

CAPSULE SUMMARY  
Gold Mine Saloon (CH: 576)  
3090 Old Washington Road  
Charles County, Maryland

The Gold Mine Saloon is located at 3090 Old Washington Road, near the intersection of Old Washington and Leonardtown Roads. Joseph Lewis Groves, who owned the nearby house at 3065 Old Washington Road, purchased the property in 1930. The commercial building remained in the Groves family for over fifty years, before it was sold in 1986 to the present owners. The building is an example of the Colonial Revival style as applied to commercial buildings in Charles County.

The building is surrounded by a paved parking lot. Constructed in the 1930s, the Colonial Revival style restaurant is two-stories in height and four bays in width. Set on a brick foundation, the brick building is laid in six-course American bond. A flat roof with a parapet covers the building. On the rear of the original building, there is a one-story addition that is currently used as a barbershop. The primary elevation illustrates the two-part commercial block with the horizontality of the form created by the basket-weave brick pattern over the first story.

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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 Gold Mine Saloon

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2. Location

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street & number 3090 Old Washington Road not for publication   

   city or town Waldorf vicinity    state Maryland code MD

county Charles County code 17 zip code 20601

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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>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes    Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No  \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Restaurant

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Brick Stretcher Bond

Roof Flat With Parapet

Walls Masonry: Brick 6-course American Bond

other \_\_\_\_\_

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 1930-1949  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates 1930  
1986  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.)

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

Longstreth, Richard. *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*. Washington, D.C.: The Preservation Press, 1987.

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 .26 acres

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

The property at 3090 Old Washington Road is designated as Parcel 319, Grid 21 as indicated on Map 8.

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

The building at 3090 Old Washington Road has historically been associated with Parcel 319 since its construction in 1930.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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12. Property Owner  
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name William C. DeStacy and E. Bruce Harrison  
street & number P.O. Box 356 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20604-0356  
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**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The façade or west elevation is four bays wide at the first story and three bays wide at the second story. Two one-light, fixed display windows with rowlock sills and soldier lintels pierce the first story. The end-most bays are marked by single leaf openings. Each of the single leaf doors is constructed of wood; one is paneled and the other has one light. There is a two-light transom over the southernmost door and the transom over the northernmost entry has been boarded shut with plywood. Dividing the first and second stories is a swath of brick laid in a basket-weave pattern. Three windows symmetrically pierce the second story. The two larger 8/8 windows flank the central 6/6 window. The façade of the one-story rear addition is two bays in width. It is constructed of concrete block and clad in brick facing. A one-light window and a single leaf entry pierce its west elevation.

The south elevation has five window openings at the first story, all of which have been boarded shut with plywood. Three of these windows appear to have been 4/4 windows. The second story is pierced by six windows, three of which are 8/8 and three of which are 6/6. All of the windows have rowlock sills. The parapet roof also has a rowlock cap. The rear addition contains a single leaf, flush metal door.

The first story of the rear elevation is obscured by two one-story rear additions. The second story of the original building has two 6/6 metal windows with rowlock sills and a single leaf wood flush door that leads to the exterior fire stair. Extending across the majority of this elevation is a one-story brick addition covered by

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a flat roof with a parapet. The addition contains a single leaf, wood flush door and a window opening with a rowlock sill. The window has been boarded shut with plywood. Attached to the rear of the addition is a large, metal refrigerated cooler with no exterior openings. Another one-story addition sits on the rear of the building, but extends past the side elevation. It is constructed of concrete block and has a flat roof. There is one window opening with a rowlock sill. The window has been boarded shut with plywood. Rising from the flat roof is an interior brick chimney laid in stretcher bond.

The north elevation is marked by window and door openings that have been infilled with brick. Seven windows and one door at the first story were sealed shut with brick. Originally, these openings were detailed with rowlock sills and soldier lintels. The only remaining opening at the first story is a single leaf, wood-paneled, side passage entry. The second story contains three 8/8, one 6/6, and two 4/4 windows with rowlock sills and soldier-course lintels. The parapet roof is topped with a concrete cap. Two one-light wood awning windows with rowlock sills pierce the one-story, concrete block addition.

