

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-435 (PACS A54)

Construction Date: 1938

Name: W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property

Location: 8275 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property, constructed in 1938, is a large tobacco warehouse with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof, located in Hughesville, Charles County. The warehouse is of heavy timber construction with corrugated metal siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The warehouse has four loading docks and no wall fenestration; natural light is from a series of skylights on the roof. The interior of the warehouse is an open space, with a series of wood columns supporting the roof framing. A wide aisle is located in the center of the warehouse, and tobacco is stored in the southern part of the interior.

Significance:

Constructed in 1938, the W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property is a twentieth century tobacco warehouse. According to the current owner, the property is the oldest surviving tobacco warehouse in the State of Maryland. The property represents a continuum of agricultural use since its construction. The warehouse was built specifically to become a regional tobacco market for Southern Maryland. The site has been the location of regular tobacco auctions since 1938. In addition, the property is an example of a vernacular tobacco warehouse that has had minimal alterations. The warehouse exhibits the typical characteristics of tobacco warehouses, such as a large interior auction space, tobacco storage space, loading docks, and a large gable roof with numerous skylights. The structure retains integrity of form and material and the interior has not been significantly altered. According to deed research, the W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. purchased the .157 hectare (.39 acre) lot in 1918. It currently retains this size. According to the current owners, Gilbert and Elizabeth Bowling, a building was constructed on the land in 1938, when regional tobacco markets were established by the State of Maryland. Gilbert and Elizabeth Bowling acquired the property in 1988.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property

and/or common Gilbert and Elizabeth Bowling Property

2. Location:

street & number 8275 Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

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

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

name Gilbert and Elizabeth Bowling

street & number 8479 Kentucky Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town La Plata

state and zip code MD 20646

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1312

street & number Charles Street

folio 110

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"/> _x original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _good	<input type="checkbox"/> _ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x altered	<input type="checkbox"/> _moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _fair	<input type="checkbox"/> _unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

The W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property, constructed in 1938, is a large tobacco warehouse with a standing seam metal, side-gable roof, located on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. The warehouse is of heavy timber construction with corrugated metal siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The warehouse has no wall fenestration; natural light is from a series of skylights on the roof. There are four recessed loading docks with garage doors on the east elevation. The warehouse has had two additions to the south. One addition is a wood-frame extension of the warehouse, clad in corrugated metal. The second addition is a small concrete block office located near the southeast corner of the building. Public access into the warehouse is from the office door.

The interior of the warehouse is an open space, with a series of wood columns supporting the roof framing. A wide aisle is located in the center of the warehouse, and tobacco is stored in the southern part of the interior.

There is one building associated with the warehouse, a large concrete block building used for antique sales. Constructed in 1964, the building has a flat, asphalt membrane roof and is located immediately north of the warehouse.

The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road, between the road and the abandoned railroad bed of the Southern Maryland Railroad. There are commercial structures to the north and a parking area to the south.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 (Leonardtown 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). 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 andivery, a hotel, a hotel and saloon, a grocer and saloon, an insurance salesman, and a population 150 (Maryland 1906: 667).

The W.H. Winstead Property was specifically built to become a regional tobacco market for Southern Maryland. Tobacco has been grown in Charles County from its first settlement. This crop and the factors necessary for its successful cultivation have, to a great extent, determined the economic and social development of the County. Large landholdings were aggrandized by the wealthy elite and worked first by indentured servants and later by slaves. Tobacco was so valued that it was used as a medium of exchange. As early as 1852 the soil of Charles County was defined as "much exhausted by neglectful culture...[because] this is entirely an agricultural County and much of its industry is devoted to tobacco-growing" (Fischer 1852: 63).

In 1938 the first Maryland loose leaf auction market was opened in Hughesville. Begun during the Depression, the auctions lowered transport costs and accelerated payment to farmers. This system replaced the state-organized hogshead market (tobacco was packed and shipped in hogshead barrels) used since the seventeenth century (Meyer 1986: 101). By 1959 there were five (5) tobacco warehouses in Charles County, three (3) of them in Hughesville (Hinkel 1959: 13). There were four (4) warehouses in Charles County, two (2) of them in Hughesville in 1976 when tobacco was called "Southern Maryland's major agricultural enterprise" accounting for about seventy-five percent (75%) of farm products (Brown et al. 1976: 10). The sum of tobacco auction houses in Hughesville decreased to one (1), its current number, by 1983, when there were four (4) tobacco auction centers in the state (Dessaint 1983: 36). In 1986 the largest volume of tobacco in Maryland was sold at the Farmers' Tobacco Auction Warehouse in Hughesville (MHT# CH-435) (Meyer 1986: 97). Maryland tobacco was, and still is, prized abroad for its excellent burning quality. Cultivation of this crop has defined, in part, the character of Charles County and Hughesville from the seventeenth through the twentieth century.

