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Carlos de Garmendia House  
Point of Rocks vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1886-1887

The Carlos de Garmendia House is a two-story frame Queen Anne style house built about 1886-1887 with considerable alteration since about 1940, including the removal of a rooftop cupola or railing, the probable demolition of an extensive veranda, and the application of asbestos shingle siding. Its general form remains intact, with twin gables on the east elevation and projecting bay windows on both the north and south elevations. Most of the windows have been replaced, but probably once had Queen Anne style sash. A frame smokehouse and a chicken house remain from the domestic outbuildings and a cluster of horse barns and sheds is located east of the house. The siting of the house on a hill is related to de Garmendia's enthusiasm for horse racing and breeding. He built a half-mile track to encircle the house so that he could observe from a central point, probably the missing cupola of the house. Traces of the oval track can be seen in the open fields surrounding the house. The architectural significance of the house is minimal because of the loss of many defining features of the Queen Anne style; however, its scale and siting suggest its original grandeur. The potential for archeological sites of both the historic and prehistoric periods on the property, especially along Tuscarora Creek and the boundary with the C&O Canal National Historical Park, is strongly supported by artifacts collected by the current tenant.

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Tuscarora vicinity  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Agriculture/secondary structure/garage  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Carlos de Garmendia House (preferred); Tuscarora Stock Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 5115 Tuscarora Road  not for publication

city, town Point of Rocks  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Potomac Edison Company , Tax Department

street & number 10435 Downsville Pike telephone no.:

city, town Hagerstown state and zip code Md. 21740

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 802

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 187

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory of Historic Properties F-1-159

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Md. SHPO

city, town Crownsville state Md.

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The Carlos de Garmendia House is a two-story frame Queen Anne style house built about 1886-1887 on the south side of Tuscarora Road about 1-1/2 miles east of Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is set back about 1/4 mile from the road on a small hill in open fields, in which can be discerned the traces of a graded circular track around the hill, built about the same time as the house as a horse racing and training course. The property also contains a small frame smokehouse and a frame chicken house near the house and a group of barns and other agricultural outbuildings located about 75 yards southeast of the house. The date of the property is based on architectural details and land records.

The dwelling is a generally square plan building with a two-story rear wing extending from the southwest corner. The roof is hipped with a flat central platform which apparently once had a balustrade or cupola, removed at an unknown date. Twin central chimneys rise above the roof, which is covered with composition material. The principal elevation faces east and is distinguished by twin gables over a five-bay facade. The exterior of the house is currently covered with gray asbestos shingles; however, a small section on the rear wing under a sheltering rear porch shows that the original exterior was german siding. The east elevation has a center entrance with a small gable roofed entry porch with a brick platform. The scale and proportions of the house strongly suggest that a one-story veranda or partially encircling porch was part of its original appearance. The doorway has sidelights and a transom and a door with arched molding panels. The window bays have 1/1 replacement windows and in the gables on the east elevation are circular windows, one with quartering muntins, which was probably the original configuration of both windows. The eaves are slightly extended. The south elevation has a bay window on the first story and the rear wing has a side porch with a plywood covered roof. The north elevation has a squared second story bay window with paired 1/1 sash. The west or rear elevation has a one-story porch in the angle between the rear wing and the main section. Its roof supports have been replaced with plain square posts and the balustrade is formed of vertical 2x4 members. A narrow gabled roofed dormer projects from the roof over the west elevation. The window opening is boarded. The interior of the house has been stripped of most of its original decoration and the plaster walls reveal nothing of the original finish. The window and door trim is simple and has been painted in many rooms. The floor plan is irregular in the typical manner of Queen Anne style houses and the room sizes are generally rather small. The only remaining decorative woodwork observed on the first floor is a built-in bookcase in the southeast corner room, possibly indicating that this room was a library. The general condition of the house is fair, and the interior shows many areas of deteriorated walls, ceilings, and floors.

The two domestic outbuildings remaining west of the house are probably the survivors of a larger set of outbuildings in the original farmstead. The one-story frame smokehouse has german siding and a composition covered roof. A single door opening is located in the east elevation. The long rectangular chicken house is located immediately north of the smokehouse. It has a shed composition roof

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# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** C. 1886 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Carlos de Garmendia House is minimally significant for its architecture in the Queen Anne style, although much of its integrity has been lost due to alteration, removal of features, and general neglect and deterioration. The siting and scale of the house suggests that its original appearance was much grander. Carlos de Garmendia bought the farm in 1886 from Emily L. Harper, one of the descendants of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, whose Carrollton Manor extended through a large section of the Adamstown Region. De Garmendia's personal history remains mostly unknown. He was related by marriage to the Baughman family and was a well-known race horse breeder, according to Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928). The farm was known as "Tuscarora Stock Farm" in the late 19th and early 20th century. De Garmendia designed the half-mile oval track which encircled the house so that he could observe his thoroughbreds in comfort. The missing cupola or roof element on the house was undoubtedly his vantage point. De Garmendia apparently died about 1940 and his widow sold the farm in 1945. Between 1945 and 1969, it passed through several owners, culminating with the Potomac Edison Company which maintains a power line through the property along the Potomac River. During much of the period since 1945 and perhaps earlier, the farmstead was leased and much of its historical integrity was lost.

