

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-468 (PACS B38) Construction Date: circa 1900

Name: George J. Chappellear Property

Location: Thorne Place, south of Prince Frederick Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture-Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

**Description:** The main house on the George J. Chappellear Property is a 2-story, 3-bay side-gable duplex with a full-width, two-tiered porch on the front elevation. Constructed circa 1900, according to Charles County tax records, the building is located on the east side of Thorne Place, south side of Prince Frederick Road. The buildings on the property include the main house, a 1940 concrete block house and several barns and outbuildings. The buildings are located along a dirt drive extending south of Prince Frederick Road named Thorne Place.

**Significance:** George J. Chappellear acquired the 50 hectare (125 acre) parcel in the late ninetieth century. According to the records of the Charles County tax records, a house was constructed on the land circa 1900. The parcel associated with the premises was reduced to its current size of 28 hectares (70 acres) when it was purchased by Gerhard King in 1919. The property was sold a number of times until the current owner, Southstar Limited Partnership, acquired it in 1993. The property is not historically significant due to a lack of material and architectural integrity. The main house has been altered by the replacement of the windows, application of a brick veneer and asbestos shingle siding. The interior has been altered and functions as a duplex.

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**MD 5 - Hughesville Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic George J. Chappellear Property

and/or common Southstar Limited Partnership Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number Thorne Place, south of Prince Frederick Road \_\_\_ not for publication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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Southstar Limited Partnership

street &amp; number P.O. Box 548 telephone no.:

city, town Waldorf state and zip code MD 20604

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 1741

street &amp; number Charles Street folio 391

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 13

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

The main house on the George J. Chappellear Property is a 2-story, 3-bay side-gable duplex with a full-width, two-tiered porch on the front elevation. Constructed circa 1900, according to Charles County tax records, the building is located on the east side of Thorne Place, south of Prince Frederick Road in the Hughesville vicinity. The buildings on the property include the main house, a 1940 concrete block house and several barns and outbuildings.

The main house has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is of wood-frame construction with brick veneer siding on the front elevation and aluminum siding on all other elevations. The foundation has been faced with brick and the windows are replacement wood double-hung. The house has a 2-story, two-tiered shed roof porch on the front elevation. The porch is supported by four, 2-story wood posts with a wood railing and an enclosed exterior staircase on the east side of the porch.

The north, or front facade has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. Both the first and second stories have entrances centered on the north elevation. The doors are wood panel with 6-lights. Flanking the entrances are double-hung windows.

The east and west elevations are identical. Both elevations have two double-hung windows on both the first and second stories.

The rear, or south elevation has a wood panel door with 6-lights located near the southwest corner of the first story. The entrance is covered by a gable porch supported by two square wood posts. The first story also has a single double-hung window. The second story has three double-hung windows.

Access to the interior was not available.

Associated with the main residence are two sheds and a barn. The sheds are small, side-gable structures with metal roofs and vertical wood siding. The sheds are located south and southeast of the duplex. The south shed is adjacent to the barn. The barn also has a metal roof and vertical wood siding. Of wood-frame construction, the barn is supported by concrete piers with hinged double doors on the gable ends and on the south elevation.

Located at the southern end of Thorne Place, across a stream from the duplex, is a second grouping of structures. The main structure of this second grouping is a concrete block residence constructed in 1940. The original section of the residence was an L-shaped structure with a shed roof front porch located at the intersection of the front and side-gables. Two additional concrete block additions were constructed to the rear of the original section. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the windows consist of double-hung, sliding and casements.

The outbuildings associated with this residence include five sheds, one garage, one chicken coop and a barn. The buildings are located along a circular drive which begins north of the residence and extends south. The sheds are small, 1-story structures with metal roofs and wood siding. The front-gable garage is constructed of similar materials and has a double-door on the gable end. The garage is located west of the house. The chicken coop, located south of the house, has a shed roof and vertical wood siding. The north elevation has a closed half wall of wood siding,

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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while the remaining wall is screened with wire. The barn is located southeast of the house at the end of the circular drive. The barn has metal and vertical wood siding. Constructed circa 1940, the east elevation of the barn has a lean-to addition with three, open bays.

The property is located on the south side of Prince Frederick Road, along Thorne Place, with commercial property to the north, an industrial property to the west and forested land to the south and east. Thorne Place is a dirt lane extending south of Prince Frederick Road.



