

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: PG:61-42
Rhine 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:61-42 (PACS 3.6) Construction Date: circa 1880

Name: Rhine Property

Location: 3304 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville Vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Rhine Property is a 2-story, 5-bay gable-and-wing Folk Victorian building on the west side of Powder Mill Road in the Beltsville vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1880, the building is rectangular in plan with 1-story side-gable additions on either side of a center block. There is a 2-story shed roof porch on the front elevation. The structure has a side-gable roof with a front-gable, is covered in asphalt shingles and has two brick chimneys.

Significance:

The Rhine Property was built circa 1880 by Thomas and Olive Rhine, on 7.4 hectares (18.2 acres) of land which was once part of the "Chance" and "Chance Enlarged" tract. Thomas and Olive Rhine sold the property in 1899 to Samuel and Mahala Rhine, with the same acreage. They in turn sold the property in 1903 to Richard Rhine. The property passed out of the Rhine Family in 1904, when it was sold to James and Serelda Walters. The Walters sold the property to Viola Hance in 1910, who sold it the following year to Mary Leaman. She sold a smaller 2.4 hectare (6 acre) parcel with the house to Benedict and Peter Gallant in 1916. The parcel was sold by Peter Gallant to Fannie Canton in 1952. She divided the parcel into several portions, and sold the 1.7 hectare (4.2 acres) house lot to William and Carl Lewis later that same year. The Lewises sold the property in 1953 to the current owners, William and Ida Millar.

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 Rhine Property (preferred)

and/or common Millar Property

2. Location:

street & number 3304 Powder Mill 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n/a not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 William J Millar, Jr. and Ida L. Millar

street & number 718 Sumpter Road

telephone no.:

city,town Davidsonville

state and zip code Maryland 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 1606

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 318

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:61-42 (PACS 3.6)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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: 2

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

The Rhine Property is a 2-story, 5-bay gable-and-wing Folk Victorian building on the west side of Powder Mill Road in the Beltsville vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1880, the building is rectangular in plan with 1-story side-gable additions on either side of a center block. There is a 2-story shed roof porch on the front elevation.

The structure has a side-gable roof with a front-gable, is covered in asphalt shingles, and has two brick chimneys. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and wooden shingles in the gables. It has a stone foundation under the main block, with poured concrete foundations under the side additions. The windows are double-hung wood sash in the main block, and a combination of double-hung and awning windows in the additions.

The east, or front elevation has a 2-story shed roof porch with square wood pillars and pilasters on the main block of the house. The elevation consists of the central main block flanked by two 1-story side additions. The first story entrance is located in the second bay from the north corner. It has a 6-light paneled door set in a door surround with fluted classical pilasters supporting a classical entablature. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical. There are two window openings in the south addition. They are fitted with 8-light metal awning windows. There is a 6/6 double-hung window in the first bay of the main block. There is also a 6/6 double-hung window in the north addition. There are two 6/6 double-hung windows on the second floor of the main block. They are partially obscured by the 2-story porch, but wells have been provided for the windows in the porch roofline. There is a fixed-light in the gable. The gable has courses of clipped and staggered shingles.

The north elevation consists of the gable-end of the side addition and the north side of the main block. There is a triple window centered on the addition. The sidelights are 4/4 double-hung, while the center is a fixed 20-light panel. An exterior brick chimney intersects the gable end. There is a 6/6 double-hung window on the second story of the main block. It is partially obscured by the roofline of the addition. The roofline of the main block has exposed rafter ends.

The west, or rear elevation consists of the 2-story gable-and-wing main block and the two 1-story side additions. There are 6 bays on the rear elevation. The first bay is located in the north addition and has a 6/6 double-hung window. The second bay is located in the gable-end of the main block and has a door. The third bay is also in the main block, and has paired 6/6 double-hung windows. There is a brick chimney on the corner of the gable end. The south side addition has a projecting portion with two 6/6 double-hung windows, and a recessed portion with one 6/6 double-hung window. There are no openings on the second floor. There is a shed roof addition just below the roofline of the main block, but it is now incorporated into the 1-story shed.

The south elevation consists of the gable-end of the south addition and the gable-and-wing of the main block. The gable end of the addition has a 6/6 double-hung window in the first bay. In the second bay there is an 8-light awning window. There is a door in the third bay with fixed-light sidelights. There is a 6/6 double-hung window in the second story gable end of the main block. There is a small fixed-light window in the gable. The gable has courses of clipped and

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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7. Description (Continued)

staggered shingles. There is a 6/6 double-hung window in the second story rear wing of the main block. The rear-wing roofline has exposed rafter ends.