Grove's history of the Carrollton Manor area described a stone barn built by Charles Carroll of Carrollton on the property and included a photo dated about 1920-1925 of the structure. He further stated that a mill was operated on Tuscarora Creek by Carroll. The USGS quadrangle map shows at least two structures located south of the de Garmendia house near the edge of the creek, but these were inaccessible for the current survey. It is unknown whether any trace of the mill or the barn exists, but the potential for archeological information remains an open question. In addition, the river bottom along the Potomac River and Tuscarora Creek may contain potential archeological sites of prehistoric and historic periods, some of which are probably recorded by the Maryland Historical Trust. The current tenant of the de Garmendia House, Mr. Peter Priest, has collected numerous artifacts of both prehistoric and historic periods, including projectile points, tools, Civil War relics, and items related to the B&O Railroad and C&O Canal.



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#### 7.1 Description (Continued)

plywood and weatherboard siding, and a bank of chicken wire-covered windows flanked by a single door near the southeast corner. Both of the outbuildings are probably contemporary with the late 1880's date of the house. A frame garage with weatherboard siding is located north of the house, but appears to have been built after 1950.

The barn group contains a bank barn and a long open-sided shed, which were possibly built in the late 1880's as part of a group of horse facilities. Considerable alteration to the structures has taken place and they are currently used for storage of landscaping and horticultural materials. They are non-contributing structures due to their deterioration, alteration, and general loss of integrity.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI # 1111595704

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC O. T. Snouffer Property  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER South side Route 28, east side Tuscarora Creek  
 CITY, TOWN Point of Rocks  VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ Liber #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC \_\_\_\_\_ Folio #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The O. T. Snouffer property is located on the south side of Route 28, east of the town of Point of Rocks in southern Frederick County. The property appears to contain a group of buildings which are shown on historic maps and on a current U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle. One of these may be a 18th century mill or mill site. However, due to difficulty in access to the more southerly buildings closer to the Potomac River, only the northernmost building on the property was seen.

This building, set back from the road and reached by a dirt road, is a large gray, frame house, probably dating from the turn of the 20th century. It is 2½ stories high, with a pyramidal roof and double cross gables on both the east and west facades. The overall design and massing of the house reflect late Victorian or Edwardian influence and is unusually elaborate for this area. Because a house was shown here on mid-19th century atlases, there is a possibility that either an earlier house was replaced by the present structure or was incorporated into it.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At this time, the O. T. Snouffer property is significant architecturally primarily for its large turn of the century house, which is unusually elaborate for this area. The other buildings thought to exist on the property, shown on historic and current U.S.G.S. maps, need to be verified and assessed for any additional significance. The 18th century mill (or mill site) in this vicinity indicated on Varle's 1808 map of Frederick and Washington Counties could be of special interest, either architecturally or as a possible historic archeological site.

The 1862 Bond and 1873 Lake atlases of Frederick County show buildings at this location, owned by O. T. Snouffer and called "Manor Farm". The Snouffers owned many properties in the surrounding area and were among the area's earliest settlers, according to Scharf (Vol. I, p. 567).

Although this property needs further fieldwork and research in order to properly assess its level of significance, available information indicates that it may possibly be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Peggy Bruns Weissman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