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8. Significance (Continued)

The W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property is an example of a utilitarian tobacco warehouse and auction house, related to buildings built for industrial purposes. The most prevalent form of this type of structure is a utilitarian single or multi-story form, with no formal architectural style. These buildings were used to produce component parts of a product or to perform specialized manufacturing or commercial functions. The size, shape and form of the building is dependant upon the building technology in use at the time of construction and according to the intended function of the building. Tobacco warehouses are large structures of wood-frame construction with metal siding and little or no wall fenestration. They contain loading docks and a large gable roof with numerous skylights, covering a large interior room used for the auctions. The warehouse also contains an area for tobacco storage (Vogel 1985, 103, Bowling 1997). The W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property exhibits the typical characteristics found in other tobacco warehouses in the region.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1938, the W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, as an example of a twentieth century tobacco warehouse. According to the current owner, the property is the oldest surviving tobacco warehouse in the state of Maryland. The property represents a continuum of agricultural use since its construction. The warehouse was built specifically to become a regional tobacco market for Southern Maryland. The site has been the location of regular tobacco auctions since 1938. In addition, the property is eligible under Criterion C, as an example of a vernacular tobacco warehouse that has had minimal alterations. The warehouse exhibits the typical characteristics of tobacco warehouses, such as a large interior auction space, tobacco storage space, loading docks, and a large gable roof with numerous skylights. The structure retains integrity of form and materials and the interior has not been significantly altered. The period of significance for the warehouse is from 1938 to 1947. 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. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

Eligibility recommended XX MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 4/23/98
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 6/24/95

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 0.157 hectares (0.39 acres)
 Quadrangle name Hughesville, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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state Maryland

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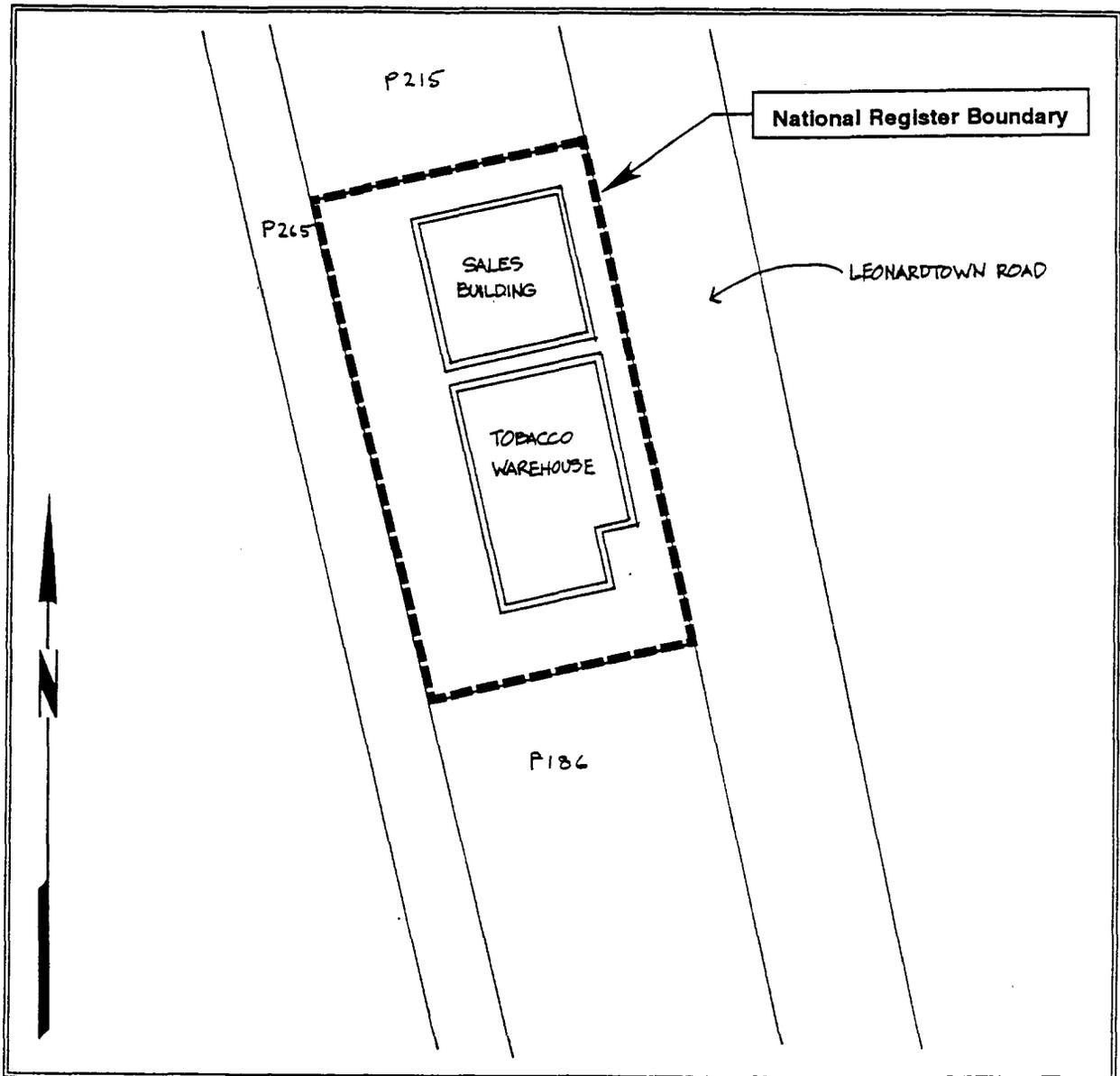
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. Property follow the current property lines of 8275 Leonardtown Road (Tax Map 36, Parcel 185). This 0.157 hectare (0.39 acre) parcel is bounded on the north by commercial property, on the west by an abandoned railroad bed, on the south by residences, and on the east by Leonardtown Road. The boundary includes one contributing structure, the tobacco warehouse, and one non-contributing structure, the 1964 sales building. According to deed research, the property was purchased by the W.H. Winstead Company, Inc. in 1938, and has retained the original size.