There is one outbuilding associated with this property. It is a 1-story wood-frame and concrete block, front-gable shed. The structure is located to the northeast of the house. It has a door and a window opening with two 6-light wood casement windows on the south gable end. There is a small hay-door in the south gable. There is a window opening centered on the east wall, with two 6-light casement windows. The south and east walls are covered with weatherboards, while the north and west walls are solid concrete block. The roof has exposed rafter ends. The shed dates from circa 1930.

The property is located on the west side of Powder Mill Road, with residential property to the north, south, east and west. Most of the surrounding properties date from the late 1940s to the mid 1950s. There are trees on the north, west, and south sides of the property, insulating it from the surrounding development. The property's setting is currently suburban in character, although the area was historically rural in character.

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8. Significance (Continued)

the east coast. Although the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center was established in 1910 and employment in the area increased, Beltsville was relatively far from Washington, and the more 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 Rhine Property includes a gable-and-wing Folk Victorian house and a shed. The popularity of Folk Victorian buildings coincides with the construction of cottages. In fact, many 2-story cottages with ornate Victorian woodwork are regarded as Folk Victorian. The Victorian wood detailing found on both resource types was made possible by new manufacturing advancements and increased shipping ability during the second half of the nineteenth century. These developments had a strong impact on the types of folk houses built in rural areas during this period. Typically built during the years 1870 to 1910, Folk Victorian style dwellings were simple folk housing forms ornamented with Victorian decorative details. As the Folk Victorian style attained popularity in the late nineteenth century, Folk Victorian detailing was sometimes added to earlier National Folk houses and I-houses.

There were many different types of Folk-Victorian houses including front-gable, gable-front-and-wing, side-gable, and pyramidal hipped roof. In some ways, these houses are difficult to categorize because they frequently combine elements of various Victorian styles. Queen Anne detailing, such as spindle porch supports are often combined with bracketed eaves derived from the Italianate style, and lancet windows derived from the Gothic style. Common to most Folk Victorian houses, however, are wide front porches with carved decorations such as sunbursts and scrollwork. Like the earlier National Folk forms, the widespread adoption of Folk Victorian dwellings and details resulted from the broad availability of machined wooden components which were mass-produced and made available to rural areas by the growth of railroads in the nineteenth century (McAlester 1984:309-10).

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.

