

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CH-486 (PACS B66) Construction Date: 1940

Name: Gerhard King Property

Location: 6575 Thorne Place, Hughesville vicinity, Charles County

Private/Agriculture-Residence/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description: The Gerhard King Property is a 1-story, 3-bay, side-gable cottage on the west side of Thorne Place in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed in 1940, the building is rectangular in plan. The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The building is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are wood 1/1 double-hung. The house has a full-width shed roof porch on the front elevation and a shed roof garage addition attached to the north elevation.

Significance: The Gerhard King Property is 2.33 hectare (5.75 acre) parcel of land purchased by Steven and Sandra Thorne from the Southstar Limited Partnership in 1993. The land was once a part of a large parcel of land owned by George J. Chappelle in the late nineteenth century. The parcel was reduced to 28 hectares (70 acres) when purchased by Gerhard King in 1919. According to Charles County tax records, the house and barns associated with the Thorne Property were constructed in 1940, during King's ownership. The property was subdivided from the larger farmstead in 1993. The property is a common twentieth century farmstead which lacks individual distinction. In addition, the house has been altered by addition of an attached shed roof garage.

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 MD 5 - Hughesville Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Gerhard King Property

and/or common Thorne Property

2. Location:

street & number 6575 Thorne Place ___ not for publication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
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Steven and Sandra Thorne

street & number P.O. Box 241

telephone no.:

city, town Hughesville

state and zip code MD 20637

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Charles County

liber 1706

street & number Charles Street

folio 83

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: 5

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

The Gerhard King Property is a 1-story, 3-bay, side-gable cottage on the west side of Thorne Place in the Hughesville vicinity, Charles County. Constructed in 1940, the building is rectangular in plan.

The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The building is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a parged foundation. The windows are wood 1/1 double-hung. The house has a full-width shed roof porch on the front elevation and a shed roof garage addition attached to the north elevation.

There are four outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a tobacco barn with a shed roof addition. The barn has a metal roof and vertical wood siding. Constructed in 1940, it is of wood-frame construction. Attached to the east elevation of the barn is a 1-story tobacco stripping room with a side-gable, metal roof and an interior brick chimney. The structure is located southeast of the house.

The second outbuilding is a 1-story shed, with a metal roof and vertical wood siding. Constructed in 1940, it is of wood-frame construction. The structure is located southeast of the house and west of the tobacco barn.

The third outbuilding is a tobacco barn located east of the house, tobacco barn and shed. Constructed in 1940, the tobacco barn has a metal roof and vertical wood siding.

The fourth outbuilding is a commercial garage. Constructed in 1940, the garage is of concrete block construction with a metal, side-gable roof. The west elevation has two, overhead garage doors. The garage is located north of the second tobacco barn and east house.

The property is located on the west side of Thorne Place, with farmland to the south and east, forested land to the west and industrial property to the north.

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"/> archaeology-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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 in 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.

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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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8. Significance (Continued)

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 Gerhard King Property is a side-gable cottage constructed in 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).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1940, the Thorne 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 farmstead which lacks individual distinction. In addition, the house has been altered by addition of an attached shed roof garage and application of vinyl siding. 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 <u>X</u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: _____	Date: <u>5/14/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>B. Kuntz</u>	Date: <u>5/22/98</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. CH-486 (PACS B66)

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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
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state	code	county	code
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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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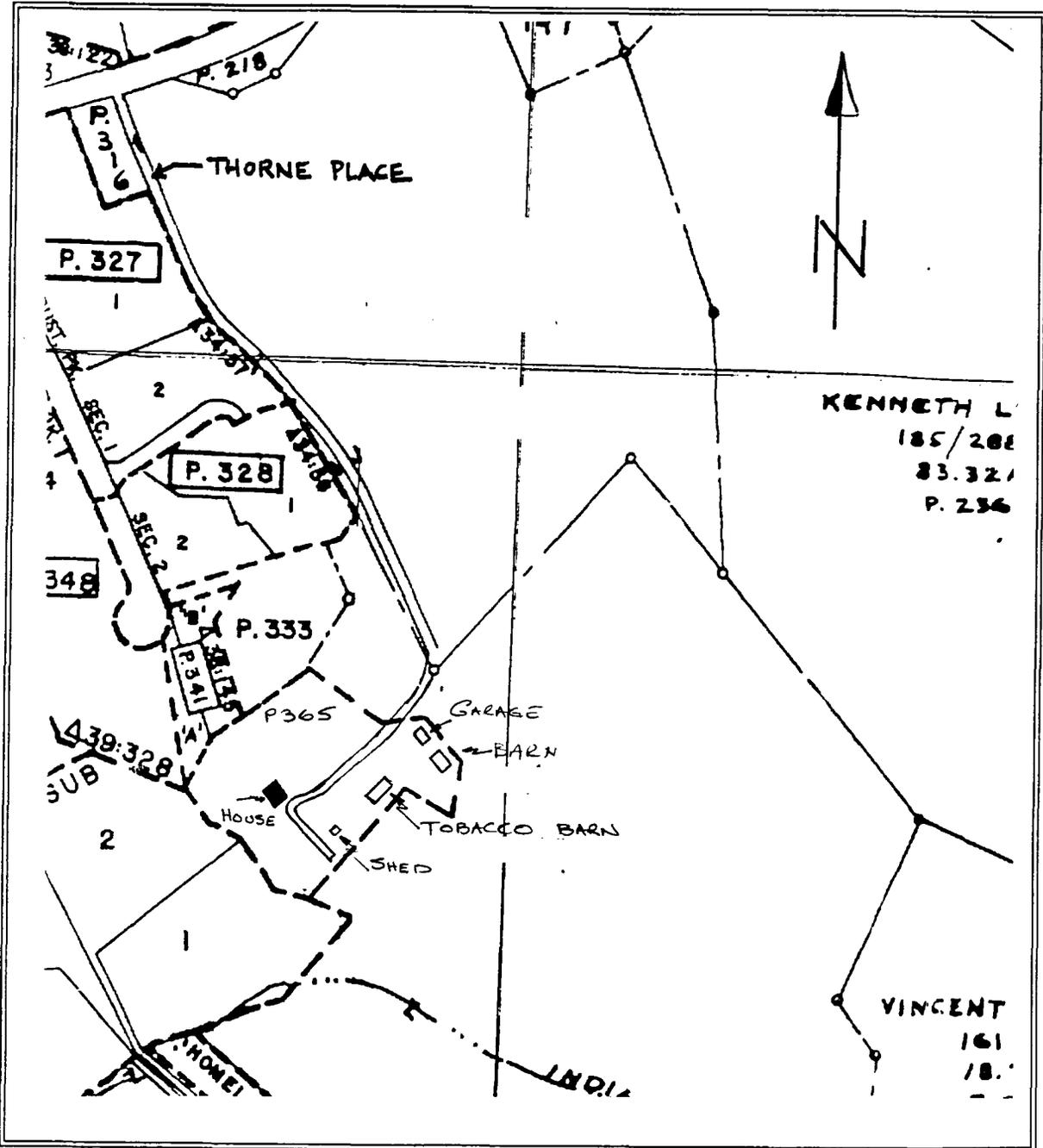
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

