CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-477 (PACS B53) **Construction Date:** circa 1940

Name: Girl Scout Council Property

Location: Southwest corner of Scout Camp Road and Winona Place, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Entertainment-Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description: The Girl Scout Council Property contains a complex of 1960-1970 recreational and lodging buildings as part of the Girl Scouts of America Winona complex. Also on the property is a 1-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage located at the southwest intersection of the Girl Scouts of America driveway, Winona Place, and Scout Camp Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1940, the building is rectangular in plan with front and rear hipped roof porches.

Significance: The Girl Scout Council Property is a 71.3 hectare (176.24 acre) parcel on the south side of Scout Camp Road. Based on architectural investigation and comparison with similar building types in the region, the house was constructed circa 1940. The house is similar in plan and form to resource MHT # CH-471, the original front-gable portion of which was constructed circa 1940, according to the original owner. The house is an example of a common twentieth century building type which lacks individual distinction. The rear elevation of the house has been altered by the addition of a modern window in the gable end and the replacement of the porch materials.

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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 Girl Scout Council Property

2. Location:

street & number southwest corner of Scout Camp Road and Winona Place ___ not for publication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**	_x_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 Girl Scout Council Nations Capital

street & number 2133 Wisconsin Avenue NW telephone no.:

city,town Washington state and zip code DC 20007

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 121

street & number Charles Street folio 401

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: 5

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

The Girl Scout Council Property contains a complex of 1960-1970 recreational and lodging buildings as part of the Girl Scouts of America Winona complex. Also on the property is a 1½-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage located at the southwest intersection of the Girl Scouts of America driveway, Winona Place, and Scout Camp Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1940, the building is rectangular in plan with front and rear hipped roof porches.

The cottage has an asphalt shingle roof. It is of wood-frame construction with asbestos shingle siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are replacement vinyl 4/4 double-hung. The house has a screened porch on the front elevation. The porch has a closed half-wall with three wood posts supporting the porch roof. The rear porch is partially enclosed. Two wood posts support the hipped roof. The rear elevation is sheathed with wood clapboards. A replacement, three-part window with a peaked head is located in the gable end of the rear elevation.

Access to the interior of the building was not available.

There are four outbuildings clustered at the southeast corner of the lot associated with this building. The first outbuilding is a front-gable garage, with an asphalt shingle roof and an overhead door on the gable end. Constructed circa 1970, it is of wood-frame construction. To the east and west sides of the garage are wood-frame sheds constructed circa 1940. The last outbuilding is a modern shed with a gambrel roof and wood siding. The shed, constructed circa 1980, is of wood-frame construction.

The property is located on the south side of Scout Camp Road at the entrance to the Girl Scouts campground. The campground is located south of the house, with farmland to the north, residential property to the west and forested land to the east.

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 1940 **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 Girl Scout Council Property is a 71.3 hectare (176.24 acre) parcel on the south side of Scout Camp Road. Based on architectural investigation and comparison with similar building types in the region, the house was constructed circa 1940. The house is similar in plan and form to resource MHT # CH-471, the original front-gable portion of which was constructed circa 1940, according to the original 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 as well as a Friends' school, four (4) general merchandise stores, two (2) saloons, two (2)

8. Significance (Continued)

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 house on the Girl Scout Council Property is a front-gable cottage constructed circa 1940. 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).

8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1940, the Girl Scout Council 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 a common twentieth century building type which lacks individual distinction. The rear elevation of the house has been altered by the addition of a modern window in the gable end and the replacement of the porch materials. 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 ✓

Comments

eviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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☐ 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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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date January 1997/revised February 1998