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1880, the Rhine 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 has been extremely altered with the addition of 1-story side wings, a 2-story porch, a classical door surround, and aluminum siding. The property no longer retains the integrity of design, materials, feeling, or association of a late-19th century house associated with a farm. 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: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:61-42(PACS 3.6)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Beltsville, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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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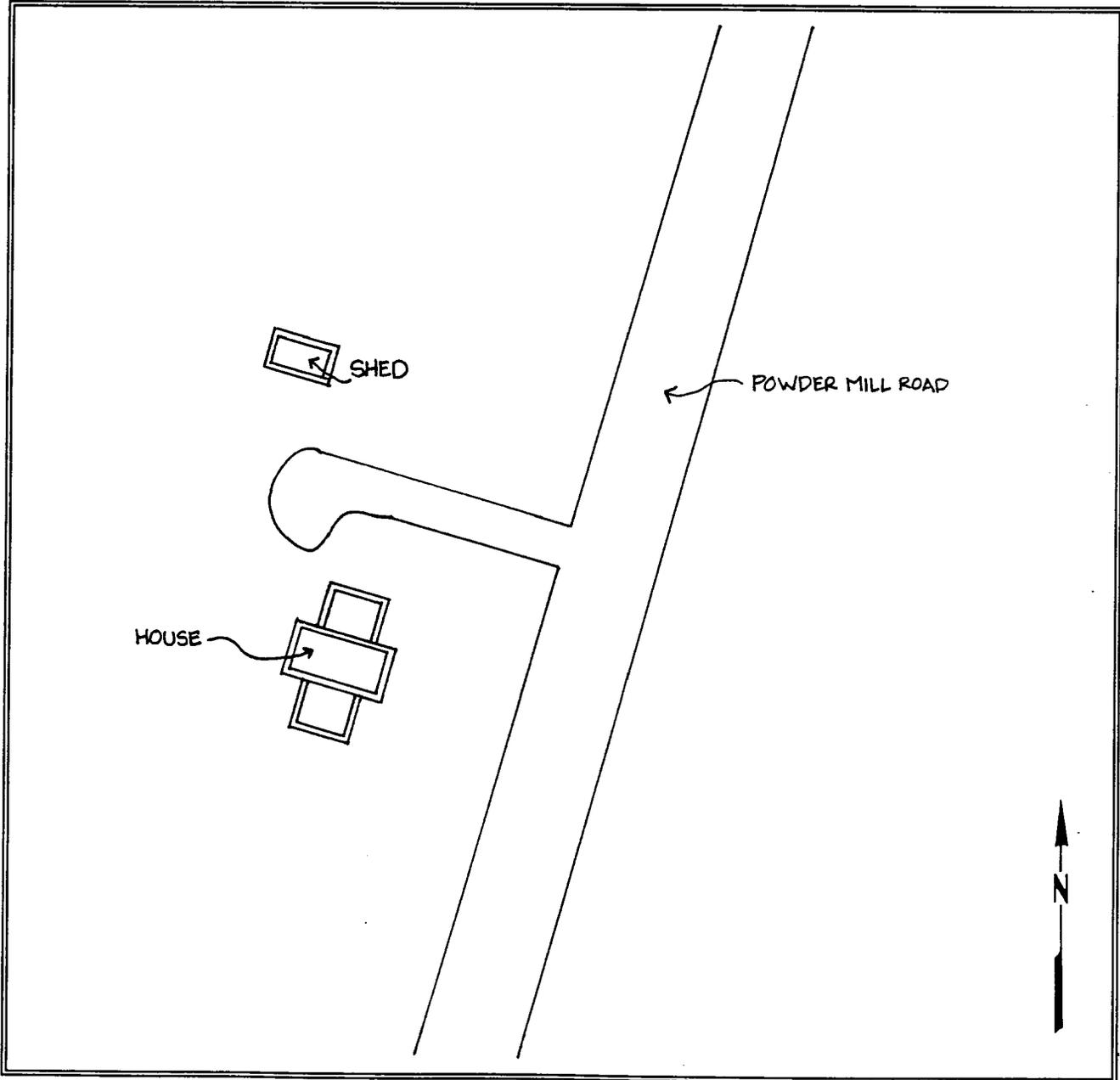
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Resource Sketch Map:



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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): Agriculture, Architecture

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

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May 1998

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Account Identifier: District - 01 Account Number - 3485562

Owner Information

Owner Name:	ALVAREZ, MARIA C & ROBERTO SARMIENT	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	3304 POWDER MILL RD ADELPHI MD 20783-1031	Deed Reference:	1) /14958/ 187 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
3304 POWDER MILL RD ADELPHI 20783	RR	MILLAR SUB>

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	195041
18	B2			6370			1	81	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	08
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1880	1,202 SF	20,152.00 SF	001

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	51,610	51,610		
Improvements:	83,030	101,800		
Total:	134,640	153,410	147,152	153,410
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: MILLAR, WILLIAM J JR & IDA L	Date: 09/04/2001	Price: \$203,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /14958/ 187	Deed2:
Seller:	Date: 05/07/1953	Price: \$0
Type: UNKNOWN	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO **Special Tax Recapture:**

Exempt Class: * NONE *

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**** DELETED 01/13/2003 ****

Account Identifier: District - 01 Account Number - 0043588

Owner Information

Owner Name:	ALVAREZ, MARIA C & ROBERTO SARMIENT	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	3304 POWDER MILL RD ADELPHI MD 20783-1031	Deed Reference:	1) /14958/ 187 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address POWDER MILL RD ADELPHI 20783	Zoning RR	Legal Description PT PAR 32 BELTSVILLE ACREAGE
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
18	B2	32						81	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
	08

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1880	1,202 SF	1.02 AC	002

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value		
		As Of 01/01/2002	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	60,300	55,270		
Improvements:	83,030	101,800		
Total:	143,330	157,070	0	152,490
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: MILLAR, WILLIAM J JR & IDA L	Date: 09/04/2001	Price: \$203,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /14958/ 187	Deed2:
Seller:	Date: 05/07/1953	Price: \$12,500
Type: UNKNOWN	Deed1: / 1606/ 318	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

