

Naomi and Herber Roberts House
CH-630
Hughesville vicinity
Private

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The Naomi and Herber Roberts House is a good example of an early twentieth century I - House in Charles County. The dwelling is two stories high and one room deep with a center passage plan. Here, many of the most typical characteristics of local domestic architecture are present including a decorative center gable adorned with a lunette window and a full width front porch with turned wooden posts on the façade. Furthermore, the dwelling incorporates the Craftsmen style in its use of 6/1- light window composition. Located on the historic main road from Hughesville to Benedict, the dwelling is believed to have been constructed by the Roberts family who acquired almost nine acres of the previous Canter Farm from Leonard G. Canter in 1929.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Naomi and Herber Roberts House is a good example of an early twentieth century I-house in Charles County. The dwelling is two stories high, and one room deep and incorporates many of the most typical characteristics of local domestic architecture of the era. Most notably, these characteristics include a decorative center gable adorned with a lunette window and a full width front porch with turned wooden posts on the façade. Furthermore, the dwelling is interesting in its use of craftsmen style windows identified by their 6/1 light composition.

The house rests on formed concrete block foundation intended to resemble stone. Non-historic materials include vinyl siding covering the frame and asphalt shingles covering the roof. A center chimney with a corbelled cap pierces the roofline. The only visible addition appears to be a small shed roof ell attached to the rear elevation. A full width hipped porch with turned wooden posts and square railings is found on the façade. The railing may not be original.

The façade first floor reveals a center passage flanked by paired craftsmen style wood sash double-hung windows. These windows include a single pane on the bottom sash below 6-light panes above. The second story includes two additional pairs of wood sash 6/1 light windows below a 6-light casement window in the decorative gable.

The west elevation first floor fenestration appears to have been modified from its original form. Currently a grouping of three narrow 6-light casement windows are present near the façade wall, most likely an enlargement of the original window configuration to provide more light into the kitchen. The second floor includes an original 6/1 light double-hung wood sash window. Also the shed addition includes a single window on the west elevation.

The rear elevation first floor includes the shed addition which has an exterior door flanked by two windows. These windows differ in size with the westernmost window being of diminutive size while the opposite of regular composition. To the east, on the main wall of this façade is a pair of 6-light casement windows similar to those on the western elevation first floor. The second story includes two asymmetrical 6/1-light wood sash double hung windows.

The east elevation is unaltered with single, centered 6/1 light windows on the first and second story.

The Naomi and Herber Roberts House is well maintained and in very good condition. Although the dwelling has undergone some alterations, most noticeably in the altered fenestration on the west and rear elevations, for the most part these changes have been done in a way that does not greatly detract from the buildings historic character.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:	

Specific dates	1921-1929	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	1921-1929	Builder	Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Naomi and Herber Roberts House is a good example of an I-house with cottage with Craftsmen style details in Charles County. The dwelling is believed to have been constructed by the Roberts family who acquired almost nine acres of the Canter Farm from Leonard G. Canter in 1929.

While Charles County tax records indicate a construction date of 1929, Canter's deed to the Roberts, as well as Emma Burch's deed to Leonard Canter in 1921, mentions land and premises, indicating that a dwelling was either standing on the property at that time, or was in the process of being built.

The Naomi and Herber Roberts Houses rest directly on the road to Patuxent City and Benedict to the east and Hughesville to the west. During the early twentieth century Hughesville, due to the growing reliance on railroad transportation had grown from a small crossroads community to bustling town that provided a wide array of services and had a population of 150.

The I-house was an extremely popular house form in Charles County during the late eighteenth and early twentieth century up until the time of World War II. Locally, they almost always included a decorative center gable adorned with a lunette window and a front porch extending the width of the façade. This example is somewhat unique in its use of Craftsmen style details which was popular from 1905 until 1930.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6
Acreage of historical setting 9
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 15674 Prince Frederick Road has historically been associate with Charles County Property Map 36, Grid 17, Folio 107

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	11/1/2000
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Chain of title:

- Parcel 1
May, 6, 1903 Henry A. Canter to Leonard G. Canter. "Carey Farm" and "Bowen tract".
118 a. & 66 a. respectively.
Bounded by the lands of the late Henry Canter, Sarah E. Cross wife of
George Cross and lands of the late Thomas A. Carrico.
BGS 14 Folio 53
- Parcel 2
April 13, 1921 Emma M. Burch and husband to Leonard A. Canter \$75
Small parcel. Being where the state road leaves the old country road and
running in an easterly direction along the south side of said lot 962 feet ,
thence along the bed of the country road 1091 feet to the beginning. Lot
measuring 133 feet through the middle. Being part of the property Emma
Burch obtained from W.J. Mitchell et al, trustees buildings and
improvements.
WMA 38 Folio 52
- Parcel 1 & 2
March 9, 1929 Leonard G. Canter and wife to Heber E. and wife Naomi C. Roberts. 8
11/12 a. being a part of the same land Leonard G. Canter obtained from
Emma M. Burch and husband 13 April 1921 WMA 38/52 & by deed from
Henry A. Canter 4 May 1913 14/53
Liber 49 Folio 683
- November 25, 1980 Elizabeth Goode, guardian of Naomi C. Roberts grantor to Joseph L. and
Michele F.M. Parlett. 5.790 a.
Liber 751 Folio 206

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 10/25/2000

North arrow:



