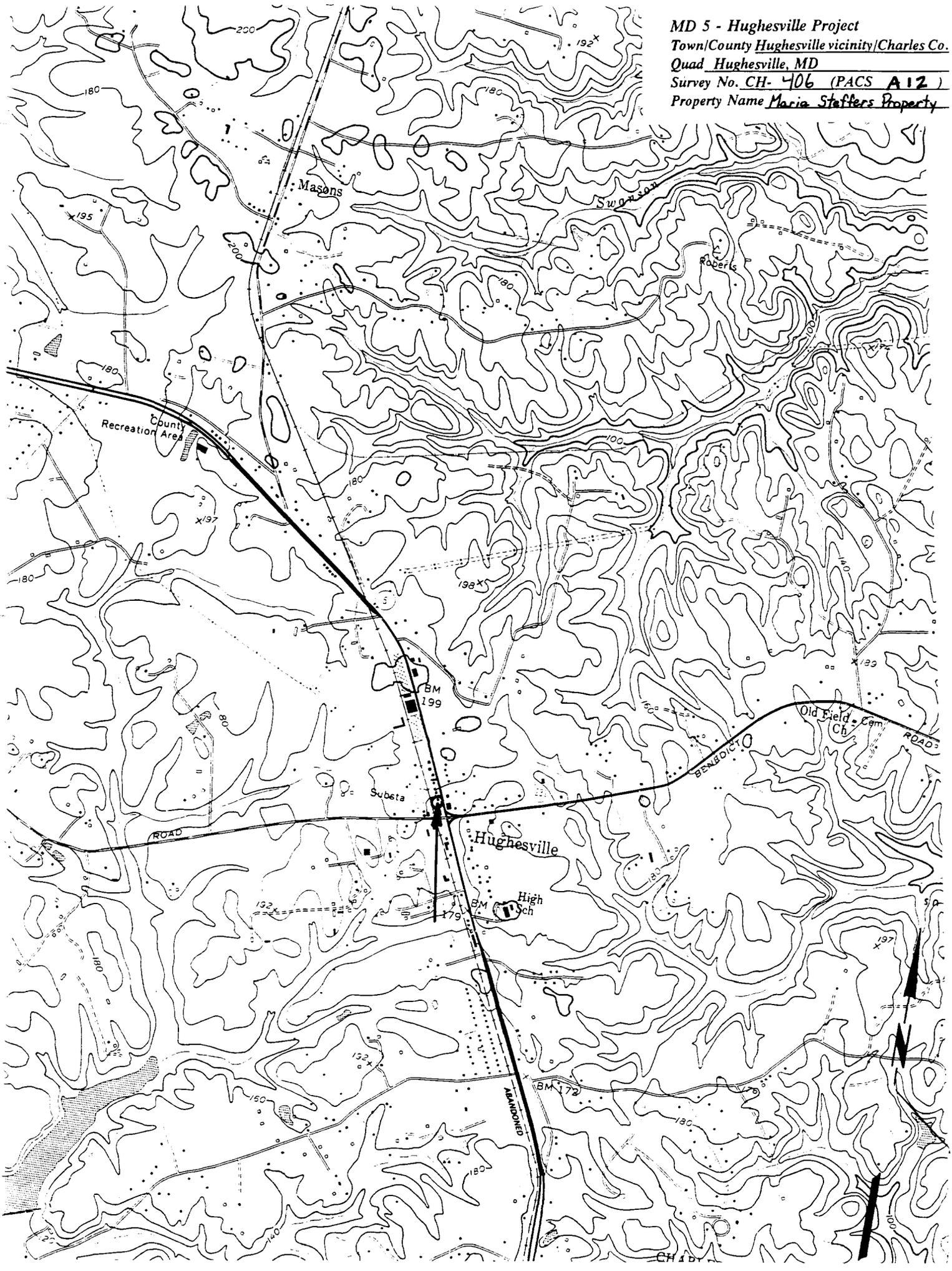
Commercial

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
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THE HARTMAN BUILDING

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W
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