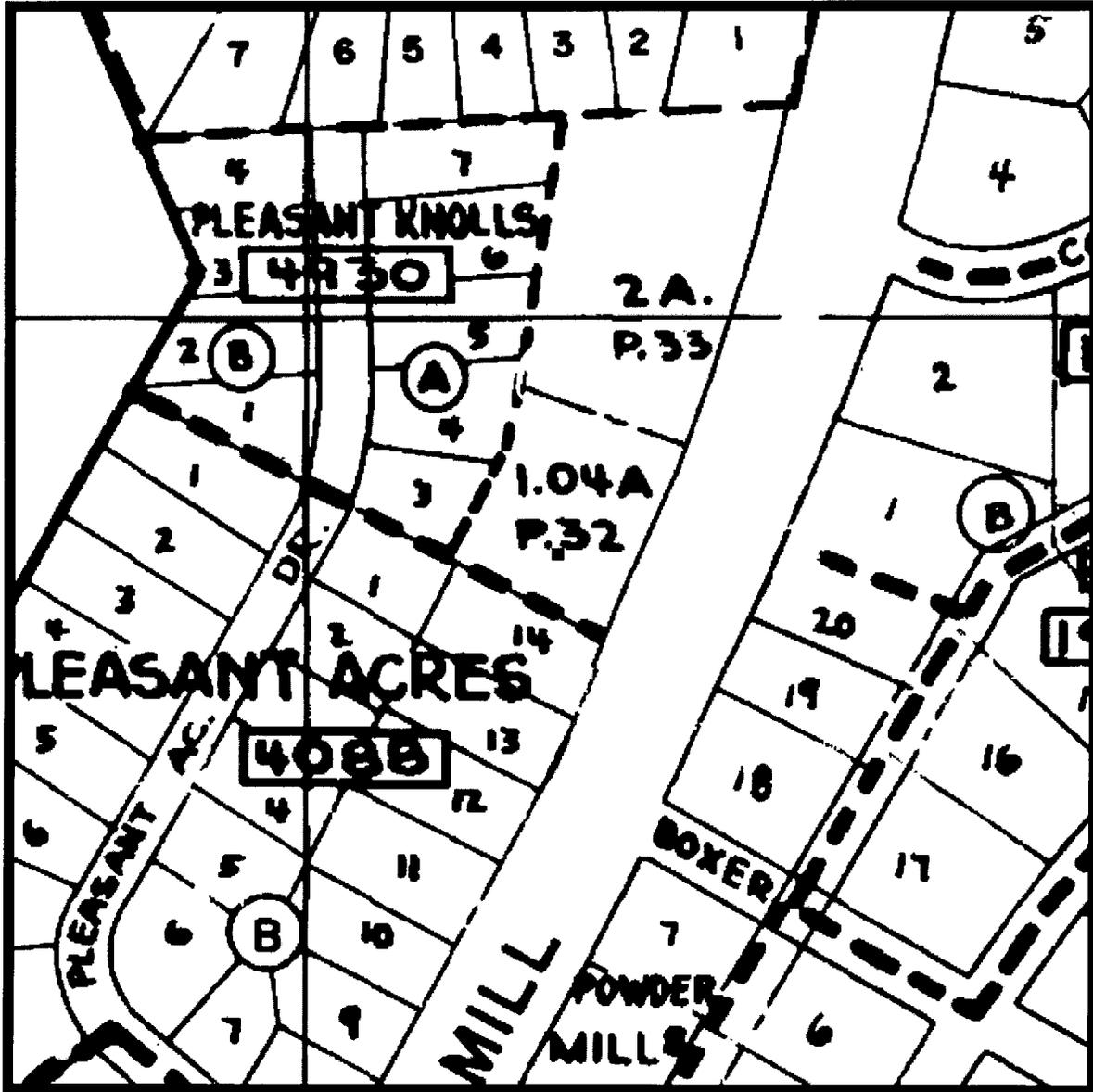
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Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