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

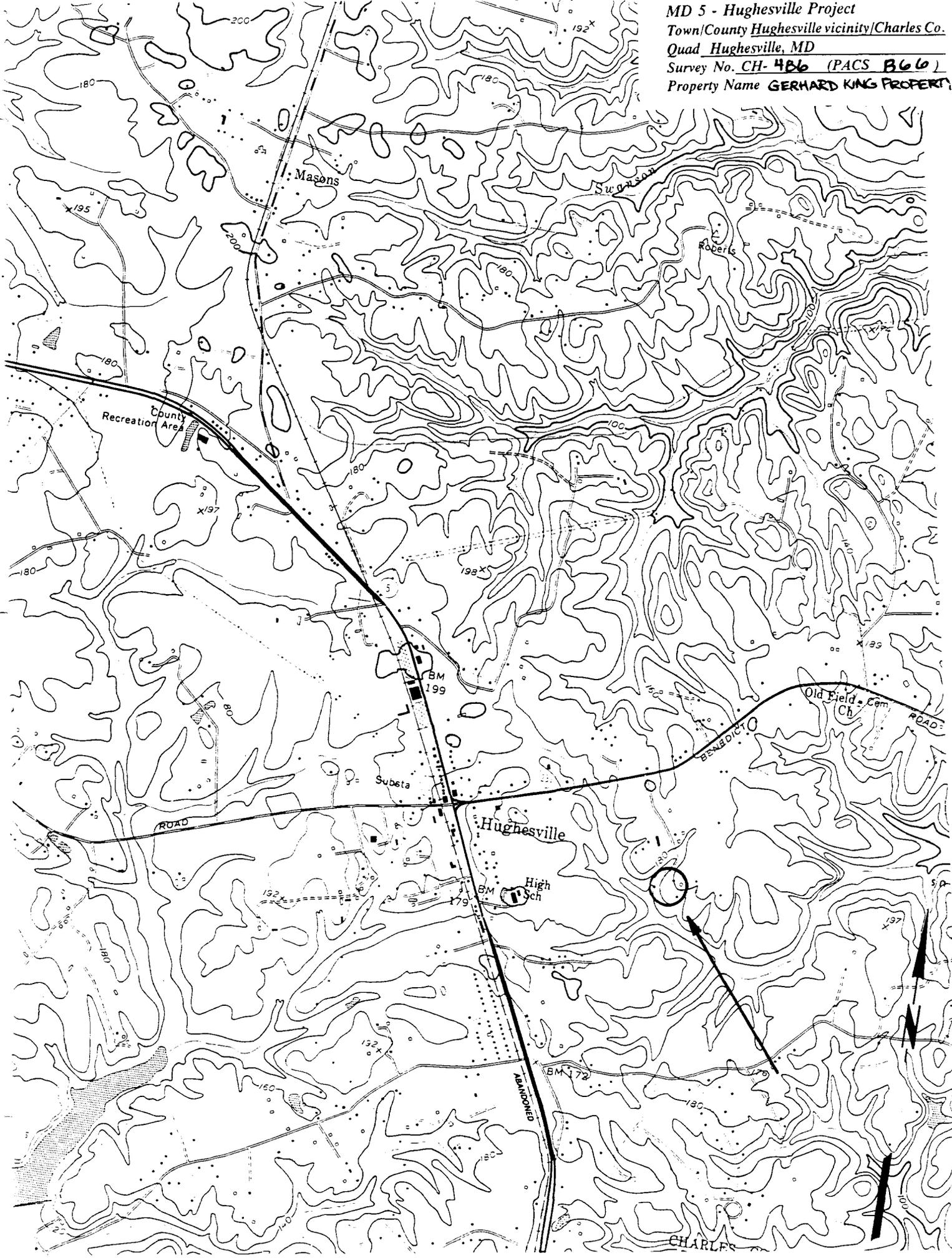
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Farmstead

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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Town/County Hughesville vicinity/Charles Co.
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- 4- Tim Tamburino
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- 7- House - front elevation, view W
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