June 1982

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

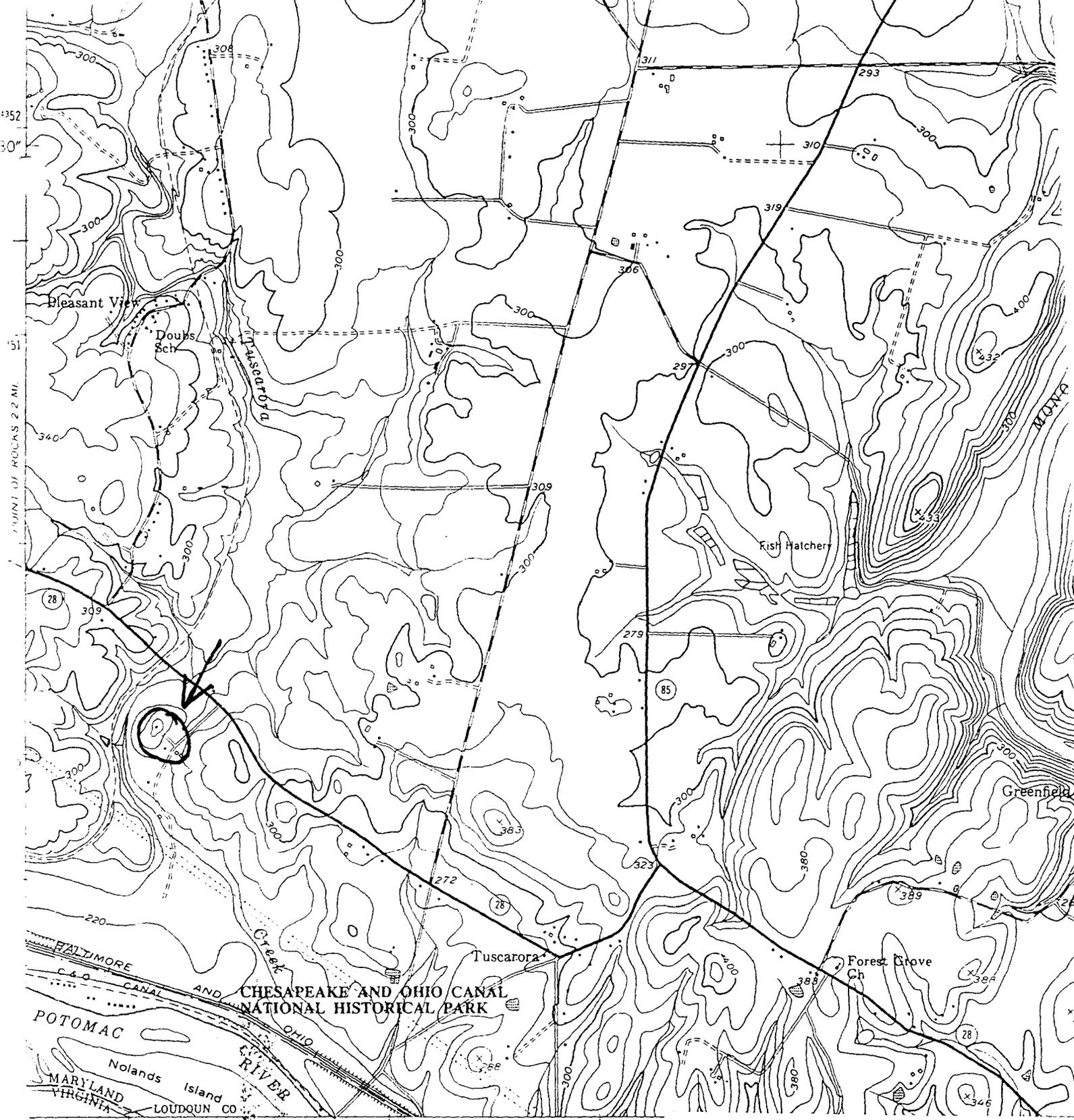
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

