

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 28-55  
Mary H. Houston Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:28-55 (PACS 3.11) Construction Date: Circa 1930

Name: Mary H. Houston Property

Location: 77 Randolph Road, Colesville vicinity, Montgomery County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Mary H. Houston Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay vernacular cottage located on the north side of Randolph Road in the Colesville vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1930, the house has a rear ell with a deck on the north side. All of the windows are modern.

### Significance:

Mary Hutchison Houston was one of seven children of Frank A. Hutchison, a farmer in the Colesville area during the early and mid twentieth century. Mary H. Houston constructed her small cottage on her father's land around 1930. In his will, dated 1941, Frank A. Hutchison directed that his daughter be allowed to buy the land on which the house stood. Other children were given the option of buying land on which to build, although Frank A. Hutchison requested that the acreage remain intact as long as unmarried children were living on the old farm. Mary H. Houston bought 0.12 hectares (0.29 acres) from her siblings in 1942. Houston sold the property to Graphics Homes Incorporated in 1988, and the property has passed through several owners since then. The current owner, Shadid Q. Qureshi, acquired the property in 1995. The property currently contains 0.1 hectares (0.25 acres).

Maryland Historical Trust  
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form  
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

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

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

historic Mary H. Houston Property (Preferred)

and/or common Shadid Q. Qureshi Property

**2. Location:**

street & number 77 Randolph Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Colesville  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 checked="" 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 Shadid Q. Qureshi

street & number 77 Randolph Road

telephone no.:

city,town Silver Spring

state and zip code MD 20904

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 13453

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 462

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:28-55 (PACS 3.11)

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

Resource Count: 2

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

The Mary H. Houston Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay vernacular cottage located on the north side of Randolph Road in the Colesville vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1930, the house has a rear ell with a deck on the north side. The house has an angular shape rather than a rectangular shape. All of the windows are modern.

The house has a parged concrete foundation, vinyl siding and an asphalt-shingle roof. The side-gable roof has a shed porch and a shed dormer on the south side. A brick chimney is located in the west gable end. The south elevation has large, 1-light, fixed-sash vinyl windows. Other elevations have both 1-light, fixed sash windows and 1/1 double-hung windows.

On the south, or front elevation, the roof of the shed porch intersects the roof of the main block. The porch has four square wood posts and a simple, modern balustrade. Behind the porch, the off-center entry consists of a modern, half-glass door with a plain surround. A large, 1-light, fixed-sash window is located on each side of the door. The shed dormer at the second story level also contains a 1-light, fixed-sash window.

A brick chimney is located slightly off-center on the west elevation. On the first story, a 1/1 double-hung window is located south of the chimney while a 1-light, fixed-window is located north of the chimney. Small 1-light casement windows flank the chimney on the second story. An additional brick chimney is located at the northern end of the rear ell. A 1/1 double-hung window is located south of this chimney.

On the north elevation, the eastern slope of the roof on the cross-gabled ell extends to enclose a small shed. The shed has a half-glass door and a small, 1/1 double-hung window. Another 1/1 double-hung window is located to the west. A modern deck stretches across this elevation.

The east elevation has three 1/1 double-hung windows symmetrically arranged on the first story. An additional 1/1 double-hung window is located in the gable. The shed of the rear ell has a 2-light sliding window.

The rear ell and shed of this house date to an historic period, however every other element has been altered. The siding, roof, windows and doors are all modern. The deck is an addition, and the materials of the original front porch have been replaced. A 1-bay, modern, wood-frame garage with a small shed addition is located northeast of the house.

The Mary H. Houston is located on the north side of Randolph Road west of the Colesville Crossroads. The lot is small and flat. A large maple tree stands at the southwest corner of the house, and a wooded, fenced area is located north of the house. The house stands close to the heavily travelled road. The property is surrounded by suburban residential development.



CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Mary H. Houston Property

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8. Significance (Continued)

primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-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:

Constructed circa 1930, the Mary H. Houston Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common type lacking architectural significance. Vernacular cottages exist in large numbers throughout the project area, and this particular example is not outstanding. There is little architectural detail on this building, and multiple alterations have seriously compromised its material integrity. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not

Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Comments

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Reviewer, OPS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:28-55 (PACS 3.11)

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Kensington, MD 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

state                      code    county    code

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state                      code    county    code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title    Julie Darsie

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organization    P.A.C. Spero & Company

date    May 1998

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street & number    40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone    (410) 296-1635

