

c. 1875

CH-799
Shelton Property
Bryantown
Private

The Shelton Property includes a two-story balloon frame late 19th century side-gable structure with an exterior brick chimney on the south gable end. Now ruinous, the dwelling is two bays wide with symmetrical first and second story windows on each eave elevation. The dwelling is located in a wooded area to the east of a partially abandoned road that once connected Samuel Mudd Road and Bryantown Road. The Shelton Property is interesting as an example of 19th century vernacular architecture in Charles County. In addition, although the site requires further study, its proximity to the Doctor Mudd House and the unique amount of primary documents about the area, make this site worthy of further investigation.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-799

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Shelton Property *(Boone Property)*
other

2. Location

street and number *Dr. Samuel Mudd & Bryantown Roads* not for publication
city, town Bryantown vicinity
county Charles

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

name George and Dolores Shelton *(incorrect)*
street and number 13533 Poplar Hill telephone unknown
city, town Waldorf state MD zip code 20601-2062

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: *25 p.77*
city, town La Plata liber 1363 folio 462

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	<u>1</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>10</u>	Total
		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

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

The Shelton Property includes a two-story balloon frame late 19th century side-gable structure that faces west with a exterior brick chimney on the south gable end. Now ruinous, the dwelling is two bays wide with symmetrical first and second story windows on each eave elevation. An offset doorway provides access to either of the two first floor rooms. The roof consists of corrugated metal, the frame is sheathed in weatherboard, and the foundation consists of fieldstone piers. The dwelling is located in a wooded area at the end of a partially abandoned road. This road once connected Samuel Mudd Road and Bryantown Road, but was later abandoned when road improvements shifted the alignment to the east side of the property. The Shelton House once stood directly on the east side of the road.

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 1875 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1875

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 Shelton Property is interesting for several reasons. First, it is an example of 19th century vernacular architecture in Charles County. Second, it is also the only remaining structure that reflects an earlier alignment of the road from Doctor Mudd House to Bryantown. Finally, although the home probably post-dates the Civil War era, the building of interest for what it might reveal about the lives of tenants and African Americans during the late 19th century. The property is located on the route used by John Wilkes Booth in his escape to the south after the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Booth left the home of Dr. Samuel Mudd before proceeding to the Bel Alton vicinity where he fled to the home of Samuel Cox. At the subsequent trial of Dr. Mudd for his role in what came to be known as a wider conspiracy, many people from the Bryantown area, including former slaves testified either for the prosecutors or the defense. Although the site requires further study, its proximity to the Doctor Mudd House and the unique amount of primary documents about the area, make this site worthy of further investigation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12.8

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Bryantown

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associate with Charles County Property Tax Map 25, p. 77

