

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-432 (PACS A48) Construction Date: circa 1930

Name: Mary Shipley Ryan Property

Location: West side of Leonardtown Road, opposite Foster Lane, Hughesville vicinity,
Charles County

Private/Storage/Unoccupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Mary Shipley Ryan Property is a group of three barns, one secondary building, and one garage, located on the west side of Leonardtown Road in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. The first barn is a large tobacco barn, constructed circa 1930, with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction and it has had some replacement of interior structural elements. The second barn is a tobacco barn, constructed circa 1930, with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction and some of the wood siding is deteriorated and missing. The third structure is a garage with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the garage is of wood-frame construction and is in a deteriorated condition. The fourth structure is a small building, possibly used as a tobacco stripping house, constructed circa 1960. The fifth structure is a prefabricated metal barn, erected circa 1980.

Significance:

Constructed circa 1930, the Mary Shipley Ryan Property is an example of a common building type that has experienced the loss of historic materials through deterioration and replacement. One barn has had much of the interior structure replaced, while the other barn and garage have lost historic materials through deterioration. According to deed research, Mary Shipley Ryan purchased the 63 hectare (156 acre) lot in 1926. A group of barns was constructed on the land circa 1930. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to the size of 58 hectares (145 acres) when it was purchased by its current owner, Southern Maryland Electric Coop. Inc, in 1988. Deed research indicates that the parcel is not historically associated with buildings on adjacent parcels, and no evidence of a residence was found during the field survey.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE yes no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Mary Shipley Ryan Property

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number West side of Leonardtown Road opposite Foster Lane 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Southern Maryland Electrical Cooperative, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 1937

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637-1937

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1294

street & number Charles Street

folio 303

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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<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<u> </u> excellent	<u> </u> deteriorated	<u> x</u> unaltered	<u> x</u> original site	
<u> x</u> good	<u> </u> ruins	<u> </u> altered	<u> </u> moved	date of move _____
<u> </u> fair	<u> </u> 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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The second barn is a tobacco barn, constructed circa 1930, with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction with double-doors at the gable ends. Some of the wood siding is deteriorated and missing. The barn is located approximately 0.8 kilometers (0.5 miles) north of the first barn.

The third structure is a garage with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the garage is of wood-frame construction and is located approximately 1.2 kilometers (0.75 miles) northwest of the first barn, west of the second barn.

The fourth structure is a small building, possibly used as a tobacco stripping house, with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1960, it is of concrete block construction with an exterior chimney and it is located south of the barns and garage.

The fifth structure is a prefabricated metal barn, erected circa 1980. The metal barn is located south of the other buildings.

The property is located in an open field on the west side of Leonardtown Road, with farmland to the north, west, and south. The site has gently rolling terrain and there are several groups of trees in the area.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 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 Mary Shipley Ryan Property consists of two tobacco barns and three secondary structures. Most inhabitants of the project area were engaged in farming at the time of first settlement. The barn was the principal building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, open buildings with a gable roof. The interior had a central aisle and was divided into compartments by a network of wooden beams and "tie-poles." From these beams the tobacco was hung and allowed to naturally air-dry. To facilitate the curing process, the barns were designed with several methods of ventilation. Many barns had windows or ventilators near the roof ridge, while others had vertical board siding which were hinged for vent openings or loosely spaced. Another common feature was the elevation of the barn on "legs" which provided air circulation from below the barn (Caravan 1995, 37).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1930, the Mary Shipley Ryan 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 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 example of a common building type that has experienced the loss of historic materials through deterioration and replacement. One barn has had much of the interior structure replaced, while the other barn and garage have lost historic materials through deterioration. 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 X

Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 1/15/98

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 1/22/98

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-432 (PACS A48)

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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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

