

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-452 (PACS B17) Construction Date: circa 1930

Name: Jennings Hamilton Property

Location: 8600 Block of Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Jennings Hamilton Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay, front-gable vernacular cottage on the west side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed circa 1930, the building has a full-width, hipped-roof screened porch on the front elevation, and a 1-story hipped-roof addition on the rear elevation. The structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney and shed-roof dormers on the north and south elevations. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood.

Significance:

Constructed circa 1930, the Jennings Hamilton Property is an undistinctive example of a common architectural type that lacks some character-defining features of cottages such as a porch with machine produced ornament. In addition, the sheathing of the shed-roof dormers with siding materials, leaving no fenestration, has compromised the architectural integrity of the cottage by introducing architectural elements not found in the original design. The Jennings Hamilton Property is located on a 0.08 hectare (0.21 acre) parcel of land on the west side of Leonardtown Road. According to a descendant of the original owner of the property, the residence was constructed circa 1930, and contains 85.8 square meters (924 square feet) of living space.

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 Jennings Hamilton Property

2. Location:

street & number 8600 Block of Leonardtown 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 Jennings Hamilton

street & number 6860 Vernick Place telephone no.:

city, town La Plata state and zip code MD 20646-4615

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 349

street & number Charles Street folio 208

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> </u> unaltered	<u> x</u> original site	
<u> x</u> good	<u> </u> ruins	<u> x</u> altered	<u> </u> moved	date of move _____
<u> </u> fair	<u> </u> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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 structure has an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof with an interior brick chimney and shed-roof dormers on the north and south elevations. The cottage is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise.

The east, or front elevation has a full-width, hipped-roof screened porch supported by wood posts. The porch has a brick foundation. The elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with a wood door centered between two 2/2 double-hung windows. There is a pair of 1/1 double-hung windows in the gable end.

The north and south elevations are similar. The elevations have a symmetrical fenestration pattern, with 2/2 double-hung windows in both the first and third bays. The shed dormers are centered on the roof plane and have no fenestration. The south elevation has concrete steps leading to a wood basement door below grade.

The west, or rear elevation is concealed on the first story by the hipped-roof addition. The addition has a 4-light wood door and one 2/2 double-hung window. There is a pair of 2/2 double-hung windows in the gable end of the original section of the cottage.

No information regarding the interior of the cottage is available.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property, a garage with a standing seam metal, front-gable roof. Constructed circa 1930, the garage is of wood-frame construction with asphalt siding, and it is located north of the cottage.

The property is located on the west side of Leonardtown Road with residences to the north and south. The site is level to a point west of the cottage, where it slopes up to the west. The property's setting is in the crossroads community of Hughesville, along a road that is a major transportation route.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 Jennings Hamilton Property is a vernacular front-gable cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the cottage style 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).

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-452 (PACS B17)

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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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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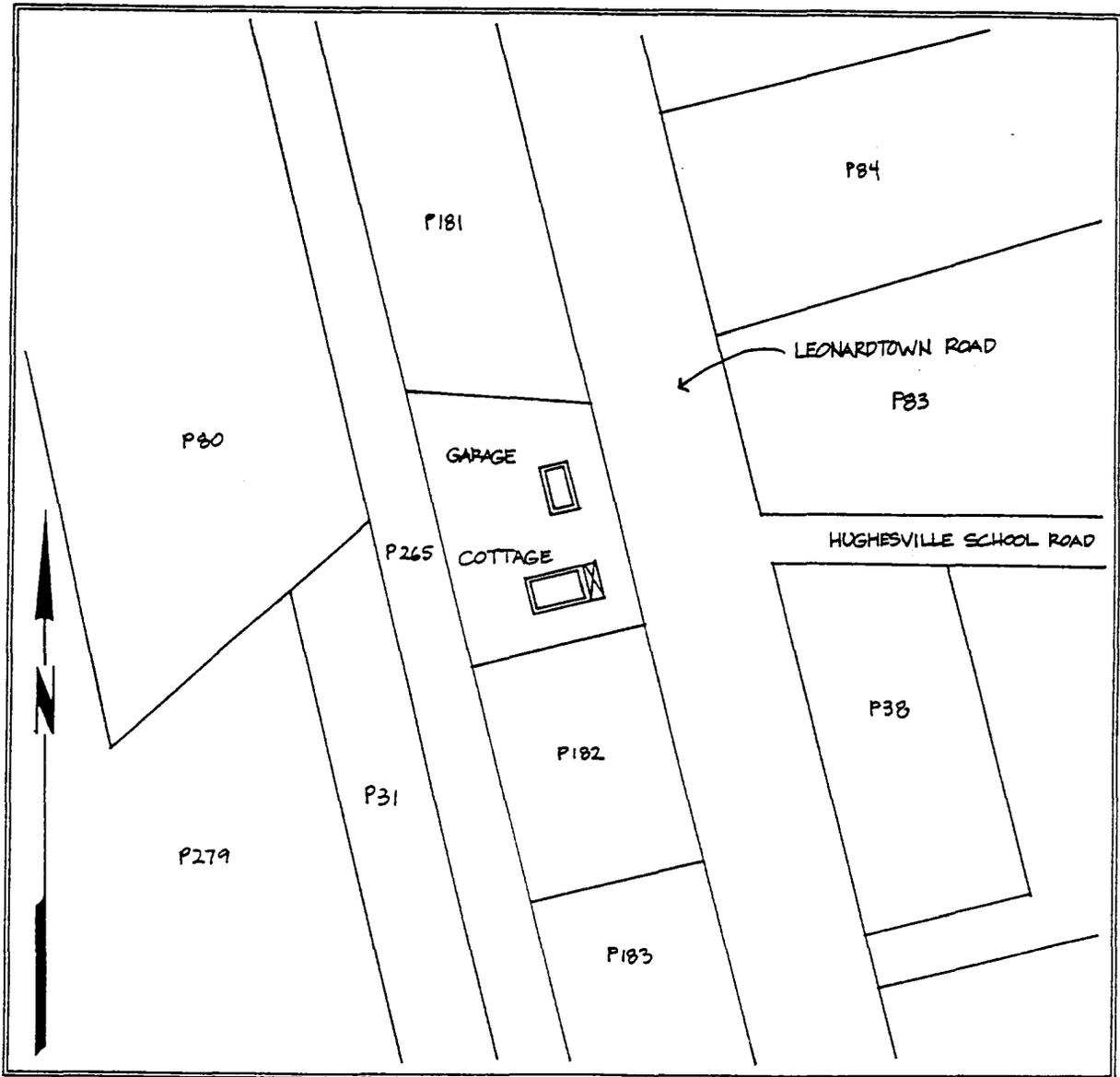
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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):