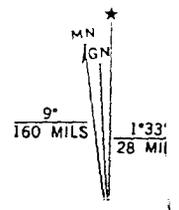
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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
802/187 8 Apr 69	Potomac Edison Co.	Gene Castleberry & Lee S. Louell trustees	parts of "Carrollton", "Sand Stone Ridge", "Hill in the Middle"		365.67 a.
779/601 18 Jan 68	Gene Castleberry & Lee S. Louell, trustees	Raymond E. & Thelma J. Backus			365.49 a.
770/294 8 Aug 67	Raymond E. & Thelma J. Backus	Harold Dean Gresham	Gresham <del>was</del> granted mortgage from Morris A. Marks	\$41,196	738/703
738/703 7 Jan 66	Raymond E. & Thelma J. Backus	Morris A. Marks & Veronique C. Marks			737/207
737/207 16 Nov 65	Harold Dean & Dorisadele Gresham	Morris A. Marks	mortgage	\$41,196	
736/506 16 Nov 65	Morris A. Marks	Harold Dean & Dorisadele Gresham			365.490 a.
662/433 27 Dec 61	Harold Dean Gresham et ux	Dorothy S. Lockwood, widow	3 tracts 1. Part of Lot No. 12, one of the Grand Divisions of Carrollton Manor: 350 a.		
449/350 14 Jul 45	Merritt & Dorothy S. Lockwood	Eva M. de Sarmendia, widow	part of Lot #12, ...		350 a.
414/85 17 Aug 38	Carlos M. & Eva M. de Sarmendia	Eva S. Hebert, widow			
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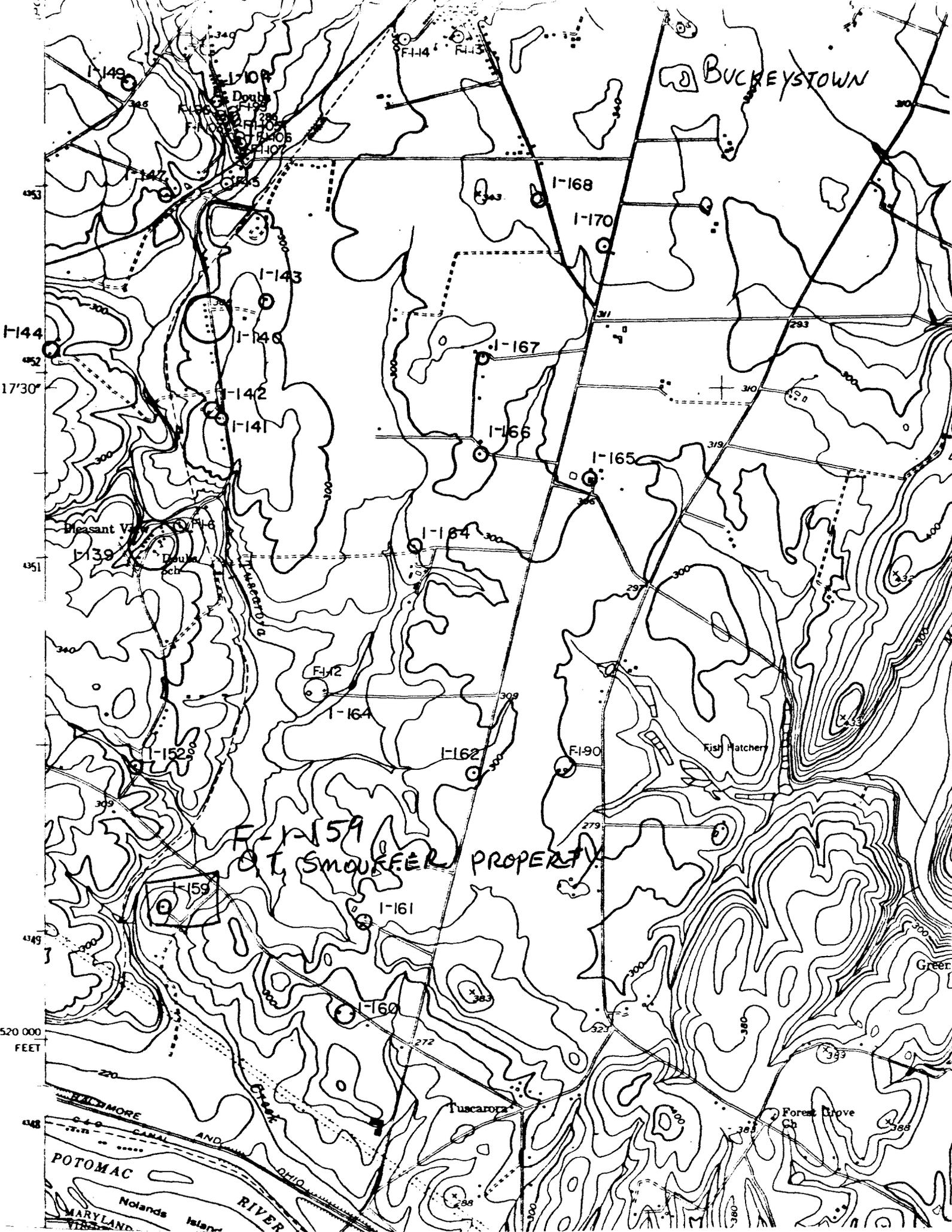




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 Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
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 Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
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 Planar projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland  
 coordinate system  
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 Frederick County  
 USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.  
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BUCKEYSTOWN

T. SMOUCKER PROPERTY

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FEET

POTOMAC RIVER  
Nolands Island  
FOREST GROVE CO.



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Carlos de Garmendia House

Frederick County

Photo: Jaret Davis

April 1992

Neg. loc.: Md. SUPA, Accorville Rd.

East elevation



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Carlos de Jaramilla house

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

April 1973

Neighb.: Rd 54 to Newmarket Id.

West elevation

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April 1993

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