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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 main house on the George J. Chappellear Property is a vernacular cottage constructed circa 1900. From the 1870s to the 1940s, the vernacular 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).

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.

Tobacco has also 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).

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

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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).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the George J. Chappellear 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, due to a lack of material and architectural integrity. The integrity of the main house has been compromised by the replacement of the windows, application of a brick veneer and asbestos shingle siding on the exterior. The interior has been altered and functions as a duplex, with one residential unit on each floor. 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 X  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 5/15/96  
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 5/22/96

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-468 (PACS B38)

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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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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**  
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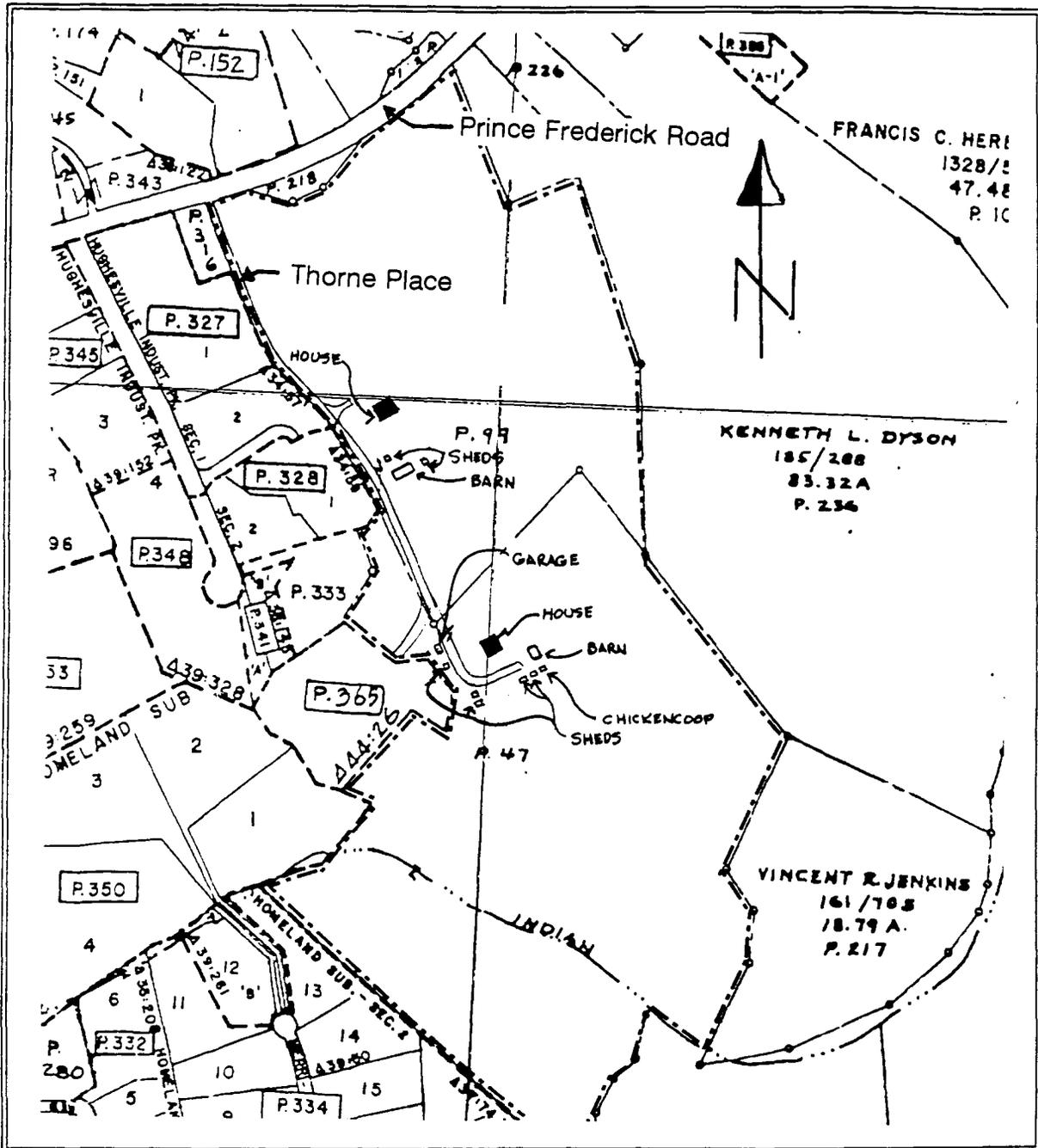
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrialization / 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):

