

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Simpson's Supply Inventory Number: CH-719

Address: 9055 Kentucky Avenue City: Dentsville Zip Code: 20646

County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: Popes Creek, MD Quad

Owner: Beverly B. Williams Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 200 Tax Map Number: 56 Tax Account ID Number: 023862

Project: Gilbert Run Emergency Tower- Charles County Government Agency: F.C.C.

Site visit by MHT Staff: \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes X no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___ yes	Eligible district ___ yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <u>X</u> yes ___ no	

Criteria: X A X B X C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Located on a high rise of land near the intersection of Bowling Alley Road and Kentucky Avenue, Simpson's Supply is a three-part frame dwelling, overlooking open cultivated fields. The 68 acre property retains an overall intact agricultural landscape including the main house (constructed by Mr. Peregrine Davis, circa 1853 around an earlier, smaller dwelling), as well as the site's earliest tobacco barn (CH-720) dating to the same period. This landscape is further defined with numerous other early 20<sup>th</sup> century outbuildings, including a meathouse, garage, stable/granary, cornhouse and another tobacco barn. The largest portion/1853 block is the northern most part of the structure. When the property changed hands in 1879 the center block was added. The smaller, one-story kitchen wing was added sometime prior to 1930. While additions to the original structure have occurred, each contributes to the architectural significance and integrity of the overall resource. The property illustrates an evolving vernacular farm setting in Charles County. The property is also associated with the Dent and Edelen Families, prominent figures in Chas. County history. The property is recommended eligible of listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and A. Further research is necessary to support a possible eligibility under Criterion B. The property was not evaluated for Criterion D.

Prepared by: Kate Mahood, Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: July 8, 2003

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: <u>X</u> A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: _____	
_____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>7/21/03</u> Date

*William Bridgett*

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<b>Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation</b> <b>CHARLES COUNTY</b> <b>Real Property Data Search</b>	<a href="#">Go Back</a> <a href="#">View Map</a> <a href="#">New Search</a>
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**Account Identifier:** District - 04 Account Number - 023862

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	WILLIAMS, BEVERLY B	<b>Use:</b>	AGRICULTURAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	YES
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	9055 KENTUCKY AVE PO BOX 357 LA PLATA MD 20646-0357	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) / 2288/ 571 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b> 9055 KENTUCKY AVE LA PLATA 20646	<b>Zoning</b> AC	<b>Legal Description</b> 68.76 ACRES W SI KENTUCKY AVE
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<b>Map</b>	<b>Grid</b>	<b>Parcel</b>	<b>Sub District</b>	<b>Subdivision</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Plat No:</b>	<b>Plat Ref:</b>
56	23	200						82		45/ 103

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>
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<b>Primary Structure Built</b> 1930	<b>Enclosed Area</b> 1,952 SF	<b>Property Land Area</b> 68.76 AC	<b>County Use</b> 000000
<b>Stories</b> 2	<b>Basement</b> NO	<b>Type</b> STANDARD UNIT	<b>Exterior</b> SIDING

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments		
			As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003	
<b>Land:</b>	57,700	57,700			PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
<b>Improvements:</b>	47,360	51,980			
<b>Total:</b>	105,060	109,680	105,060	106,600	
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	

