

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-458 (PACS B25) Construction Date: 1913

Name: Raymond and Martha Hitch Property

Location: 8474 Leonardtown Road, Hughesville, Charles County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description: The Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a 2-story, 4-bay hipped roof cottage on the east side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1913, the building is rectangular in plan with a full-width, 1-story addition to the rear of the building. The structure has a hipped roof covered in pressed metal, with an interior brick chimney located on the south plane of the roof. The building is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a brick pier foundation. The foundation has been enclosed between the piers with concrete block. The windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung. The house has a full-width hipped roof porch with a central pediment on the front elevation. The porch is supported by four turned wood posts with sawn wood brackets.

Significance: Raymond and Martha Hitch purchased a 16 hectare (40 acre) parcel in 1910. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1913. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to its current size of 4.7 hectares (11.75 acres) when it was purchased by Edward M. and Alberta M. Majors in 1944. The property was sold a number of times until the current owners, Nancy Toler, et al., acquired it in 1996. The Maryland Historical Trust determined on August 29, 1997 that the property is not eligible for the National Register, as the structure has an addition on the rear elevation and lacks architectural integrity.

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

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Raymond and Martha Hitch Property

and/or common Nancy Toler Property

2. Location:

street & number 8474 Leonardtown Road ___ not for publication

city, 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 Nancy Toler

street & number P.O. Box 42

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 2267

street & number Charles Street

folio 573

city, town La Plata

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

y, 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 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: 5

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

The Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a 2-story, 4-bay vernacular variation of the Four-square style on the east side of Leonardtown Road in Hughesville, Charles County. Constructed in 1913, the building is rectangular in plan with a full-width, 1-story addition to the rear of the building.

The structure has a hipped roof covered in pressed metal, with an interior brick chimney located on the south plane of the roof. The building is of wood-frame construction with wood siding, and it has a brick pier foundation. The foundation has been enclosed between the piers with concrete block. The windows are wood, 6/6 double-hung. The house has a full-width hipped roof porch with a central pediment on the front elevation. The porch is supported by four turned-wood posts with sawn-wood brackets.

The west, or front facade has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. The first story has three double-hung windows and a replacement wood door. The entrance is located in the third bay. The second story has three double-hung windows, while the attic level has a hipped roof dormer containing a pair of 4-light casement windows.

The north elevation has a single and a pair of double-hung windows on the first story, while the second story has two single double-hung windows. An exterior entrance to the basement level is located on the basement level of the rear addition. The basement level has a panel and glass door and a sliding window.

The rear, or east elevation has the full-width, rear addition on the first story. The concrete block addition is covered in brick veneer and has a wood door and a sliding window. The second story of the main block has three double-hung windows.

The south elevation has two double-hung windows on the first story and a single double-hung window on the second story. The south elevation of the rear addition has a pair of double-hung windows.

Access to the interior was not available.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first two outbuildings are small metal sheds located immediately east of the house. The third outbuilding is a wood-frame chicken coop. The chicken coop has a metal roof, vertical wood sheathing and metal screening. The chicken coop is located east of the sheds and house. The fourth outbuilding is a side-gable barn. The barn has a metal roof and vertical wood siding with a principal entrance in the north gable end. The barn is located southeast of the house and metal shed and south of the chicken coop.

The property is located on the east side of Leonardtown Road, with residential property to the th, south and west and open space and woodland to the east. The buildings are located at the top of a hill, set back from the road and are accessed by a circular driveway which wraps-around the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		other (specify)

Specific dates 1913 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exceptions: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Raymond and Martha Hitch purchased a 16 hectare (40 acre) parcel in 1910. According to the records of the Charles County Tax Assessor, a house was constructed on the land in 1913. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to its current size of 4.7 hectares (11.75 acres) when it was purchased by Edward M. and Alberta M. Majors in 1944. The property was sold a number of times until the current owners, Nancy Toler, et al., acquired it in 1996. However, there are no detailed, published historic maps of Charles County, Maryland that locate and indicate ownership of structures.

The Maryland Colony was granted by King Charles I to Lord Baltimore in 1632. Two years later, the first European community was established at St. Mary's City. Subsequent colonization moved north, along the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. As settlers migrated away from St. Mary's City, the formation of a new county became necessary. In 1658 Charles County was founded in an area originally inhabited by Algonquins of the Powhatan Confederacy. Road clearing began in the mid-eighteenth century as a result of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of Charles County until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion required agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in the late nineteenth century linked Charles County with the north and south, encouraging trade. While the suburbanization of Charles County was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, the County has retained its rural and agricultural character.