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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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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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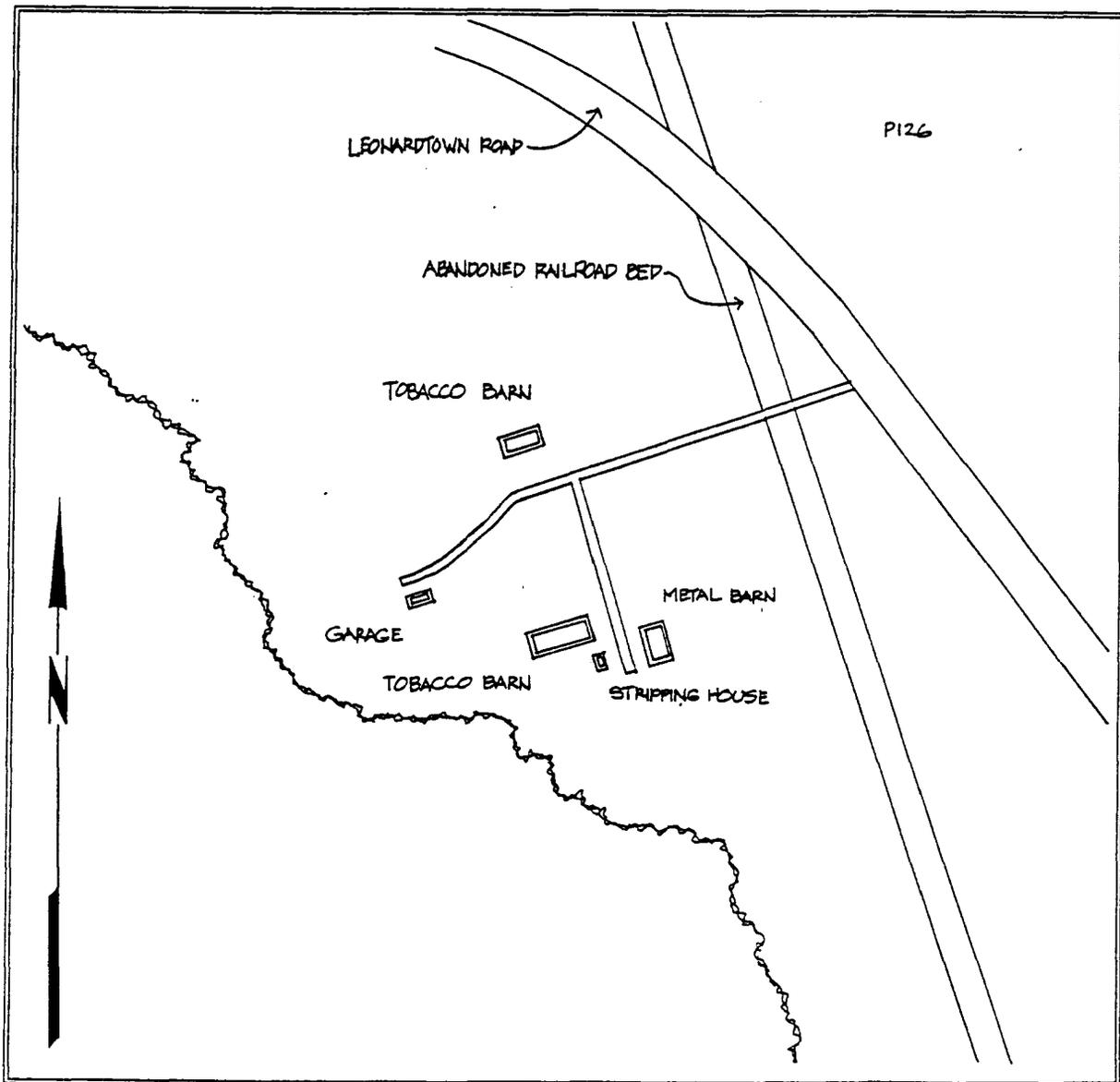
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

