

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-433 (PACS A49) Construction Date: circa 1930

Name: Maria Wade Property

Location: 8132 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Maria Wade Property is a group of six buildings consisting of a barn, a store, a modern house, a garage, an office building, and a gas station. The barn dates from an historic period; the other structures are less than fifty years old. The barn, constructed circa 1930, has a standing seam metal, front-gambrel roof. The 2-story structure is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has openings on the east and west ends. The barn, which is located on the east side of Foster Lane near the intersection with Leonardtown Road, is currently not in use. The associated outbuildings are located on the west side of Foster Lane and were constructed from circa 1950 to circa 1990.

### Significance:

Constructed circa 1930, the Maria Wade Property is an undistinctive example of a common agricultural building type. In addition, the barn has not retained its historical association with agriculture due to modern development. According to deed research, Maria Wade purchased the 34 hectare (85 acre) lot in 1891. A barn was constructed on the land circa 1930. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to 29 hectares (74 acres) when it was acquired by its current owner, Westwood L. Williams, in 1983. Deed research indicates that the barn is not historically associated with buildings on adjacent parcels, and no evidence of an historic 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 Maria Wade Property

and/or common Williams Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 8132 Leonardtown Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hughesville x vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>___</u> district	<u>___</u> public	<u>x</u> occupied	<u>___</u> agriculture	<u>___</u> museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	<u>___</u> unoccupied	<u>x</u> commercial	<u>___</u> park
<u>___</u> structure	<u>___</u> both	<u>___</u> work in progress	<u>___</u> education	<u>x</u> private
<u>___</u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>___</u> entertainment	residence
<u>___</u> object	<u>___</u> in process	<u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u>___</u> government	<u>___</u> religious
	<u>___</u> being considered	<u>___</u> yes: unrestricted	<u>___</u> industrial	<u>___</u> scientific
	<u>x</u> not applicable	<u>___</u> no	<u>___</u> military	<u>___</u> other:
			<u>___</u> transportation	

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

name Westwood L. Williams

street &amp; number 8132 Leonardtown Road telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637-3132

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records of Charles County liber 895

street &amp; number Charles Street folio 116

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

Survey No. CH-433 (PACS A49)

Condition		Check one		Check one	
<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: 6

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 barn, constructed circa 1930, has a standing seam metal, front-gambrel roof. The 2-story structure is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has openings on the east and west ends. The barn, which is located on the east side of Foster Lane near the intersection with Leonardtown Road, is currently not in use.

The associated outbuildings are located along Leonardtown Road, on the west side of Foster Lane. The store, constructed circa 1960, is a multi-bay, wood-frame structure with an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof. The store has a series of plate glass windows on the north and east elevations, and has had additions to the north and south. The store is located east of Leonardtown Road, 0.4 kilometers (0.25 miles) southwest of the barn.

The modern house, erected circa 1970, is a multi-bay structure with an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof. It is of concrete block construction with aluminum siding, and is located southwest of the barn, immediately east of the store.

The garage is a wood-frame structure with an asphalt shingle, gable roof. Constructed circa 1950, the garage is located southwest of the barn and south of the store and modern house.

The office is a small prefabricated, one room, wood-frame building with an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof. Erected circa 1980, the office is southwest of the barn and north of the store, modern house, and garage.

The gas station, constructed circa 1990, consists of two pump islands and a cashier's booth. The station is located east of Leonardtown Road at the intersection with Foster Lane, west of the barn and north of the other buildings.

The property is located east of Leonardtown Road on a site that slopes down to the east. There is farmland to the north and east, and commercial structures to the south.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

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 historic resource on the Maria Wade Property is a barn. 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. Throughout the nineteenth century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the nineteenth century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities (Grow 1985, 60 and 76). Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Barn construction followed ethnic traditions. Dutch barns were nearly square and covered with a highly pitched roof. They employed a three-bay design with a large door at the center and smaller doors at the eaves which allowed access for the livestock. Hay was stored in a loft area above the animals. The English barn also contained three bays but with a long horizontal face and a low pitched gable roof. Where Dutch and English settlement coincided, a barn which combined construction styles developed (Arthur and Witney 1988, 36-83).

