

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: PG:60-19  
Jacob Parker 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.: PG:60-19 (PACS 3.3) Construction Date: circa 1885

Name: Jacob Parker Property

Location: 11807 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville Vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

### Description:

The Jacob Parker Property consists of a 2-story, 5-bay gable-front-and-wing house and three outbuildings, located on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road in the Beltsville vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1885, the Jacob Parker Property has a 1-story gable-roof addition on the north, a 1-story hipped roof addition in the southeast corner and a glass enclosed porch in the southwest corner of the T. The structure has a front- and side-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, with two exterior end brick chimneys. It is of wood-frame construction with wood shingle siding, and it has a parged brick foundation. The windows are double-hung vinyl replacement. The house has a glass-enclosed shed roof porch on the west elevation.

### Significance:

The Jacob Parker Property was built circa 1885 on .92 hectares (2.27 acres) of land which was purchased from Margaret and Elbin Emack in 1884. Jacob Parker sold the property in 1911 to James D. East. Several transactions occurred in February of 1912, selling the property to Charles Browne and then to Madge White. John M. Earnest purchased the property at auction in 1919 and sold it the same year to Alice and William Jackson. Alice Jackson sold the property in 1947 to Wade and Kate Roby. David Knox received the .92 hectare (2.27 acre) parcel from the estate of Wade and Kate Roby in 1978. David Knox sold the house with approximately .4 hectare (1 acre) to the Meyers in 1986. They remain the current owners.

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

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 Jacob Parker Property (preferred)

and/or common Meyers House

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 11807 Old Gunpowder Road

n/a not for publication

city, town Beltsville

 vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

**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 George E. and Kathleen A. Meyers

street &amp; number 11807 Old Gunpowder Road

telephone no.: 301-937-0177

city, town Beltsville

state and zip code Maryland 20705

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 6443

street &amp; number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 651

city, town Upper Marlboro

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. PG:60-19 (PACS 3.3)

<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<u>  </u> excellent	<u>  </u> deteriorated	<u>  </u> unaltered	<u>  </u> X original site	
<u>  </u> ^ good	<u>  </u> ruins	<u>  </u> X altered	<u>  </u> moved	date of move _____
<u>  </u> fair	<u>  </u> unexposed			

Resource Count: 4

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

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The east, or front elevation consists of the main block of the house and the 1-story gable-roof addition. The basement level has one 2-light awning window. The first story entrance is centered on the main block of the building. It has a pedimented gable-roof entry-porch supported on square wood posts. There is a 6/1 double-hung window in the 1-story hipped roof addition. A smaller 6/1 double-hung window is located in the gable end of the main block. Two 1/1 double hung windows are located in the 1-story gable roof addition which extends from the north elevation. There is one 6/1 double-hung window in the second story above the 1-story hipped-roof addition. One tall 6/6 double-hung window is located above the door, and a 6/1 double-hung window above the first story window in the gable end. A small 3-light awning window in the side elevation is located in the gable.

The south elevation has three parts. A 6/1 double-hung window is located in the first bay, which is covered by the glass-enclosed porch. There is a 6/1 double hung window on the projecting gable. The shouldered brick chimney is also located on the gable. There is a 6/1 double-hung window in the 1-story hipped-roof addition. The second story has one 6/1 double hung window above the porch, and one 6/1 double-hung window centered on the projecting gable. The glass-enclosed porch leads out into a fenced yard.

The west, or rear elevation faces onto Old Gunpowder Road, and once served as the primary entrance to the house. The entrance which leads into the stair hall is centered on the main block, but is now obscured behind the glass-enclosed porch. There is one 6/1 double-hung window on the gable, and one 6/1 double-hung window in the third bay, now obscured by the enclosed porch. There is one 6/1 double-hung window centered on the 1-story gable-roof addition. The second story has one 6/1 double-hung window in the gable, and one 6/1 double-hung window above the porch. There is a small louvered vent in the gable.