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city or town    Baltimore

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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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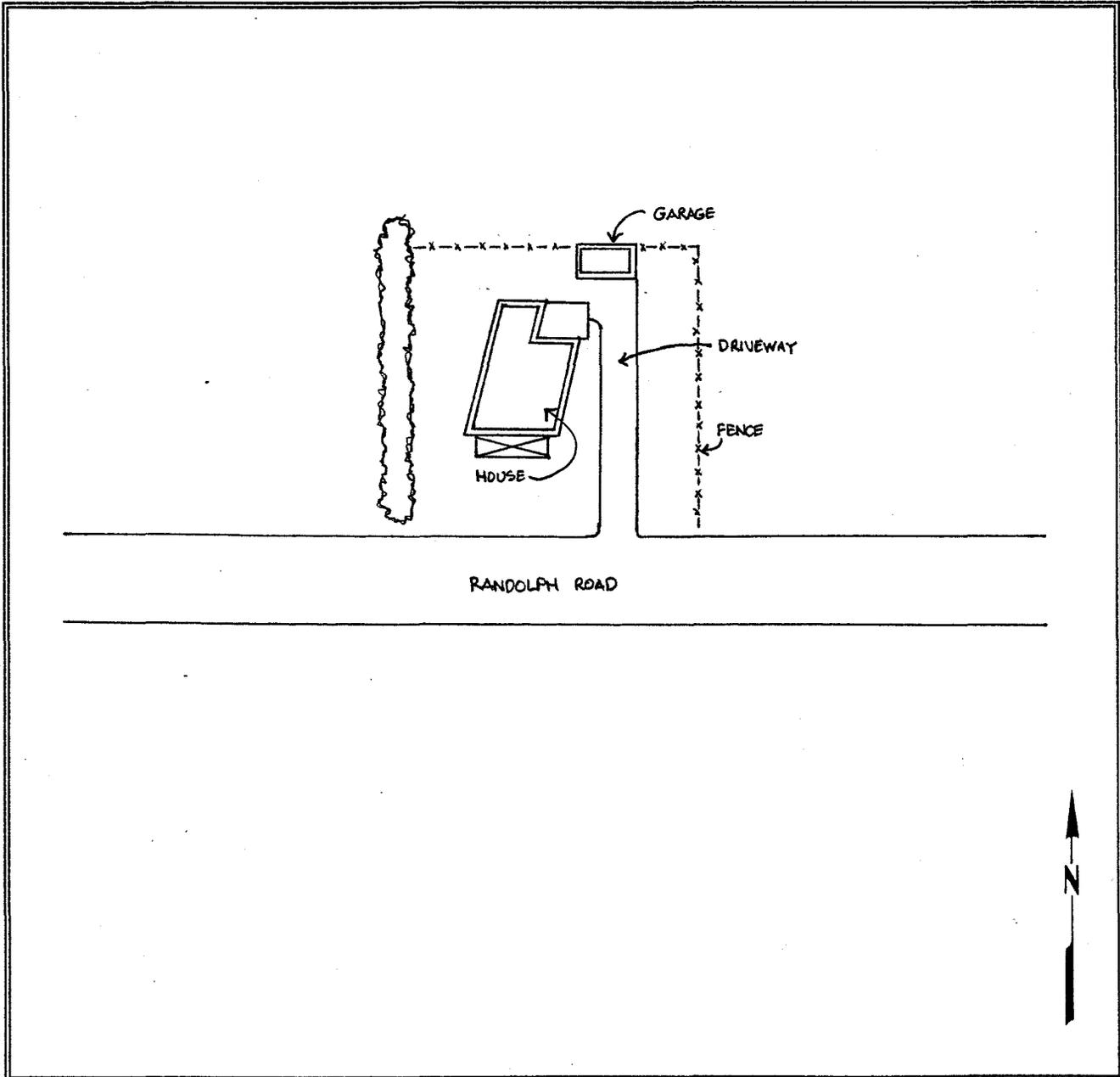
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

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):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