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

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is a vernacular variation of the Four-square-style. The structure contains Four-square features such as the low pitched hipped roof, square plan and interior room arrangement. However, the "delicate" porch with mass-produced woodwork such as turned posts and brackets and the ornamental pressed metal shingle roof illustrate a vernacular influence. The Four-square house was popular in both suburban and rural areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s. Four-square dwellings are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, usually off-centered, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured dormers on all planes of the roof and a wide 1-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a 1-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

National Register Evaluation:

The Maryland Historical Trust determined on August 29, 1997 that the Raymond and Martha Hitch Property is not eligible for the National Register. 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. In addition, the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure has an addition on the rear elevation and lacks architectural integrity. 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 _____
Comments _____

Eligibility Not Recommended X

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 5/15/98
Date: 5/11/98

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-458 (PACS B25)

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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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
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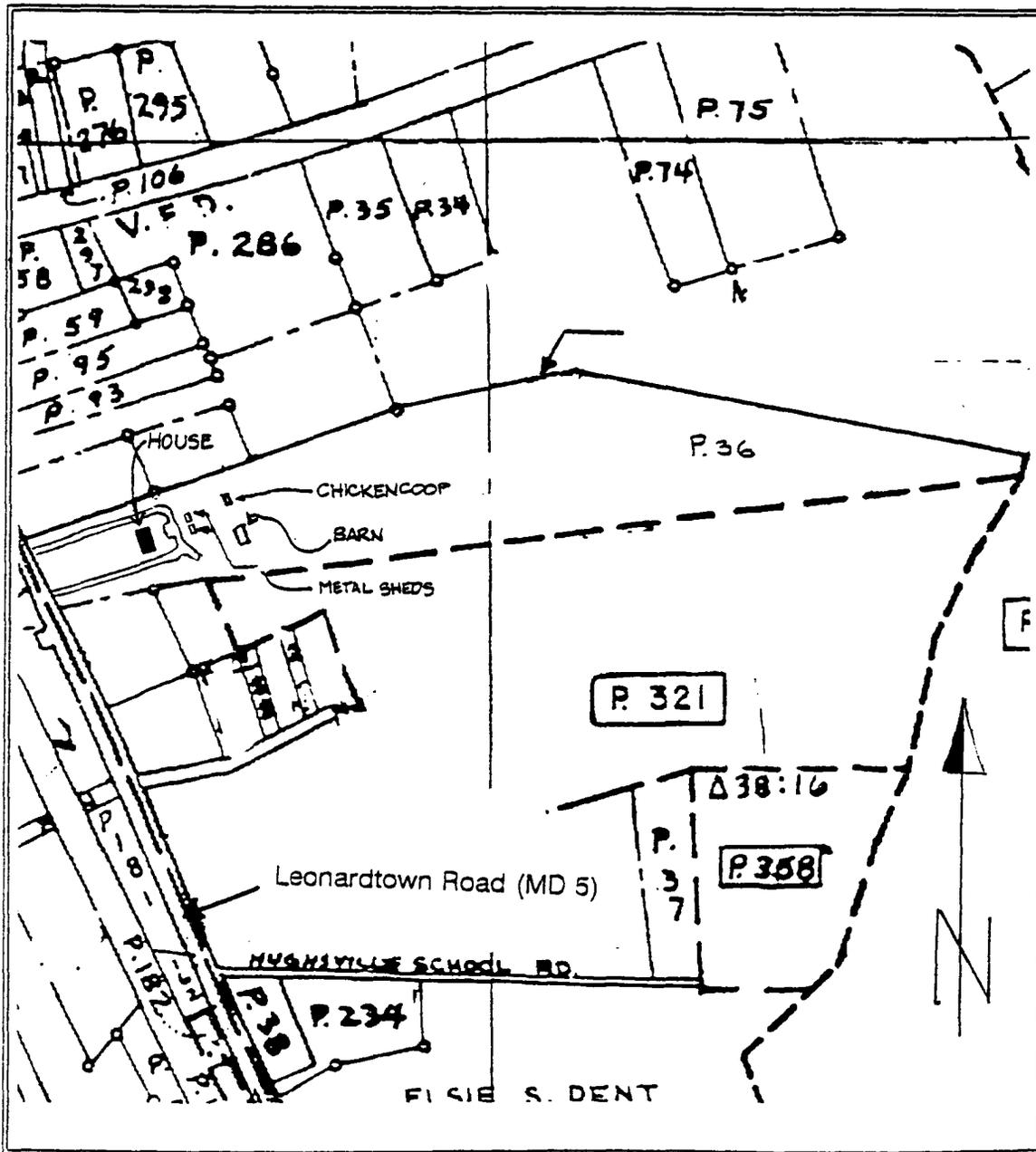
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

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 / Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