The north elevation consists of the gable-end of the 1-story addition and the north side of the main block. The addition is located towards the west side of the elevation. There are two 6/1 double-hung windows on the main block, separated by the exterior brick chimney. A pair of 6/6 double-hung windows is centered on the gable-end of the addition. The second story has three 6/1 double-hung windows. The gable-roof addition is covered in weatherboards, and according to present owner, was built in 1953.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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There are three outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a garage with a front-gable roof covered in corrugated metal panels with a side-gable roof addition. Constructed circa 1930, it is of wood-frame construction with corrugated metal siding. There are paired double doors on the south gable end, and large sliding doors on the south side of the addition. The structure is located to the north of the house and other outbuildings.

The second outbuilding is a shed with an attached concrete-block root cellar. The structure has a shed roof covered in metal panels. Constructed circa 1900, it is of wood-frame construction with board and batten siding. There are doors in the east and west ends. The structure is located to the east of the house, to the south of the garage, and to the northeast of the third outbuilding.

The third outbuilding is a chicken house, with a side-gable roof covered in corrugated metal. Constructed circa 1920, it is of wood-frame construction with German-board siding and windows on the south elevation. The roof has exposed rafter ends. The structure is located to the south of the house and other outbuildings.

The property is located on the east side of Old Gunpowder Road, close to the intersection with Ammendale Road. There is residential property to the north and west, and a church and school to the east. There are trees to the west, north, and south, which separate the house from the road and adjoining properties. The property's setting is rural, but the area is more developed than the historic setting of the property, which would have been surrounded only by farmland.



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## 8. Significance (Continued)

southern suburbs experienced greater growth. It was not until after the Second World War that intensive development came to the Beltsville area. The increase in Federal employment and the dramatic rise in personal automobile use led to the suburbanization of Beltsville. The area west of Route 1 was developed as a residential area, and the development increased in the 1960s as Interstate 95 made the area more accessible. Today, most of the farms are gone and Beltsville has become a densely populated suburb of the Nation's Capital.

The Jacob Parker Property consists of a gable-front-and-wing house, a garage, a shed, and a chicken house. The gable-front-and-wing form first developed as an adaptation of the front-gable Greek Revival style (McAlester and McAlester 1984, 92). The form later became popular in trolley and early automotive suburbs, particularly in the first decade of the twentieth century. Gable-front-and-wing dwellings had a prominent, front-gable wing facing the street attached to a recessed, side-gable wing. A porch typically filled the "L" formed by the two wings (McAlester and McAlester 1984, 92). In the Mid-Atlantic region, these dwellings were usually two-stories tall and constructed of wood frame. Gable-front-and-wing dwellings commonly had Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Queen Anne or Stick-style ornamentation.

Sheds are small utilitarian buildings used for the storage of non-food items, such as small tools, chemicals, or machines. Sometimes equipment such as generators or oil tanks are sheltered in sheds. They are often built to supplement the storage space available in structures designed for a specific function such as animal shelter, food storage, or food production. These multi-purpose sheds are difficult to categorize because of their simple building form and resemblance to other outbuildings. Most sheds are small wood-frame structures with gable roofs and few wall openings. Sheds are likely to be associated with domestic properties, as well as agricultural properties.

Chicken houses are utilitarian structures used to provide protection for the chickens to nest and roost. The size of the structure was dependant on the number of chickens in the flock. Early chicken houses were simple structures constructed of rough timber and reused boards, and did not conform to specific traditional building forms. Chicken houses throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were of varied forms and material without distinctive external features to indicate their use. Often older outbuildings were converted for use as chicken houses. The structures were commonly constructed to face south or east to provide direct sunlight and circulation. The location of the building on well-drained, sandy soil was another effort to keep the chicken house dry and disease free. Chicken houses were also constructed against other outbuildings which used the existing building as the rear wall of the chicken house. Free-standing structures were built into hillsides, with a high stone foundation. The banked building was sheltered by the hillside on three sides, and allowed for a 3-story structure. In the twentieth century chicken farming became specialized resulting in standardized, recognizable chicken houses. A long, low, broadly-pitched gable roof structure of pole construction characterizes chicken houses of the twentieth century.