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Popular in the United States between 1880 and 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from the rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival buildings were drawn primarily from the Georgian and Federal styles. Although Colonial Revival buildings of the first quarter of the twentieth century reflected their colonial influences more clearly, those that were constructed after World War II were more simplified, with details that suggested rather than duplicated the original examples. Like many Colonial Revival style buildings, the Gold Mine Saloon features a rectangular plan with a symmetrical façade, double hung windows, and 6-course American bond construction with rowlock brick sills and soldier lintels.

Located in Waldorf near U.S. 301, Leonardtown Road and Old Washington Road, all major transportation corridors through the region, the property was impacted by the expansion of the highway system. In 1922, construction began on the Robert Crain Highway, U.S. 301's predecessor. From the 1930s to present day, Crain Highway, and its successor U.S. 301, brought increased traffic through Prince George's and Charles Counties, which in turn encouraged commercial development along its length. The commercial development along the routes often took the form of entertainment establishments and travel-related services. This trend intensified when the highway was first extended through Charles County in the late 1930s and again in 1940 when the Harry W. Nice Bridge opened over the Potomac River, linking the counties to transportation networks from Florida to New York. During the 1940s, slot machine gambling was legalized in Charles County, resulting in the development of numerous nightclubs and large restaurants along the U.S. 301 corridor between La Plata and Waldorf. The commercial importance of U.S. 301 decreased in the late 1960s, due to the completion of Interstate 95.

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National Register Evaluation:

The commercial building at 3090 Old Washington 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     *X*    

Comments:  
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Review, OPS:     *C. M. J.*     Date:     11/3/79    

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

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

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

Modern Period (1930-present)

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

Architecture, Landscape, and  
Community Planning  
Economic

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** Commerce/Trade: Specialty Store

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

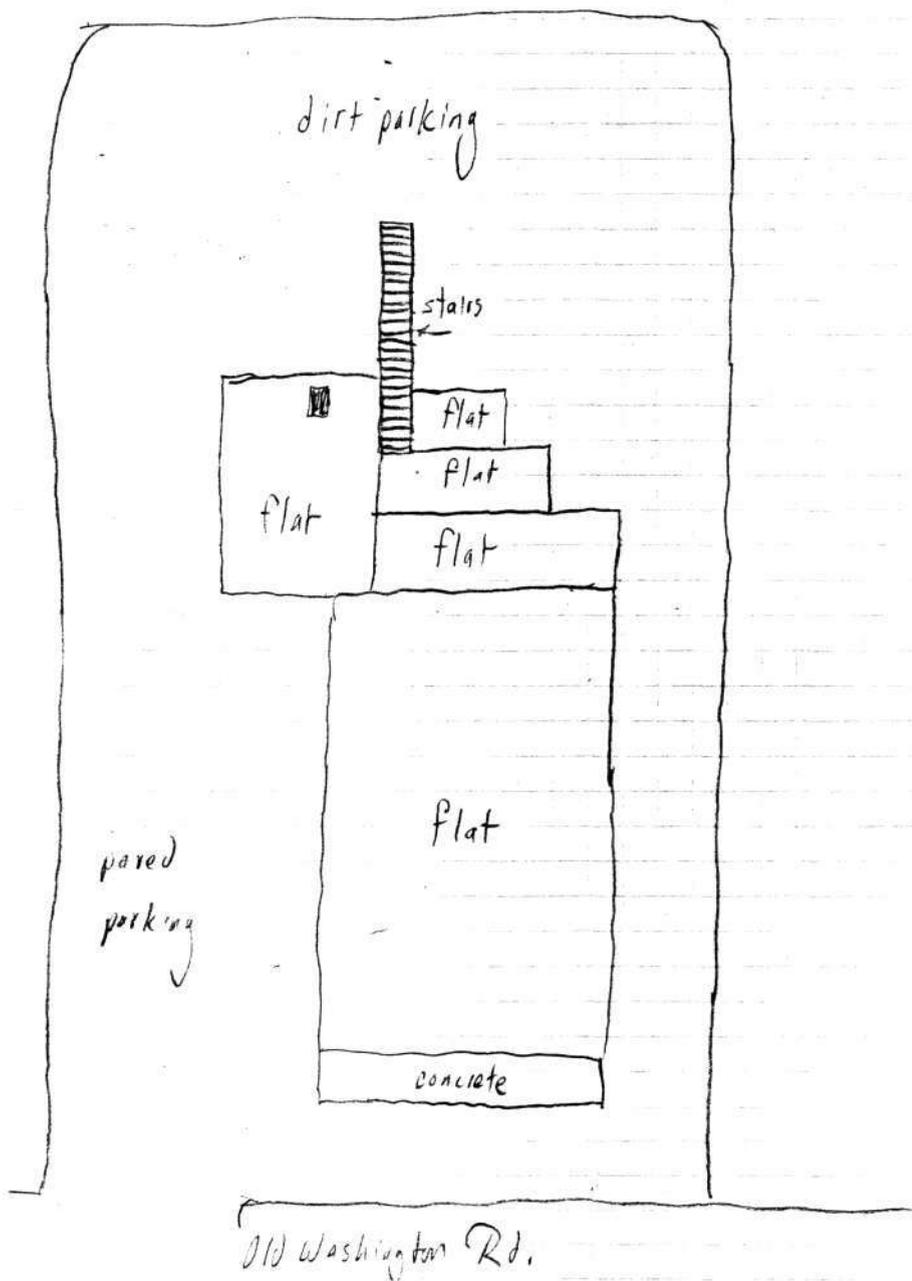
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**Chain of Title:**