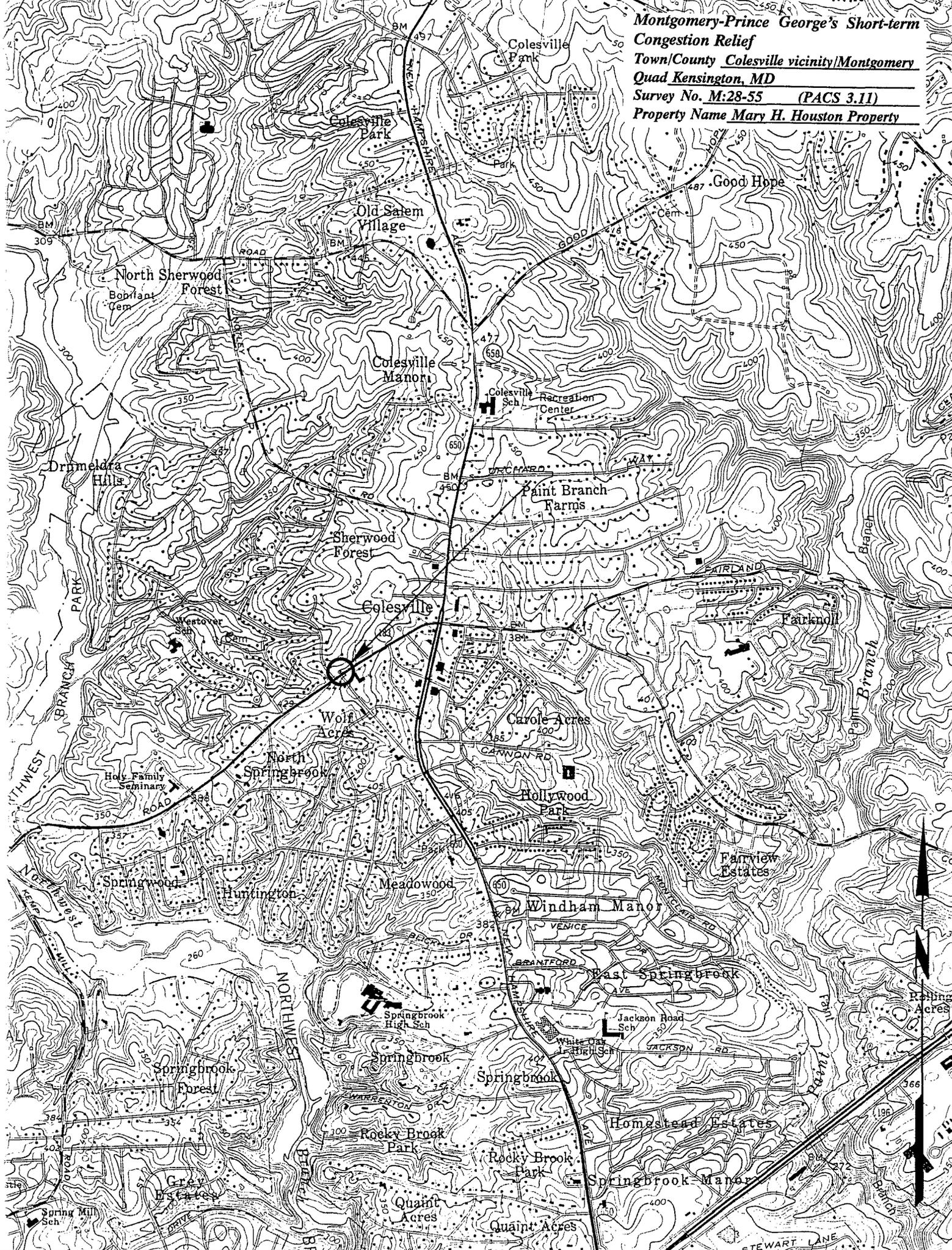
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
May 1998

Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term  
Congestion Relief  
Town/County Colesville vicinity/Montgomery  
Quad Kensington, MD  
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- 1 M: 28-55
- 2 Mary H. Houston Property
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Julie Darsee
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md. STP's
- 7 Front/South Elevation
- 8 1 of 7



- 1 M:28-55
- 2 Mary H. Houston Property
- 3 Montgomery Co Md
- 4 Julie Dancer
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md. SPPo
- 7 SW corner
- 8 2 of 9



1 M. 28.55

2 Mary H. Houston Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julia Davis

5 5/98

6 Md. SHPS

7 W elevation

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8 3 of 9



- 1 11:28-55
- 2 Mary H. Houston Property
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md.
- 4 Julie Darsic
- 5 198
- 6 Md STP1
- 7 NW corner
- 8 4 of 9

270 x 1200 m<sup>2</sup>



1 M: 28-55

2 Mary H. Houston Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Davis

5 5/98

6 Md SHPS

7 N. elevation

8 5 of 9



1 m: 28-55

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2 Mary H. Houston Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Darsie

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 NW corner

PROPERTY RECORDS

8 6 of 9



- 1 M: 28-55
- 2 Mary H. Houston Property
- 3 Montgomery Co. Md
- 4 Julie Darsie
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md. SHPO
- 7 E. elevation
- 8 7 of 9

Scale = 1:200 m.s.



1 m 28.55

2 Mary H. Henderson Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Darsie

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 SE corner

8 8079



1 M: 28-55

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2 Mary H. Houston Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julia Daisee

5 5198

6 Md 8440

7 Garage

8 9024

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