Foundation walls were frequently of fieldstone masonry construction which was also used most frequently for gable end walls before the mid nineteenth century, when increasing supplies and reduced cost of pre-cut lumber led to the adoption of wood. Vertical sheathing was often used for front and rear facades from an early date. Roofs were covered with shingle, slate, or metal. On late eighteenth and early nineteenth century barns, a series of tall vertical vents, or embrasures, punctuated the walls, providing ventilation and illumination of the barn's interior. The wood walls of later barns featured louvers and windows for the same purpose.

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1930, the Maria Wade 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 undistinctive example of a common agricultural building type. In addition, the barn has not retained its historical association with agriculture due to modern development. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Comments _____	
_____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/13/99</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/28/98</u>

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-433 (PACS A49)

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See Continuation Sheet

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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
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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

date January 1997

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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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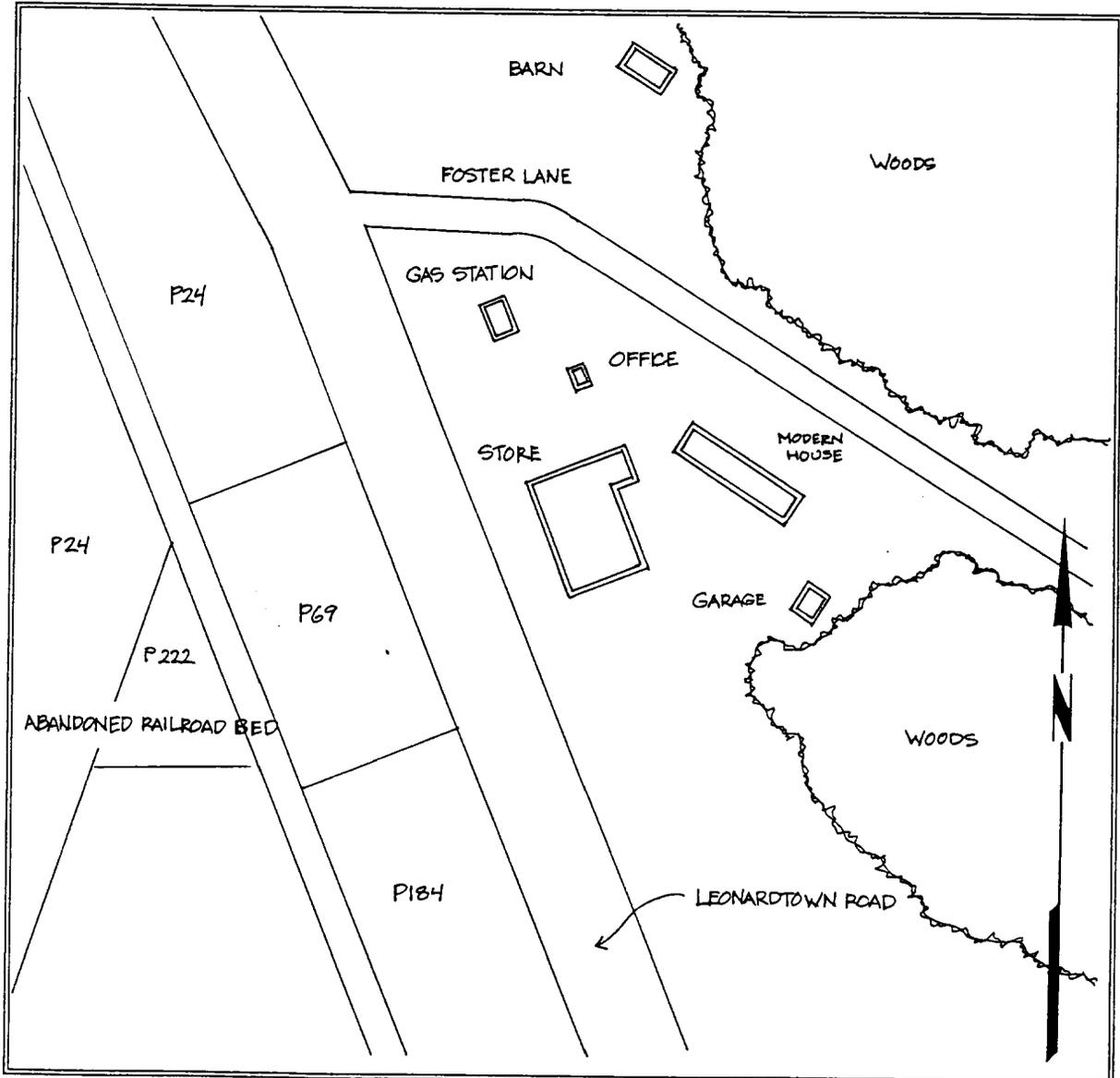
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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):

