

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Country Lace Antiques/Guy Bell House Inventory Number: PG: 71B-2-21  
 Address: 8520 Chestnut Avenue City: Bowie Zip Code: 20715  
 County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Laurel  
 Owner: Howel and Janice Mole Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: Lots 10-12 Tax Map Number: 29 Tax Account ID Number: 1623529  
 Project: Baltimore-Washington Maglev Amtrak Agency: MTA  
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes X no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_ yes X no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form (PG: 71B-2-21); Historic Town of Bowie tour booklet

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The former Guy Bell House at 8520 Chestnut Avenue was initially recorded as Country Lace Antiques, but now houses the National Amateur Baseball Federation in its main section and an antiques business in its south addition. The house is a rectangular, two-story, hip-roofed, three-bay structure with its primary façade facing north onto 11th Street. This façade has a one-story, hip-roofed entry porch at its center, flanked on each side by one bay of windows on both floors. The two-bay east and west ends of the house have full-width, hip-roofed porches which are fully enclosed with windows and siding. A shed-roofed, one-bay, two-story addition is at the rear of the house. Two narrow brick chimneys protrude from the asphalt-shingle roof. The house is covered with modern vinyl siding, and its windows are 1/1 vinyl replacement models. Adjoining the southeast corner of the house is a one-story, flat-roofed, three-bay c. 1920s commercial addition. This structure has a single-light center door flanked by a window on each side. Shutters adorn the door and replacement windows, and the structure has modern siding. To the southeast of the house and its addition is a detached, one-story garage with a pyramidal roof, exposed rafters, a modern garage door, and a combination of clapboard and board-and-batten siding.

This house was constructed in 1914 for the family of J. Guy Bell. The building briefly housed the new Bank of Bowie in 1920 until the concrete-block bank building to the west of it was completed. The house is a good example of a "Classic Box" dwelling type popular in the early 1900s. However, modernization has diminished its historic integrity. It is recommended not eligible on an individual basis, but is a contributing element to the recommended-eligible Bowie-Huntington Survey District.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

MHT Comments PROPERTY IS NOT INDIVIDUALLY ELIGIBLE BUT IS ELIGIBLE AS A CONTRIBUTING ELEMENT OF THE BOWIE-HUNTINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