- September 9, 1921: Mary E. Smith to Joseph H. Howard  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber WMA 39 Folio 64
- May 27, 1930: Joseph H. and Mary I. Howard to Joseph L. and  
Maude E. Groves  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 52 Folio 90
- December 29, 1986: Maude E. Groves, survivor by entirety of Joseph  
Louis Groves, to William C. DeStacy and E.  
Bruce Harrison  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 1179 Folio 249
- March 31, 1987: William C. DeStacy and E. Bruce Harrison,  
trustees for Goldmine Joint Venture, to  
William C. DeStacy and E. Bruce Harrison  
Land Records of Charles County  
Liber 1207 Folio 445



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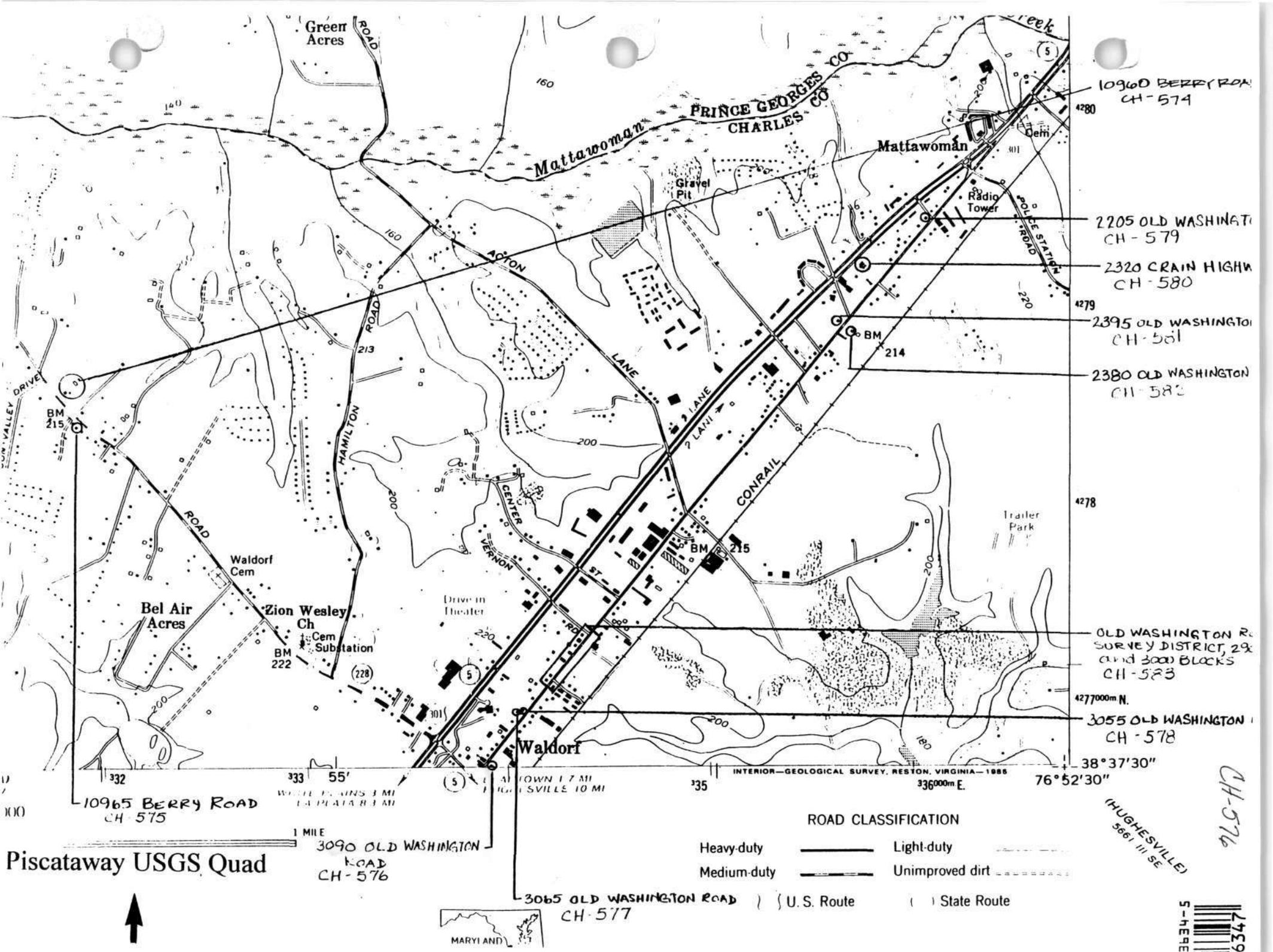
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Maryland

Resource Sketch Map  
Not Drawn to Scale

1999





Piscataway USGS Quad



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(HUGHESVILLE)  
5661 III SE

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1985

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

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

WIDE PLAINS 3 MI  
LA PLATA 3 MI

TOWN 17 MI  
SVILLE 10 MI

38° 37' 30"

3055 OLD WASHINGTON  
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OLD WASHINGTON SURVEY DISTRICT, 29  
and 3000 BLOCKS  
CH-583

4278

2380 OLD WASHINGTON  
CH-582

2395 OLD WASHINGTON  
CH-581

2320 CRAIN HIGHWAY  
CH-580

2205 OLD WASHINGTON  
CH-579

10960 BERRY ROAD  
CH-574



Victor's Glass

75¢ \$1.25

OPEN \$5.00

\$2.00

75¢

BUDWEIGER  
GOLD MINE  
SALOON  
LIGHT

Welcome to  
GOLDMINE  
SALOON  
Introducing  
Budweiser  
Happy Hour Special  
75¢  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 - 10:00

GOLD MINE

SUN CRAFT

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

northwest corner

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MD SHPO

southwest corner

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east elevation  
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WELCOME TO  
**Budweiser**  
Happy Hour  
Special  
**75¢**  
Drafts

**Collectors Glass**  
\$2.75 \$1.25  
WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 3-7 PM

**Cools**  
Happy Hour  
3-7

**Budweiser**  
Happy Hour  
3-7 PM

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TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

north elevation

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