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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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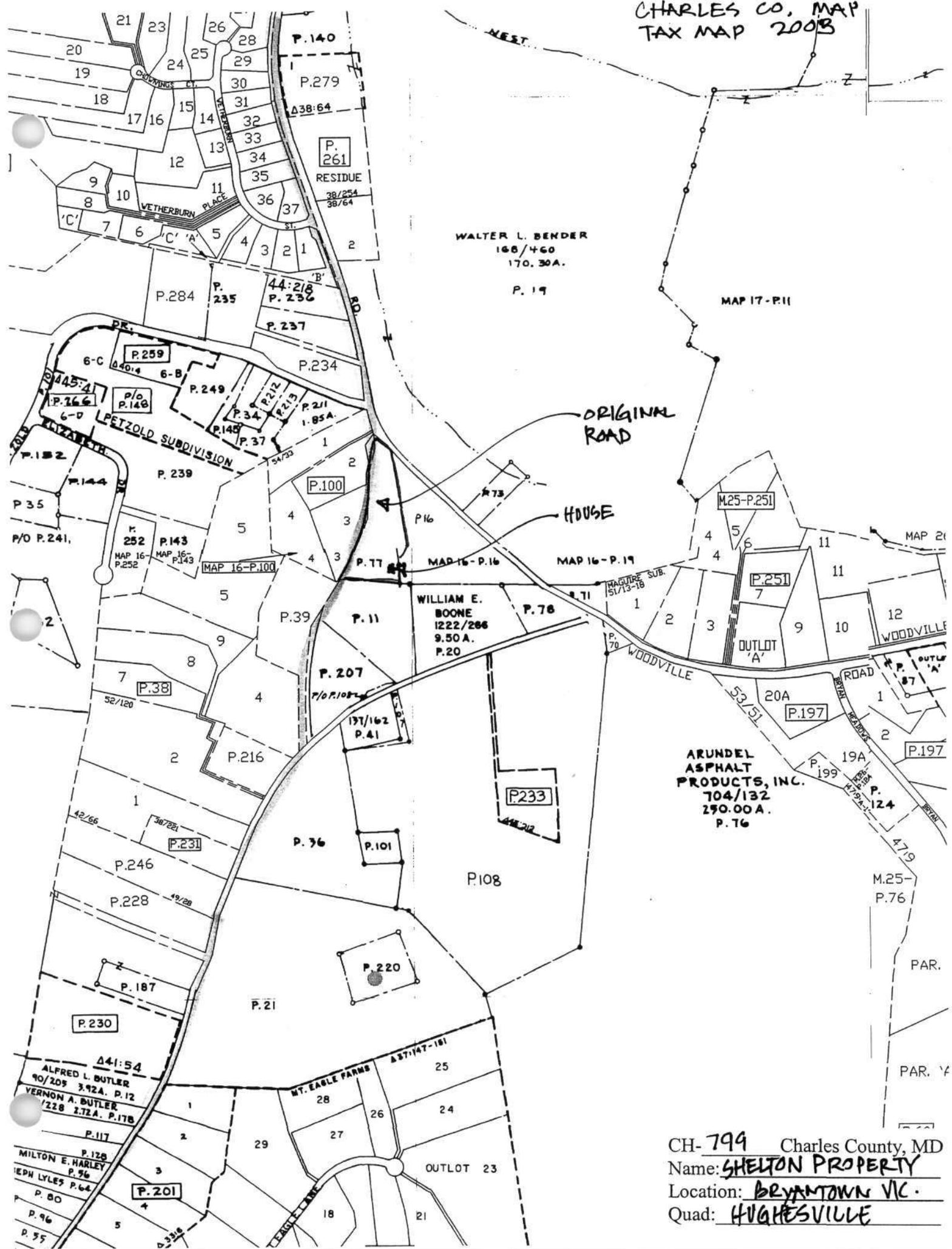
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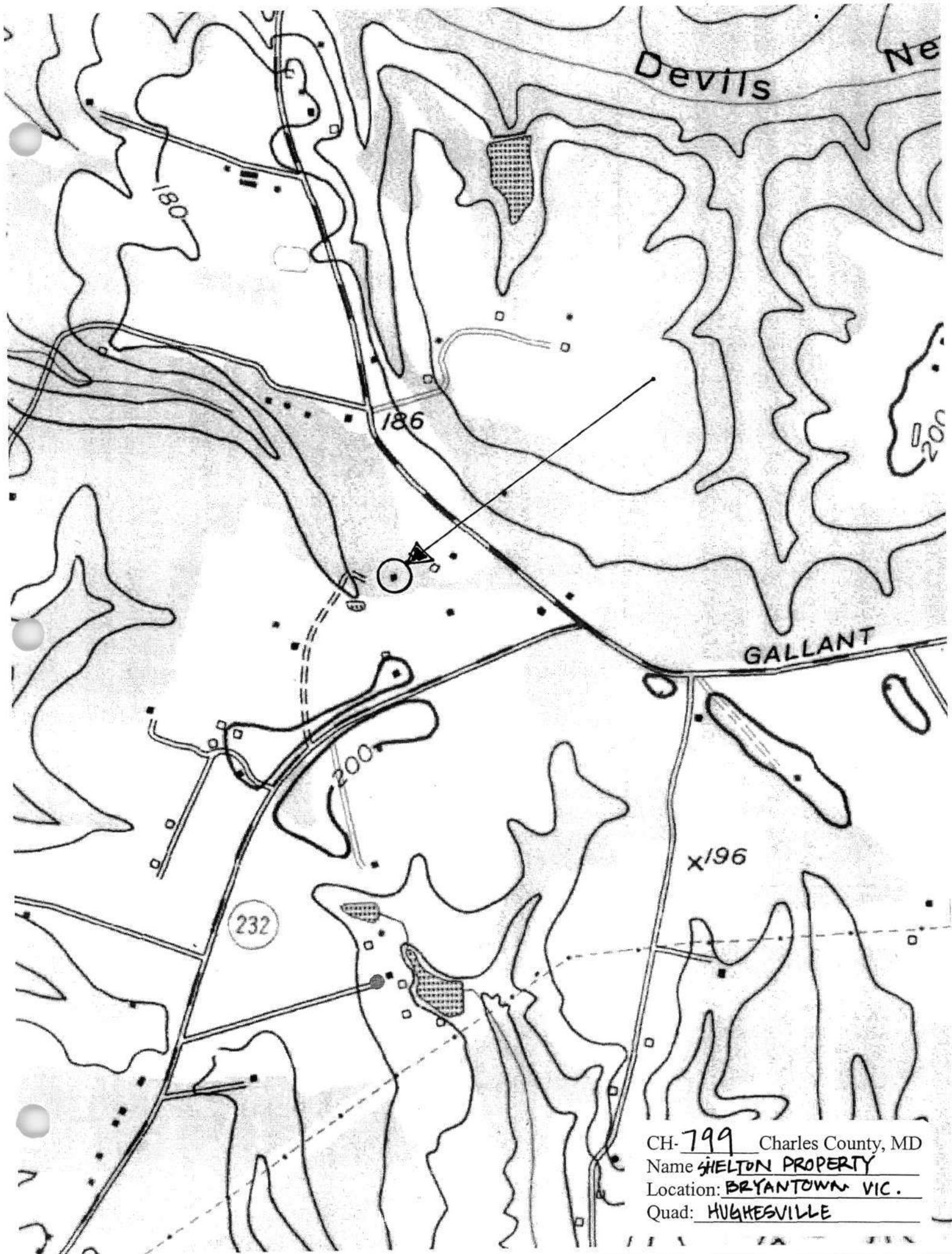
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