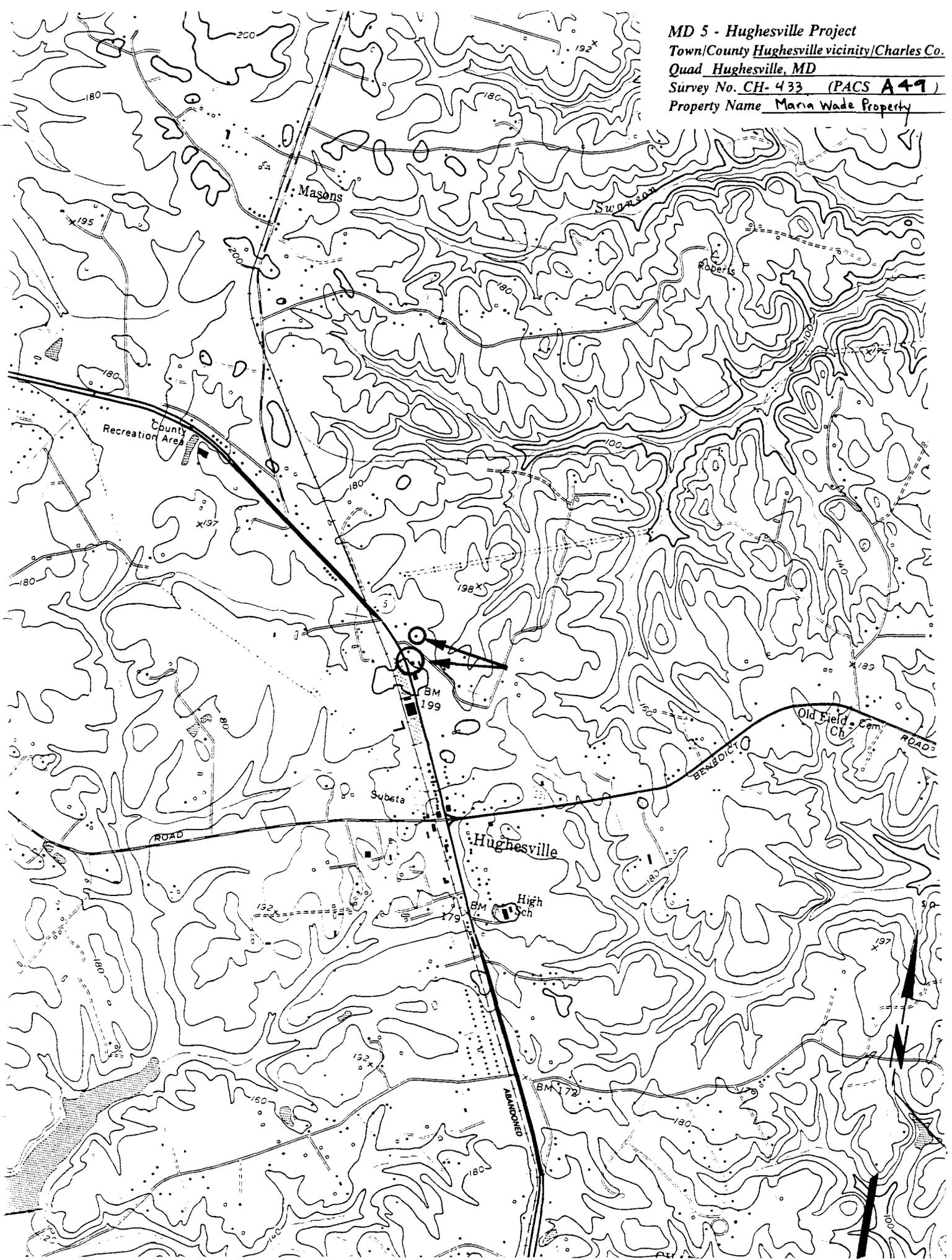
Agriculture

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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

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6- MD SHPO

7- Barn, south+west elevation, view NE

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- 7- west + north elevation - stone, view SE
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6 MD STPS

7 West + north elevation, store, view SE

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- 7 south-elevation, store, view north
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