CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-474 (PACS B48) **Construction Date:** circa 1930

Name: Ferguson Property

Location: 15080 Cedarbrook Place, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Barn/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description: The Ferguson Property consists of a 1-story, side-gable brick cottage constructed in 1965, a circa 1930 barn and three additional agricultural buildings constructed circa 1970. The buildings are located on the east side of Cedarbrook Place, south of Carrico Mill Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County.

Significance: The Ferguson Property is a 5 hectare (12.28 acre) parcel located on the east side of Cedarbrook Place. Bill and Jeanette Ferguson purchased the property from Eric Dorsey in 1995. The Charles County tax records list the house as constructed in 1965, while Barn #1 was constructed circa 1930, according to the owner. The structure is an example of a common all-purpose barn found throughout the state and county.

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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 Ferguson Property

2. Location:

street & number 15080 Cedarbrook Place ___ not for publication

city, town Hughesville _x_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Charles

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_x_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	___unoccupied	___commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	_x_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	_x_not applicable	___no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Bill and Jeanette Ferguson

street & number 15080 Cedarbrook Place telephone no.:

city,town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 2130

street & number Charles Street folio 396

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	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	_x_original site	
___good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
_x_fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 4

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

The Ferguson Property consists of a 1-story, side-gable brick cottage constructed in 1965, a circa 1930 barn and three additional agricultural buildings constructed circa 1970. The buildings are located on the east side of Cedarbrook Place, south of Carrico Mill Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County.

The 1-story barn constructed in 1930 (barn #1) has a side-gable roof covered with metal. The barn is of wood-frame construction with vertical wood siding, and it is supported by concrete piers. One entrance is located on the long side of the barn, while the gable end has a double door. The north elevation has a 1-story, shed roof addition. The addition has a double door on the west elevation. Barn #1 is located south of the house.

The additional outbuildings consist of a tobacco barn (barn #2) with an adjacent tobacco stripping building and an animal barn (barn #3). The other buildings are of wood-frame construction with metal roofs. Barn #2 is located south of the house and north of barn #1. The tobacco stripping building is located east of the tobacco barn. Barn #3 is located southwest of the house and west of the other barns.

The property is located on the east side of Carrico Mill Road and south of Carrico Mill Road, with modern residences on all sides.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
__prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	
__1800-1899	__commerce	__exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
x 1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1930 **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.

The Ferguson Property is a 5 hectare (12.28 acre) parcel located on the east side of Cedarbrook Place. Bill and Jeanette Ferguson purchased the property from Eric Dorsey in 1995. The Charles County tax records list the house as constructed in 1965, while Barn #1 was constructed circa 1930, according to the owner. 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 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

8. Significance (Continued)

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

The barn on the Ferguson Property was constructed circa 1930. 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. 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 1930, the barn on the Ferguson 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. The barn is no longer associated with its historic farmstead and, therefore does not represent a theme of agricultural production in Charles County. 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 architectural distinction. The structure is an example of a common all-purpose barn found throughout the county and state. 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: _____ Date: 5/15/98

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: 5/22/98

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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

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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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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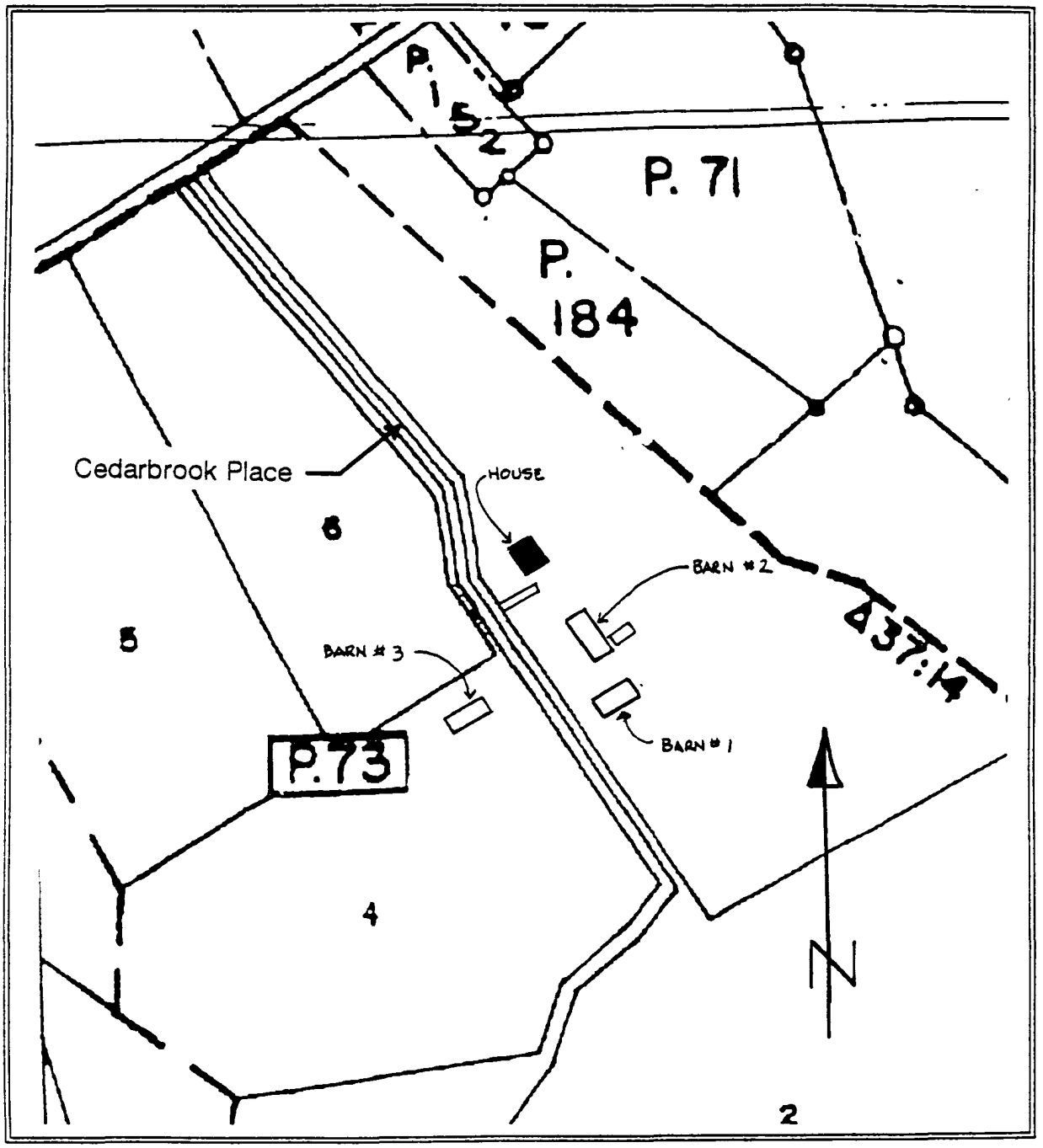

