

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Amelia Oursler Property

and/or common Butler Property

**2. Location:**

street & number 15715 Oursler Road

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Burtonsville

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Montgomery

**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"/> education	<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"/> other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name James and L. A. Butler

street & number 15715 Oursler Road

telephone no.:

city,town Burtonsville

state and zip code MD 20705

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

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street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center

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city,town Rockville

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

\_\_\_ federal

\_\_\_ state

\_\_\_ county

\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:15-86 (PACS D3.30)

<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			

Resource Count: 4

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

Constructed in 1903, the Amelia Oursler Property is a 2½-story, 2-bay, cross-gable cottage. Part of the roof extends to form an integral porch on the first floor of the front elevation. The cottage is of wood frame construction with a parged foundation, has an interior brick chimney, double-hung windows and an enclosed rear porch. The exterior is covered with asbestos shingles on the first and second stories, while the gable ends have wood shingles. The cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The front, or west, facade of the front-gable has a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows centered on the first story and two 6/1 double-hung windows on the second story. The gable end has a 1/1 double-hung window. The front facade of the side-gable has an integral porch with new wood posts and railing on the first floor. Within the porch is a 6-light wood panelled door with an aluminum storm door. A shed roof dormer with a 6/1 double-hung window is located on the second floor of the side-gable.

The south facade has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern. The first floor has a wood door at grade level and a 6/1 double-hung window on the first floor. A 6/1 double-hung window is located between the first and second floors, while the another 6/1 double-hung is on the second floor.

The rear, or east, facade has a 1-story, enclosed hipped roof porch. The porch has no openings on the south side, while the east side has a 6/1 double-hung window, two sets of four 1/1 double-hung windows and a door. The north side of the porch has a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows. The second story of the rear facade has two 6/1 double-hung windows and a smaller 1/1 double-hung window is located in the gable end.

The north facade has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. The basement level has two hopper windows. Vertically aligned with these windows are two 6/1 double-hung windows on both the first and second stories. is two-bays wide with 6-over-1 double-hung windows.

Three related outbuildings are located east of the cottage. The first outbuilding is a 1-story wood frame shed with board-and-batten siding. It has a gable roof covered with standing seam metal and a concrete masonry unit foundation. The door is located in the east gable end, and there are four 6-over-6 double-hung windows spaced evenly across the south facade. The second building is a modern, 1-story metal shed with a gable roof which sits on concrete blocks. The third outbuilding is a 1-story, 3-bay, side-gable shed. The building has board-and-batten siding above a concrete masonry half-wall.



CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
RESOURCE NAME: Amelia Oursler Property  
SURVEY NO.: M:15-86 (PACS D3.30)  
ADDRESS: 15715 Oursler Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County

8. Significance (Continued)

In the 1980s, continued growth of federal and private sector employment and the new U.S. 29 highway made Burtonsville accessible to new residents and commercial development. Today Burtonsville retains a rural character. Old working farms still remain, but the area is becoming one of the major suburban centers outside of Washington, D.C.

The Amelia Oursler Property, constructed in 1903, is a vernacular cross-gable cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gabled, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3 bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

The Amelia Oursler Property, constructed in 1903, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It does not meet Criterion A or B, as it has no known association with historically significant persons or events. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it an example of a common building type which lacks individual distinction. In addition, the integrity of the building has been compromised by the enclosure of the rear porch, removal of the front porch materials and the covering of the exterior walls with asbestos siding. Finally the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	
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Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>7/25/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>8/27/98</u>

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.M:15-86(PACSD3.30)

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Beltsville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state Maryland

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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.

return to: **Maryland Historical Trust**  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
(410) 514-7600

