

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-447 (PACS B12) Construction Date: circa 1900

Name: John E.A. Nutwell Property

Location: 15315 Beuchert Place, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The John E.A. Nutwell Property contains two barns and two sheds, located at the end of Beuchert Place in the vicinity of Hughesville, Charles County. The first barn is a large tobacco barn, constructed circa 1900, with a standing seam metal front-gable roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction and some interior structural elements have been replaced. The barn has doors supported by strap hinges on each end. The second barn, constructed circa 1900, has a standing seam metal, side-gambrel roof. The barn is of wood-frame construction with 1-story shed roof additions on the east and west ends. There are centered doors on the north and south elevations. The barn is located approximately 0.8 kilometers (0.5 miles) west of the tobacco barn.

Significance:

Constructed circa 1900, the John E.A. Nutwell Property is an undistinctive example of a common building type that has lost its historic associations. The barns are no longer part of a farmstead, and the integrity of the historic setting and association has been affected by the close proximity of late twentieth century residential development. According to deed research, John E.A. Nutwell was willed the 35 hectare (88 acre) parcel circa 1895. The parcel currently retains this size. A barn was constructed on the land circa 1900. The property was sold a number of times until its current owners, Jerome and Jessie Beuchert, acquired it in 1960. 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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January 1997

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

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic John E.A. Nutwell Property

and/or common Jerome and Jessie Beuchert Property

2. Location:

street & number 15315 Beuchert Place

___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville

x vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county Charles

3. Classification:**Category**

___ district
x building(s)
 ___ structure
 ___ site
 ___ object

Ownership

___ public
x private
 ___ both

Public Acquisition

___ in process
 ___ being considered
x not applicable

Status

x occupied
 ___ unoccupied
 ___ work in progress

Accessible

x yes: restricted
 ___ yes: unrestricted
 ___ no

Present Use

x agriculture ___ museum
 ___ commercial ___ park
 ___ education ___ private
 ___ entertainment ___ residence
 ___ government ___ religious
 ___ industrial ___ scientific
 ___ military ___ other:
 ___ transportation

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

name Jerome J. and Jessie R. Beuchert

street & number 15280 Beuchert Place

telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 149

street & number Charles Street

folio 104

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 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: 4

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 third and fourth structures are two sheds with standing seam metal roofs. Constructed circa 1900, the sheds are of wood-frame construction. One shed has a shed-roof and the second shed has a front-gable roof. The sheds are adjacent to each other and are located southwest of the tobacco barn and southeast of the second barn.

The property is located in an open field at the end of Beuchert Place, with woods to the north, south and west, and residential development to the east. The site has gently rolling terrain and there is a pond located south of the tobacco barn. The property's setting is a rural 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 John E.A. Nutwell Property consists of a barn, tobacco barn, and sheds. 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.

The production of tobacco created the need for a barn designed for the special storage and "curing" of the crop. The structures were long, wooden 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).

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.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the John E.A. Nutwell 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 building type that has lost its historic associations. The barns are no longer part of a farmstead, and the integrity of the historic setting and association has been affected by the close proximity of late twentieth century residential development. 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 <i>These barns are an American type - there are no other resources</i>	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/15/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>5/21/98</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-447 (PACS B12)

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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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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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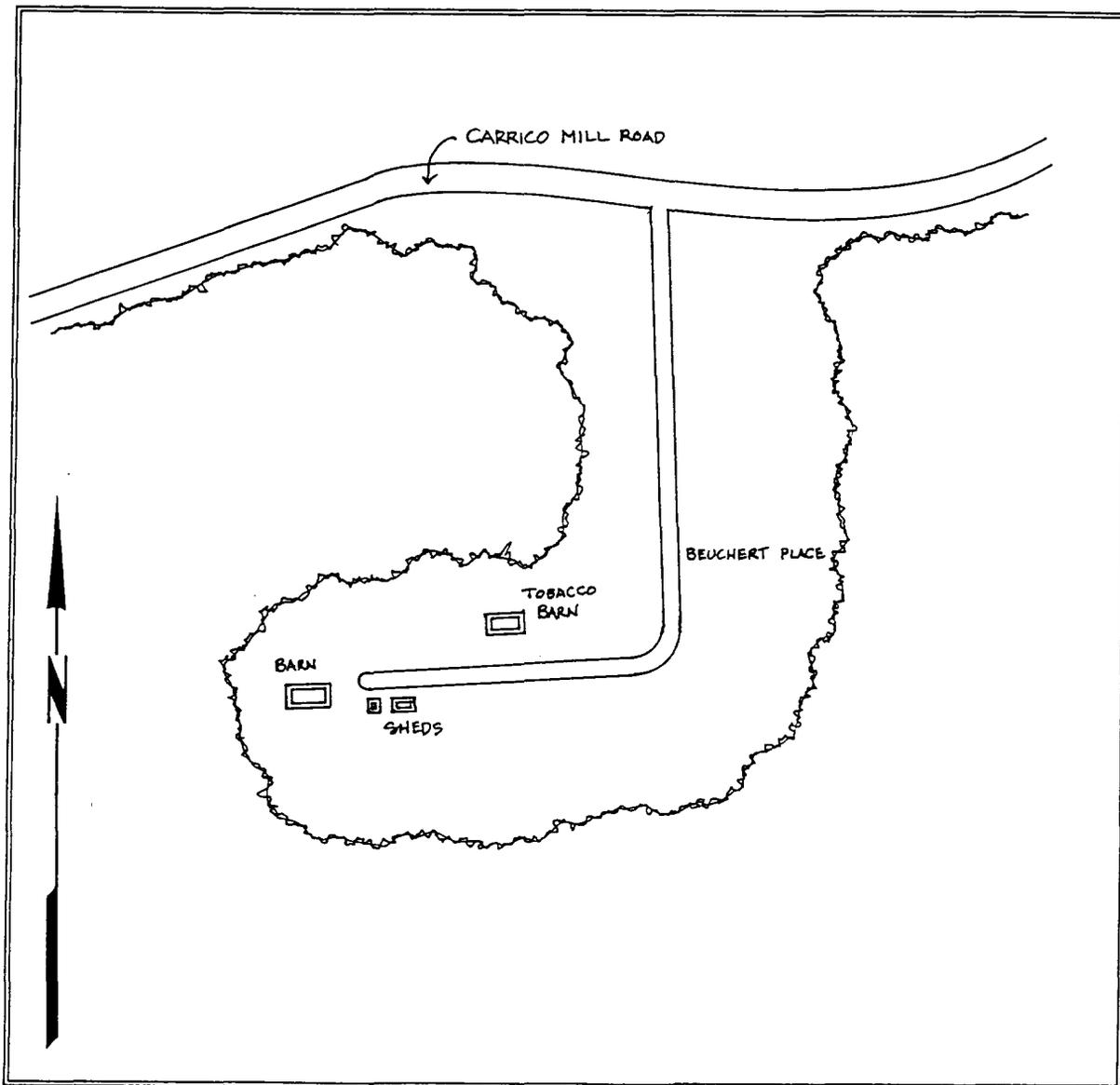
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