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1885, the Jacob Parker 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 an undistinguished example of a late-nineteenth century farmhouse which has been altered with replacement windows, additions, and an enclosed porch. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:60-19 (PACS 3.3)

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Beltsville, 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    Susan L. Taylor

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 purposes 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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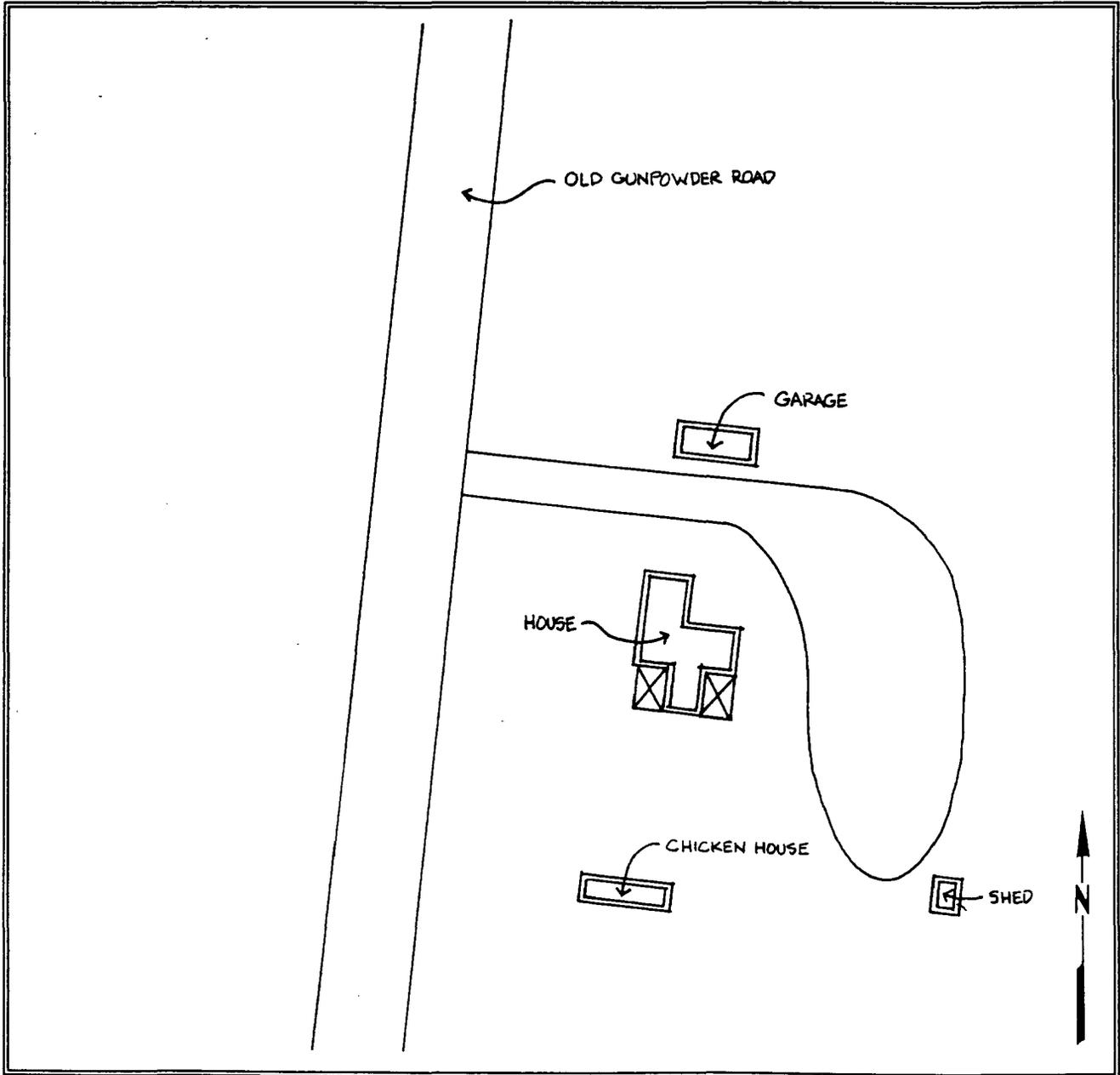
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Buildings

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

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer  
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May 1998

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**Account Identifier:** District - 01 **Account Number -** 0061192

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY TE 310	<b>Use:</b>	EXEMPT
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	9400 PEPPERCORN PL LARGO MD 20774-5359	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /15741/ 1 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b> 11807 OLD GUNPOWDER RD BELTSVILLE 20705	<b>Zoning</b> RR	<b>Legal Description</b> (ENTIRE IMPS RAZED 7/1/03)
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
12	E2	47						81	Plat Ref:

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>	08
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		42,793.00 SF	902
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments			
		Value As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2002	07/01/2003	07/01/2004	
<b>Land:</b>	53,870	53,870			
<b>Improvements:</b>	0	0			
<b>Total:</b>	53,870	53,870	53,870	53,870	
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0	

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> MEYERS,GEORGE E & KATHLEEN A	<b>Date:</b> 04/25/2002	<b>Price:</b> \$197,000
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> /15741/ 1	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> KNOX,DAVID A	<b>Date:</b> 10/08/1986	<b>Price:</b> \$80,000
<b>Type:</b> UNKNOWN	<b>Deed1:</b> / 6443/ 651	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>			
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<b>State</b>	000	0		0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0		0

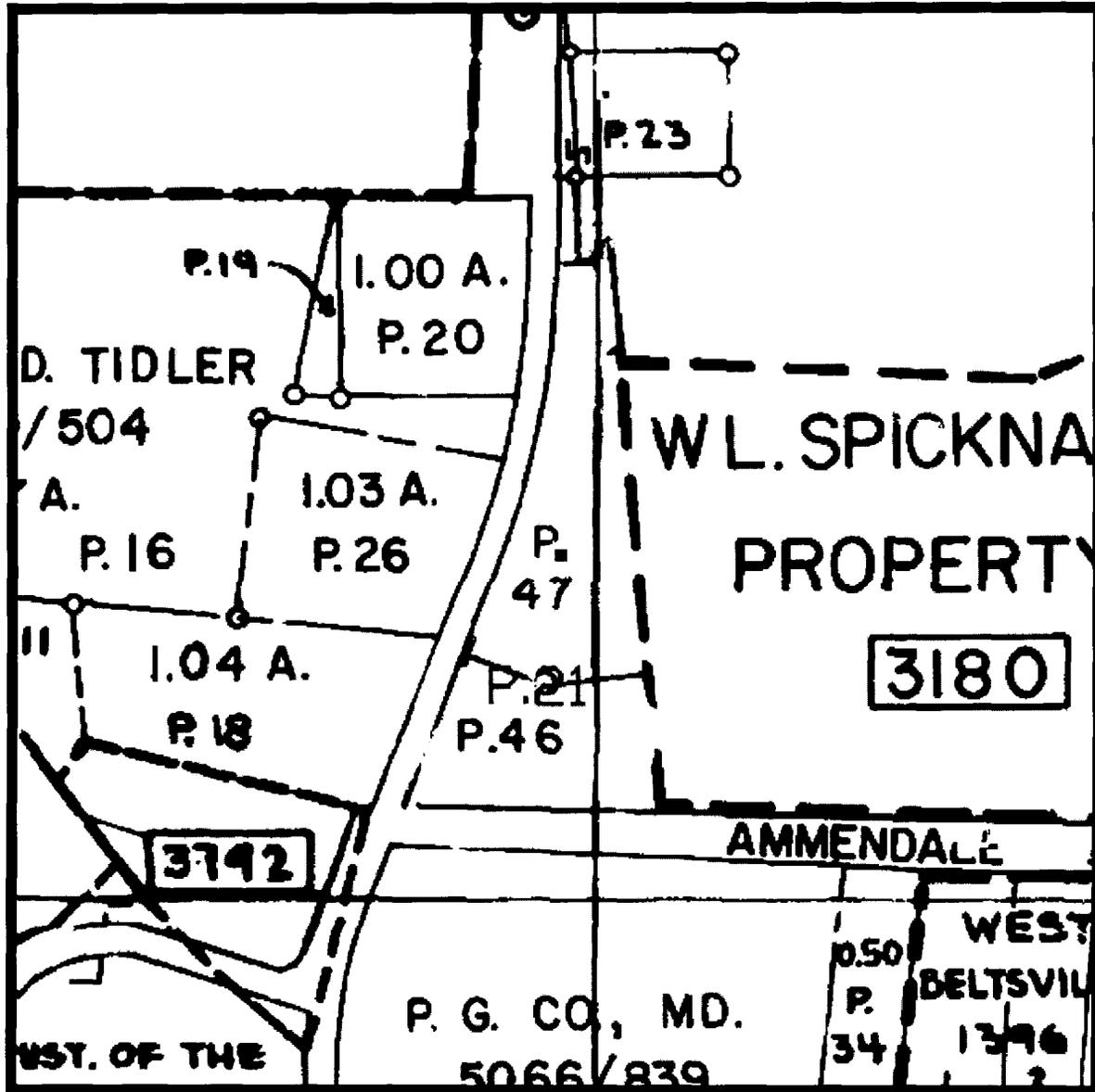
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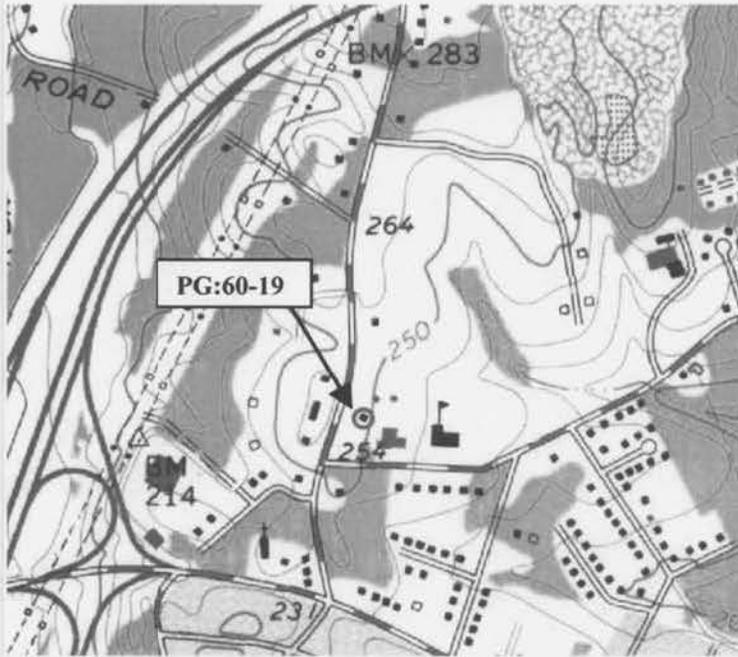
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 Jacob Parker Property, site (Improvements razed 7/1/2003)  
 11807 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville  
 Beltsville Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