Name: NAOMI & HERBER ROBERTS HOUSE

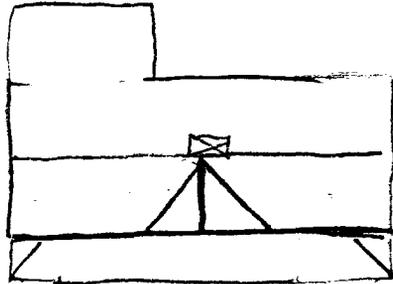
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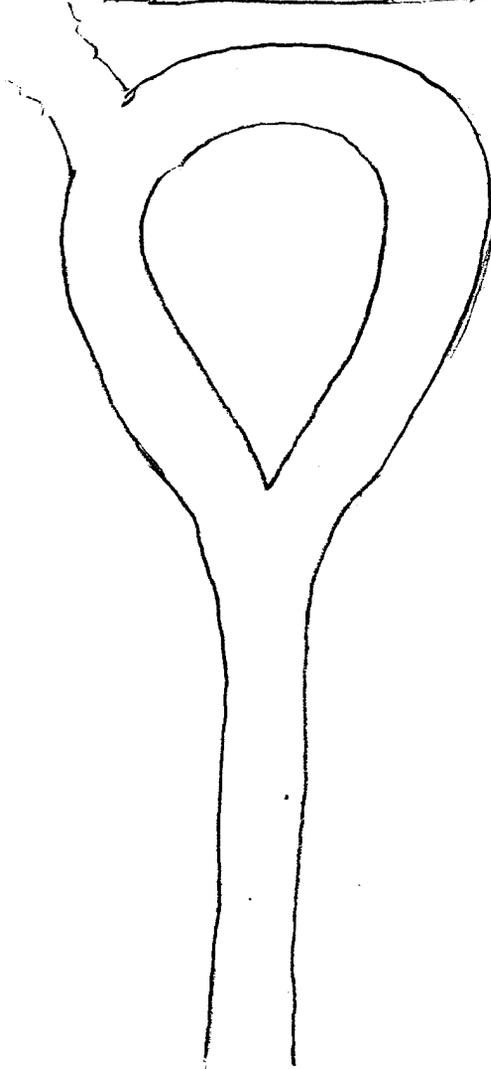
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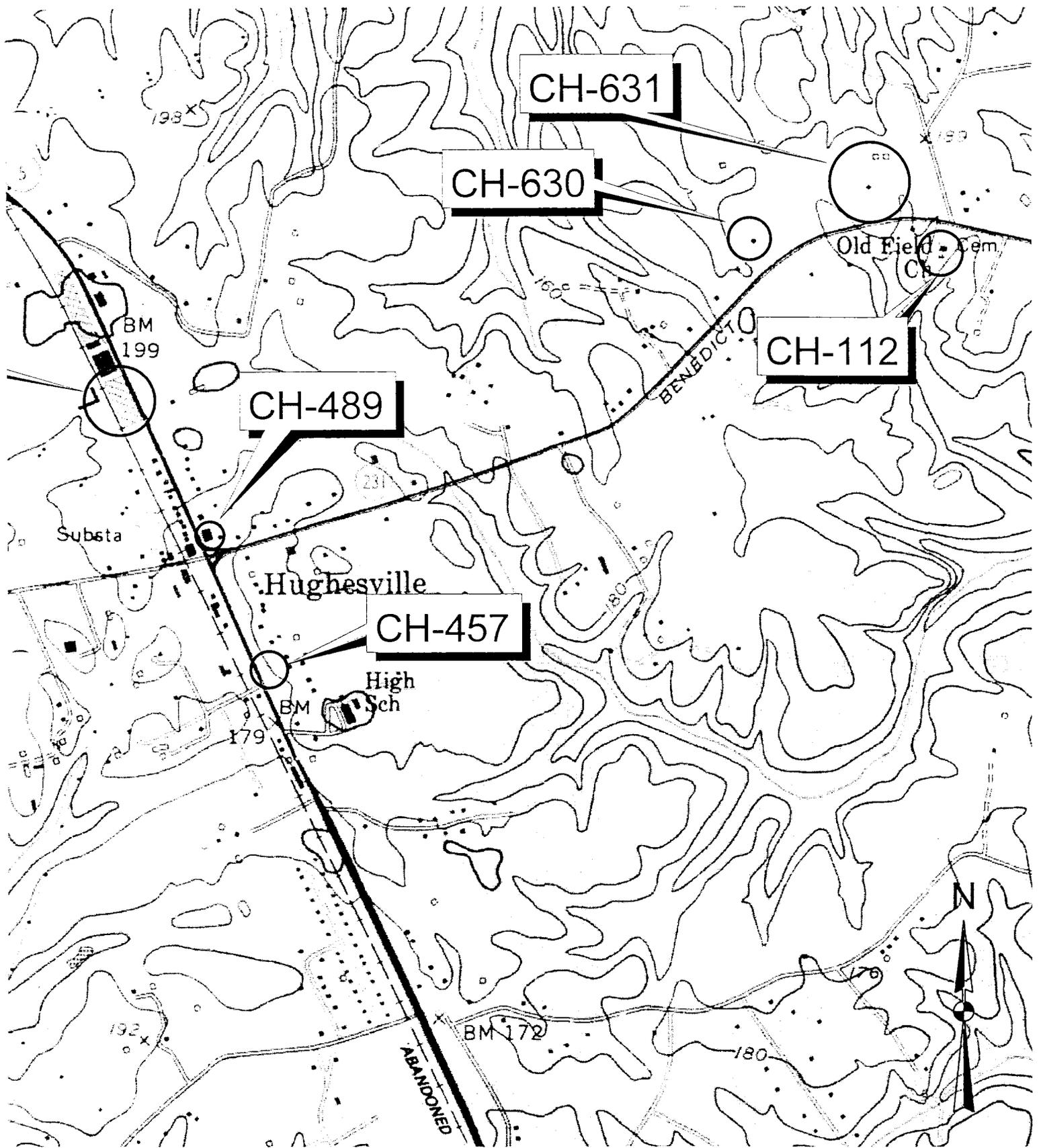
POOL



FENCE



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