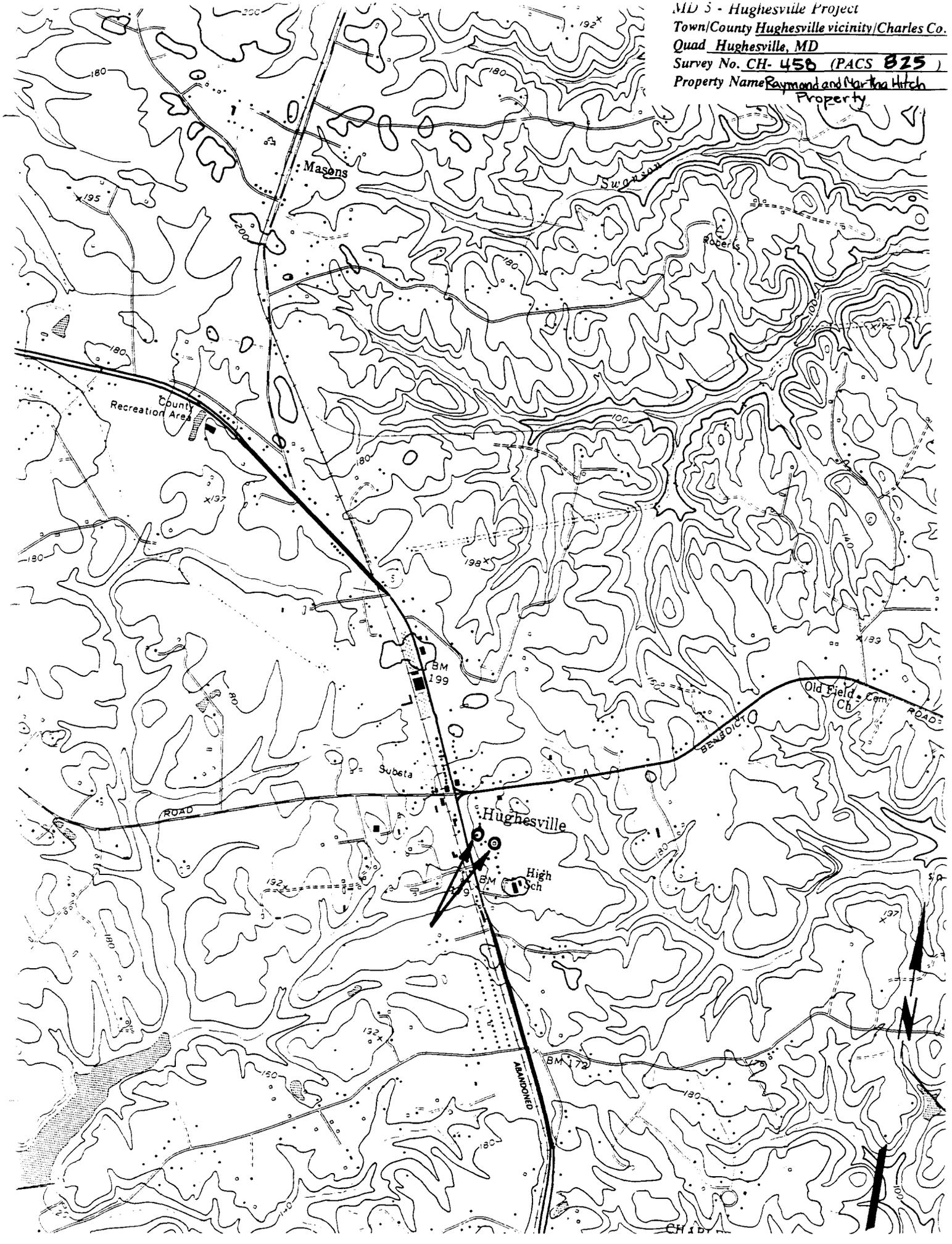
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Agriculture / Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
Quad Hughesville, MD
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- 4- Tim Tamburrino
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Front elevation, view E
- 8- 1 of 7



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- 7- Rear elevation, view W
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- 1- EH-458
- 2- Raymond Hotel Property
- 3- Charles County, MD
- 4- Tim Tamburino
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- South elevation, view N
- 8- 3 of 7



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- 3-Charles County, MD
- 4-Tim Tamburino
- 5-January 1997
- 6-MD SHPO
- 7-Barns, view E
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- 4 Jim Jamburino
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- 7 North elevation, view 5
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2 Raymond Hitch Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Jim Jamburino

5 January 1997

6 MD SHPO

7 metal sheds, view E

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2 Raymond Hitch Property

3 Charles County, MD

4 Jim Tamburino

5 January 1997

6 MD STPO

7 Chicken Coop, view E

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