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):

Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

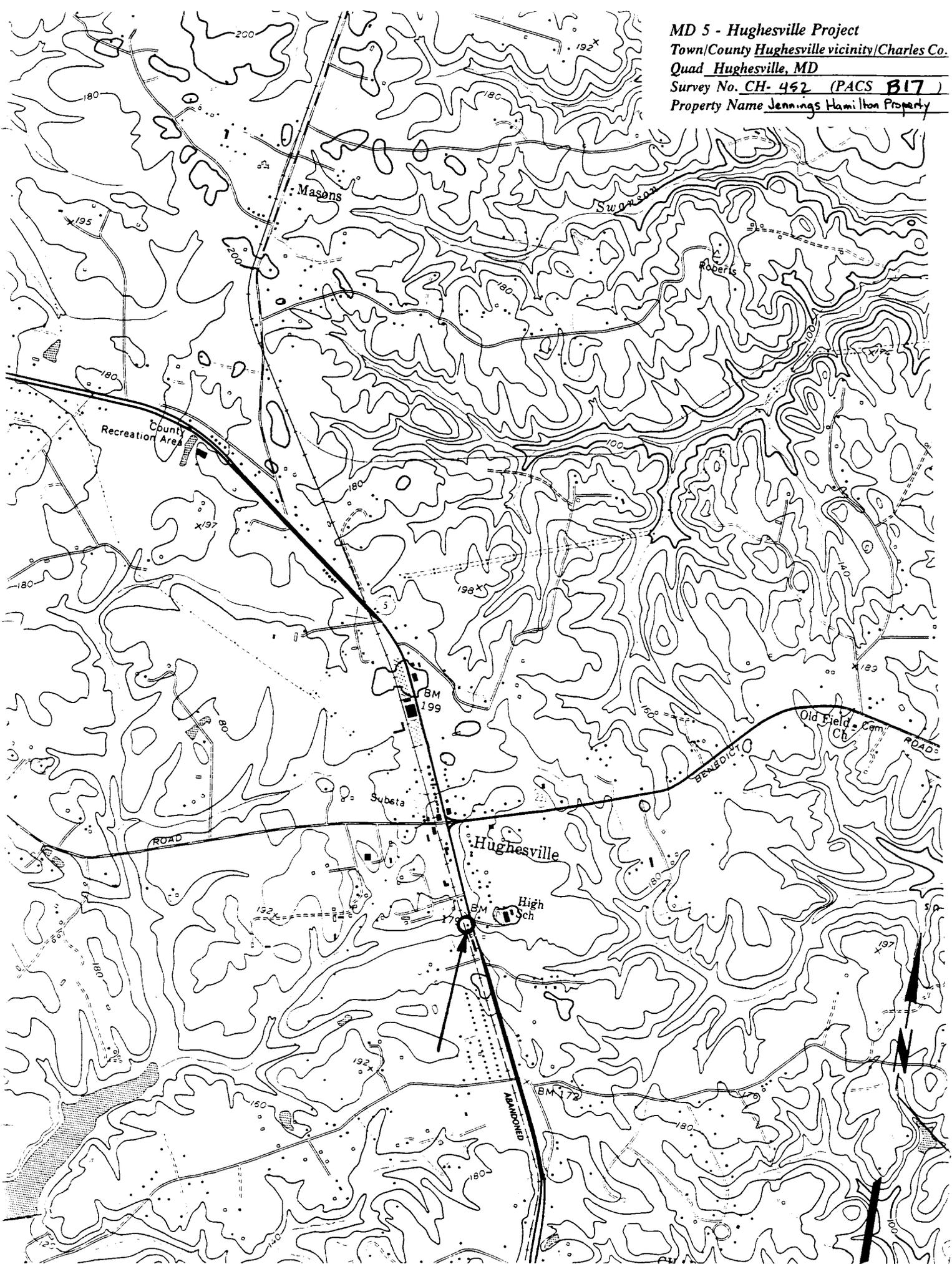
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Preparer

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



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2- Jennings Hamilton Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Ryan McKay

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- South+west elevation, view NE

8- 2 of 4



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2- Jennings Hamilton Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Ryan McKay

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- East + North elevation, view SW

8- 3 of 4



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7- Garage, view NW

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