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city or town Baltimore 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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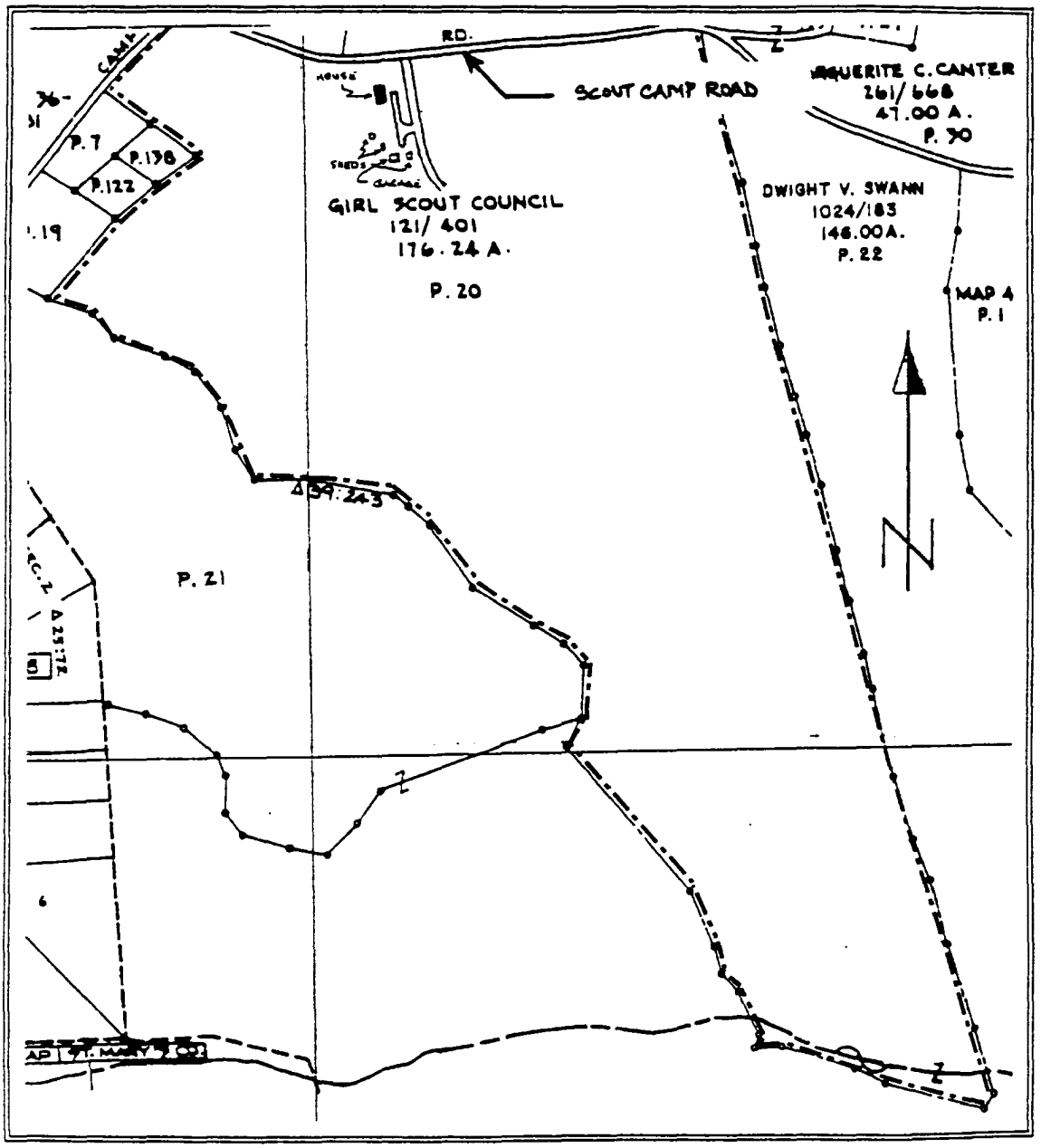

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Girl Scout Council Property
SURVEY NO.: CH-477 (PACS B53)
ADDRESS: Southwest corner of Scout Camp Road and Winona 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):

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):

Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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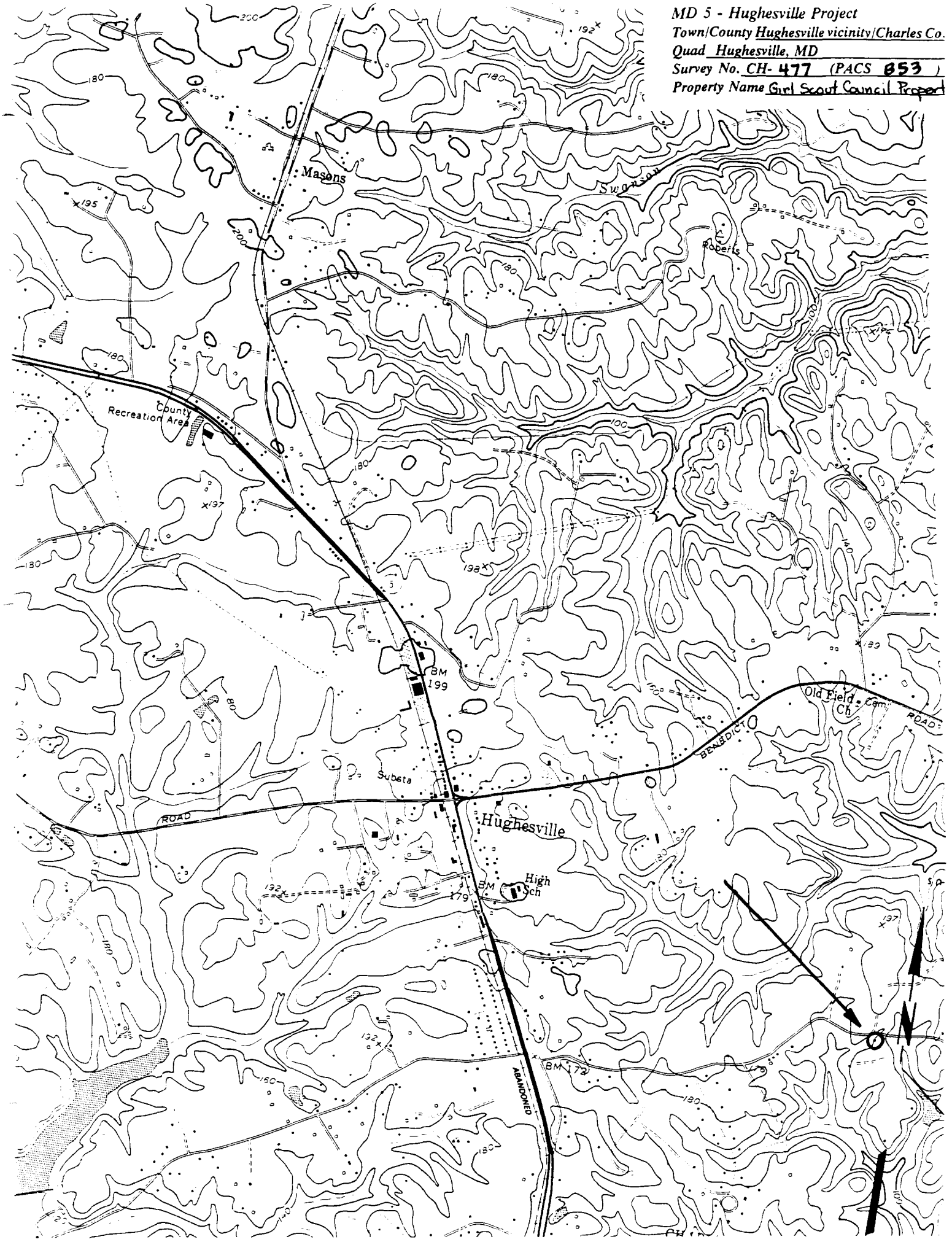

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2- Girl Scout Council Property

3- Charles County, MD

4- Tim Tamburino

5- January 1997

6- MD SHPO

7- Front & West elevation, view SE

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6- MD SHPO
7- Rear & east elevation, view NW
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2 Cecil Scott Council Property
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7 garage and sheds, view S
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7 Example of typical camp buildings, view W
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