

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
10960 Berry Road (CH: 574)  
Charles County, Maryland

Earle Hamilton purchased the parcel of land located at 10960 Berry Road for \$400 in 1918, after which he had the modest bungalow constructed. The property, the home of the Hamilton family since the middle part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was originally a portion of the Harmony tract. Located near U.S. 301 and the Waldorf station, the property was impacted by both the railroad and the expansion of the highway system. Close to Bean Station, now known as the Waldorf Station, on the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, this house also reflects the profound influence the railroad had on development in southern Maryland.

The house is set on a parged concrete foundation and the frame walls are clad in wood weatherboard. It is one-and-a-half stories in height and four bays in width. On the center of the façade sits a one-story, one-bay front gable porch. A central brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the cross gable, asphalt shingle roof. The porch reflects the Colonial Revival influence with its triple Tuscan columns, while the main block of the building illustrates the Bungalow/Craftsman with its square-butt wood shingles, paired openings, shallow pitched cross gable roof with overhanging eaves and rafter ends, and 6/1 windows.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 10960 Berry Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Waldorf vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Charles County code 17 zip code 20603

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival  
Bungalow/Craftsman  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Parged Concrete  
Roof Cross Gable: Asphalt Shingle  
Walls Frame: Wood Weatherboard  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1918-1950  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates 1918  
1998  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 1.09 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 10960 Berry Road is designated as Parcel 210, Grid 7 as indicated on Map 8.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The building at 10960 Berry Road has historically been associated with Parcel 210 since its construction in 1918.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 1, 1999  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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12. Property Owner  
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name Earl Hamilton, Et Al  
street & number 10960 Berry Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20603-3991  
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The farm at 10960 Berry Road is surrounded by farmland, with mature trees growing near the dwelling. Constructed in 1918, the house is set on a parged concrete foundation and the frame walls are clad in wood weatherboard. It is one-and-a-half stories in height and four bays in width. On the center of the façade sits a one-story, one-bay front gable porch. A central brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the cross gable, asphalt shingle roof. The porch reflects the Colonial Revival influence with its triple Tuscan columns, while the main block of the building illustrates the Bungalow/Craftsman with its square-butt wood shingles, paired openings, shallow pitched cross gable roof with overhanging eaves and rafter ends, and 6/1 windows.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The façade or west elevation of the building is four bays in width. Paired 6/1 wood windows with wide, square edged surrounds flank the single leaf centered entry. The door is wood paneled with lights. Set on a concrete pier foundation, the front gable porch is supported by clusters of three wood Tuscan columns at each side. The gable end of the porch features square-butt wood shingles and a four-light semi-circular window.

Three paired and three single 6/1 wood windows with wide, square edged surrounds pierce the south elevation. The gable end is clad in square-cut wood shingles and contains a four-light semi-circular window. There is a one-story, one-bay wide frame addition with vertical board wood cladding and a gable roof. The addition contains a 6/6 wood window and a single leaf, wood panel-and-light door. Fronting the addition is a one-story, one-bay porch with a gable roof supported by turned wood posts and brackets.

The first story of the rear or east elevation is pierced by two 6/1 wood windows with square edged wood surrounds. A one-light, rectangular hopper window lights the half-story. The side addition contains a single leaf metal paneled door. This elevation, unlike the other sides of the house, is clad in wood German siding.

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The north elevation contains three 6/1 wood windows and a pair of 6/1 wood windows. Wide, square-edged wood surrounds frame these openings. There is a box bay with wood shingles on this elevation and the gable end is also clad in square-cut wood shingles. A semi-circular opening pierces the gable end.

**SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:**

There are five outbuildings to the rear of the dwelling, including two barns, a garage, a smokehouse, and a privy. The barns, garage, and smokehouse date from the first quarter of the twentieth century, while the privy dates from the mid-century. The two-story, one-bay barn is clad in vertical board wood siding and has a standing seam metal, gambrel roof. The one-story, nine-bay barn is also clad in vertical board wood siding. This barn has a standing seam metal side gable roof, six- and nine-light windows, and vertical board single leaf doors. The vertical board clad garage is one story in height and four bays wide. It features a standing seam metal, shed roof and a shed roof carport addition supported by turned wood posts. Set on a concrete block pier foundation is a one-story, one-bay smokehouse clad in wood weatherboard and containing a single leaf, wood flush door. It has a front gable, standing seam metal roof with exposed rafter tails. The 1950s privy is one story in height and one bay in width. It is clad in asbestos shingles and has an asphalt shingle shed roof.

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Following the Civil War, southern Maryland adjusted to shifts in economic activity and population centers. Railroads made the greatest impact upon community development in this period, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. In 1922, construction began on the Robert Crain Highway, U.S. 301's predecessor. The dependence on the automobile and the expansion of the highway, linking rural Maryland to the urban centers, contributed to the development and suburbanization of the region.

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National Register Evaluation:

The building at 10960 Berry Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Not Recommended *[initials]*

Comments:

WOULD SUSPECT THE "GIRPORT'S"  
POSTS USED TO SUPPORT THE PLANT -  
OUR FORTH

Review, OPS: *[signature]* Date: 11/3/95 (11-3-1999)

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and  
Community Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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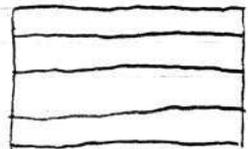
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**Chain of Title:**

- February 22, 1858: William M. and Mary E. Hamilton to Andrew N. Gates  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber JS2 Folio 258
- November 13, 1908: Andrew N. Gates to Bennett F. Gates  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber FDM9 Folio 509
- December 6, 1913: Bennett F. and Lillie M. Gates to Carlton Hicks  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber HCC26 Folio 484
- December 6, 1916: Carlton and Violet M. Hicks, and Walter J. Mitchell to Charles C. Wilcox  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber CP31 Folio 138
- October 15, 1918: Charles C. and Edna B. Wilcox to Earle Hamilton  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber WMA33 Folio 630
- May 7, 1964: Earle and Janie S. Hamilton to W. Mitchell Digges  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 169 Folio 30
- May 7, 1964: W. Mitchell Digges to Earle and Janie S. Hamilton  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 169 Folio 32
- November 19, 1998: David Carol Hamilton, personal representative of the estate of Janie Smith Hamilton, to Earle Hamilton, Maryland Virginia Roepke, William Smith Hamilton, and David Carol Hamilton  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 2692 Folio 307

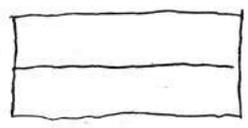
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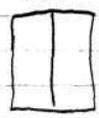


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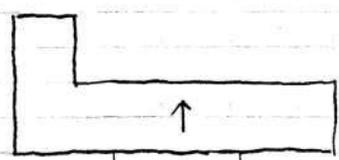


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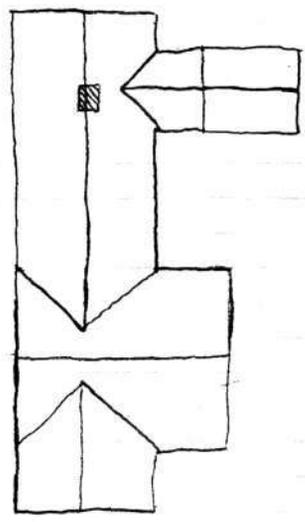
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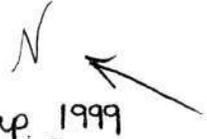


