

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-485 (PACS B65) Construction Date: circa 1880

Name: Elizabeth Canter Property

Location: 15830 Scout Camp Road, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Vacant/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Not Accessible

Description: Access to the Elizabeth Canter Property was denied, therefore an architectural description and comprehensive photographic coverage was not possible. The following is a brief description of the property based on the features visible from Scout Camp Road. The Elizabeth Canter Property is a 2-story, side-gable farmhouse on the north side of Scout Camp Road in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed circa 1880, the structure has a standing-seam metal roof, with a brick, exterior chimney on the west elevation. The house is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboard siding. The windows are wood, 2/2 double-hung. The house has a full-width, shed roof porch on the front elevation. The porch is supported by wood posts with decorative brackets. A 1-story, 2-bay side-gable addition is attached to the west elevation.

Significance: A tract of land along present Scout Camp Road had been owned by the Canter family prior to the mid-nineteenth century. Elizabeth Canter received 44.5 hectares (110 acres) of land from Henry Canter in 1863. From a brief architectural investigation, the house appears to have been constructed circa 1880. The property was sold by the Canter family in 1922 and retains the 44.5 hectare (110 acre) size. The property was sold a number of times until it was acquired by its current owners, Grady and Ruth E. Bragg, in 1981. The property is a common nineteenth century building type which lacks individual distinction and suffers from a loss of integrity caused by deterioration.

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 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Elizabeth Canter Property

and/or common Bragg Property

2. Location:

street & number 15830 Scout Camp Road ___ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 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: vacant
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Grady and Ruth Bragg

street & number 15830 Scout Camp Road telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County liber 816

street & number Charles Street folio 44

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 checked="" 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: 1+

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

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There are several outbuildings to the west of the house, although the function and building materials of the outbuildings were not visible.

The property is located on the north side of Scout Camp Road, with a modern house constructed in 1985 to the south and farmland to the north, east and west.

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<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	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1880 **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.

A tract of land along present Scout Camp Road had been owned by the Canter family prior to the mid-nineteenth century. Elizabeth Canter received 44.5 hectares (110 acres) of land from Henry Canter in 1863. From a brief architectural investigation, the house appears to have been constructed circa 1880. The property was sold by the Canter family in 1922 and retains the 44.5 hectare (110 acre) size. The property was sold a number of times until it was acquired by its current owners, Grady and Ruth E. Bragg, in 1981. 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 (Leonardtwn 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,

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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 Elizabeth Canter Property is a side-gable cottage constructed circa 1880. 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).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1880, the Elizabeth Canter 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 nineteenth century building type which lacks individual distinction and suffers from a loss of integrity caused by deterioration. 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: 1/5/97
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 5/22/98

Chris

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-485 (PACS B65)

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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11. Form Prepared By

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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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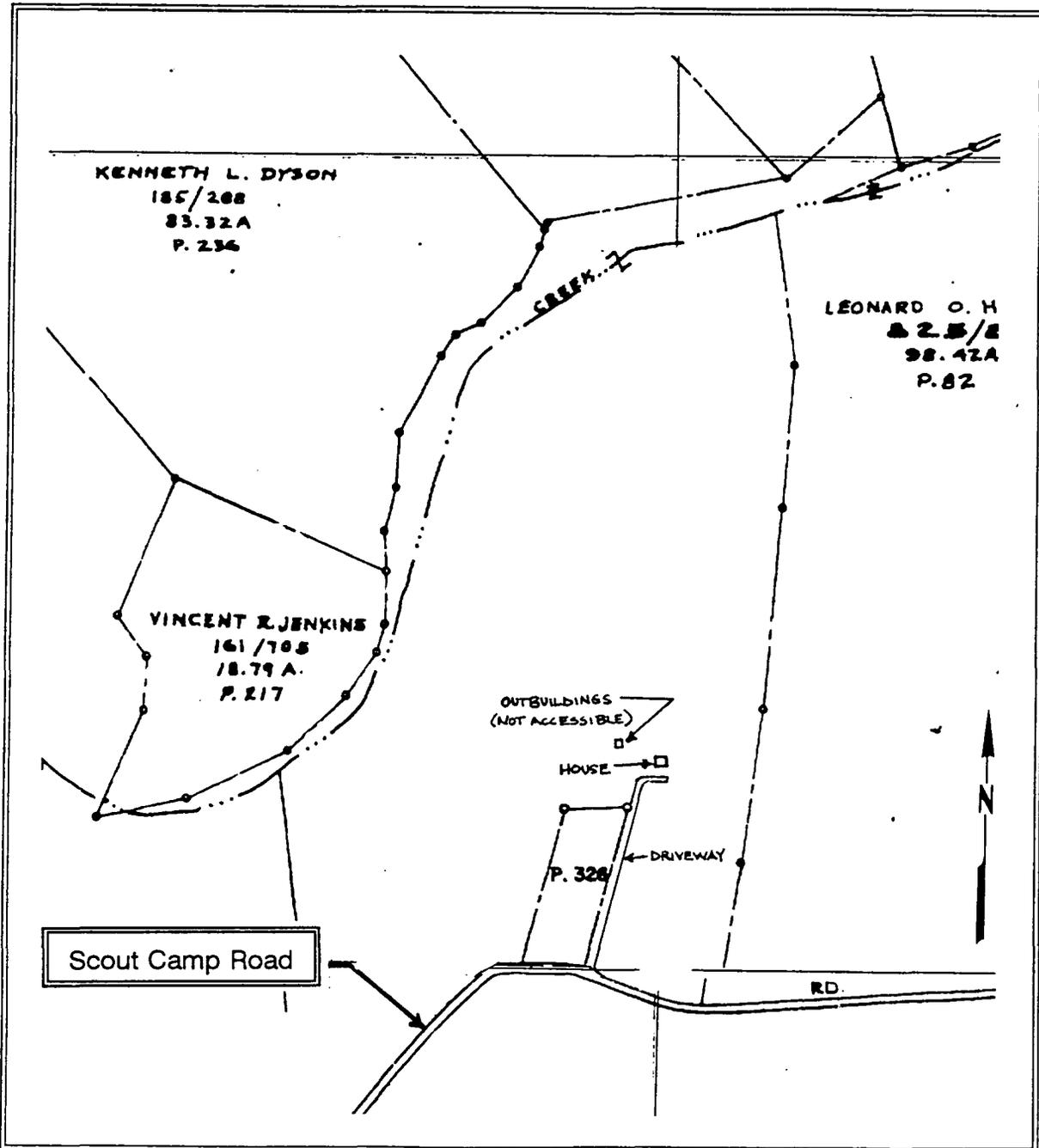
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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