**Transfer Information**

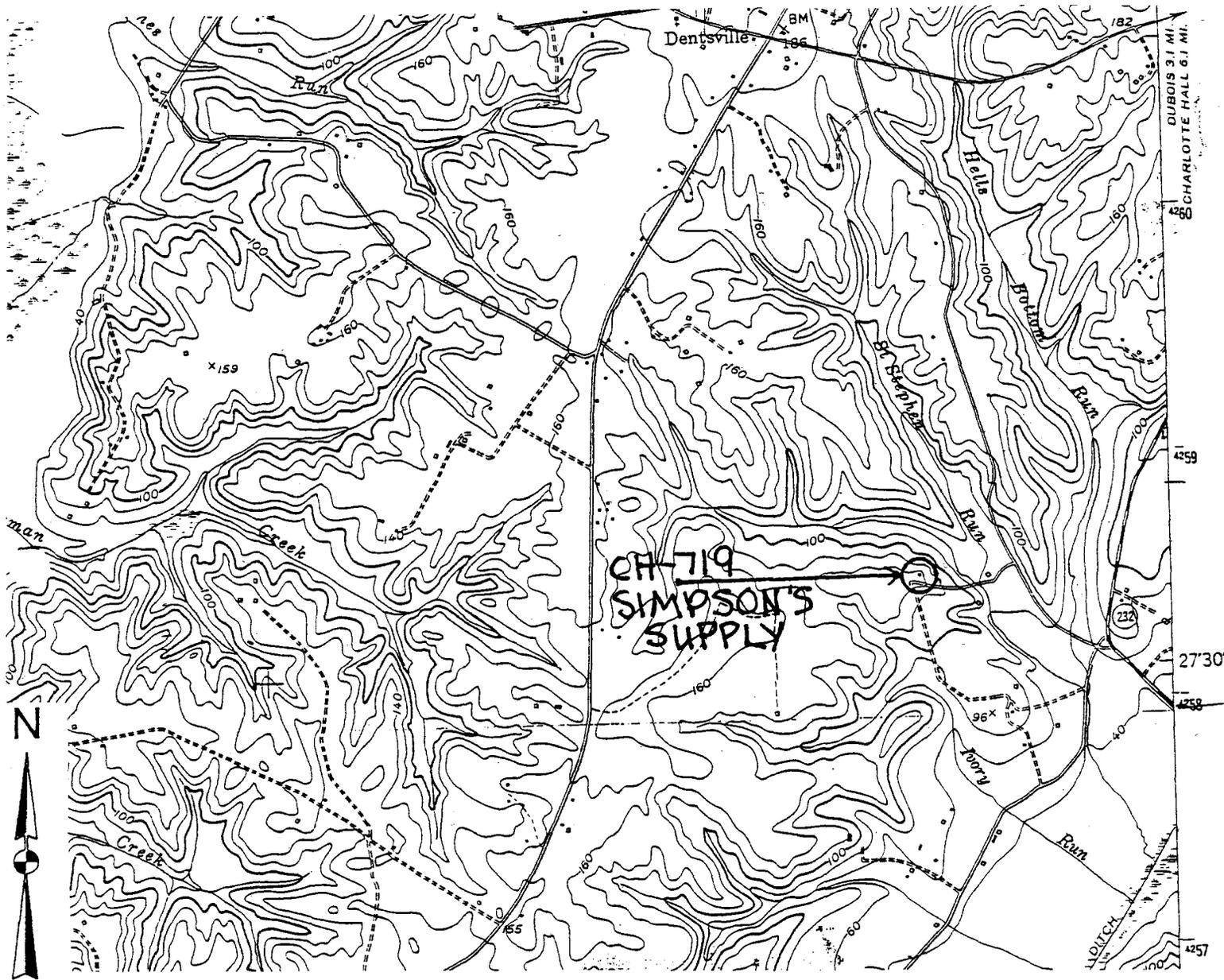
<b>Seller:</b> WILLIAMS, BEVERLY BRIDGETT	<b>Date:</b> 10/07/1996	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 2288/ 571	<b>Deed2:</b>
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**Exemption Information**

<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**  
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX



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**CH-719  
SIMPSON'S  
SUPPLY**

Scale  
N.T.S.

Date  
7/8/03

Design By \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_ Job No. \_\_\_\_\_  
USOS CHARLOTTE HALL, HUGHESVILLE,  
LAPLATA, POPES CREEK, QUADRANGLE



SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
LA PLATA, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

KATE MAHODD  
06-26-03

CH- 719

MD SHPO  
VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST  
Photograph # 1 of 4