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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):

Building

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

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Tobacco Warehouse

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

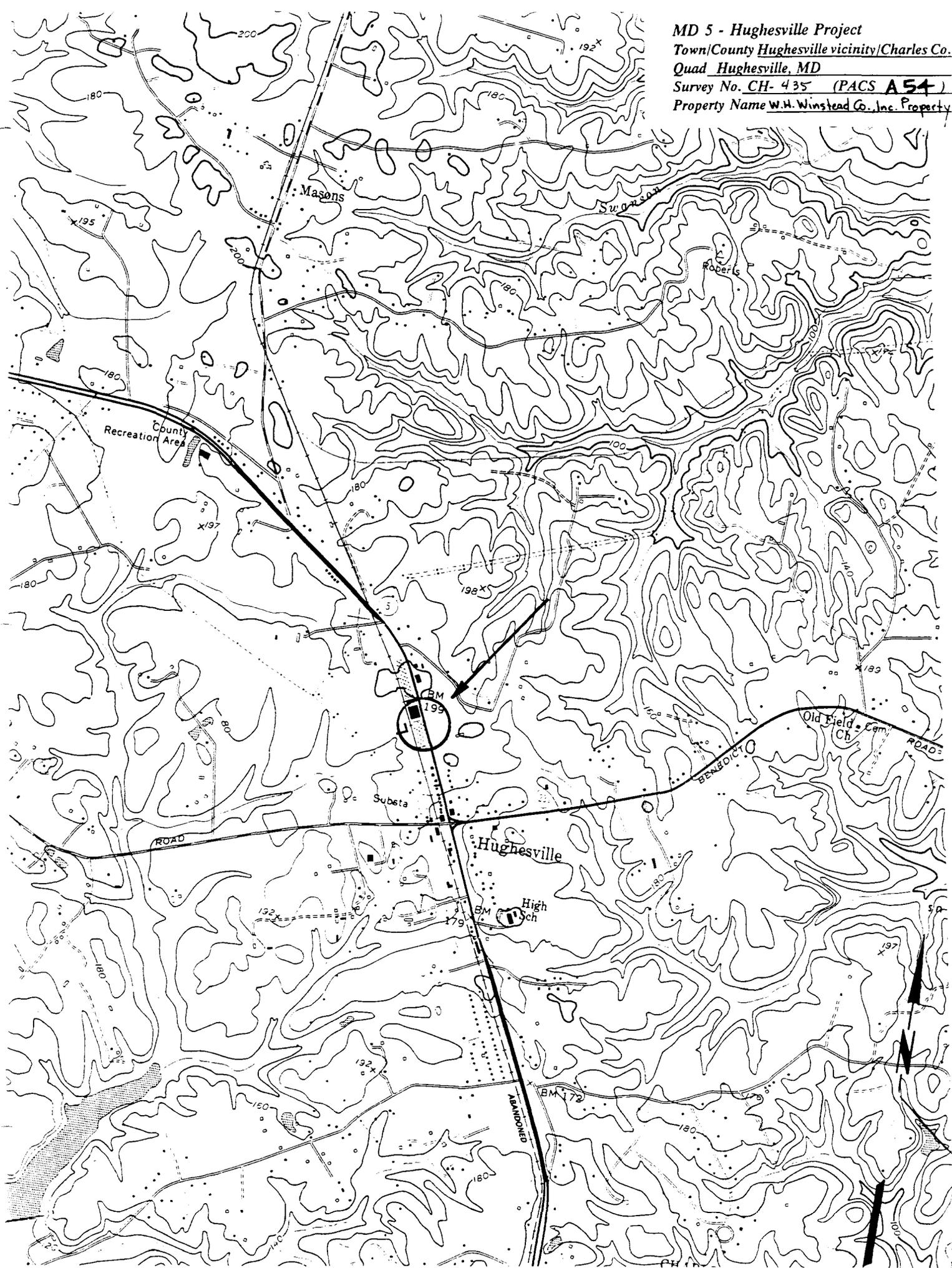
None

Preparer

P.A.C. Spero & Company

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Ryan McKay
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- South elevation of warehouse, view N
- 8- 1 of 5



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2- W.H. Winston Company Inc. Property

3- Charles County, MD

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7- West elevation of warehouse, view NW

8- 2 of 5



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- 7- South + East elevation of warehouse, view NW
- 8- 3 of 5



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- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- East elevation of Warehouse + 1964 bldg,
View SW
- 8- 4 of 5



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- 7 - Interior of warehouse, views
- 8 - 5 of 5.