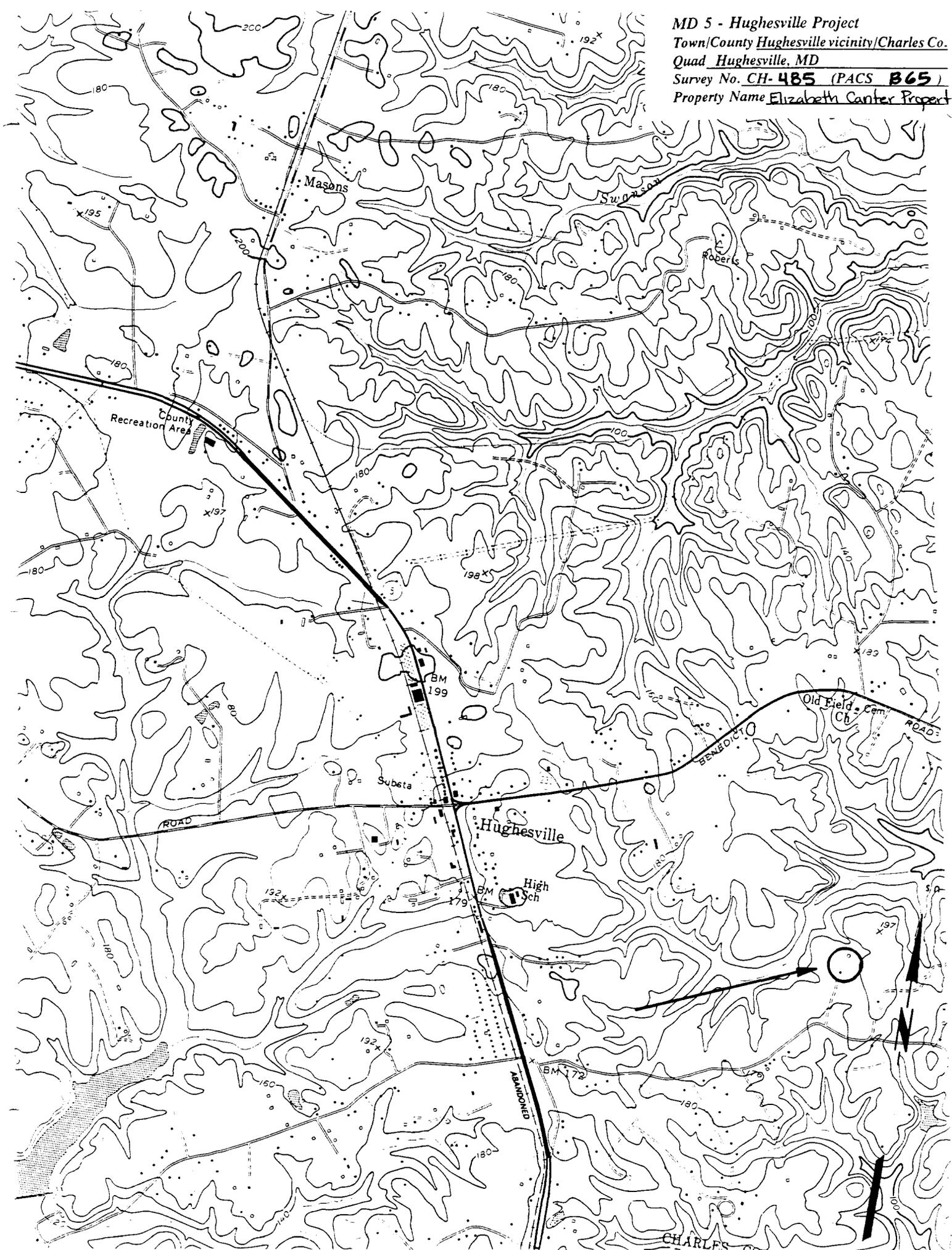
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

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- Tim Tamburino
- 5- January 1997
- 6- MD SHPO
- 7- Front elevation, view N
- 8- 1 of 2



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