Tax Map 12



Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term  
Congestion Relief  
Town/County Beltville Vic./Prince George's  
Quad Beltville, MD  
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1 PS:60-19

2 Grant Parker Property

3 Prince Georges Co Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 Elevation

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1 PG-60-19

2 Jacob Parker Property

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/78

6 MASHRO

7 SE corner

8 2 of 14

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- 1 PG-60-19
- 2 Jacob Parker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/97
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 S elevation
- 8 3 of 14

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- 1 PG: 60-19
- 2 First Banker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Daylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPU
- 7 SW corner
- 8 4 of 14

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- 1 PG: 60-19
- 2 Jason's Packer Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Ansan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Wellington
- 8 5 of 14

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1 PG 60-19

2 Jacob Parks Property

3 Prince Georges Co Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md 81180

7 N W corner

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- 2 Jacob Parker Property
- 3 Prince George's Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5198
- 6 Md SITPO
- 7 N elevation
- 8 7 of 14

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1 PG 6017

2 Jacob Parker Property

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5177

6 Md 81120

7 NE corner

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- 1 PG 60-19
- 2 James Parker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Earler
- 5 5/91
- 6 MD 51198
- 7 Carriage Shop
- 8 9 of 14

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- 1 Pf: 60-19
- 2 Jacob Parker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 M&EHPD
- 7 Carriage Shed
- 8 10 of 14

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- 1 PO '60-17
- 2 Jacob Parker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co. Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/78
- 6 Md SHPS
- 7 Shed, pool cellar
- 8 11 of 14



- 1 PG 60-19
- 2 Jacob Baker Property
- 3 Prince George's Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/78
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Shed / Root Cellar
- 8 12 of 14



- 1 PG 60-19
- 2 Jacob Barker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Gardner
- 5 5/78
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Shed, NE corner
- 8 13 of 14



- 1 PG: 60-17
- 2 Jacob Parker Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Shed, SW corner
- 8 14 17 14