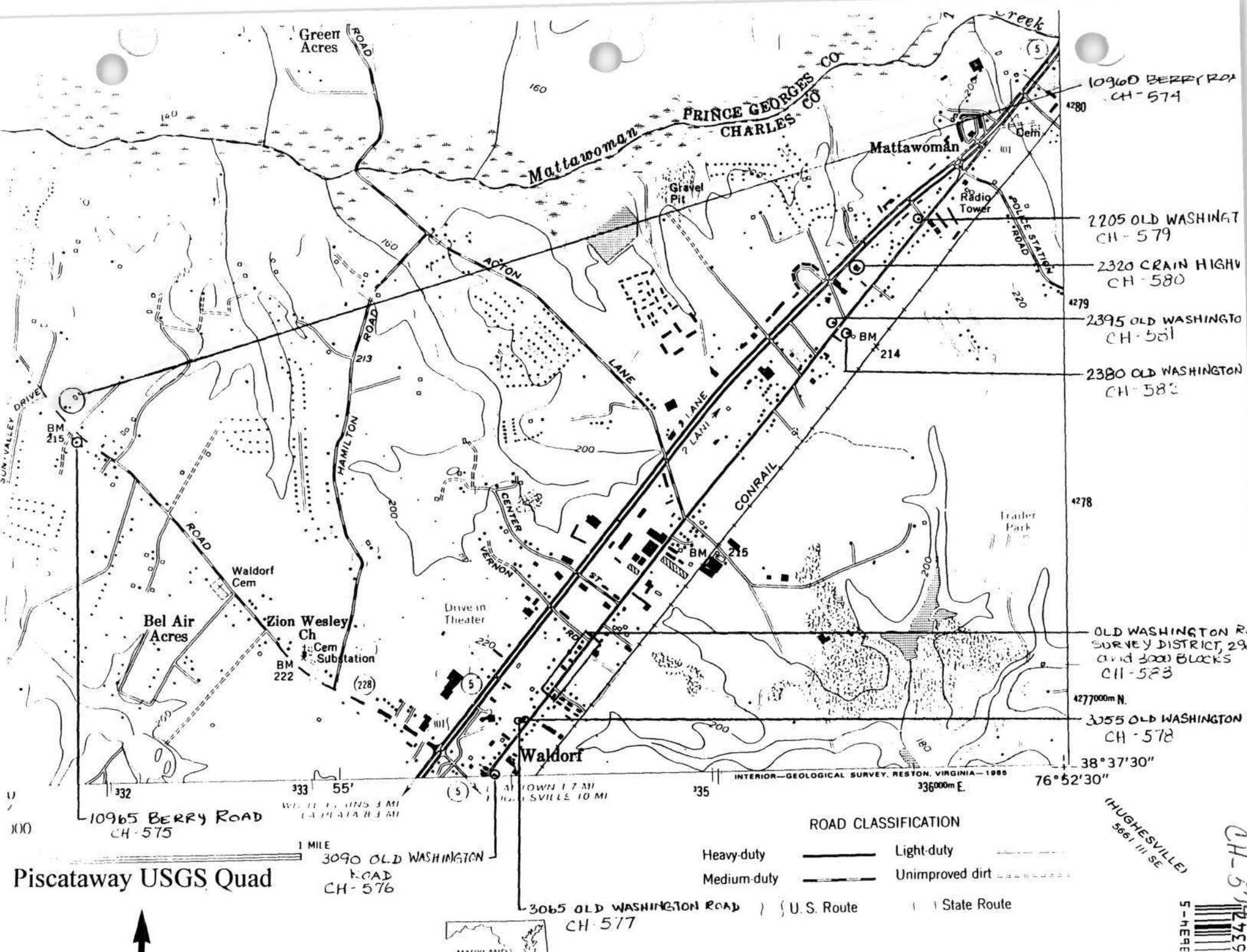
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Resource Sketch Map 1999  
Not Drawn to Scale





Piscataway USGS Quad



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- 2205 OLD WASHINGTON CH-579
- 2320 CRAIN HIGHWAY CH-580
- 2395 OLD WASHINGTON CH-581
- 2380 OLD WASHINGTON CH-582

- OLD WASHINGTON R. SURVEY DISTRICT, 29 AND 3000 BLOCKS CH-583
- 3055 OLD WASHINGTON CH-578

10965 BERRY ROAD CH-575

3090 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD CH-576

3065 OLD WASHINGTON ROAD CH-577

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U.S. Route
- State Route

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