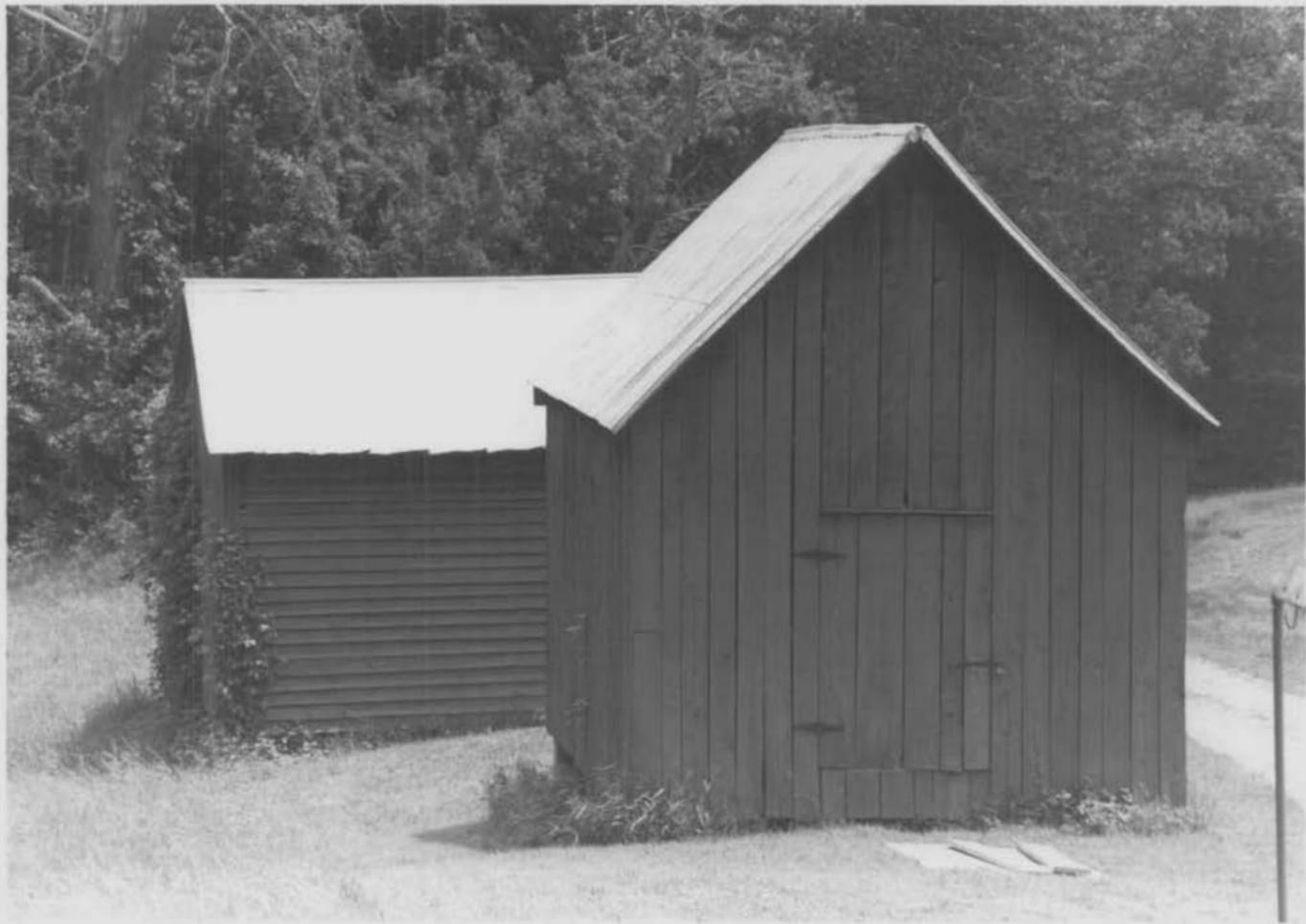


SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
LAPLATA, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

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VIEW OF LOOKING WEST (BARN)  
Photograph # 2 of 4

