

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-420 (PACS A30) Construction Date: 1938

Name: Sewell Property

Location: 15568 Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Sewell Property, a side-gable cottage constructed in 1938, is located on the north side of Prince Frederick Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. The wood-frame structure has a concrete foundation, asbestos siding, and an asphalt shingle roof with a central, concrete block chimney. The windows in the structure are a combination of wood, 1/1 double-hung and 2/2 double-hung. All windows have aluminum storm windows.

Significance:

The Sewell Property is located on a .32 hectare (.79 acre) parcel on the north side of Prince Frederick Road. The residence was constructed in 1938, according to Charles County tax records and contains 98.8 square meters (1064 square feet) of living space. The Sewell Property is an undistinguished example of a common architectural style. In addition, the integrity of the structure has been compromised through the construction of an addition, the enclosure of the front porch, and the use of such materials as vinyl and asbestos siding. Therefore, this property lacks historical and architectural significance.

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 Sewell Property

2. Location:

street & number 15568 Prince Frederick Road not for publicationcity, 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	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 Joseph F. and Thelma E. Sewell

street & number P.O. Box 96 telephone no.: (301) 274-3380

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-0096

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 351

street & number Charles Street folio 58

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

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

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A full-width, 1-story porch on the front (south) elevation has been enclosed and is covered with vinyl siding. A 1-story, hipped-roof addition is located on the west elevation, partially clad in vinyl siding, with areas covered with plywood. A 1-story, shed roof addition is located on the rear (north) elevation.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first is a wood-timber lean-to, with a shed roof. It is located north of the house. The second outbuilding is a 1-story, wood-frame shed with a flat roof. It has an asphalt sheet roof, hinged, double-doors and is located northeast of the house and east of the lean-to.

The third and fourth outbuildings are modern, 1-story, pre-fabricated sheds. One is a metal structure with a front-gable roof, while the other is a wood-frame structure with a gambrel roof. The modern sheds are located north of the house and other outbuildings.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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).

Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style, like the residence on the Sewell Property, 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).

National Register Evaluation:

The Sewell Property, a side-gable cottage constructed in 1938, 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 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. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of a common architectural style. In addition, the integrity of the structure has been compromised through the construction of an addition, the enclosure of the front porch, and the use of such materials as vinyl and asbestos siding. 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>X</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>

July

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-420 (PACS A30)

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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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Baltimore

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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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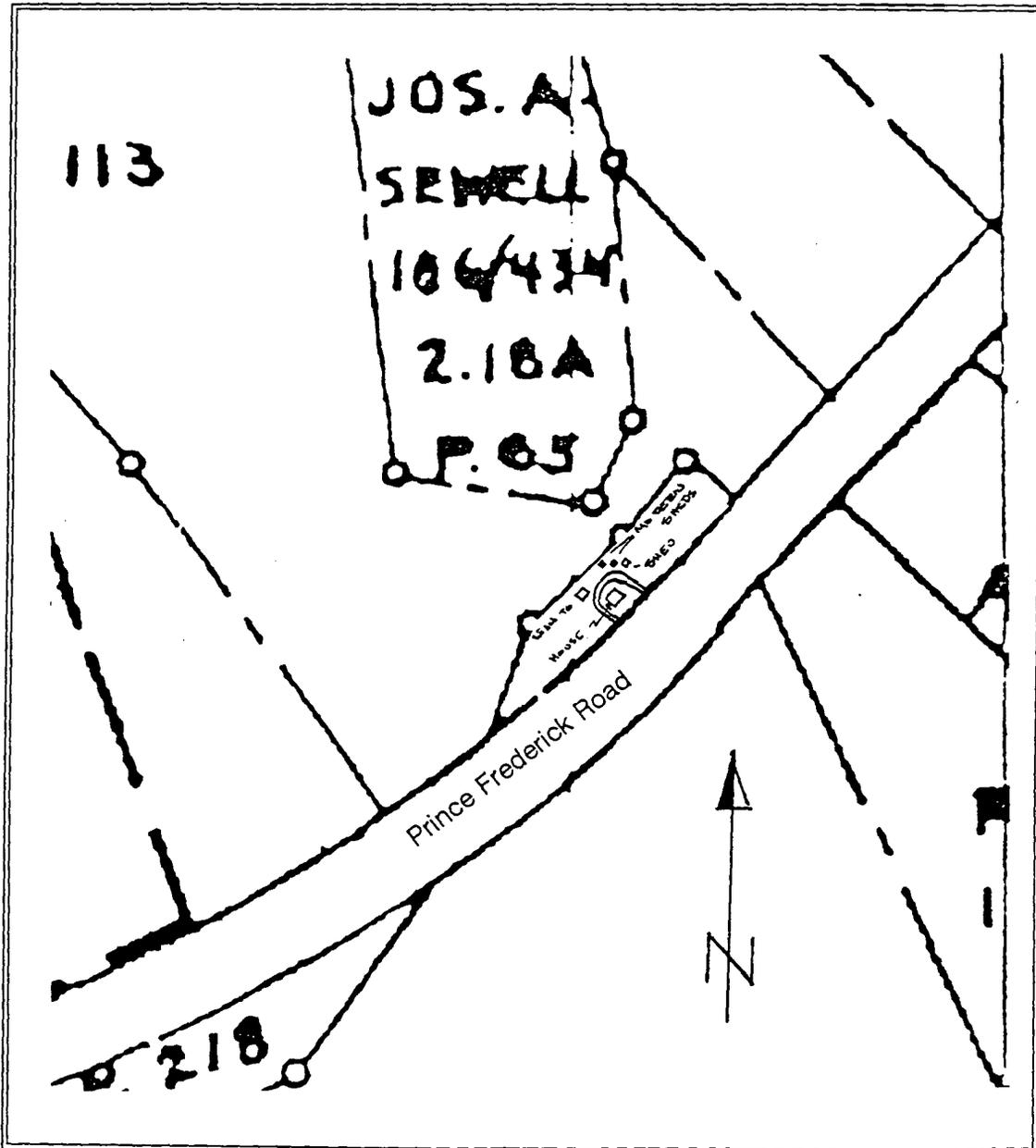
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