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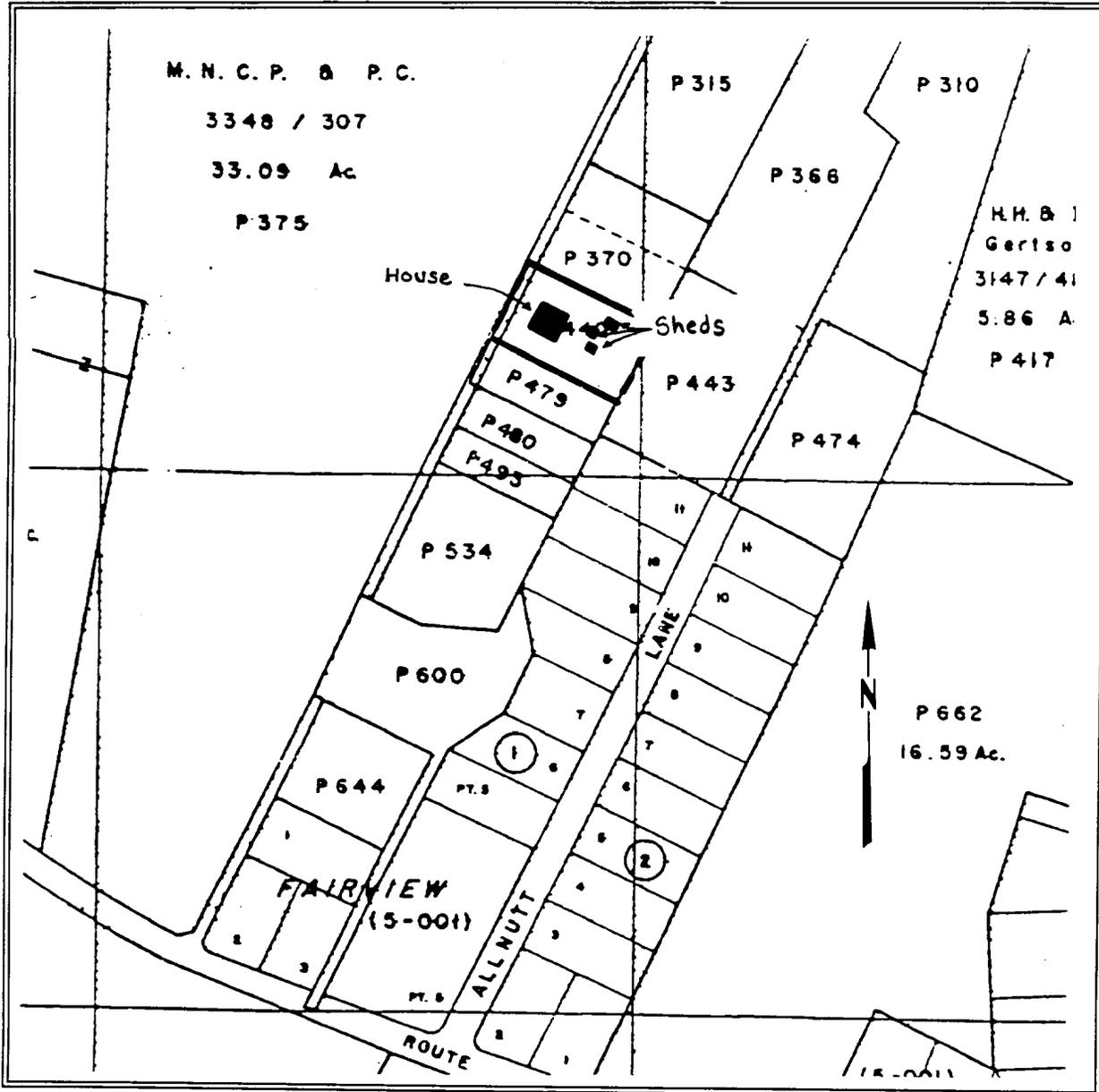
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