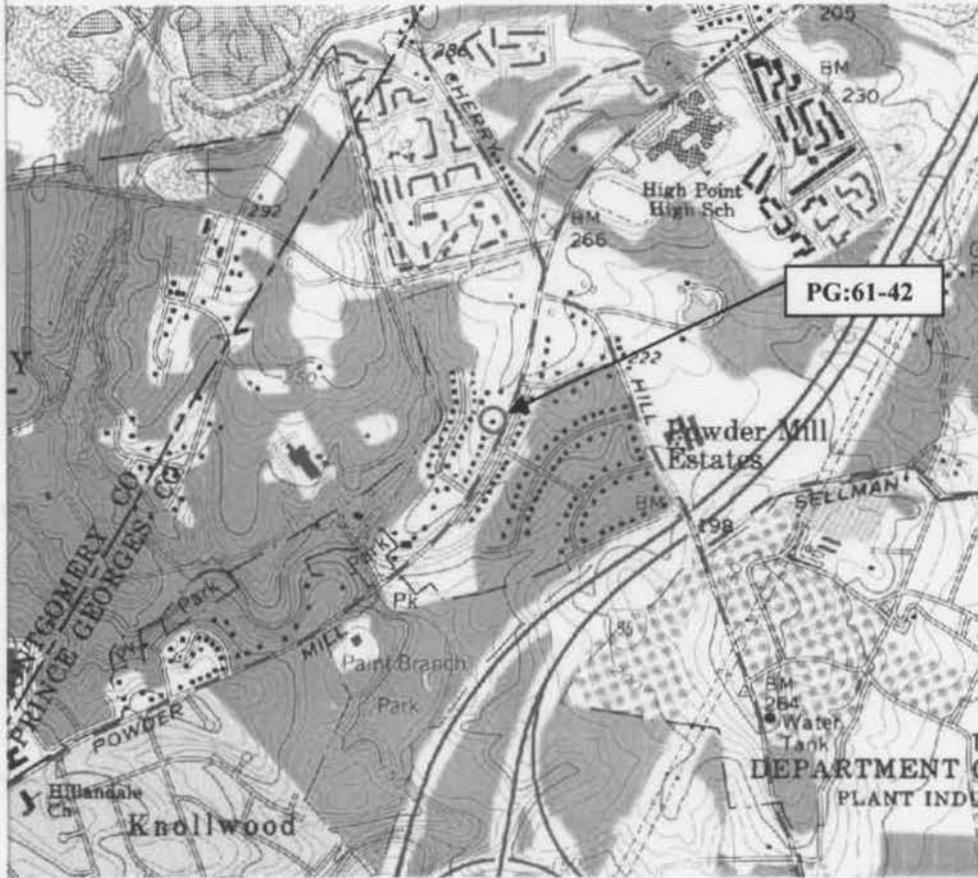


District - 01 Account Number - 0043588



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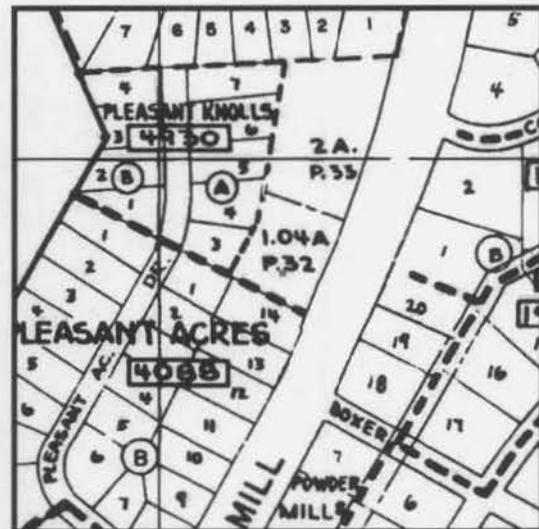
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Rhine Property
3304 Powder Mill Road (MD 212), Adelphi
Beltsville Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



Tax Map 18



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 Congestion Relief
 Town/County Beltsville Vic./Prince George's
 Quad Beltsville, MD
 Survey No. PG:61-42 (PACS 3.6)
 Property Name Rhine Property





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- 2 Rhine Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Ayfer
- 5 5/96
- 6 N.W. 4PD
- 7 E elevation
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2 Rhine Property

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md 8HP3

7 NE corner

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- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 N elevation
- 8 3 of 10

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- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Not correct
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- 1 PE: 61-42
- 2 Rhine Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 W elevation
- 8 5/7/10

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- 1 No. 61-53
- 2 Rhine Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 8440
- 7 SW corner
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- 2 Above Property
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md S4425
- 7 South elevation
- 8 9 of 10



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1 PG: 61-42

2 Rhine Property

3 Prince Georges Co Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPS

7 Shed, SE corner

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- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md STARS
- 7 Shed, SW corner
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