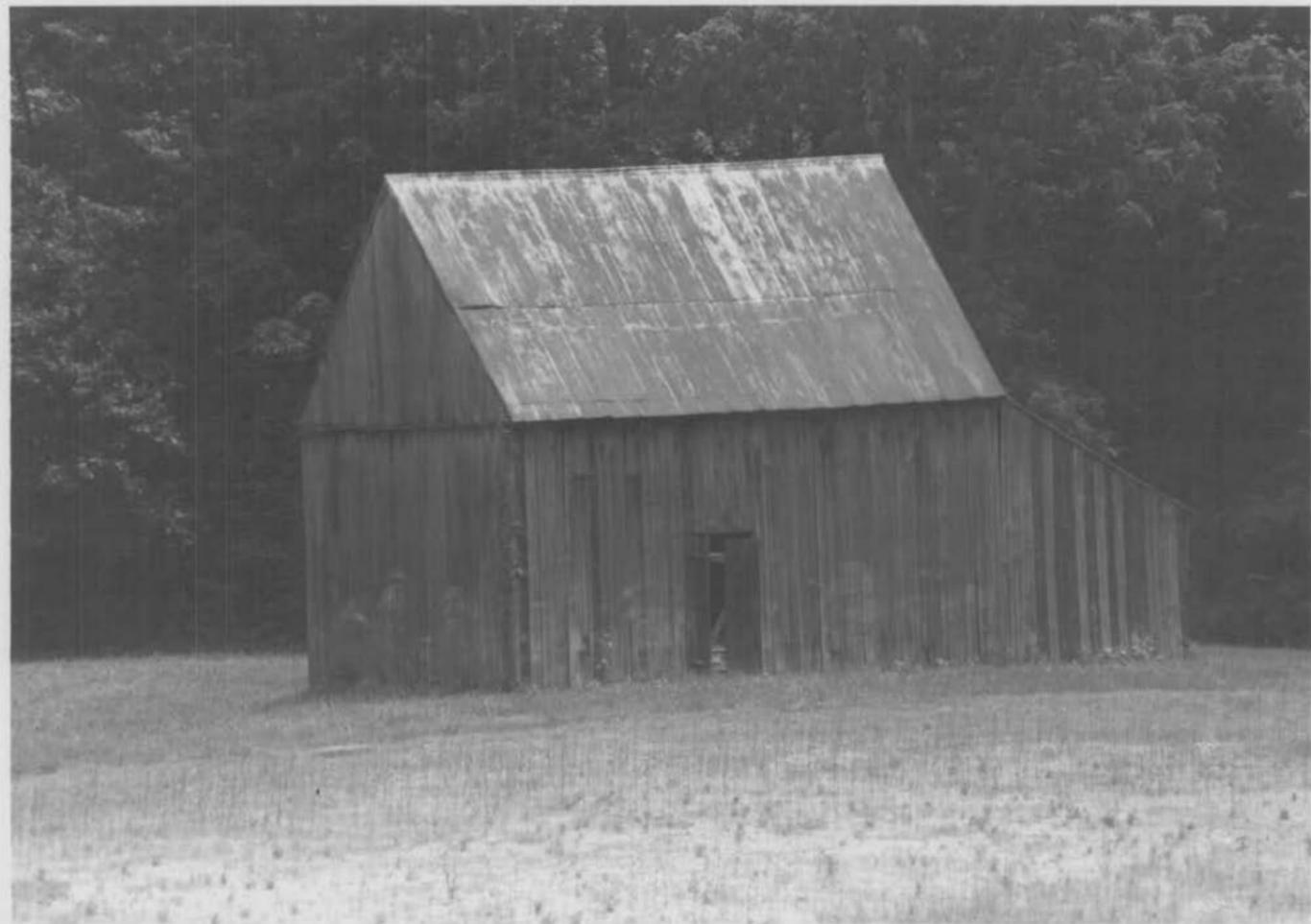


SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
LAPLATA, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

KATE MAHOOD  
06-26-03

CH-719

MD SHPO  
VIEW OF BARN LOOKING EAST  
Photograph # 3 of 4



SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
LAPLATA, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

KATE MAHOOD  
06-20-03

CH-719

MD SHPO  
VIEW LOOKING NORTHEAST (BARN)  
Photograph # 4 of 4

**Simpson's Supply**  
**CH-719**  
**Dentsville vic.**  
**Private**

**18<sup>th</sup> century; 1853; 1880**

Situated on an high rise at the intersection of Bowling Alley Road and Kentucky Avenue, Simpson's Supply is a frame three-part dwelling, constructed in the 19th century around the skeleton of an earlier structure. The dwelling faces northeast overlooking open cultivated fields on a 68 acre parcel that includes a number of contributing resources; a meathouse, garage, stable/granary, cornhouse, and two tobacco barns. All outbuildings with the exception of one tobacco barn, date from the first half of the 20th century and contribute to the overall intact agricultural landscape. The earliest tobacco barn, dating from the third quarter of the 19th century was inventoried separately (CH-720).

Since the 18th century, the tract known as Simpson's Supply has been associated with the Dent and Edelen families. In 1853, Harry F. and Eliza Ann Edelen sold "a part of Simpson's Supply" containing 180 acres to Peregrine Davis who substantially improved the property by constructing the existing main block around the earlier structure. In 1879, Peregrine Davis' daughter Victoria Hughes, sold the same property to Charles T. Bridgett who built the center block soon after. Bridgett family descendants own the property today.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-719

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Simpson's Supply  
 other Part of Simpson's Supply, Bridgett Farmhouse

### 2. Location

street and number 9055 Kentucky Avenue  not for publication  
 city, town Dentsville  vicinity  
 county Charles

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Beverly B. Williams  
 street and number 9055 Kentucky Avenue telephone 202-862-1087  
 city, town LaPlata state MD zip code 20646

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 56 p. 43  
 city, town LaPlata liber 2288 folio 571

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>7</u>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

Inventory No. CH-719

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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

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

Situated on an high rise at the intersection of Bowling Alley Road and Kentucky Avenue, Simpson's Supply is a frame three-part dwelling, constructed in the 19th century around the skeleton of an earlier structure. The dwelling faces northeast overlooking open cultivated fields on a 68 acre parcel that includes a number of contributing resources; a meathouse, garage, stable/granary, cornhouse, and two tobacco barns. All outbuildings with the exception of one tobacco barn, date from the first half of the 20th century, yet contribute to the overall intact agricultural landscape. The earliest tobacco barn, dating from the third quarter of the 19th century was inventoried separately (CH-720).