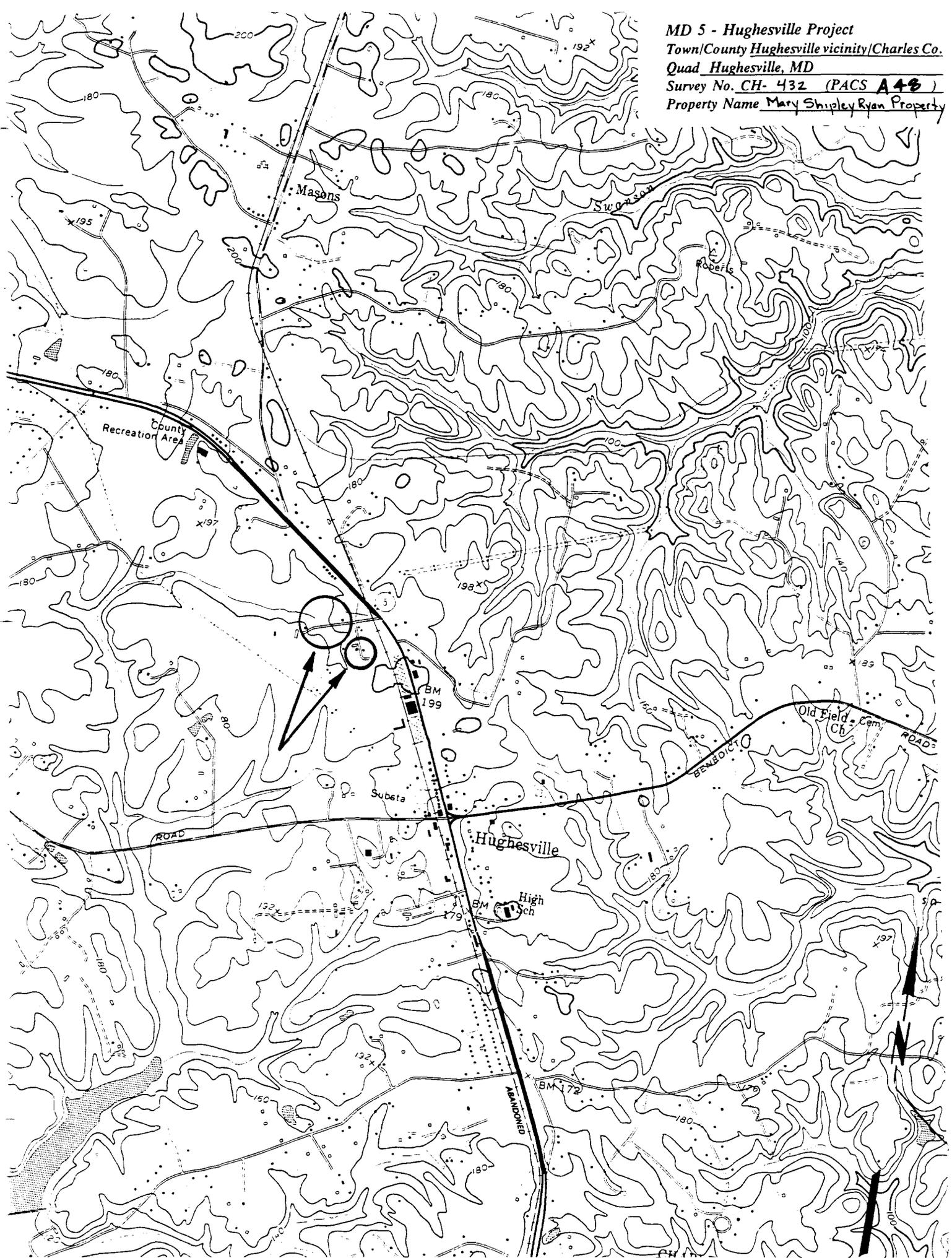
Agriculture

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
January 1997/revised February 1998

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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7- South barn, north-east elevation, view SW

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7- South barn - stripping house, view N.

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7 - North barn, East + South elevation, view NW

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7 South barn, South + west elevation view NE

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7 north barn, west elevation, view E

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7 metal barn, view S

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