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):

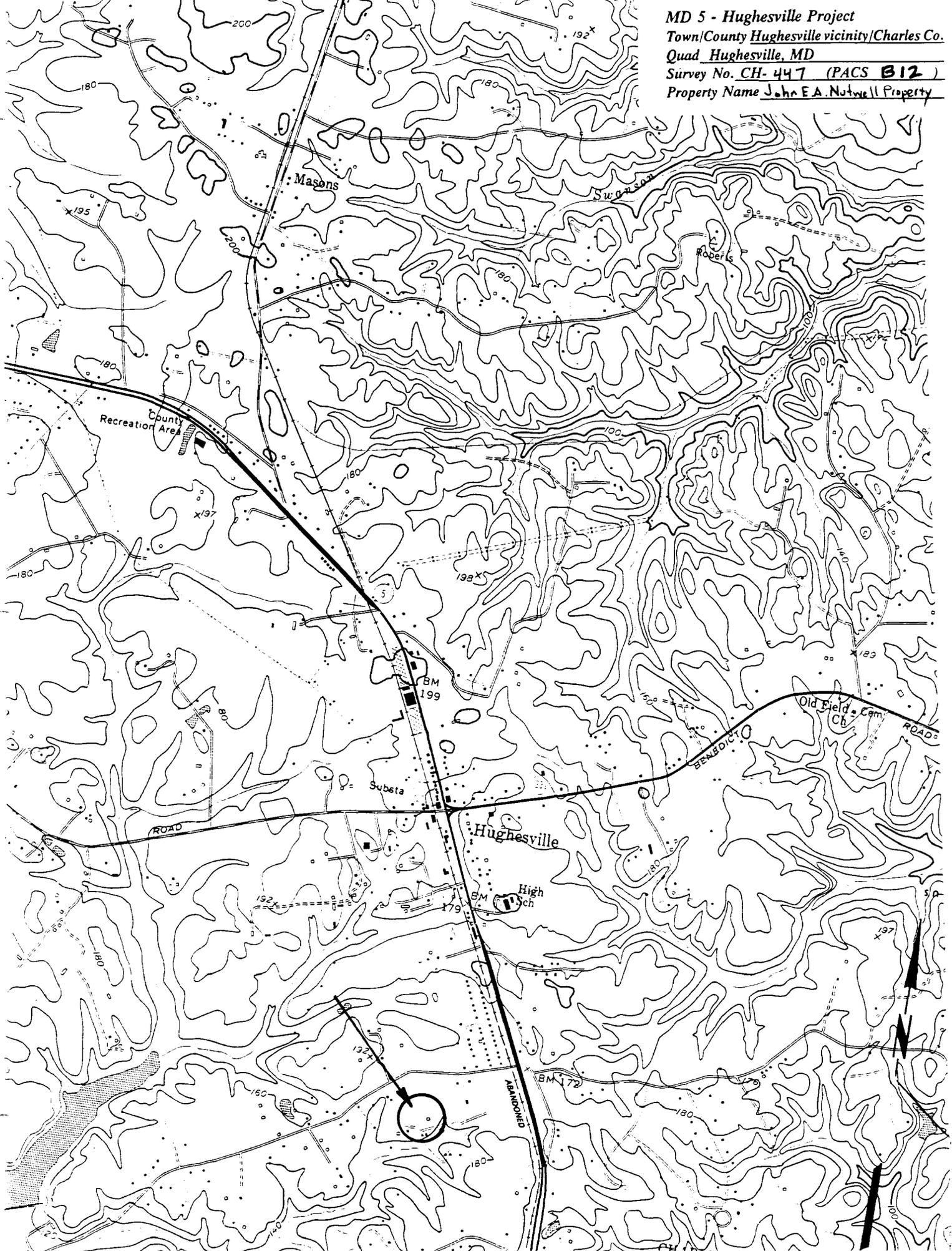
Farm

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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- 4- Ryan McKay
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7- Gambrel Barn, view W

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