Andrew Lewis ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 8/14/03

[Signature] Reviewer, NR Program Date 8/15/03

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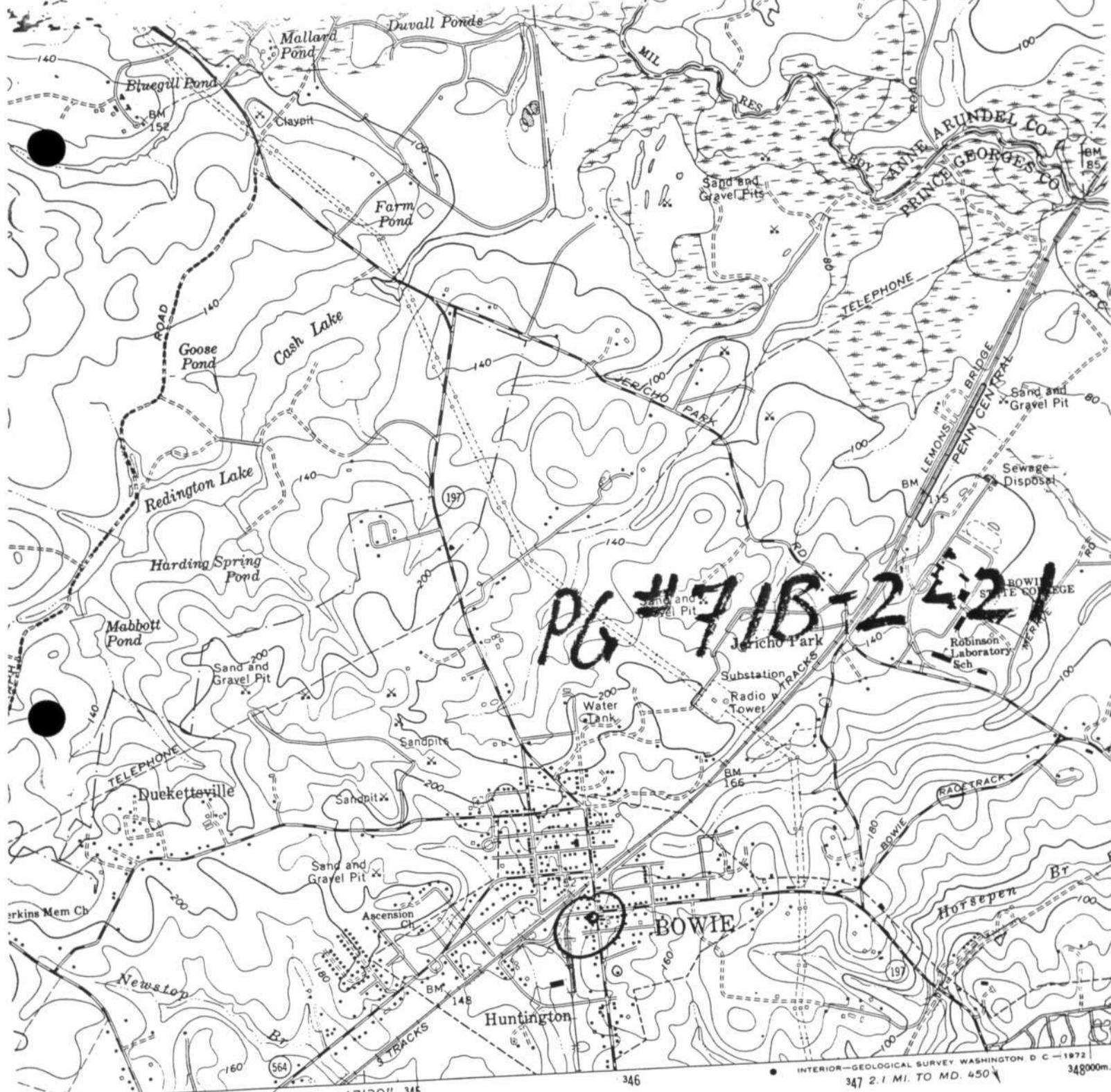
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Country Lace Antiques/Guy Bell House

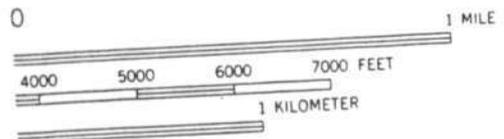
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Date Prepared: 10/16/2002



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PG# 71B-2-21  
County Lace Antiques  
Bowie  
Prince George's County  
Laurel Quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ———
- Light-duty ———
- Unimproved dirt ———
- J. S. Route ○
- State Route ○
- Interstate Route ○

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Country Lane Antiques (Guy Bell House) 8520 Chestnut Ave., Bowie  
Prince George's County, Maryland

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View of house and commercial section looking NW from Chestnut Ave.

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Warranted Investigator of  
The Home  
BY THE NAACP  
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Country Lace Antiques (Guy Bell House), 8570 Chestnut Ave., Bowie  
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View to SW from intersection of 11th and Chestnut