Simpson's Supply has a complex architectural history that is partially obscured by contemporary finishes. The dwelling represents at least four principal building periods. The earliest identified construction began in the late 18th/early 19th century when a 1 1/2 story dwelling was likely constructed. The only existing evidence of this is found on the buildings interior, where a low doorway holds an original 6 panel door. Although not observed at the time of the survey, members of the Bridgett family present during the renovation assert that brick nogging is found between in at least one of the first floor walls.

After 1853, the single pile, two story, two bay main block constituting the current northernmost end was erected around the original structure. The building has a steeply pitched roof and traces of the original riven clapboard with wrought nails are visible from the Period II attic. Attached to the gable end is a centered brick exterior end chimney with a stepped watertable and shoulders. The chimney base is fieldstone rubble. Flanking the chimney are two narrow replacement windows at the second floor level and two square windows in the attic story. The fenestration of the rear elevation has been altered to accommodate a rear shed addition but likely included two first floor and second floor bays. Limited inspection of the crawl space revealed an infilled brick pier foundation and hewn joists.

After 1879, the center block was constructed. It also consists of two bays on the front elevation first and second floors and two small windows above the ell addition on the rear elevation. A hipped roof porch extends the full width of the main and center block. A brick chimney flue stands between the center and end block.

The interior plan of the center block consists of one room on the first floor and one room above. Originally, access to this section was limited to a door on the front elevation, which in the 20th century was replaced by a window. This doorway was found in the northernmost bay. Around the time of the construction of the center block, the portions of current stairway was constructed using sawn boards, cut nails and beadboard paneling. The first floor room retains evidence of a former stair in the northwest corner.

The end block is a one story kitchen wing that was rebuilt in the 1930's. The front elevation includes a window and door. The side elevation includes a single centered window on the principal floor and a square attic story window. A series of 20th century shed additions extend form the rear addition. Around the time of its construction, the doorway was cut between the dining room and hall, the original quarter-turn stairs were reworked and the exterior door on the front elevation was converted into a window. A simple Victorian mantel, currently stored in an outbuilding dates from the late 19th century addition and renovation.

### OUTBUILDINGS

The meathouse, constructed in the late 19th century, has a steeply pitched roof. It stands off the northwest corner of the dwelling near the kitchen and has been reclad in plywood. To the south at the end of the lane is a wood frame garage. On the opposite side of the dwelling, standing on the side of the lane is a cornhouse and a stable/granary. Both are frame structures built on concrete pier foundations. At the edge of an open field below is a well preserved tobacco barn constructed during the third quarter of the 19th century (CH-720). The lane, serving as the principal driveway continues to descend and crosses a stream. Opposite this stream along the lane is a second tobacco barn, constructed c. 1930. Both barns have vertical board siding and a metal roof. The earliest has a shed attached to the gable end, while the latter is attached to the length of the eave elevation.

# 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	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	18th;1850; 1880	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	18th;1850; 1880		

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.)

Simpson's Supply is a good example of an evolving vernacular farmhouse in Charles County. Ideally located on a high rise and surrounded by 68 acres and several agricultural outbuildings, the well preserved rural landscape adds to the sites overall significance. Since the 18th century, the tract known as Simpson's Supply has been associated with the Dent and Edelen families. In 1853, Harry F. and Eliza Ann Edelen sold to Peregrine Davis for \$200 a parcel of ground known as part of Simpson's Supply, containing 180 acres along with buildings and improvements. Although the extent of these existing improvements is not known, it is worth noting that the Charles County Tax Assessment of 1783, identifies "Part of Simpson's Supply" owned by John Edelen as containing "a very sorry house". Further architectural and archival research would be necessary to confirm that portions of this 1783 structure lie within the current Simpson's Supply dwelling.