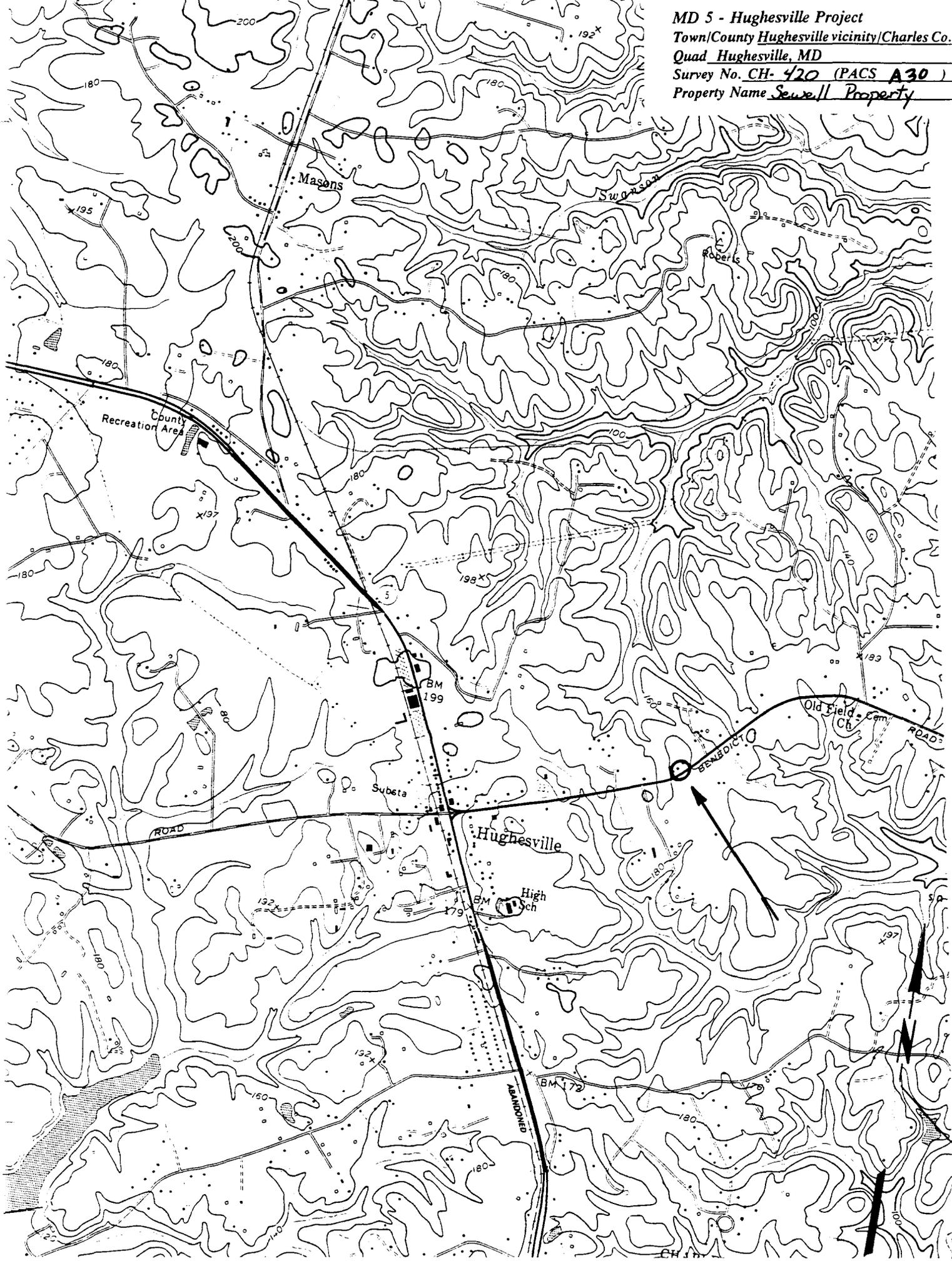
Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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4- Caroline Hall

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6- MD SHPO

7- east elevation

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- 7- shed and lean to, view NW
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2- Sewell Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Caroline Hall

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- 2 modern shed + lean-to, view N

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