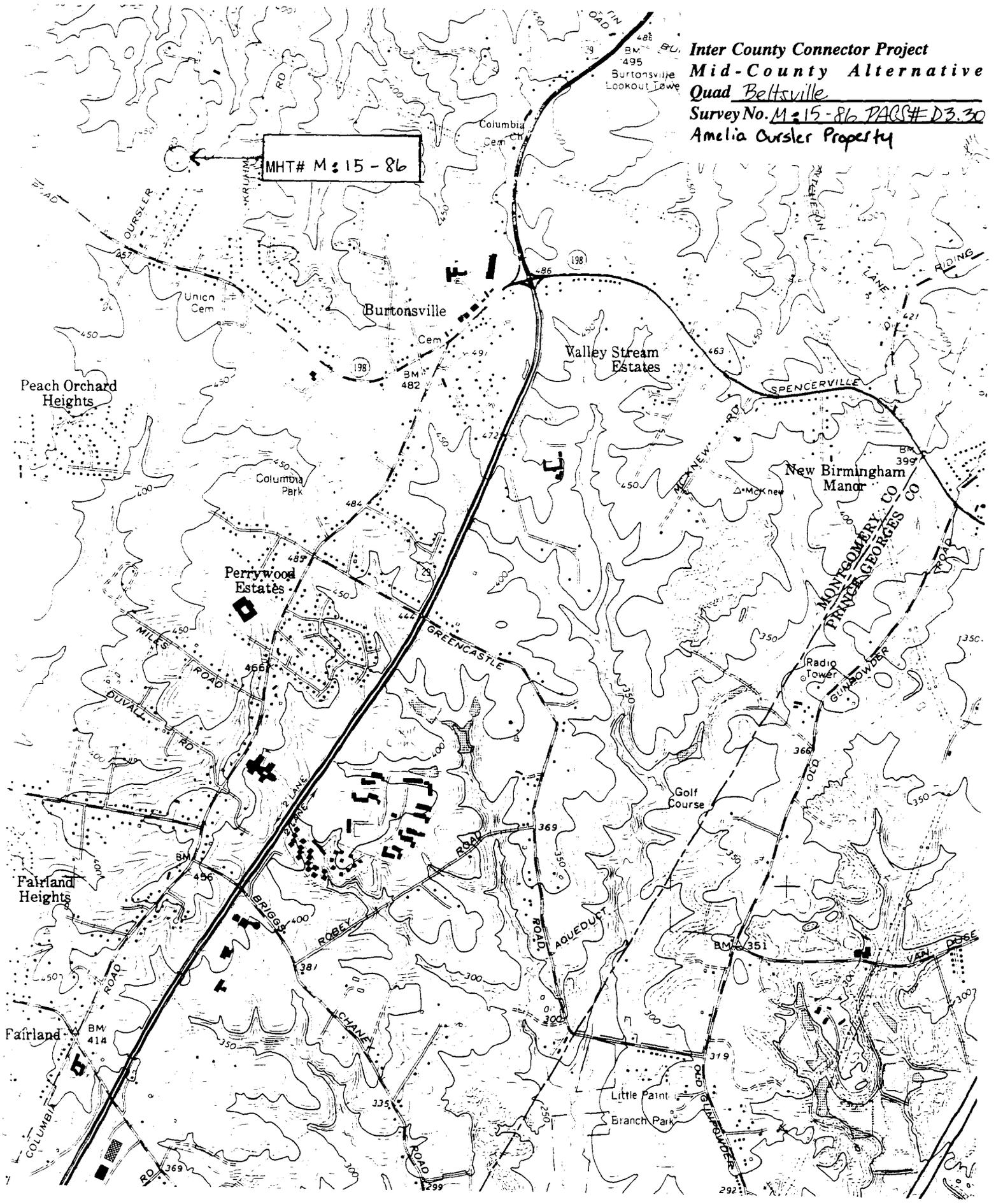
Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
October 1996

Inter County Connector Project  
Mid-County Alternative  
Quad Beltsville  
Survey No. M:15-86 PAC# D3.30  
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