In 1879, Peregrine Davis' daughter Victoria Hughes, sold the same property to Charles T. Bridgett for \$1400, seven times as much as the original purchase price. Considering the depressed local economy of the Reconstruction Period, it is a good indication that the parcel had been substantially improved. Bridgett family descendents own the property today. Charles Thomas Bridgett was the husband of Sarah Lucretia Dent.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Inventory No. CH-719

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 68

Acreage of historical setting 160

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Simpson's Supply is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 56, Parcel 32.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Currey Hardy/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 11/21/2001

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

telephone 301-396-5815

city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 10/2001

North arrow:



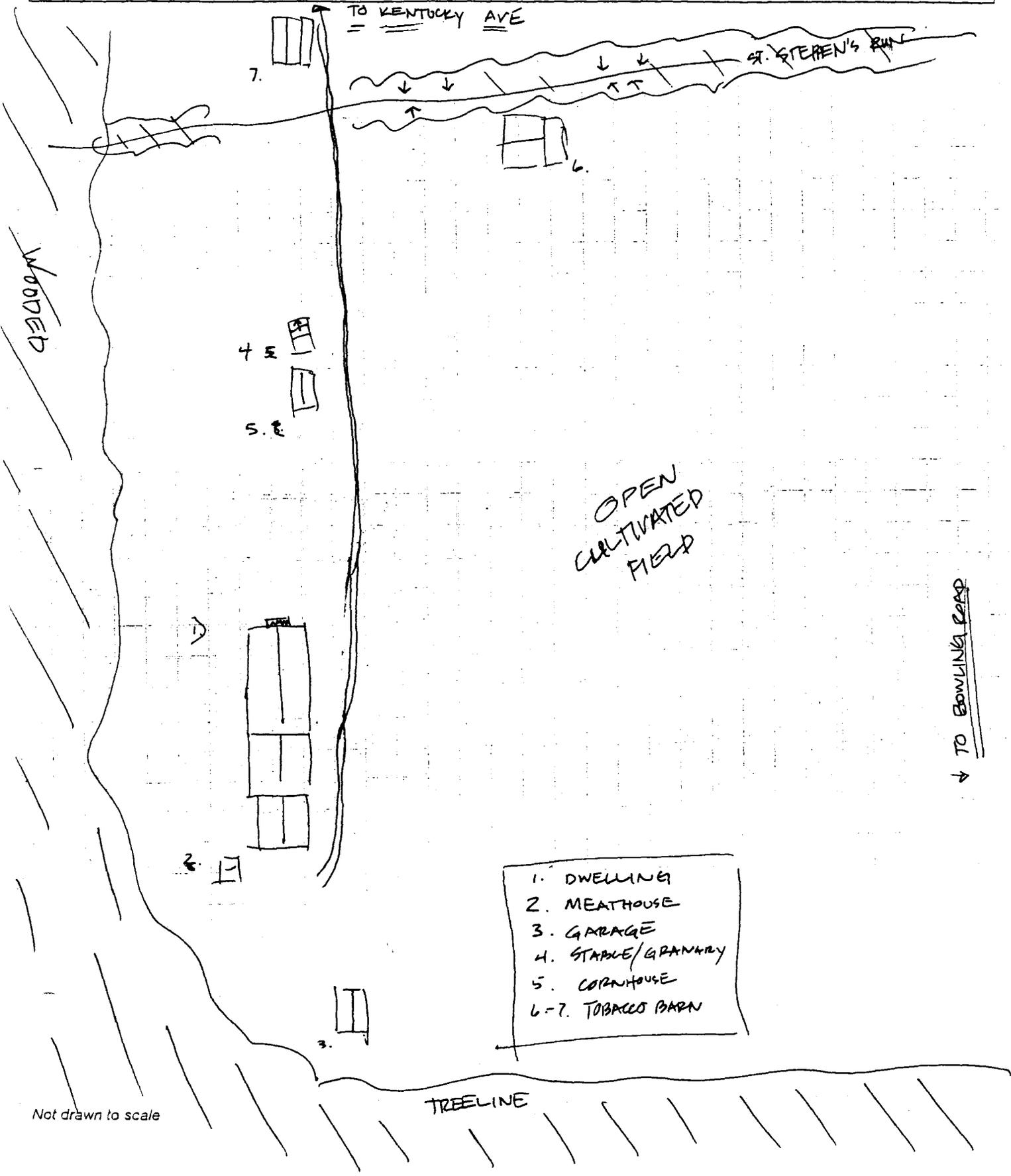
Name: SIMPSON'S SUPPLY

Address: 9055 KENTUCKY AVENUE

CH - 719

Charles County, Maryland

DENTSVILLE  Vicinity



OPEN CULTIVATED FIELD

- 1. DWELLING
- 2. MEATHOUSE
- 3. GARAGE
- 4. STABLE/GRANARY
- 5. CORNHOUSE
- 6-7. TOBACCO BARN

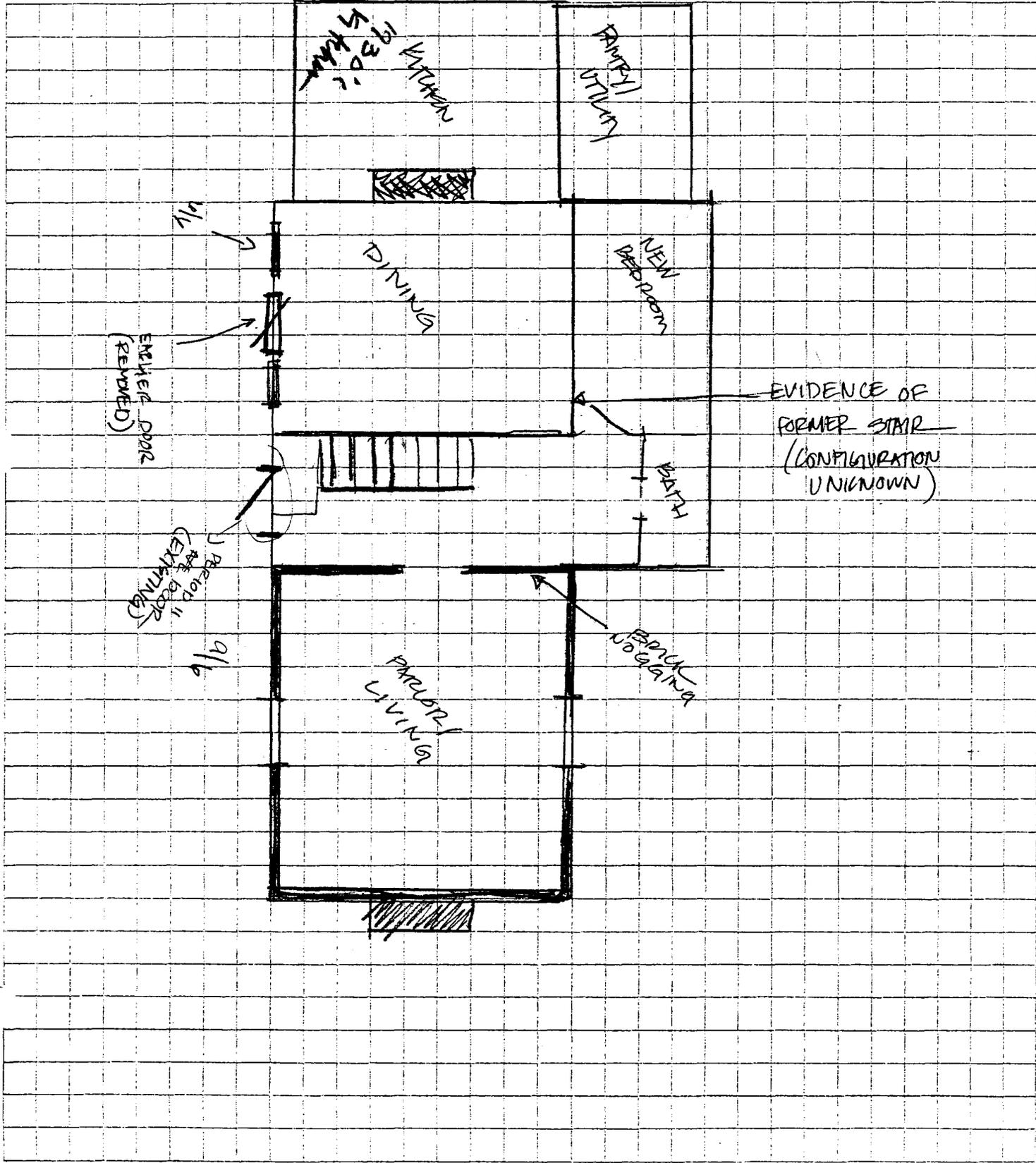
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TREELINE

CHARLES COUNTY  
PLANNING DIVISION

Worksheet for: SIMPSON'S SUPPLY CH-719  
Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/2001  
By: C. CURLEY