Rural

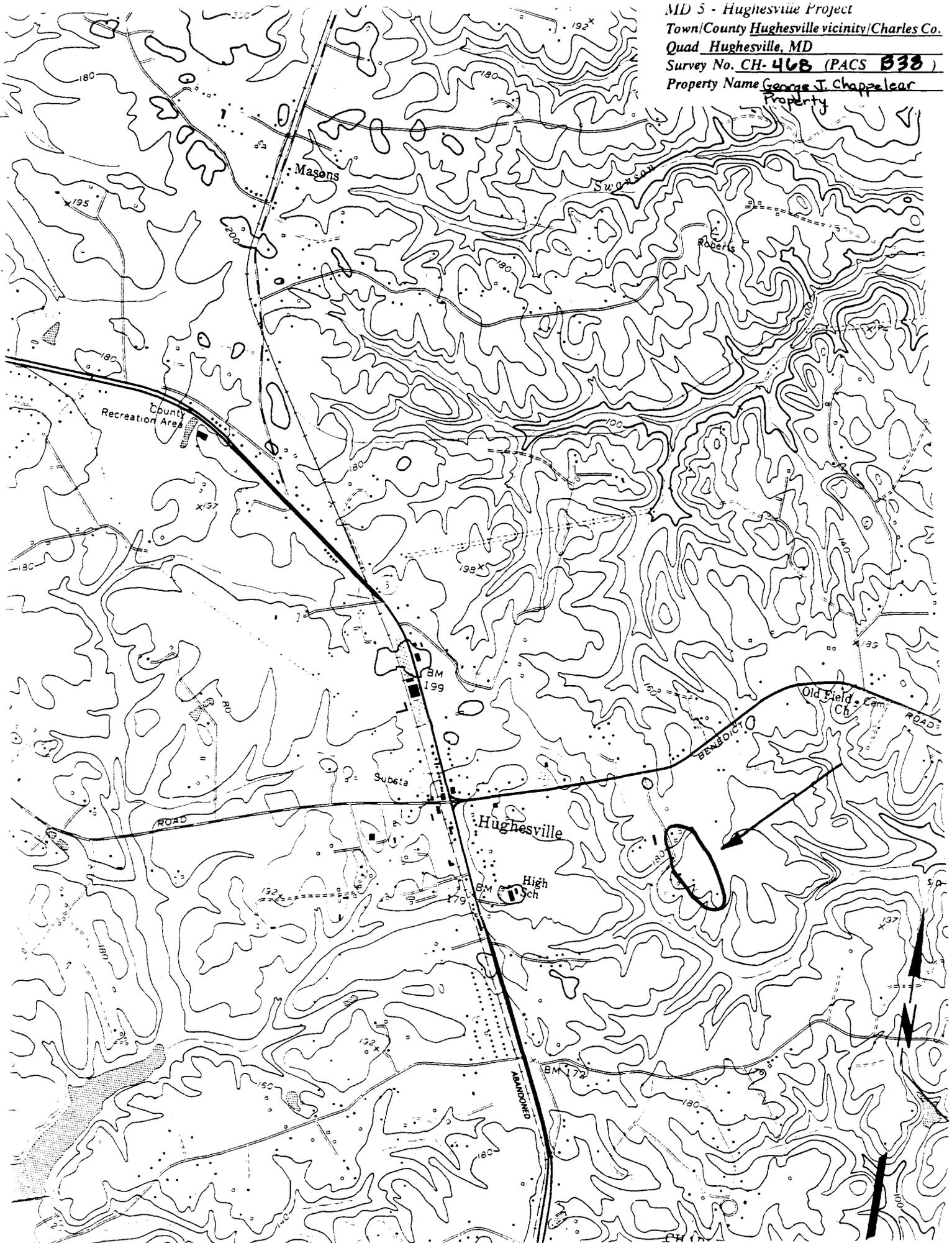
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farmstead

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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- 3 Charles County, MD
- 4 Eric F Griffiths
- 5 April 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 House #1 North (Front) Elevation  
View South.
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- 4 Eric F Griffiths
- 5 April 1997
- 6 MD SHPO
- 7 House #1 South (Rear) Elevation View  
North
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- 7 Barn, View North east
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7 House # 2 | house, view Southeast

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