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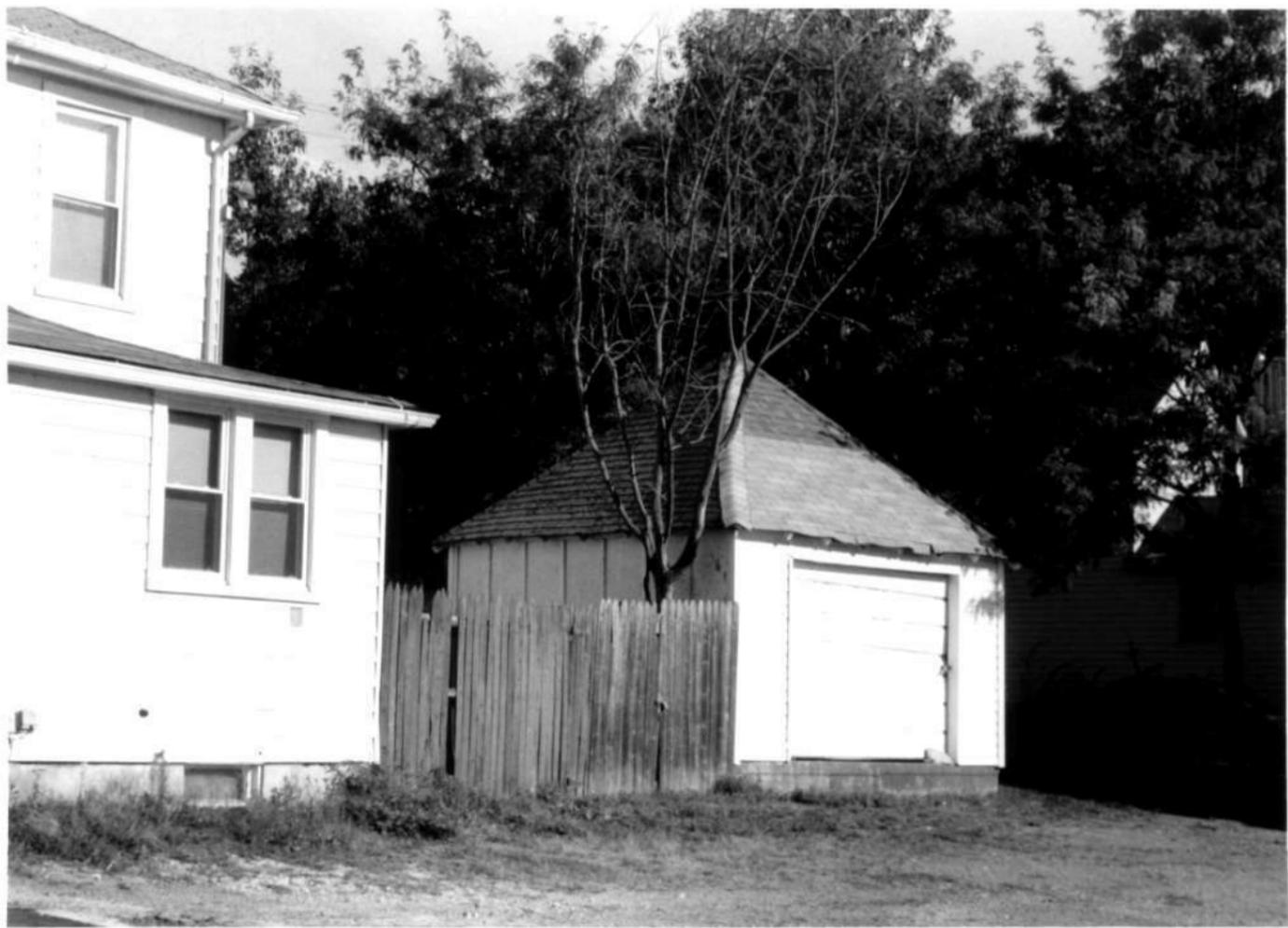
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View to SE from 11th Street

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View to SE of garage, from 11th Street

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-21 Building Date: ca. 1910

Building Name: Country Lace Antiques

Location: 8520 Chestnut Avenue (west side), Bowie, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

This building is a two-story Foursquare hip-roof house. The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding. The hip roof is covered with green asbestos shingles, and there is a chimney at the ridge. The house is two bays by three, and has an enclosed one-story porch on the principal east facade. There is a flat-roofed one-story addition on the south.

Significance

Originally built as a dwelling, this Foursquare-plan building was converted to use as an antique shop; it has been considerably altered from its original form. It is, however, typical of the popular "Classic Box" dwelling type of the early twentieth century, and is a noticeable feature centrally located in the core of the Huntington/Bowie commercial area.

Acreage: 7,500 Square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Country Lace Antiques

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8520 Chestnut Avenue  not for publication

city, town Bowie  vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's County

## 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 checked="" 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 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
	<input checked="" 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 Howel Mole and Janice Mole

street & number 12500 Millstream Drive telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20715

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4781

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 250

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. PG#71B-2-21

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

This building is a two-story Foursquare hip-roof house. The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding. The hip roof is covered with green asbestos shingles, and there is a chimney at the ridge. The house is two bays by three, and has an enclosed one-story porch on the principal east facade. There is a flat-roofed one-story addition on the south.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. PG#71B-2-21

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates ca. 1900

Builder/Architect

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.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Deeds, Plats, Tax Assessments; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900, 1910; Huntington Prospectus, 1870.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7500 sq ft