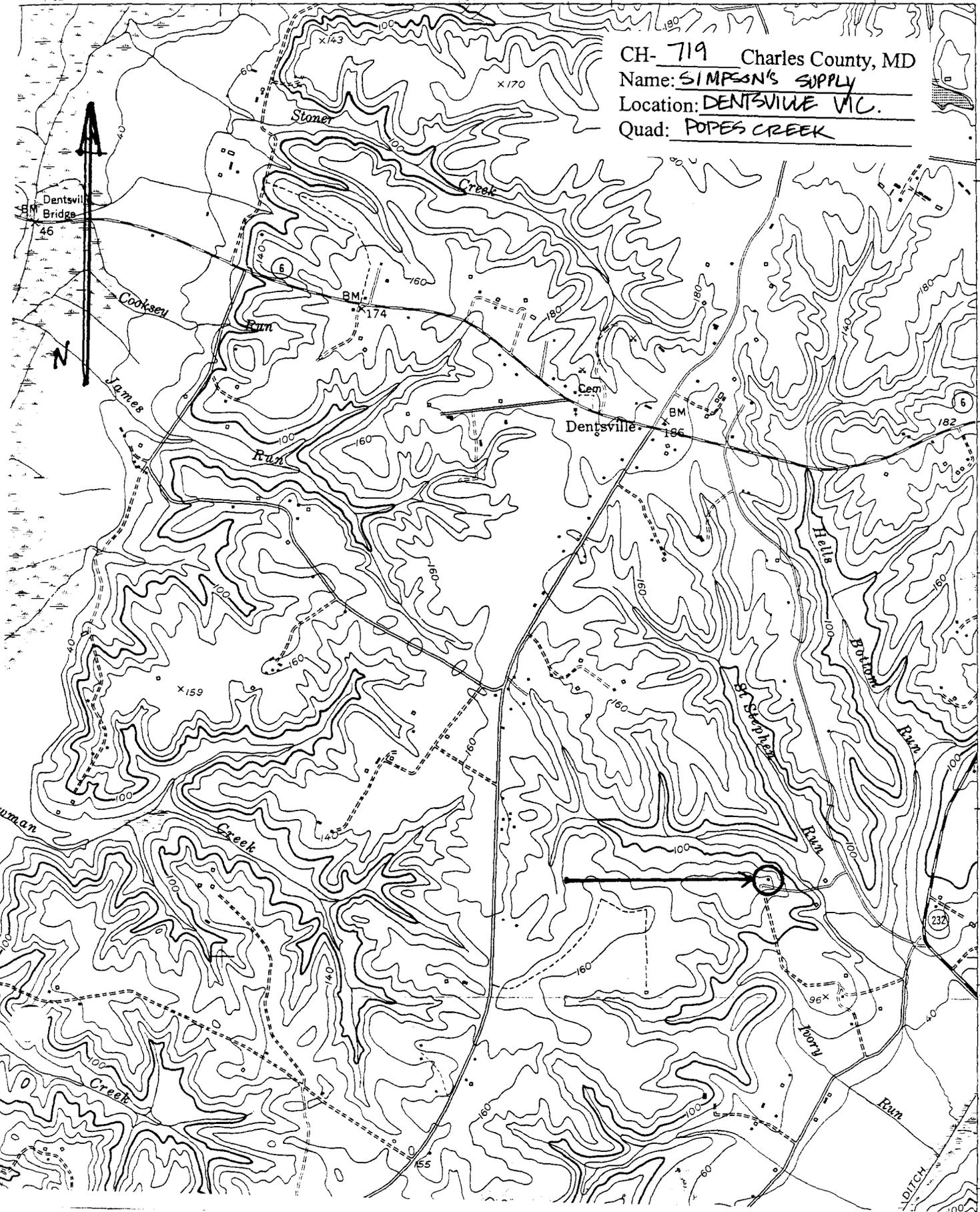


POPES CREEK QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND—CHARLES CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5661 III SE  
(HUGHESVIL)

332 55' 333 334 1830 000 FEET 336 76°52'30" 38°30'

CH- 719 Charles County, MD  
Name: SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
Location: DENTSVILLE VIC.  
Quad: POPES CREEK



240 000  
FEET

4261

182  
DUBOIS 3.1 MI.  
CHARLOTTE HALL 6.1 MI.

4260

4259

27'30"

4258

4257



CH-719  
SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
CHARLES CO, MD

11/2001

C WREBY  
MD - HPO

FRONT ELEVATION

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SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
CHARLES CO, MD  
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C. CORREY  
MD SHPO  
NE ELEVATION  
20F7



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SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
CHARLES CO. MD  
11/2001  
C. CORREY  
MD SHPO  
REAR ELEVATIONS  
30x7



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SIMPSON'S SUPPLY

CHARLES CO, MD

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C CURREY

MD SHPO

LOOKING NE

40F



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SIMPSON'S SUPPLY  
CHARLES CO. MD

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MD SHPO

- CURREY

OUTBUILDINGS LOOKING NE

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SIMPSONS SUPPLY  
CHARLES CO, MD

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LANE 7 OUTBUILDINGS. LOOKING IN

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MD SHPO

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VICTORIAN MARBLE IN SHED

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