

CH-783
Daniel Property
Bryantown, MD
Private

1907

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel Property

other

2. Location

street and number 6622 Leonardtown Road not for publication

city, town Bryantown vicinity

county Charles

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

name William and Julie Daniel

street and number 6622 Leonardtown Road telephone unknown

city, town Bryantown state MD zip code 20617-2105

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 35 p. 5

city, town La Plata liber 2807 folio 235

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<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:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" 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.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input 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:

Specific dates 1907 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1907

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.)

Associated with the 19th century village of Bryantown, the Daniel Property is believed to be a well-preserved example of late-Victorian inspired architecture in Charles County. Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. Land ceased to be cultivated, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. In addition, Federal taxes levied by the "carpet-bag" government threatened landowners with the loss of their land. The turmoil of the Reconstruction era continued in Charles County well into the twentieth century. Despite the collapse of the slave-based tobacco economy following the Civil War, Charles County and most of the surrounding counties retained their dependence on tobacco cultivation. While some diversification did occur, the reliance on agriculture, mainly tobacco, remained throughout the nineteenth century.

Share-cropping or tenancy replaced the slave-labor system following the war. This system fostered the growth in the numbers of small planters, and generally precluded agricultural diversity. The lack of capital made it difficult for farmers to branch out into other agricultural and commercial pursuits. Adding to the economic stagnation following the war, was the unpredictability of tobacco prices. Through the latter part of the nineteenth century, tobacco values remained depressed, insuring that the small tenant farmers and share-croppers struggled. Tobacco production fell precipitously following the Civil War. In 1870, Charles County's crop fell in volume to less than half of what it was ten years earlier. However, production rebounded by 1880. Still, on average, prices remained low, and farmers struggled to maintain their farms. Because of these economic difficulties, population growth in the county stagnated between 1860 and 1920.

The general economic decline, and later, stagnation that followed the Civil War is evident in the census figures between 1860 and 1890. During this period the population of Charles County remained nearly stagnant. By 1890, the number of county residents was nearly 1,400 less than in 1860. There was little industry or profitable agriculture drawing new residents to the county during the post-Civil War era. In addition, many young Charles County residents moved away as they reached maturity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.16

Acreage of historical setting 2.16

Quadrangle name Hughesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 35, Parcel 5.

11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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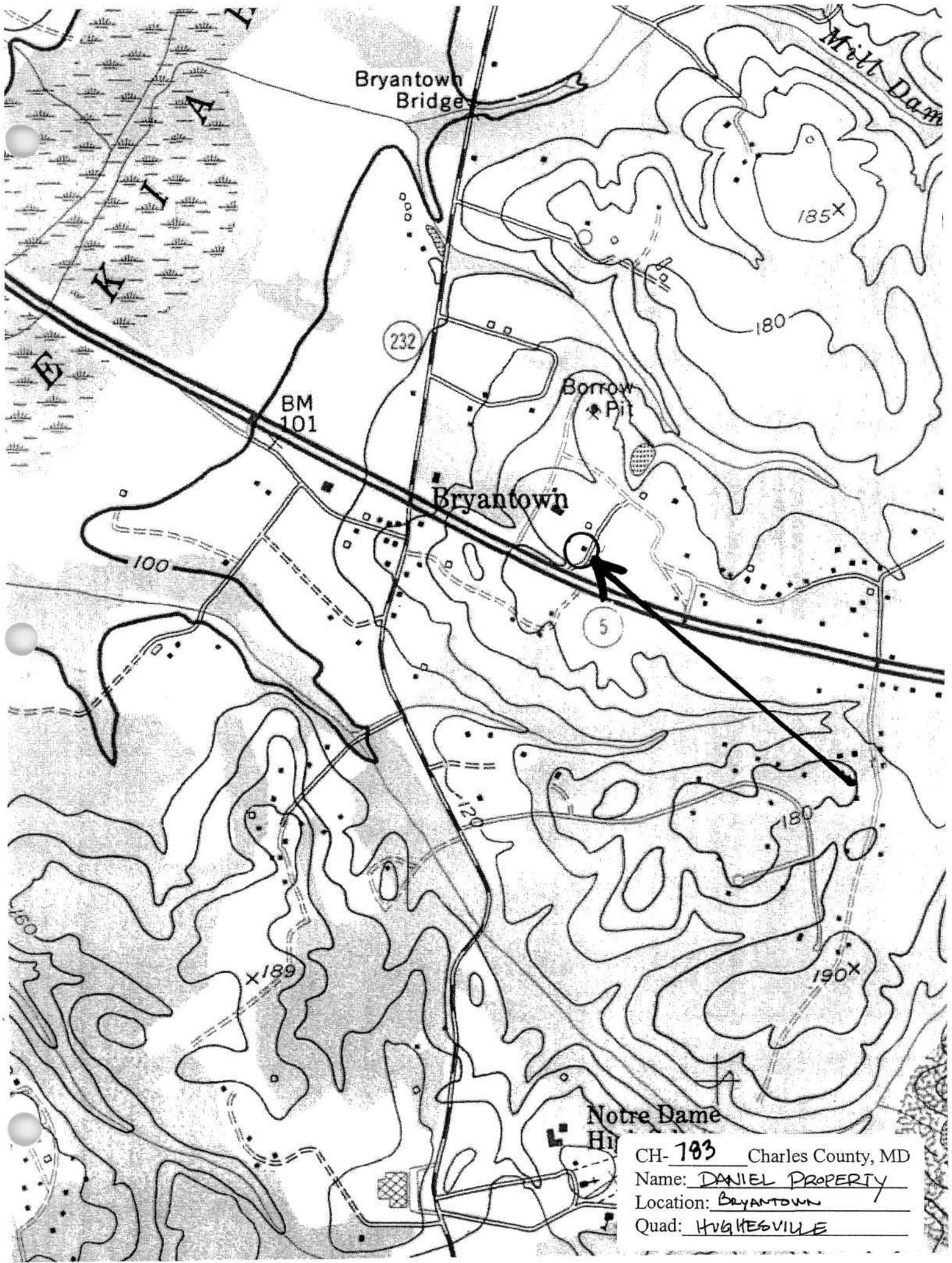
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CH- 103 Charles County, MD
Name: DANIEL PROPERTY
Location: BRYANTOWN
Quad: HUGHESVILLE