Tax Map 29, Block 19, Lots 10,

Quadrangle name Laurel IQuadrangle scale 11 and 12

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Tax Acct #14-2373001

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B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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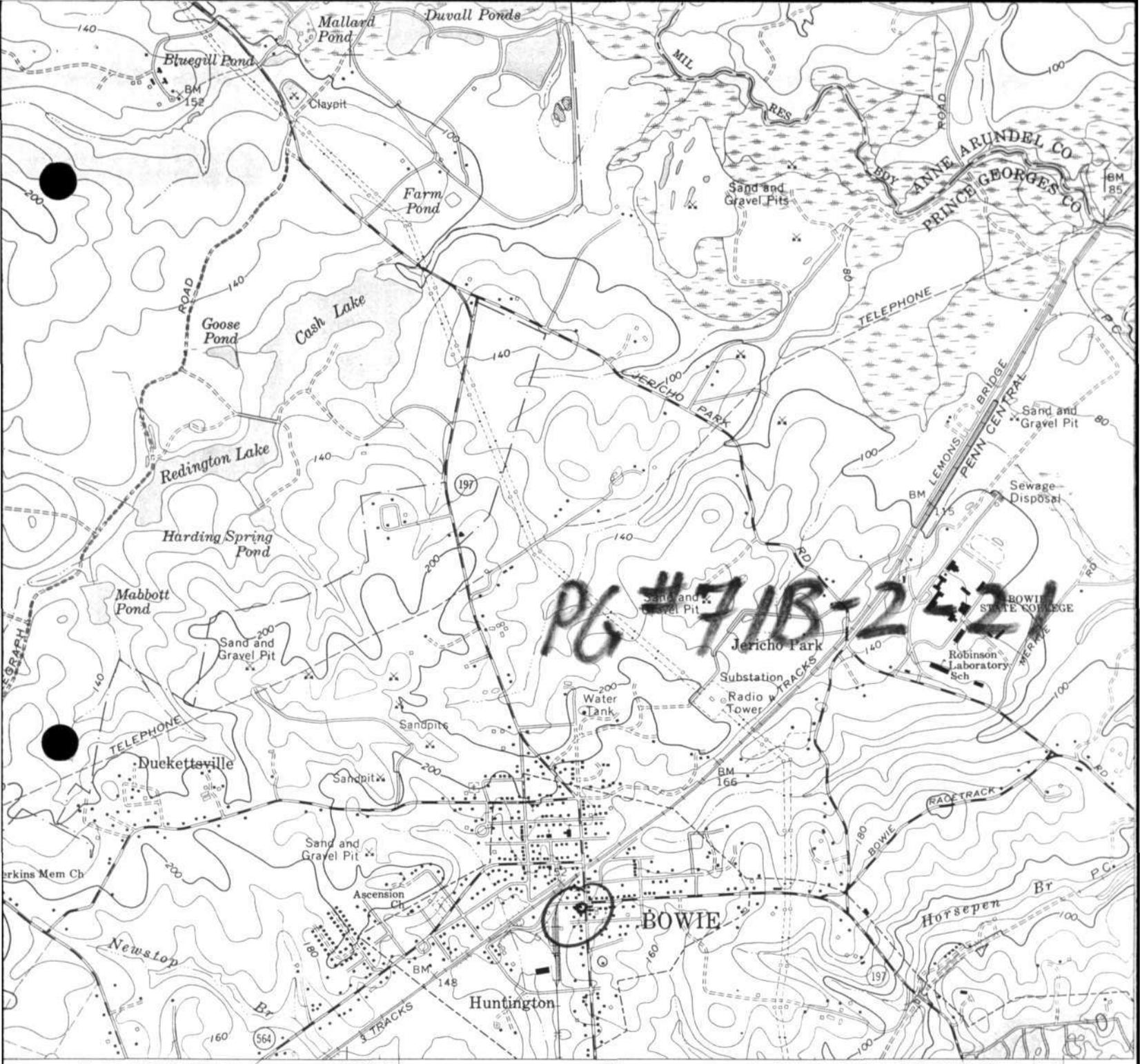
## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural HistorianPrince George's Countyorganization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1992street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone 301-952-3520city or town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

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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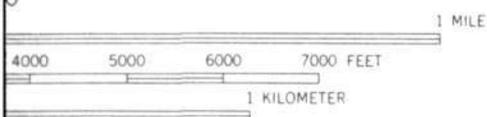
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Susan H. Puro

March 1991

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