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Ferguson Property
SURVEY NO.: CH-474 (PACS B48)
ADDRESS: 15080 Cedarbrook Place, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

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):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farmstead

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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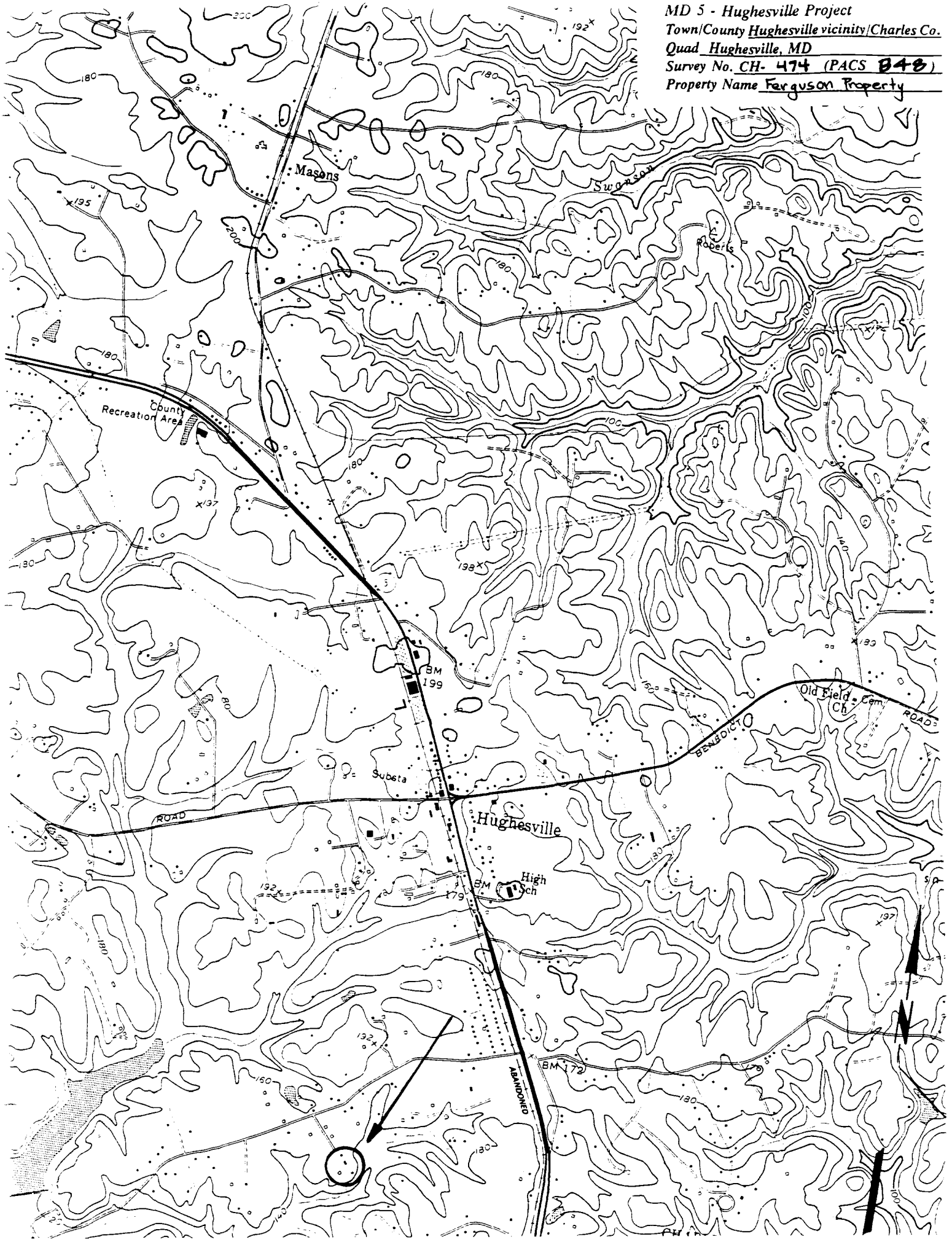

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6- MD SHPO
7- Barn #1, view N
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